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# Bakers View

New Homes For Sale

Rich in character and diversity, Druid Heights has been an important African American community for well over 100 years. Houses along Druid Hill Avenue and McCulloh Street were constructed during the 1890's. These three story houses with their impressive large interior design, were home to the "well to do", since they bordered North Avenue, the northern boundary of Baltimore City until 1890. This community served as an entertainment center for African Americans throughout segregation. Druid Heights is an Urban Renewal Area and has been noted in Live Baltimore Magazine as Baltimore's next hot neighborhood!

**Bakers View**  
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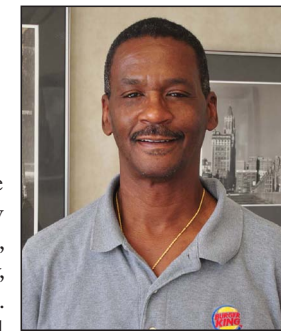
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## DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight



In our ongoing efforts to salute merchants and residents in the community who are making significant contributions, The Trumpet salutes Mr. Edward Braddy, owner of the North Avenue Burger King. He was born in Dillon, South Carolina and moved with his family to Baltimore in 1961. He is a graduate of Baltimore City High School and later attended Baltimore City Community College. He joined the Baltimore City Police Department and worked on the force for five years. His restaurant management career began with the Marriott Corporation's Hot Shoppe fast food restaurant. Later, he transferred to the Marriott on Baltimore National Pike and worked for a year. Mr. Braddy is a visionary who was always thinking of employing residents from the community.

His Burger King career began as an Assistant Manager in 1976. Because of his hard work, dedication and sales successes, he was promoted to General Manager in 1979. He continued to climb the ranks as he focused on employee development and retaining skilled employees. In 1981, Mr. Braddy was promoted to District Manager. Two years later he was promoted to Director of Operations and responsible for overseeing twenty stores from 1983 through 1987. With his determination to empower Baltimore City residents, Mr. Braddy purchased the Burger King in the Waverly Shopping Center in 1988. The store was successful until one of his competitors moved across the street with double drive-thru windows. Subsequently, Ed sold the business back to the franchisee. His determination for success opened

an opportunity for him to become the General Manager of two Pizza Hut restaurants.

Mr. Braddy learned where the federal government deregulated pay phones. At this point he opened his own pay phone business. He used his contacts from Burger King to place pay phones in restaurants. Mr. Braddy and his partner owned 300 pay phones. When his partner was killed on Father's Day, Mr. Braddy sold the payphone business and acquired the Burger Kings from LaVan Hawkins. Ed became an equity partner and helped to open three previously closed Burger Kings. (Orleans Street, North Avenue and Cold Spring Lane).

In 2010, Mr. Braddy decided to go out on his own. He finalized a deal and became the CEO and owner of the North Avenue Burger King. Currently, he employs thirty-two people. "Helping people has been the best part of this experience. I see the same people and have gotten to know the residents of the community. My faith is in God because He is why I am where I am" he stated.

Most impressively, Mr. Braddy has contributed financial support to the Druid Heights Educational Enrichment Summer Fun Camp program, provided meals for the "We Can Achieve" program and continues to employ people from the community. Mr. Braddy is married to his beautiful wife Lesia and is the father to five grown children and he has five grandchildren. He is a member at New Antioch Baptist Church in Randallstown where he serves on the Trustee and Usher Boards. With his heart to serve and give back, Mr. Braddy made arrangements with the Fulton Avenue Baptist Church to collect their receipts from his store and return for a 15% cash rebate to the church. Mr. Braddy extends this offer to the Druid Heights Community Center and churches in the neighborhood. Druid Heights CDC congratulates Mr. Braddy for his great works, community empowerment and economic contributions. He is a role model and a great business man adding to the value to our community.

"Historic Druid Heights: Old & New/Past & Future" 1940 Druid Hill Avenue



BALTIMORE MURAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL-SUBMITTED BY F. MICHELLE SANTOS JULY 2011 scale 1cm=1ft.

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation is pleased to announce that there will be a new mural coming to the corner of Druid Hill Avenue and Presstman Street. The mural will represent the two pioneers who started the community association, the past and the present, and the rich history of Druid Heights. Thanks to the great partnership developed with Shawn James and the Office of Promotion and the Arts, and funding provided by the Office of Housing and Community Development, the mural will be available for all to enjoy in September 2011. The artist selected to complete the project is Mrs. Michelle Santos.

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## Executive Director's Corner

Kelly D. Little

### TAKING PRIDE IN DRUID HEIGHTS

Greetings to the residents, friends and stakeholders of the Druid Heights community. Let me take this opportunity to invite everyone to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Baker's View and Gateway Developments. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at the corners of Baker and Division Street beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake will join community residents, clergy from the neighborhood churches and the new homeowners to celebrate the latest addition to Druid Heights.

In this issue of the newsletter, we are pleased to report the progress of our real estate and commercial development. At present, we have successfully completed Phase One of the Baker's View Development which means 17 of homes ready to market. Our Gateway Development These homes are generating excitement, new energy and great interest. As a resident in Druid Heights, I am proud of what is happening in our historic community. Presently, ten houses are sold and our team is working diligently to attract new homeowners to the neighborhood. The Baker and Division Street corridor has been transformed from a destabilized area into a subdivision that will bring new life, hope and promise.

This community has made lots of progress this year. The residents are more involved, the streets are cleaner, crime has decreased and new homeowners have invested in Druid Heights. These are great reasons to take pride in our community.

## Druid Heights Community

Please Plan to Attend

Sat., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM  
Community Meeting

Sat., Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM  
Community Clean Up Day

Sat., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM  
Community Meeting

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## Community's Residential and Commercial Real Estate Development Reaches New Heights



Mr. Roscoe Johnson III is the **Director of Real Estate Development** for Druid Heights Community Development Corporation. His focus and hard work has brought newly constructed homes and beautifully renovated properties in the community. The economic impact of the Baker View project includes the return of vacant lots and inhabitable properties to Baltimore City's tax base and creation of employment opportunities for community and city residents. We are grateful for the continued support of **State Farm Insurance Companies** for their \$9.7 million dollar investment in Druid Heights.

**THE COMMUNITY IS PROUD OF THE BAKER VIEW HOMEOWNERSHIP** initiative because it will immensely benefit the community in many positive ways. It will not only address the slum and blight issue; it will offer superior quality homeownership opportunity for affordable living in Baltimore City. Baker's View will provide stabilization and great enhancements to the existing, well established Sanford-Cumberland corridor. The average square footage for the townhomes is 1,800. The current sales price is \$109,000. The area's redevelopment reduces the number of houses from 214 to 87, creating open green space and limited vacancies in the community.

**THE GATEWAY HOUSING INITIATIVE** targets existing vacant houses between the 1800 – 2200 blocks of McCulloh Street and Druid Hill Avenue. These streets serve as the entry and exit points for the community. The project will also target stable blocks where vacant buildings exist. The houses will include green technologies building materials that will improve environmental energy efficiency and conservation goals. An additional benefit with purchasing a Gateway property is the Maryland State Historical Tax Credit incentive. The sales prices for the units will range from \$143,000 \$185,000.

The economic impact of the Gateway project has created skilled and unskilled job opportunities for community residents. There will be a variety of options offered to the homeowner. We are proud to see these homes restored while maintaining the historical integrity of Druid Heights.



**THE SPHINX CLUB COMPLEX** project will re-develop and renovate vacant properties 2101 – 2111 Pennsylvania Avenue into a restaurant /cultural arts venue that will incorporate the restored façade of the historic Sphinx Club for the restaurant and new construction that will create enclosed outdoor seating to increase the vibrancy of street life. To date, the project has received funding from the State of Maryland Department of General Services (\$35,000) and the Department of Planning African American Heritage Preservation Program Grant (\$100,000) to cover construction costs.

**THE FRANKLIN ENTREPRENEURIAL AND APPRENTICESHIP CENTER** is coming to the corner of Madison and Gold Street. Druid Heights Community Development Corporation in partnership with St. Martin's Church of Christ intends to use this existing structure to provide a haven for artists of all disciplines, training in trades, skill development and most importantly, entrepreneurial and apprenticeship opportunities. This amazing facility will light up the north east corner of the community and create jobs for people around the city. The community and city residents are requested to support the church in their fundraising efforts by donating to mdfeac.org



For more information about these projects, please contact [rjohnson@druidheights.com](mailto:rjohnson@druidheights.com)

## ... WHAT'S NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! ...

### Cleaner Streets in Druid Heights

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Druid Heights Environmental Stewardship crew, we can enjoy cleaner streets, pristine lawns and a better looking community. Bettye Alston, Reginald Brewer and Anthony Tires are working hard to make a difference in the community. Mr. Tires, a crew member and native community resident, solicited the donation of a green Ford pick-up from Mr. Paul Linthicum, his neighbor in the Guilford community. Druid Heights CDC expresses sincere gratitude to Mr. Linthicum for his contribution and Mr. Tires for his advocacy on behalf of the community. Mr. Marshall Cullens, Community Advocate and Mr. Anthony Pressley, Director of Community Resources oversee the success of this community driven incentive.



### Druid Heights CDC proudly joined in partnership with St. Katherine's of Alexandria Episcopal Church to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of this historic landmark.



On Saturday, June 18, 2011 more than 200 children arrived to play in the moon bouncer and to have lunch and fun in the playground and streets around the church located at 2001 Division Street. The Right Reverend Eugene T. Sutton, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland; joined State Senator Verna Jones, Father Alston Jacobs, Rector; Mrs. Neva Brown, Junior Warden of the Church; and many community residents for the celebration. The 120th Anniversary Celebration

will continue on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 3:00 PM with a Service of Thanksgivings.

### Thanks for Your Support!!!

Druid Heights CDC would like to thank the following organizations for their contributions to the Educational Enrichment Summer Fun Camp 2011

- The Allegis Group
- State Farm Bank
- The Episcopal Archdiocese of MD
- The Korean Merchants Association
- WOLB Radio-One

### Druid Heights "We Can Achieve" Youth Program Celebrates Participants

Mr. Adrian Muldrow, Director of the WCA program, poured out his heart and personally served as Keynote Speaker for the Ceremony. Citations were sent by Councilman Bill Cole of Baltimore's 11th Councilmanic District to congratulate the youth for their level of commitment. The program takes Baltimore City at risk youth off the streets preventing recidivisms, and living a life of crime. This program teaches general carpentry, OSHA guidelines and how to use power tools. This initiative helps Baltimore City at risk youth learn marketable skills that can lead to employment.



### The Honorable Larry Young Serves as Keynote Speaker for the Druid Heights Re-Entry Program

This June evening sparked a continued unity in the community for the men participating in the Druid Heights Re-Entry program. 23 men successfully graduated a one year term of crime free, drug free, community focused living.

Mr. Andre Fisher, Senior Case Worker and a member of the original program staff, introduced Larry Young as the guest speaker. Mr. Young congratulated the success of the men including a new barbershop owner, college students and a several gainfully employed graduates of the program. Mr. Young inspired, directed and even invited men from the program to speak on the Larry Young Morning Show on WOLB 1010 AM.



*Mrs. Jacquelyn Cornish, former Executive Director to Druid Heights CDC and pioneer for the Re-Entry program, joins Mr. Kelly Little, current ED to reflect on the past and present successes of the Re-Entry program.*

*Tavon Benson, Druid Heights Youth Ambassador sings to proud family and friends of the graduates, "God Still Hears A Sinner's Prayer."*

