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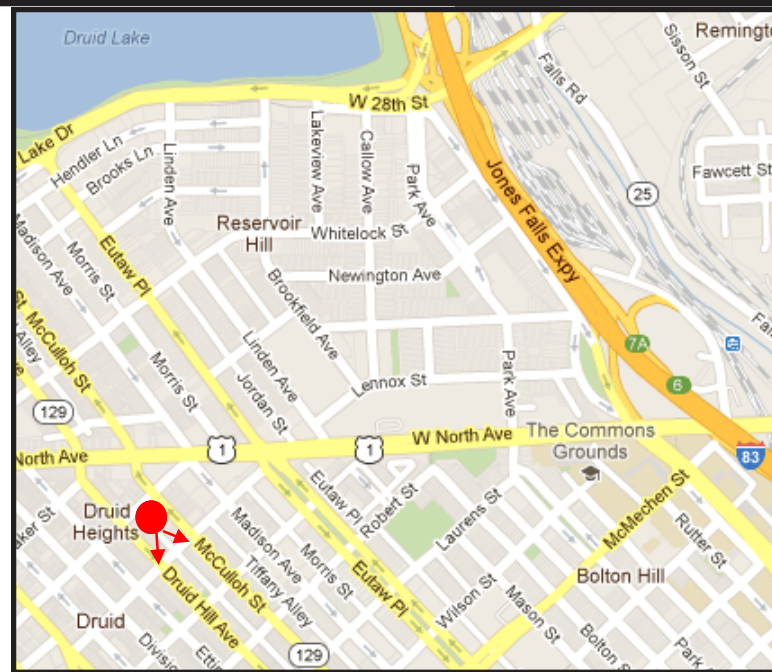
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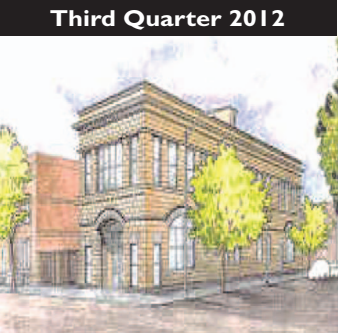
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



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DRUID HEIGHTS Spotlight



Mrs. Neva Brown
(magna cum laude)

In our continued efforts to recognize individuals who are making outstanding contributions to the community, the Druid Heights Trumpet proudly salutes Mrs. Neva Wilkins Brown. Neva Wilkins Brown is a woman of purpose who believes in giving of her time, talent and resources. Neva Brown is proud to be a Zeta Phi Beta Sorority life member. Since becoming a Zeta in 1989, she has continued to serve with dedication and consistency. Over her 22 years it has been an honor and privilege to serve as an elected officer; a Director, Vice Chair and Chair of the non-profit arm of the sorority, the Myrtle Tyler Faithful Fund, Inc. (MTFF); chair of the State Ways and Means Committee for State Director, Nathalia East-Roberts. Neva Brown has served on several chapter committees; attended several state, regional and national conferences. Recognition for her dedication and consistency of service includes both group and individual meritorious awards; Alpha Zeta's 75th Anniversary Finer Womanhood Award; Zeta of the Year and the Mary E. Fields Leadership Award. Neva Brown believes, lives and supports the principles of the sisterhood, which are service, scholarship, sisterly love and finer womanhood. Currently she chairs the Scholarship Committee of MTFF and the Chapter's By-Laws Committee.

Since retiring from Verizon in 2003 as a Manager in Internal Auditing, Mrs. Brown has worked as a consultant/facilitator for the Institute of Internal Auditors and devoted her time in community service. She serves as the Chairperson for the Board of Directors of a non-profit organization, Penn North Plaza, Inc., a 66-unit senior citizen housing development in Baltimore which is sponsored by St. Katherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church where she is congregant. Neva Brown serves her church as an officer, committee chairperson, and community liaison with the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation where she serves on the Pastors' Roundtable; and Chaplain/Coordinator/Advisor for the Episcopal Anglican Ministry at Morgan State University. Furthering her commitment of service to others, Mrs. Brown is discerning her call to ordained ministry as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church.

She has a Master's degree in Business Administration and Bachelor of Science degree in Education (magna cum laude) from Morgan State University.

Neva is a wife, mother, and grandmother who is committed to her family, church, sorority and community. Living a God-directed life; she believes that leadership is teamwork, trust, and talent. "With God all things are possible. Look to the future and learn from the past," she stated. Mrs. Brown feels blessed to have been surrounded by a family who provided her with a life of love, caring, forgiving, sharing, and giving; and she gives thanks to God for an abundant life. Lastly, Mrs. Neva Brown is the voice for the children in the community as she works hard to open the doors of the church for the annual summer camp program. She is a gentle, kind-hearted lady who returns to the camp to share her excursions throughout Africa with the children at the camp. She advocates for the needs of the poor and assists with finding resources for the Druid Heights community. Mrs. Brown is to be congratulated for the outstanding work she performs on behalf of Baltimore City at large. May God continue to bless, strengthen and keep Mrs. Neva Brown.

Executive Director's Corner

Kelly D. Little

SUSTAINING A CLEAN COMMUNITY

I am writing to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake's Clean Community Competition. Druid Heights Community Development Corporation invested staff, many hours and tremendous efforts into the beautification, cleaning and environmental stewardship of our neighborhood. Many community residents stepped up and participated. This outstanding support automatically qualifies us as Winners. We are grateful to the following organizations for lending support:

*The Meyerhoff and Sherman Scholars from the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus
The Garden Community Church • Civic Works • The New Life Recovery program • 500 block of Laurens Street Club
The Baltimore City Office of Community Service • The Druid Heights G Squad • New Baltimore Contractors
The 2000 Block of Eitting Street Willing Workers Club • Blue Water Baltimore • Towson University CRU scholars
Maryland Community Health at Penn North • Druid Heights Environmental Stewards Team*

We have accomplished cleaning the 1900 block of McCulloh Street, adopting five additional lots from the City of Baltimore, stenciling throughout the community, reducing the number of 311 requests to the city and increasing the number of residents to join our Community Caretakers Club.

Our Sustainability Plan is to:

- 1. Promote Wednesday as trash pick-up and Fridays as Recycle Day by ensuring that all of the residences have the required trash cans and recycle bins.*
- 2. Maintain the lots by requiring our environmental team to provide service on a rotating schedule on all lots in the community*
- 3. Have members of the Community Caretakers Club continue to recruit new members who will adopt additional tree wells, alleys and streets in the neighborhood.*

Thanks to everyone, Druid Heights is on the rise.

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Upcoming

Community Meeting
@1:00 p.m.
Sat., December 15, 2012

3rd Annual Christmas Cantata
@5:00 p.m.
Sat., December 22, 2012
St. Martin Church
2118 Madison Avenue

SENIOR LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

In the month of June, Pro Bono Legal Services were offered to the residents of the Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza according to their specific needs. Some of the services obtained were: Wills, Powers of Attorney and, assistance with law suits and other legal matters. There were three sessions but all forms, and court filings were completed. There will be additional sessions beginning on November 15, 2012. There was a SNAP program recertification by Stacy Miller from the Food Bank. Three residents were recertified and two new residents signed up for food stamps. Additionally, Joann Murphy, RN from Bon Secur's Outreach Program came twice for blood Pressure checks in the absence of the student nurse from the University of Maryland.

On July 17, 2012, a seminar was given by Lisa Williams of Marisol Johnson's State Farm Insurance Company. The seminar was about the importance of Renter's Insurance as it relates to the residents at Uncles. The Central District Community Relations Council met at Uncles on July 13, 2012.

August was highlighted by our annual "Night Out" event which was held in conjunction with DHCDC. As always, the event was a success. Both Druid Heights and CRU received commendations from Councilman Mosby for the work that is done in the community. On August 9th, 2012, we had 2000 pounds of produce dropped off by the Maryland Food Bank. All residents received proceeds from the drop. There was an excess of produce, so we were able to share with DHCDC, Druid House, New Life Recovery Inc., and three of the local church outreach programs. On August 22, our representative from Bravo Health sponsored an Ice Cream Social and Game Day for the residents. Although Bravo Health was the sponsor, the residents had a wonderful time fixing their own ice cream sundaes, playing BINGO and other table games. **Seniors Rule!**

MONTFORD POINT MARINES

The residents of the Father Charles R. Uncles Senior Plaza, and the senior residents of Druid Heights community along with the Druid Heights Community Development Corporation hosted the "Shake Hands With History" on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the community center. It was an excellent affair as Lt. Governor Anthony Brown was the Keynote Speaker. Residents were able to meet the original Montford Point Marines. After many years of awaiting recognition for their service from 1942-1949, and becoming the first African-American United States Marines, they received our country's highest honor (The Congressional Gold Medal). This reception was held to honor these gentlemen and heroes. Mrs. Jerilyn Manning, Senior Program Coordinator, performed a mammoth job connecting the past to our present.



SUMMER CAMP 2012 SERVES 150 YOUTH



The Druid Heights Educational and Cultural Enrichment Summer Fun Camp program had an outstanding 2012 session. Serving 125 students and employing 25 youth through the Mayor's Youth Works Employment Program, we were destined to have an energetic, fun-filled atmosphere. Each morning, we started the day with breakfast provided by Baltimore City Health Department Summer Food Program followed by tutoring in subjects such as English, vocabulary, and mathematics. After recess and lunch our day would end with a mixture of boys vs. girls physical and educational activities and talent shows. The campers also enjoyed celebrating the significance of our summer camp through SPIRIT WEEK! During this week everyone dressed up for wacky tacky day, my favorite celebrity day, and water day. Campers also exercised cultural enrichment through learning the seven continents and heritages from around the world.

In the beginning Directors of the camp feared we would not succeed such a long hot summer with a small budget. Fortunately our Youth Works group was one of a kind. They were talented singers, dancers, rappers, artists, and scholars who kept the campers busy and motivated all summer long. Youth leader Tavon Benson invited Barks Animal Shelter who brought a dog to teach children the importance of loving animals and dog training. Campers had a blast this past summer and we look forward to an amazing 2013 Summer Break! This year's camp was sponsored by the Verizon Foundation and the Episcopal Diocese of Baltimore.



COMMUNITY CLEAN ROUND-UP

This past summer, Druid Heights CDC took part in the Mayor's clean community contest. Throughout the months, we had several clean up days where groups of volunteers such as the Sherman/ Meyerhoff scholars, Campus Crusade Towson Scholars, and the Druid Heights/Upton community came together and beautified the neighborhood. The volunteers and Neighbors cleaned streets, picked up trash, cut lawns and stenciled water drains to help keep this community looking like a place to call home. It was amazing to see the community come out and really get involved and begin the process of transforming this neighborhood. Along with the clean-up days, we were able to hand out 25 recycle bins and impact three areas in the neighborhood that had become ugly dumping sites and now is being transformed into beautiful flower gardens! As we venture into the winter months, we will be putting a plan together so that we can come out in the spring and continue the success in making this neighborhood a beautiful and exciting place to live, work and worship!



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



WE CAN ACHIEVE!!

On Friday, August 17, 2012
Druid Heights / We Can Achieve Program
celebrated our young people who are
"Making A Difference"

A special thanks to Guest Speaker Councilman Nick Mosby, who gave great words of encouragement to the youth and Capital One Bank, for their amazing Financial Literacy Workshop, DTLR who provided our food and STAR for doing HIV/AIDS testing. On stage is Mr.

Kelly D. Little, Executive Director and Councilman Nick Mosby. If you know young people needing the support of the program, please contact Mr. Adrian Muldrow, Program Director at amuldrow@druidheights.com

THE HAUNTED HEIGHTS

Wednesday, October 31st, 2012 Druid Heights Youth Ambassador Program successfully celebrated their 3rd Annual Nightmare in The Hood Haunted House! The turnout was unimaginable with students from William Pinderhughes Elementary and Booker T. Washington Middle School dressed as goons, vampires, princesses and celebrities.

The grand opening to the Haunted House was introduced with a performance by Druid Height's own G*SQUAD Step Team. The girls put on a wonderful show educating the audience touching subjects such as Gang Involvement, Violence, and STD's, Safe Sex, and Drugs.

There were two Halloween costume contest for Girls and Boys with prizes and plenty of Candy to give away.

The festivities were scary but fun from 6PM-8PM. The line never slowed down and we were even surprised to have Channel 11 News come through and feature our event later that night.

Youth Ambassadors Tavon Benson and Shaleece Williams put a lot of hard work into this Haunted House. They started with a Candy Drive and posting bulletins around the community. They gathered props and did make-up for volunteers. They would like to extend an over the top THANK YOU to all candy drive donors and volunteers who made this event a great success.

See You Next Year If You Dare!



Thank you to all of our 2012 Haunted House Candy Drive Donors

Betty Alston • Bryan Austin • Marshall Cullens • Darius Leak
Aziz Housseini • Andre Fisher • Maria Lopez
Jerylin Manning • New Baltimore Contractors LLC
Edward Grant Jr. • Roscoe Johnson III • Anthony Pressley
Senator Verna Jones-Rodwell • Nina Shipley • Nemi Trent
Travis Winder • Elliott Dodge

THE G SQUAD

The G*SQUAD Step Team is a group of girls in grades 6-9 who meet 3 days a week for group and personal development. Not only do the girls rehearse stepping techniques but study and interpret into their step performance topics such as Gang Violence, Teenage Pregnancy, Drug Use and Importance of Education.

The Mission of the G*SQUAD States "As apart of my team: I Promise to Support & Encourage My Sisters, Push them toward their Goals and Reach their Full Potential. I will never give up on my team, for I will never give up on myself!"



Pictured left to right:
Khayla Laws 9, Deaundra Fisher
(Team Captain) 12, Cheyenne
Andrews 11, Ja'tierra Brooks 5,
Janiya Mantilla 11,
Tyese Laws 12.

The girls are fully dedicated to their sport and were performing for the community event "Night Mare in the Hood Haunted House" Halloween 2012.



The Wells Fargo Housing Foundation Awards Druid Heights CDC a "Leading the Way Home Priority Markets Initiative Grant" in the amount of \$90,000.

Pictured from left to Right is Mr. Kelly Little, Executive Director and Mrs. Chloe Williams, Director of Housing Counseling and Homeownership Opportunities with Mr. Stephen Briggs, Senior Vice-President of Wells Fargo.

TRAIL OF TEARS

Sunday, October 14th from 12:30 until 2:00 pm, The Garden Church along with community residents decided to do something about the sting of violence in the community. Everyone was invited to join the prayer walk known as "The Trail of Tears". Joel Kurz, Pastor of the Garden Church, led the walk as prayers were lifted at each site, along with a picture of the victims and a beautiful rose to honor their memories. At each site of violence, the people gathered as they joined hands and hearts and prayed for the city of Baltimore. At one site, a mother over heard the group praying and told them that her only son was shot in another part of the city and just how much the pain has cost her. With the heart of a broken mother, Pastor Joel and the Garden members rallied around to pray. They also specifically prayed for the Druid Heights CDC to really impact the lives of those in the Druid Heights/ Upton Community with services that would transform the hearts of our neighbors. "Our hope is that Druid Heights CDC and the churches of the community can come together and change lives and stop the violence once and for all.

