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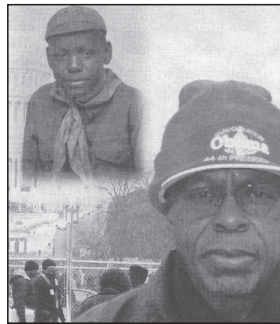
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DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight

In our continuing efforts to acknowledge residents and merchants in the community who are making significant contributions, The Trumpet proudly salutes Mr. Leo Burroughs Jr. Last year, Mr. Burroughs volunteered to serve as Scout Master for Druid Heights Boys Scout Troup #157. His dedication and support for boys in the community goes beyond measure as he is an unsung hero, excellent role model and man of honor. Mr. Burroughs was born in Baltimore in 1942 and graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1960. He joined the Boys Scouts in 1951 and was a member of Pack Troup 542 and in 1953 became a First Class Scout at First Baptist Church of Cherry Hill. Amazingly, he also serves as Den Chief for Boys Scout Troup #126 at the Church of St. Cecelia's while serving the boys of the Druid Heights community. To date, Mr. Burroughs has served more than 12,000 boys in and around Baltimore.

Mr. Burroughs is the Founding President of Roots of Scouting, Inc. In 1980, he convened a meeting of Black Cub masters and Scoutmasters of



the Trailblazer Scout District for the purpose of establishing an annual event that would give special recognition and honor to the history and culture of Boys Scouting in the African-American community. It was originally known as the Black Roots of Scouting Committee and their first celebration was during Black History month 1981.

Mr. Burroughs says that the Boys Scouts is important because it teaches character building, first aid and emergency preparedness to young boys and adults. Roots of Scouting has a sacred obligation to teach our boys the importance of promoting non-partisan voter education, registration and participation while ensuring that our City, State and Federal government remain accountable to the people.

In his professional life, Mr. Burroughs was a Public Relations Specialist, Community Organizer for C.O.R.E – Baltimore City Chapter, Director of Community Development for Fairfax Community Action Program; Staff Assistant, Center For New Horizons in Chicago. His resume is extensive and his heart is great. Mr. Burroughs gives of his time and service to train and develop future leaders. "I am a community resident and Deputy Commissioner of the Thurgood Marshall Boys Scout District. I stepped in to make a difference and to make it work in Druid Heights. We must recruit men who are willing to work with the boys, accept scout training and invest in our future" He stated. Druid Heights CDC and the residents of the community congratulate Mr. Burroughs for the mammoth job performed and we pledge our continued support for his excellent service.

Executive Director's Corner Kelly D. Little

Dear Fellow Residents:

Spring is upon us and this is a wonderful time to take pride in our community. We have a number of great initiatives happening now including the development of the Baker's View and Gateway houses.

Gateway targets existing vacant buildings located between the 1800 and 2200 blocks of McCulloh Street and Druid Hill Avenue. Baker's

View is the building of 87 new town homes in the community. These initiatives were spurred out of a comprehensive community master plan created by the residents in 2000. The first phase of these projects is finally being completed. We are currently marketing these wonderful houses to new homeowners whom we hope will add to value and integrity of the community.

I am requesting all of the residents to support our efforts by spreading the word to family, friends, co-workers and others who may be seeking an opportunity to purchase a home in our beautiful, historic community. Druid Heights has a rich cultural heritage and more than 10,000 residents. Proudly, we have an active Citizens on Patrol that will restart in May, an Environmental Stewards crew working each weekday to keep the community clean and many scheduled activities to promote pride and community spirit.

As a community resident, I share the pride with my neighbors and can attest to the fact that Druid Heights is clean, safe, and a great place to live, work and worship. The community organization now offers employment, housing, youth programs, senior programs, housing counseling and additional services that support our mission and purpose. It is easy to bring people to a community recognized as improved and promising. All of us should share the pride, spread the word and continue to do everything necessary to make our community a top priority.

Druid Heights Community

Please Plan to Attend

Sat., April, 30th @ 1:00PM
Community Meeting

Sat., May, 28th @ 1:00PM
Community Meeting

Sat., June, 25th @ 1:00PM
Community Meeting

Sat., July, 23rd @ 1:00PM
All Day Community Clean

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Anthony Pressley, Editor
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Druid Heights CDC Empowers Youth Year Round

The community organization invests in youth living in the community by offering employment, training and mentorship throughout the year. Young people work ten hours per week and are required to maintain good grades. All of the youth are requested to volunteer at the community center for service learning hours and are offered an opportunity to work at the Druid Heights worksite during the Summer Youth Works program.



The HIPPY Program

Druid Heights CDC, with the support of the Enterprise Foundation, reaches for parents of preschool aged children. Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a program for all families of early learners ages three, four and five in the Sandtown Winchester, Harlem Park and Druid Heights communities. Once enrolled, the program will provide families with educational supplies including books, crayons, scissors, colorful shapes and weekly lesson plans to help teach your child, assistance from a home educator, fun family meetings and field trips. For more information or to join the program please call Jennifer Gross at 410-383-0288.



The QUANTUM Program

With funding support from the Eisenhower Foundation, Druid Heights CDC sponsors the Quantum Youth Opportunities program at Augusta Fells Institute of Visionary Arts. This after school program focuses on the academic and social development of the students. One of the most important tenets is that the program directors follow their students' journey from timid freshman to solid, confident seniors. This select group will have the support and interest of a caring adult during their entire high school career with plans on continuing success into college. Contact: Ms. Sandi Manns or Mr. Tsanonda Edwards for more information at 410-523-1350.

Comedians Ricky Smiley and Special K Speak to Youth Participants in the “Druid Heights We Can Achieve” Program!

The “We Can Achieve” program serves at risk youth ages 16 to 20 years old. The program has a cognitive intervention based mentoring component, Pre-GED classes, job training and placement. The program focuses on dysfunctional thinking, gang and drug prevention and life skills. The We Can Achieve program creates a family environment that allows youth to feel comfortable to grow and learn together. The program operates on a 24 hour basis with wrap around services for the entire family while covering a wide range of issues including bullying and financial fitness. The participants built wood frames to hang ... Contact Mr. Adrian Muldrow, Program Director for more information or to give assistance.



The Community Resource Center

Druid Heights CDC employs a Community School Coordinator at Frederick Douglass High to connect resources to the school. Ms. Andrea Curley assists teachers, staff, parents, council members, community residents and students by recruiting and coordinating the activities of individuals and organizations willing to offer programs and activities at the school which meets the needs of students, their families and the community at large. The six areas the School Site Coordinator is responsible for are youth development, student achievement, recreation and enrichment, physical and mental health, workforce development, and parental and community engagement.

Druid Heights After School Homework Assistance and Tutorial Program

The After School program has served thirty five children since the school year started in August 2010. Each school day, children arrive to a hot nutritious supper provided by the Maryland Food Bank and a staff of professional volunteers ready to assist with homework. This year, 30 of the 35 children enrolled in the program have improved in all subject areas based on report card grades. Druid Heights CDC received a grant from the Verizon Foundation to support literacy building skills and reading proficiency. These funds helped to cover the costs for the program. The After School program is managed by Urban Youth Initiative Project.

Thanks!

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011 fifteen young people from our community were invited to attend a concert at the Hippodrome Theater. This event was sponsored by the Living Classroom Foundation and the Mario Do Right Foundation. I had the privilege of being one of the fifteen youth along with the Quantum Youth Opportunities program selected to attend this special event. This star studded event included some of Baltimore's local young talent, Paula Campbell, Raheem Devaughn and Baltimore's own, Mario. Hosted by Fox 45 Anchor woman Patrice Harris, this charity concert benefited the youth of Baltimore City in hopes of developing skills needed to prepare them for a bright future. At this event, there were guests speakers such as Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Delegate Melvin Stukes and others. The youth enjoyed a night full of dancing, singing, laughter and entertainment. We were escorted by Ms. Sandi Manns and Mr. Tsanonda Edwards. Thanks to Mr. Kelly Little and the staff of Druid Heights CDC, this evening turned into a fun night that everyone enjoyed and loved.

Again thanks,

Tavon Benson, Druid Heights Youth Ambassador

Choice Neighborhood Initiative

The Druid Heights, Upton, Madison Park and Bolton Hill communities were awarded \$213,000 for a major planning initiative in Central West Baltimore. U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Administrator, Jane C.W. Vincent; Assistant Secretary, Sandra Henriquez; and Deputy Assistant Secretary, Carol Galante joined U.S. Senator Ben Cardin and U.S. Representative Elijah Cummings to announce the grant award. The centerpiece of the planning effort is the Pedestal Gardens, 203 units of HUD-assisted housing built in 1968. This planning effort will create a strategic plan for Central West Baltimore that will include plans for better housing for project residents, improve educational access and outcomes, create adequate neighborhood retail, and reduce crime and vacancy in the overall community.



- It is a blessing for the community association to host the Druid Heights Pastors Round Table meeting. Eight Pastors from the churches in the neighborhood meet bi-monthly to discuss ways to bring the community together, combine resources and form a partnership between the members of the church and residents of Druid Heights.



- On the first and fourth Wednesday of each month, the Druid Heights Re-Entry program holds its Men's Support Group meeting. Approximately twenty men who were formerly incarcerated and are now transitioning back into the community, meet to discuss challenges and barriers they face on the daily basis. Andre Fisher, Senior Case Manager, facilitates this important meeting to help these individuals safely transform into productive members of society.



- St. Katherine's of Alexandria Episcopal Church located at 2001 Division Street will celebrate its 120th Anniversary on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the playground located on Presstman and Etting Street. The community is proud to have such a rich heritage in our community.

- Residents from the community are turning out in record numbers for the monthly meeting. The meeting is the community forum for self empowerment. Each month we present a different theme for the meeting and attract as many as seventy five residents to the meeting. Below are pictures from our meeting held on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Mary-Denise Davis and Megan Lewis, District Attorneys from the Office of the Public Defender and Mr. Fareed Hayat,

Attorney with the People's Law Firm, did a presentation entitled, "Knowing Your Rights". This presentation was very informative. The group of lawyers agreed to return to speak with our adjudicated youth program and Re-Entry program participants. After the meeting, gifts were distributed to residents in the community who volunteer on a regular basis. The gifts were donated from Bed, bath and Beyond Framing Hope Gifts In Kind International.

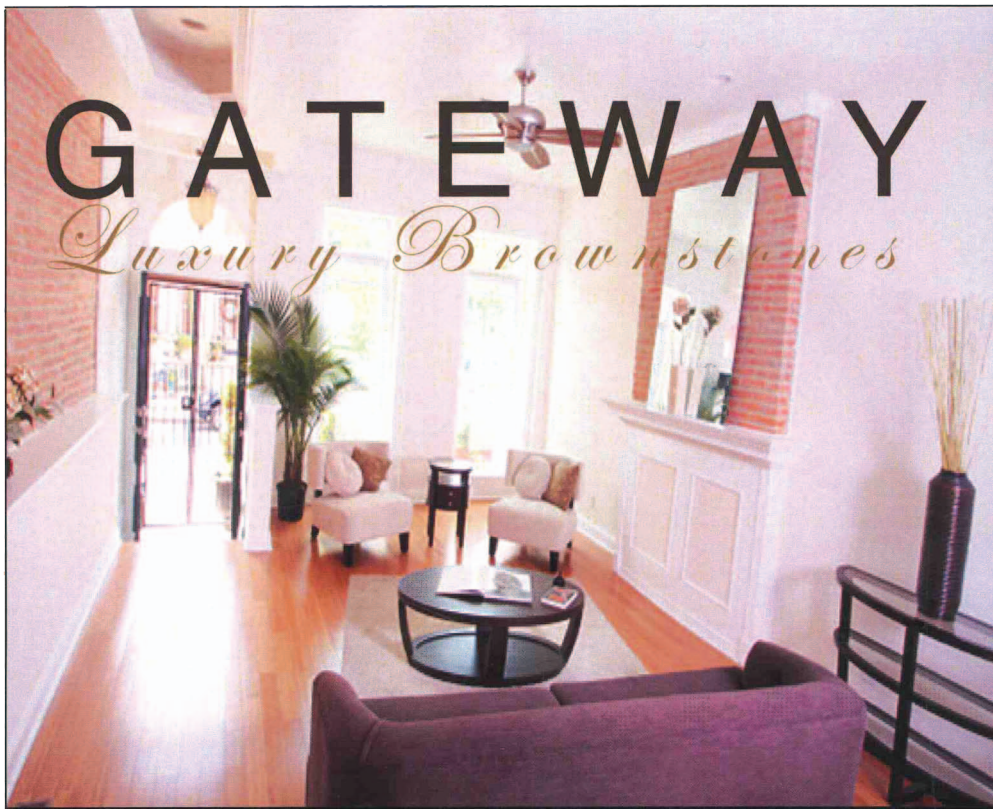


- Job Assistance and Referral program is each Thursday from 10 am until 2:00 pm. If you need assistance with resume writing or job search, the Office of Community Resources will assist. Please feel free to contact Anthony Pressley, Director of Community Resources & Editor of the Community Newsletter, for any additional information you may need. 410-523-1350 or apressley@druidheights.com

- Home Buyers Workshop is held at the community center on the first Saturday of each month. This workshop will

prepare you to become a homeowner. Please call the community center to reserve a space for the class.





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