

President's Corner Crime in Bayberry

As many are already aware there was a break-in on Jonquil near Blueberry a few weeks ago. A neighbor raised the alarm and the suspect, who had priors, was apprehended. Apparently he knew somebody in that or the neighboring house making this a targeted break-in and as such an isolated incident. The neighbor is to be commended for being watchful and proactive. This type of action along with alerting each other of suspicious activities particularly over the neighborhood social media app Bayberry Nextdoor (web address on first page of newsletter), as many of you already do, is exactly the type of action that we need to keep our neighborhood safe. Also remember to lock doors, windows, garages and sheds to keep from being a tempting target.

Another much discussed topic has been a police pursuit that took place in Bayberry also a few weeks ago. Apparently what happened was that a couple people from Syracuse were trying to break into a local business in Liverpool close to Bayberry. When surprised by police, they fled into the Bayberry neighborhood where they were pursued by police including the Air One helicopter and canine units. Despite attempts to do so, I was unable to reach the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department for comment. I guess the moral of the story is to always lock your doors at night and continue to share what you know on Nextdoor. For advice on web-enabled home security cameras and sensors contact Mike Banks at michaelsbanks1@gmail.com or at 315-652-2657.

Together we can keep our neighborhood safe!

Onondaga County Emergency Notification System

Existing landline phones are automatically registered to receive 911 alerts. However you must register your cell phones to receive voice or text alerts. You can also register to receive alerts via email. Here is a link with more information and the portal for registering: http://www.ongov.net/911/notification/html.

First Bayberry Home Improvement Fair!

Meet professionals in person and discuss approaches and cost for future projects without any pressure. So far we have solar, flooring, windows, refuse removal, tree services, a general contractor, and roofing. The fair will take place from 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at United Church of Christ. Email at bcaexecboard@gmail.com with any questions and suggestions.

BCA Volunteer and New Resident Social

Music, food, fun and fellowship! If, in the past 12 months, you have assisted at a BCA event, distributed newsletters, helped out in any other way or if you are new to our neighborhood, we would love to have you join us for our Spring 2018 Social free of cost! The event will be taking place on Saturday, April 14 from 3-5pm at United Church of Christ on Blackberry Road. Please RSVP to www.tinyurl.com/bcasocialrsvp2018 as soon as you can but no later than April 12. Hope to see you there!

Candidate Nick Paro to join April meeting

Nick Paro, running for 127th Assembly Seat, will join us Sun, April 8 for our BCA Board Meeting. Nick wants to hear what issues are on your mind. We are unable to give him floor time at the meeting, but he will arrive at 6:30 p.m. to talk to residents prior to the meeting at 7. Just want to meet Nick, but can't stay for the meeting? No problem!

NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sunday, April 8 at 7 p.m. United Church of Christ 215 Blackberry Road

Meetings open to all residents!

SAVE THE DATES

Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31

Volunteer, Area Rep, New Resident Social 3-5 p.m. Saturday, April 14

Scholarship Applications Due Sunday, April 15

> Earth Day Clean-Up 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21

Home Improvement Fair April 21, 12pm-4pm, UCC

More info on events will be posted on social media sites (see below) as the dates draw near.

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Proposed changes to BCA Board of Directors

At the March Board Meeting changes to the structure of the BCA Board of Directors were approved. These changes will need to be ratified as a change to the BCA bylaws by all BCA members present at the May 6 board meeting. Details and exact wording are still being fine-tuned and will be discussed again at the April 8 board meeting.

Again, the objective is to have a clear and consistent board of individuals committed to attending most meetings and staying up on BCA matters. We also want to tap into engaged community members whose health or time constraints do not allow them to deliver newsletters or take on an operational role in the Association, to still be able to help with governance. Finally, we need to be able to turn to a well-informed, responsive board for email decisions on time sensitive matters especially winter and summer breaks.

Current area reps would no longer have a vote by default, but are encouraged to represent their constituents concerns at board meetings whenever the need arises. They may also apply to be board members-at-large if they are willing to make meetings regularly and stay engaged and informed.

Proposed BCA Board of Directors Structure -DRAFT

I. Officers - President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Secretary

II. Operating Team - Currently: Media, Newsletter Distribution, Newsletter production, Town Affairs, School Affairs, Welcome, Historian, Events, and Infrastructure.

III. At-Large Board Members (no min. or max. but target of 6)

Rules of Voting

*min. of 7 votes must be cast at a scheduled/announced board meeting or over email with 72 hours to respond.

*decisions will be made by simple majority

*each individual votes once regardless of positions held

Appointment & dismissal of Non-Officer Board Members

Operating team members may be appointed by the president. Board members-at-large will be confirmed by a vote of the standing board. Board members-at-large may be dismissed by a vote of the standing board if they cease to carry out their duties after dialogue has been attempted.

Call for candidates

If you are interested in serving as an officer in the Bayberry Community Association, Inc., or know of someone who may be interested in running for the offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary for the term of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, please email Mary Eidt at maryeidt@gmail.com and George Ball at glball3@twcny.rr.com

Earth Day Litter Clean-up

The Bayberry Community Association in conjunction with OCRRA and Onondaga County will again conduct its annual Bayberry Earth Day Litter Clean-up. Residents, their families, Scout Troops and High School students in need of volunteer hours are welcome to participate.

The clean-up includes the Bayberry green areas, front and rear entrance areas and sections of John Glenn Boulevard. In addition, the BCA has the cleanup responsibility for Route 57 from John Glenn to Maryland Lane as part of the County Adopt-a-Highway program. Dress for the weather—gloves and boots if necessary. Plastic bags and OCRRA stickers will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For information and sign up, contact Bob Stella @ 652-6145 or rbstella@gmail.com.

2018 Bayberry Winter Photo Contest - VOTE!

We have nine (9) entries for the 2018 Bayberry Winter Photo Contest. Categories are: Funnest, Most Beautiful, Most Wintery, and Best Overall.

Vote on your favorites: www.tinyurl.com/2018bcawinterphoto.







BCA Spring Garage Sale!

Looking to sell your unwanted items? Then start cleaning out your closets and basements because it's time for another BCA garage sale! Our community-wide Spring Garage Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19. We will post a list of participating homes on our website and social media pages the weekend prior to the event.

If you would like your listing to be included, email your address and a short description to bayberrynews@gmail.com no later than Friday, May 11.

Volunteers needed

The following are BCA volunteer positions currently available: Secretary, Area Rep for Area L (Meadow River/River Park drives), General newsletter delivery volunteers willing to step in as needed for areas without permanent coverage, and Home Improvement Fair participants and committee members. Interested? Email bcaexecboard@gmail.com.

Quote of the month

Progress is man's ability to complicate simplicity."

- Thor Heyerdahl



School affairs

There are three openings for the Board of Education. Voting for candidates will be in May. Anyone wishing to run for an open seat must file petitions by April 15.

The Senior Citizen Formal Dinner Dance will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The cost is \$10 per person. Call 315-453-1234 by April 27 to reserve your spot.

Non-public school transportation requests are due April 1. Forms are available online or in the non-public schools.

Liverpool High School students are presenting the musical

Town affairs

Farone & Sons Funeral, Inc. Funeral Home is waiting on a County traffic study to complete its site plan approval. The site is located at 4887 W.Taft Road east pf the Walgreens at Buckley Road. The site is six acres with a 10k square feet facility. Drawings of the proposed building were well received by the planning board.

Store America on Morgan Road (east side across from Annex/Elementary back driveway) is awaiting a traffic study from the County.

"Guys and Dolls" on March 22, 23, and 24.

The draft 2018-19 school calendar is now online. If adopted, the first day of school will be Thursday, Sept. 6.

The proposed school budget was presented to the board by Dr. Potter at the Feb. 26 meeting. The final version will be voted on by the board on April 16. Residents wishing to learn more or address concerns to the board have two school board meetings before that date: March 26 and April 2.

Both projects on Route 31 – Widewaters and Laker Development are working site plan changes.

In preliminary states is a possible Abbott's Frozen Custard site on Wetzel Road near Liverpool High School.

Safety issues – after the recent unwanted activity in the Bayberry community I reached out to an international camera monitoring company and which has offered to give residents discounts up to \$62 per unit if ordered in quantity.

Keeping our children safe

As warm weather and sunshine come our way again, kids who have been cooped in all winter spill out to enjoy the great outdoors. This is wonderful but comes with challenges to keep children safe and respectful. Vehicles, both motorized and unmotorized, present a particular hazard as kids will often drive down the middle of the road and fly around corners leading to near misses with terrified drivers. Kids also have a tendency to cut across other people's yards without permission to do so. A final consideration is that it is actually illegal to operate unlicensed motorized vehicles on public roadways. Let's all make an effort this year to talk to our children about being safe and considerate.

Brush and garbage collection information

Holiday pick-up: If during the week your pick-up falls on or after the following holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, service is delayed by one day for the remainder of the week.

Next Brush Pickups: Thursdays, April 12, 26

Random fun facts!

— Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, which is why they were called "trailers." — An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it. — During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.

Source: thefactsite.com

Come be a part of our Easter Egg Hunt!

If you've got little ones be sure to join us at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Wetzel Road Elementary (4246 Wetzel Road) for the Howard Hanna / BCA Easter Egg Hunt! There will be thousands of eggs, prizes and even an Easter bunny in costume! Email us at bcaexecboard@gmail.com if you have any questions.





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