

Druid Heights Community  
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Community meetings are  
held on the 4th Saturday  
of each month.

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## Baker's View

Townhomes



### Regenerating the Rich Heritage of Druid Heights

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## DRUID HEIGHTS CDC Program Activities

- Community Peace Patrol
- After-School Tutorial and Homework Assistance
- Educational and Cultural Enrichment Summer Camp
- Senior Power and Transportation
- Housing and Homeownership Counseling
- Affordable Housing Development
- Transitional Housing & Services for Homeless Families with minor children
- Job Placement and Referral Services
- Community Leadership Development
- Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program
- Community Newsletter (Quarterly)
- Community Master Planning
- Community Arts Initiatives
- GED program – in partnership with the Baltimore City Community College
- Computer Learning Lab
- Financial Fitness Program (Budget-spending plan, improve your credit, avoid predatory lending)
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage
- Reverse Mortgage
- Druid Heights Youth F.A.C.E. Program
- Druid Heights H.I.P.P.Y. School Program
- Sisters Support Group
- Youth Leadership Initiative
- Monthly Community Social Events
- Real Estate Development

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Our Mission is to cause,  
encourage and promote  
community self-empowerment  
through the development of  
employment, economic,  
educational and affordable  
housing opportunities.

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# DRUID HEIGHTS

# Trumpet

NEWSLETTER

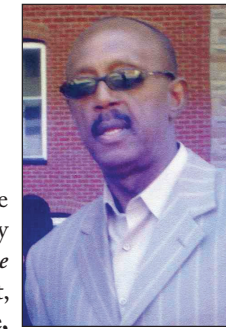
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## DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight



In our continuing efforts to acknowledge the residents and merchants in the community who are making significant contributions, *The Trumpet* salutes Mr. Bernard Jake Colbert, Founder and Executive Director of **New Life, Inc. Recovery Housing For Men**. Mr. Colbert, affectionately known as "Brother Jake" is a hero in the community who opened three houses for men recovering from drugs and seeking new beginnings. He began his program in 1998 with a visit to the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation to form a partnership in order to acquire three houses in the neighborhood where he could provide tough love, spiritually based and structured programs for men who are interested in overcoming social and life issues. This program offers temporary housing for men who have completed an intensive drug detoxification program and aid recovering men in a disciplined environment. The participants benefit from the consistent support offered through the difficult and lengthy process of recovery.

The men in the program participate in community services and help out wherever needed in the neighborhood. They gave 100% support to the building of the new playground located at McCulloh

and Gold streets. They walk through the community two nights a week as members of the Druid Heights Peace Patrol. As recovering addicts, they have a low tolerance for drugs in the community and work as environmental stewards to keep the community safe and clean from crime and grime. Mr. Colbert's vision for the community complements the mission of the community organization. Residents are inspired to see these men as leaders, role models and advocates.

"After experiencing twenty years of sobriety, I decided to work to make a difference in the lives of other men. I take joy in reaching out to the children who need father figures. I also teach these men how to interact with the police and representatives from local and state agencies. I am proud to see these men become productive members of society," Mr. Colbert stated. New Life Inc. offers the individual the best chance for complete abstinence from chemical abuse. Mr. Colbert has received numerous awards for his work in the community. He is a respected man with a big heart and a dedicated spirit. He is the father of three children, six grandchildren and a newly wed wife, Mrs. Shante Wilson-Colbert.

New Life Inc. is a lighthouse in the community. Mr. Colbert's vision has come to fruition and he has made a big impact in Druid Heights and the surrounding communities. The program stands in need of financial support. On behalf of the residents, the CDC and the Board of Directors, Mr. Colbert is congratulated for his outstanding contributions and is wished continued success in the future as he works to make a difference in Druid Heights.

## Executive Director's Corner

Kelly Little

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff at Druid Heights CDC, I am pleased to say we are off to a great start in 2009, the Year of Change. Our commitment to the community has proved beneficial as we have expanded our programs and extended our partnerships. Our newest corporate partner is State Farm Insurance. State Farm takes pride in their commitment to their customers and the communities where they live and work. They value integrity, honesty and trustworthiness. "Like a Good Neighbor, State Farm is there" is

more than a slogan, it is a reality in Druid Heights.

State farm's mission is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams. Their strength is built on a foundation of shared values, quality service and relationships, mutual trust, integrity and financial stability. State Farm's vision matches our mission to cause community self empowerment and we appreciate their willingness to work with this community to reach a common goal.

We look forward to a big announcement in the upcoming weeks regarding the partnership of Druid Heights and State Farm that will have a major impact on the future of our community. Beginning January 2009, State Farm is sponsoring lectures and workshops on financial literacy to educate people about the various programs including helpful household tips, homeownership counseling and safety tips. We welcome State Farm and their interest in Druid Heights. Now that we have these resources in our hands and such highly qualified partners, I am encouraging the community to take advantage of the services.

Let's make 2009 the year of change and accomplishment. If you dream of owning your home, you can do it. Follow the principles and make it happen. I can assure you my staff is here waiting to serve. We are committed to making dreams into realities and Druid Heights a community for which we can all be proud.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Clean-up Days  
THE MAYOR'S Community  
Pitch-In Program

ROLL-OFFS IN THE  
COMMUNITY 9am - 2pm

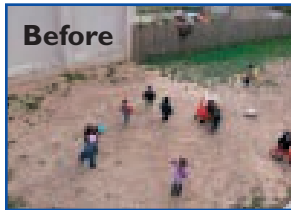
Sat., February 7th  
@ McCulloh and Gold Streets

Tues., March 10th  
@ McCulloh and Laurens Streets

Sat., June 10th  
@ Gold and Division Streets

Sat., September 26th  
@ Gold and Division Streets





## Community Build Playground

On Tuesday, October 21, 2008 two hundred and sixty-three volunteers gathered to build a playground at the corner of McCulloh and Gold Streets. The day started at 6:30 am as Build Captains arrived to set up. Volunteers arrived at 7:45 am to register, meet and greet over a breakfast prepared by the food committee. There was a meeting of team captains in the conference room of the community center to organize the building activities for each group.



Everyone gathered for a rally lead by Ariel Fortune of KaBoom, Vinyl Salami of Home Depot and Anthony Pressley of Druid Heights. Gold Street was closed, music was provided by DJ Damon DeGross of Blue Productions, the football team from Walbrook SHS and a sixth grade class from the Kelson Elementary school joined the volunteers. At 12:45 pm, Samari Rolle, Cornerback for the Baltimore Ravens assisted with the playground before signing autographs for the volunteers. At 2:30 pm there was a Board Cutting Ceremony. Tavon Benson of the Druid Heights Youth Leadership Initiative entertained all the volunteers with a song. At 3:00 pm a beautiful, safe, new space for children to play and paradise for the community to gather was revealed for all to see. This was a great day in the Druid Heights community!!!! For more pictures of the events go online to Kaboom Photo gallery.

Druid Heights CDC would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the new Community Playground Build Day!!!

**KaBoom!**  
**The Home Depot**  
**The NFL – The Baltimore Ravens**  
**V.J.I. Inc.**  
**Blum's Furniture**  
**Hardware Plus**  
**Jason's Liquors**  
**Edible Arrangements**  
**Krispy Kreme Donuts**  
**Lenny's Deli**  
**Mary Mervis Deli**  
**C.W. Walterhofer**  
**Attman's Deli**  
**H & S Bakery**  
**Sam's Club**  
**Linden Contractors**  
**Walmart**  
**Safeway Markets**  
**Women's Civic League**  
**McDonald's**  
**Edible Arrangements**  
**Giant Food**  
**Domino Pizza**  
**JAH Enterprise**  
**Paradise Liquors**

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

### Families Helping Families Program

The Druid Heights Families Helping Families Program was a huge success as families contributed to the needs of other families in the community. Residents donated toys, clothing, food, gift cards, bikes, ipods and many other items to be distributed to families in need.

### DHCDC Staff

Kelly Little	Executive Director
Roscoe Johnson	Director of Real Estate Development
Chloe Williams	Director of Housing Counseling
Anthony Pressley	Director of Community Resources
Marshall Cullens	Community Advocate/Environmental Stewardship
Jerilyn Manning	Receptionist/Senior Program Coordinator
Onetia Tiggie	Receptionist/Senior Program Coordinator
Arlene Fisher	Certified Housing Counselor
Andre Fisher	MREP Client Advocate
David Williams	MREP Client Advocate
Andrea Curley	Community Resource Coordinator/Frederick Douglass High School
Hilary Jones	Community Resource Coordinator/Kelson Elementary Middle School
Jennifer Gross	Community Resource Coordinator/Kelson Elementary Middle School
Jessica Martin	Community Resource Coordinator/Pimlico Middle School
Nicole Dore	H.I.P.P.Y. Advocate
Saprina Windley	H.I.P.P.Y. Advocate
Edward Grant	Business Development Coordinator
Allen Taylor	Business Development Coordinator



### Attention Youth: Essay Writing Competition

1. Competition is open to all young people from 10 to 18 years old.
2. All entries must be turned into Druid Heights CDC no later than Monday, February 23, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Each essay must be 1 page and must explain the following quotation.

#### What does this mean to you?

*Rosa sat so that Martin would walk,  
 Martin walked so that Obama could run,  
 Obama ran so that our children can fly.*

### Annual Community Christmas Party

Each year, the Druid Heights community comes alive with a visit from Santa. Monday, December 22, 2008 exploded as 155 children showed up at the community center to see Santa. There was music, dancing, tree decorating, stocking fillings, food and fun for all as the community celebrated the holidays together.



## BAKER'S VIEW Homeownership Project Moves Forward

Wednesday, October 15th was a productive day in Druid Heights as residents, leaders and stakeholders attended a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the upcoming Baker's View Townhomes, regenerating the rich heritage of Druid Heights.

In attendance from left to right are: Kelly Little, Executive Director of Druid Heights CDC; Patricia Jessemy, State's Attorney for Baltimore City; Bill Cole, Councilman 11th District; Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, City Council President; The Honorable Mayor Sheila Dixon; Roscoe Johnson III, DHCDC Director of Real Estate Development; Curtis Miles, C.L. Miles Contracting; William Barton, Linden Contracting Inc.; Paul Graziano, Commissioner of Housing; Lisa Harris-Jones Esquire, Vice President, Druid Heights CDC Board of Directors; Bruce Klein, Allied Baltimore Development Group LLP; and Jacquelyn Cornish, Deputy Commissioner of Housing.



### Community Celebrates Christmas with Exquisite Luncheon for Seniors

On Saturday, December 13th, DHCDC sponsored a delicious luncheon for seniors in the community. Children from the After School Tutorial program sang carols to the twenty-two seniors gathered in the Myrtle Howerton Community Room for lunch. Volunteers provided transportation to seniors from the Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza. This was a day to be remembered by all in attendance as food, fun, laughter and gifts were provided. The program was hosted by Mr. Benjamin and Mrs. Jerilyn Manning of Gold Street. Both are members of the Druid Heights Board of Directors and active activists for our seniors.

### Notes from the Community Relations Sergeant

#### Sgt. Charles Hess – Central Police Department

In January the Central District started the Pennsylvania Avenue Task Force under Lieutenant Dorsey McVicker. The task force was created to decrease crime from North Avenue to MLK Blvd. and from Fremont Avenue to McCulloh Street. Three extra squads will work with the Organized Crime Units. The task force has made numerous drug arrests, several arrests for handgun violations and took several guns off the streets. For more information or to report crimes call (410) 396-2411 or (410) 466-DRUG.

### OYO Traditions Cultural Arts Institute In conjunction with the Druid Heights CDC Celebrates Cultures with "International Infusion"



In our efforts to expose children and families to arts and culture, OYO sponsored a Free Fall Baltimore event presenting performances from the Korean Methodist Church of Love, The Copiera Dance Company of Brazil and African folklorists and dancers who entertained while teaching an appreciation for traditions. This event was made free to the public and was a very successful program in Druid Heights.

