

# BCAnews

BAYBERRY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## **BCA** holds successful cookie drive



This has been the BCA's most successful year in donations for the Annual Cookie Drive — with 55 pounds of goodies! Special Thanks to Louise Benfrey, Mark and Kristine Davoli, Denise Johnson, Karen Koffee, Diane Lacy, Mylrae Sihrer and Tom Tyo, Marge Sebastian, Joanne & Bob Stella, Lisa Young, Patrick O'Toole & Susan Williams for another outstanding Cookie Drive for MCFD & N.O.V.A.

### **Charity spotlight**

## Be a big brother, big sister in your community

January is National Mentoring Month. The BCA is recognizing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Onondaga County to inform Bayberry residents about the 36-year-old program, its history and, if interested, how they can become involved as a volunteer mentor and/or donor. The following information is courtesy of the nonprofit's website, bbbs-syr.org.

In Central New York, P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Big Brothers Big Sisters has been matching children with mentors since 1980. That first year, eight children were matched with a Big Brother or Sister, and it's been growing ever since.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been helping

change kids' perspectives and giving them the opportunity to reach their potential for more than a century. And it has more than a century of volunteers, donors and advocates who have helped make that happen.

It all started in 1904, when a young New York City court clerk named Ernest Coulter was seeing more and more boys come through his courtroom. He recognized that caring adults could help many of these kids stay out of trouble, and he set out to find volunteers. That marked the beginning of the Big Brother movement.

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### NEXT BCA MEETING:

Sun., Feb. 21 at 7:00pm United Church of Christ 215 Blackberry Road

Meetings open to all residents!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Snow Sculpting Contest begins in February.
To enter, submit your photos to bayberrynews@gmail.com.
More information to come!

UCC Nursery School
Open House and
Registration Night
(for Fall 2016)
6 to 7:30 p.m.
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Visit the classrooms, meet
the teachers and register
your child!

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## BCA area reps, committee member needed

Area reps are currently needed to assure timely delivery of BCAmonthly newsletters and the collection of annual membership dues for homes in the following neighborhoods.

- ◆ Area D Huckleberry Ln / Ilex Ln/ Blueberry Rd
- Area O Admiral Dr / Bay Park
   Dr

- ◆ Area N Anchor Dr / Bel Harbor Dr / Harbor Cir
- ◆ Town Affairs committee member to attend selected town, zoning or planning board meetings and prepare summary of meeting results for distribution to BCA residents.

Please contact Bob Stella at rstella@twcny.rr.com if interested.

## Can you babysit?

The BCA would like to create a Bayberry babysitter list to post on social media for parents of small children to have easy access to neighborhood names. If you can babysit and would

like your name added to our list, please email bayberrynews@gmail.com with your contact information as well as any experience or training certificates you may have.

## 2015 holiday decorating winners

Most Outstanding goes to 3 Easton Road!

Section winners include 4084 Ensign Drive, 10 Damson Lane, 13 Kiwi Path, 3 Easton Road, 4 Juniper Lane and 112 River Park Drive.

Thank you to all the judges: the

Haase family, the McGlory family, the Graser family, the Fairbanks family, John Erikson, the Dolan family, the Hardy family, the Palumbo family, Bob and Joanne Stella, the Schloop family, Joe and Joyce McMullen, and Mike Banks.

escorted throughout Bayberry with

the help of the Moyers Corners

Fire Department. Thanks to Kevin

### Santa visit brings smiles to more than 50 children

Twenty-seven homes and 58 children participated in the 2015 BCA Annual Santa visit held in December. Parents and grandparents of children in the community dropped off gifts in the morning at United Church of Christ in Bayberry. Morning helpers were Judy McVity, who collected dues from residents. Rachel Thomases, Abigail Moen and Christine Moen collected and sorted gifts.

Dudash, Bob Stella, Kevin McMaster, David Boyce, Mike and Sheree Banks, and Jamie Pellenz. Pellenz is the first known Santa's Helper to enjoy the gift of giving and receiving. He shared how much fun it was waiting for Santa to arrive when he grew up in Bayberry. All good things

Three of Santa's Helpers were

### **Impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters**

come full circle!

Independent research shows Big Brothers Big Sisters has a measurable, positive impact in children's lives. In a nationwide study, Little Brothers and Little Sisters were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, 52% less likely to skip school, 37% less likely to skip a class, more confident of their performance in schoolwork, one-third less likely to hit someone, getting along better with their families. Source: BBBS

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of a group called Ladies of Charity were befriending girls who had come through the New York Children's Court. That group would later become Catholic Big Sisters.

Both groups continued to work independently until 1977, when Big Brothers Association and Big Sisters International joined forces and became Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

More than 100 years later, Big Brothers Big Sisters remains true to its founders' vision of bringing caring role models into the lives of children. Today, Big Brothers Big Sisters currently operates in all 50 states —and in 12 countries around the world.

Here in Central New York, programs include: Traditional, or community-based mentoring, matches a child between the ages of 6 to 12 with an adult Big Brother or Sister for one-toone relationship that provides friendship, builds trust, and can change a child's perspective of the world and his or her future in it. Currently there are more than 50 children waiting to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. There is a big need for adult male volunteers, since the largest percentage of waiting children are boys. Children on the waiting list are invited to participate in a number of different Big Brothers Big Sisters activities throughout the year while they are waiting to be matched. Furthermore, the organization actively seeks adult mentorfor-a-day volunteers to match to a youth for the duration of the staff supervised activity or event as a way to retain these children's interest in the program and gently introduce new volunteers to the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring experience.

School-based mentors, college and high school students who mentor elementary Littles throughout the school year, are another important part of the local Big Brothers Big Sisters. These students offer their time in afterschool programs, helping their Littles with homework, playing games, crafting, going on field trips and much more.

If you'd like to know more about mentoring in one of its programs, call 470-3369 or email bbbs@peace-caa.org.

#### **School affairs**

The Liverpool Central School District Board of Education recently approved the Phase 3 building project. The public referendum is set to take place on Thursday, March 10. Part of the capital reserve fund will be used for the project. A 15-year bond will not exceed \$39.4 million. In order to get state aid for the project, it must stay within the current footprint.

Description of Type II projects:

Liverpool High School: Renovations and repairs in the existing building including ceilings, masonry, exterior steel, stone panels, the pool, the choral room, the band room, bathrooms, offices, the gymnasium and locker rooms, the concession stand area, the auditorium, and the cafeteria courtyard; replacement, upgrades

and installation of various equipment including that for lighting, electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems; and small building expansions for the cafeteria, an office area, a wellness training room, and for a storage building for musical instruments.

Wetzel Road Elementary School: Replacement of a portion of the roof and skylights for the existing building.

Transportation Center: Rehabilitation and repairs to the pavement around the existing building and paving of a small area that is currently gravel in the existing parking lot; and replacement and upgrades to lighting, plumbing, and HVAC equipment, including the addition of a leak detection system and alarm.

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