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2028 McCulloh Street 2115 Druid Hill Avenue 2103 Druid Hill Avenue 2105 Druid Hill Avenue 2100 Druid Hill Avenue Baltimore, Maryland

- Move in Ready!
- Sales Price Approx. \$152,000
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms
- Stainless Steel Appliances

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





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# **DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight**

In our continued efforts to recognize individuals who are making outstanding contributions to the community, the Druid Heights Trumpet and Newsletter proudly salutes Ms. Rosalyn Jefferson. Rosalyn is a native of Baltimore, graduate from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore who recently acquired her Master's Degree

in Hospitality Management from Florida International University. Most impressively, Ms. Jefferson returned to her hometown and purchased a beautifully renovated home in the Druid Heights community.

As a little girl she liked to cook and bake. She attended Western School of Technology in Baltimore County where she studied Culinary Arts. She was raised by a very influential single mother, Carol Green Williams. "My mother is a deaconess in the church and a major inspiration to me and my sister, Alice Crowder" she stated with a smile. Her hobbies include baking, singing and dancing. Rosalyn attributes her success to the teaching and mentoring provided by St. Martin Church of Christ. Dr. Kevin Daniels, Prelate Bishop, continues to serve as her pastor, her role model and mentor. She also expresses appreciation for Derrick Cole, the love of her life. Her bright smile and warm personality is contagious as she is personable and hospitable. Most impressively, in October of 2009, Rosalyn started her own business, Honey Bee's Cupcakery in her home.

She began with a mixer and an over and, a passion to serve people. Today her business has flourished as she is one of the 40 businesses started in St. Martin's Church as a part of the Franklin Entrepreneurial and Apprenticeship Center.

Rosalyn says she will always remember Monday, June 11, 2012 because it was the day she signed her contract for her new home in Druid Heights. "I am so happy! I called everyone and testified about what God has done. I am the proud owner of a 4 bedroom, 3½ baths newly renovated brownstone in Druid Heights. I like the accessibility of this community. I can get anywhere I need to be in fifteen minutes or less. I love that the house is historic and large. I literally live, work and worship in the Druid Heights community."

Rosalyn will bring her family, talents and additional resources for youth to the neighborhood. She has worked in hospitality for most of her career and knows how to make people comfortable. This young family will relate well to the neighbors and add to the vitality of the community. "When I see the dilapidated housing in the community, I know it is temporary. With the support of the community center and the upcoming Franklin Center, Druid Heights will rise to the top again."

"The homebuyers process is stressful and strenuous. Sometimes you have to drop what you are doing to do what needs to be done. You must have a good support system and must remain organized. Druid Heights is proud to have Ms. Rosalyn Jefferson as a new homeowner in the community. "She is truly an asset to the community! What an accomplishment and example for our young professionals who are prioritizing life's affairs to make sure of the more important things. Kudos to you, Rosayln!" stated Mrs. Chloe Williams, Director of Housing and Homeownership Opportunities.



#### CLEANER IS BETTER

Hello neighbors and friends.

On behalf of the staff at Druid Heights CDC, I extend special greetings to all community residents, stakeholders and friends of the Druid Heights community. It is a busy period for us as we are promoting our Real Estate, senior and youth programs, homeownership opportunities and re-entry initiatives for men, women and youth. We are also grateful to the residents who are assisting us by promoting our clean

community drive. Druid Heights Community Development Corporation is taking part in Mayor's Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Clean Community Competition.

The Mayor and the Department of Public Works are challenging Baltimore City communities to get involved and get Baltimore growing - starting right in our own neighborhoods. I promote living in a clean community because it is healthier, creates unity and recruits new neighbors. Cleaner is always better.

The competition will run from April 21st through Friday, October 19, 2012 when the judging period ends. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place communities in each of the 4 quadrants of the city. Grand prizes: \$5,000 each and second place prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded based on scoring and as evaluated by a judging panel.

Our community extends to Laurens Street to the south, North Avenue to the north, Pennsylvania Avenue to the west and McCulloh Street to the east. Here you can find the three story Victorian style row homes mixed with newly constructed and newly renovated homes. We are a diverse community where people happily live, get along and work together. Druid Heights is designated as a historic neighborhood and its rich cultural history is unique.

The Druid Heights community has risen from the ashes and is quickly becoming a preferred neighborhood attracting new residents and businesses. As a proud resident, I know we can win the attention and respect deserved for a community with our rich heritage and character. The Druid Heights Environmental Stewards team, volunteers and some concerned residents are making a difference each day. We can all do our part to prove that cleaner is always better. I call on everyone to do your part. More important than winning is the fact that Druid Heights is on the rise and the residents care enough to keep it clean.

## THANK YOU!

The Garden Community Church St. Katherine's of Alexandria **Episcopal Church** St. Peter Claver Catholic Church The Episcopal Archdiocese of MD Yankadi Pizza **Home Depot Stores** 

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# Druid Heights Community Residents and Volunteers Kick-Off Participation in Mayor's Clean Community Competition

On Saturday, June 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. community residents were joined by Meyerhoff and Sherman scholars from the University of Maryland Baltimore County to clean streets, alleys and vacant lots. **It is official.** The Druid Heights community is taking part in Mayor's Stephanie Rawlings-Blake Clean-Up Competition. The Mayor and the Department of Public Works are challenging Baltimore communities to get involved and the Clean Community Competition gives residents a way to have a dramatic impact on their neighborhoods. The City will be divided in four sections. Grand Prizes: \$5,000 each and second place prizes \$1,000 each will be awarded based on scoring in several categories and as evaluated by a judging panel. The criteria is outlined in detail in the application and in rules and regulations and include categories such as streets and alleys, trash-cans set out, recycling tonnage, and general beautification. There will be a total of \$24,000 awarded to the eight winning communities that make the biggest improvements.



Communities will be judged on the following categories:

- Recycling tonnage
- Increase household participating in recycling
- The percentage of household using trash cans with lids
- The greatest increase in use of trash cans
- Decrease in requests of alley and street cleaning
- Decrease in request of vacant lot cleaning
- And extra credit for adopting vacant lots and painting positive messages on storm drains!



The **Druid Heights Community** can win this competition. If you wish to be a part of the team, join the **Community Caretakers Club** by calling 410-523-1350 extension 224.

## Senior Life in the Community

Ms. Joyce Brown and Mr. Calvin Tolbert joined Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin and Jerilyn Manning for the Senior Prom, Social Event of the Year. It was a night of elegance and excellence for the senior communities of the Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza and the Druid



Heights. This was a Night of Nostalgia to remember and enjoy. The seniors did the Madison, two step and they twisted the night away. Special thanks for the night's success goes to Charm City Caterers, D.J. Mike Jones for his music, Tim Watts of 95.9 Radio who hosted the line dance competition and gave away Oldie but Goodie CDs. We would like to also thank the seniors from St. Martin's Church and Dr. Kevin Daniels, Pastor, for his personal support, Marisol Johnson of State Farm, BP Gas Station, St. Peter Claver Church, St. Katherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church, St. Anthony's Men's Guild. The residents of Penn-North Apartments and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum for sponsorship. Mrs. Jerilyn Manning, Senior Program Coordinator, hit another grand slam with her event planning skills.

## **Monthly Community Meeting**

#### FORUM FOR SELF-EMPOWERMENT

Residents from the community meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to support community planning, share resources and develop strategies to improve the overall quality of life in the neighborhood. Please feel free to join us for the upcoming meetings:



- Saturday, August 25th
- Saturday, September 22nd
- Saturday, October 27th

All Meetings are Open to the Public!

The First Time Homebuyers Classes are FREE

Saturday, April 7 Saturday, May 5 Saturday, June 2

All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

Please call to reserve your seat.

# DRUID HEIGHTS CDC RE-ENTRY FUNDRAISER DANCE "Let's dance the night away as we give back to others"

THE HUMANIM (old American Brewery bldg.)
 Friday, September 7, 2012 • 8:00 pm - 12:00 am
 1701 N. Gay Street/between Lanvale and Federal

Music by DJ SEAN MARSHALL
Food • Beverages • Raffles • Prizes • Free Parking • 25 and older
Tickets: \$10 in advance / \$12 at the door
FOR MORE INFO. OR TICKETS CONTACT:
Smiley 443-590-6253 • Andre 443-447-2620 • Marshall C 443-452-4641

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

# Young, Gifted and Employed at Druid Heights CDC



Pictured above from left to right are impressive young people who are on the team. Maurice Brown, IT Tech; Aziz Housseini, Real Estate Developer; Dustin Carpenter, Volunteer Coordinator; Tavon Benson, Community Organizing Associate; Iesha Lee, Summer Intern; Shaleece Williams, Youth Ambassador and Community Organizing Associate; Daysean Williams, Youth Ambassador; and, Franklin Grayson, Travian Taylor and Melvin Taylor, Support Staff personnel. This group represents young people Druid Heights CDC invests in to mentor, train and become future leaders.

### The Druid Heights G Squad Reigns



This dedicated group of middle and high school girls meets twice a week to focus on academics, personal development, life skills and community engagement. They have given step performances throughout the summer and will continue

throughout the school year. Ms. Shaleece Williams, Community Organizing Associate, is to be congratulated for her dedication and hard work.

# 90+ Attended 2012 HIPPY Program Closing Exercise

Ms. Robena Pope, Program Coordinator, welcomes guests to HIPPY Graduation. Druid Heights CDC is the program manager for the *Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)*. The program was launched in Baltimore City by the Enterprise Community Partners in 1996. This 30 week per year, home-based early childhood development program is for families with children ages three, four and five. Parents learn how to prepare their pre-school children to be "ready to learn" when they enter school. Druid Heights hired three advocates from the neighborhood and trained them to assist parents in creating

learning opportunities for their children. HIPPY served 98 families and 100 children during the 2011-2012 program year. HIPPY honored 18 five year old graduates that fully completed the age 5 curriculum with HIPPY Star trophies and a HIPPY Diploma.



#### **Druid Heights Re-Entry Program**

This program offers Support Groups to Women and Men. Ladies meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month and the men meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Every 5th Wednesday of the month brings both groups together. All of the meetings are held at the community center from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Adrian Muldrow, Director of the Druid Heights "We Can Achieve" program is a recent recipient of the Baltimore Neighborhood Best Dads

Award. The program works with 16-21 year olds from the Department of Juvenile Services, offering Pre-GED classes, job training, mentoring, life skills, anger management, financial literacy, health education and more. He was nominated because of his outstanding dedication and work on behalf of the community at large.





Hyman Haskins, a We Can Achieve participant, took part in a mock interview to prepare for a job. Two days later, he was employed by Myles Contractors and is now building houses in the community. A positive outcome



#### "SHAKE HANDS WITH HISTORY"

#### MONTFORD POINT MARINES: FEW, BLACK, PROUD

Please join the Senior Residents of Fr. Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza,

Druid Heights Senior Community and the

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation
is sponsoring a reception honoring the *original* 

Montford Point Marines, Chapter #17, Maryland

After many years of awaiting their recognition of service from 1942-1949, and becoming the first African-American U. S. Marines, President Barack Obama awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to our honorees

As esteemed members of our community, we invite you to join us at a reception honoring these gentlemen and "Shake Hands With History"

Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation
2140 McCulloh Street
Baltimore, MD 21217
FOR INFORMATION or to R.S.V.P., PLEASE CALL: Mrs. Jerilyn Manning, Event Coordinator
443 872 0683

TICKETS: \$20.00 General Admission - \$15.00 Seniors (55+) - \$25.00 at the door

