



DRUID HEIGHTS
Community
Development
Corporation

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 efforts to recognize individuals making an outstanding contribution to the community, The Druid Heights Trumpet and Newsletter salute Ms. Yvonne Wilson.

Dear Ms. Yvonne, thank you for the enormous mark you have left on our lives and our hearts. You were more than a colleague; you were a guiding light, a source of inspiration, and a dear friend. Your memory will continue to inspire us, and your legacy will live on in the work we do and the way we do it.

Ms. Yvonne Wilson served with the Druid Heights team for over five (5) years. She always had a smile on her face and was "ready to serve" all community

residents. Ms. Yvonne was our Admin/Support and Intake Specialist however she served with all the departments of Druid Heights CDC. These departments included Community Outreach, summer youth camp, Housing Counseling, ReEntry and Real Estate. Most recently Ms. Yvonne took on the task of Druid Heights's Healthy Food Initiative and started collecting canned food items for the Druid Heights Food Program. Ms. Yvonne we will continue to remember your dedication and uplifting spirit. Thank you for being our "Angel" here in our Druid Heights community and beyond.

Executive Director's Corner

JohnDre Jennings

Greetings to our community residents, stakeholders, and friends of Druid Heights Community Development Corporation (DHCDC). On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we welcome you to the Spring edition of Druid Heights Trumpet and Newsletter. As we celebrate our 50th year of service, we continue to press forward. I'm excited to continue serving with the Druid Heights team and look forward to continuing to connect with residents and community members throughout the Druid Heights community.

We welcome the Spring/Summer to our Druid Heights community! We are "Springing Into Action" with several projects moving forward in our 50th year of serving the community! This year we continue to move with the spirit of servitude, sharing resources and services throughout the summer months. DHCDC continues to connect with our residents through our departments which include Community Outreach, ReEntry Program, Housing Counseling, and Real Estate Development. Through these programs and services, DHCDC strengthens lives through community partnership, community development, and community outreach efforts.

During the past months, DHCDC has been able to partner with community stakeholders to assist with providing summer programming to our youth and families! We have partnered with several organizations which include Youth Clean & Green Team, Baltimore Civic Works, PNC Bank Baltimore Community Foundation and Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods. Through partnerships, DHCDC continues to engage our youth in our Druid Heights After School Program. The youth programs include Health & Wellness, Druid Heights STEAM Academy, and Youth Clean & Green Team. DHCDC is also able to continue supporting individuals who are working to return to society. Through our ReEntry Program, DHCDC can partner and connect with stakeholders to continue providing workforce development and life skills training to over thirty-five (35) individuals.

DHCDC continues to build homes through our Bakers View Homeownership Development Project. We were excited to celebrate the continued Bakers View Homeownership Development Project! The Bakers View Project focuses on affordable homeownership within the Druid Heights community. While we are providing homeownership opportunities, DHCDC is also able to create sustainable partnerships to provide housing counseling support for families. DHCDC continues to serve individuals as a HUD Certified Agency, serving over 400 individuals every year. The Housing Counseling Team connects with our community members through our First Time Homebuyer Workshops, One-on-One Counseling, Reverse Mortgage, and Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). Through these programs and services, DHCDC can assist families who want to purchase, maintain, and sustain their homes in Baltimore City.

As we move forward during this year, DHCDC will continue to empower our residents by creating long-lasting community partnerships, providing equitable community development practices, and creating sustainable outreach efforts within the Druid Heights community. We hope that you enjoy reading about the programs, projects, and services that we will continue to offer to our community residents in Druid Heights and the greater Baltimore community. As always we look forward to seeing you in the Druid Heights neighborhood!

Yours in Service,
JohnDre Jennings

Upcoming 2024 Community Meetings

Saturday, May 25th
Saturday, June 22nd
Saturday, July 27th
Saturday, August 24th
All meetings begin at 1pm

First-Time Home Buyers Classes

Saturday, June 1st
Saturday, July 13th
Saturday, August 3rd
Saturday, September 7th
All classes are from 9am-4pm
Call in advance to reserve a seat.

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Druid Heights Community Development Corporation's Healthy Food Initiative

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation's Healthy Food Initiative is a weekly initiative that serves fresh fruits, veggies and meats to over 30 individuals and families in partnership with Whole Foods. Over the past year we have served over 2000 bags of food to individuals and families. Druid Heights CDC has dedicated our Healthy Food Program program in honor of Ms. Yvonne Wilson - Wilson's Food Pantry Program. Ms. Yvonne worked tirelessly along with Druid Heights dedicated staff and volunteers. The Healthy Food Initiative is held every Thursday from 9am-11am. For more information about the program please contact our main desk at 410-523-1350 or info@druidheights.com.



MLK Young Ladies Youth Day

Special "Thank You" for the partnership with Y.E.S. Club



Getting To Know Your Elected Officials Rock Your Vote

Get To Know Your Elected Official is an Annual Event every January during our community meeting. Druid Heights CDC is an opportunity for the community to get to know their elected official and legislative agenda. The panel included Council President Nick Mosby, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Senator Antonio Hayes, Councilman James Torrence, Councilman Eric Costello and Comptroller Bill Henry. Your vote matters! Visit Maryland Elections for more information www.elections.maryland.gov/



Druid Heights Men's Wrap

Our Re-Entry program focuses on ex offenders that are just released from prison. We provide case management and biweekly rap sessions. For more information contact Mr. Andre Fisher at afisher2@druidheights.com.



Druid Heights Adult Education Programs

This year marked the return of the Druid Heights Pre-G.E.D Adult Education Program. This Winter/Spring cohort worked with 8-10 students. Druid Heights CDC partnered with PreGED facilitator Nathalie Tarver to assist with the program. Stay tuned for Fall course offerings. For more information contact info@druidheights.com.



West Baltimore RICH Collaborative

Druid Heights CDC continues to serve our community through the Health and Food Equity Initiative. Druid Heights CDC continues to partner with Whole Foods and University of Maryland through The West Baltimore RICH Collaborative. The West Baltimore RICH Collaborative addresses racial cardiovascular disparities by focusing on hypertension, social determinants of health, and social isolation. The collaborative employs principles of innovation in partnerships to build a sustainable, replicable infrastructure to serve as the foundation for clinical and community-based interventions. The West Baltimore RICH Collaborative's shared agenda of reducing isolation and cardiovascular health disparities is pursued through a learning collaborative approach headquartered at the University of Maryland School of Nursing as the home organization for the project. For more information contact Tavon Benson at tbenson@druidheights.com.



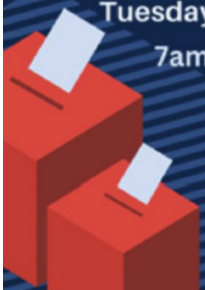
Druid Heights Community Cleanup

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation celebrated Earth Day with our Annual Spring community clean up on April 20th, 2024. We also celebrated our 4th Cohort of Youth Environmental Stewardship Program! This was in partnership with Amtrak volunteers and Clean Corps. The volunteers participated in spruce up efforts for our green space which included Gold Street Park, Archway Park and the upcoming Etting Street Park. Special Thanks to Baltimore Community Foundation and Bmore Beautiful! If you are interested in working with our Green Thumb Club please contact Tavon Benson in our Outreach Department at tbenson@druidheights.com



•• WHAT'S NEWS IN THE HEIGHTS! ••

2024 PRIMARY ELECTION
ELECTION DAY
 Tuesday, May 14th
 7am to 8pm



Super Grow and Container Workshop

Led by:
 Brittany Coverdale and
 Michael Cornish



Join us for an informative workshop on how to grow super foods in containers!

Date: Saturday, May 18th, 2024

Location: Druid Heights Peace Park (Druid Hill Avenue and Bloom Street)

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Take your plant home with you!

Questions?
 Phone: 410-523-1350
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Summer FUN CAMP

JULY 8 - AUG. 9, 2024

**ST. PETER CLAVER CHURCH
 BALTIMORE, MD**

CAMP HOURS
 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

PICK-UP
 2:30 P.M.

TO REGISTER, CONTACT US AT :
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Thank You!

- Residents of Druid Heights
- Mrs. Charlotte Tires, Community Volunteer
- Mayor Brandon Scott
- Council President Nick Mosby City Council
- Senator Antonio Hayes, Maryland's 40th District
- Congressman Kweisi Mfume, 7th Congressional District
- U.S. Senator Ben Cardin
- U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen
- Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development
- Baltimore City Department of Planning
- Commissioner Alice Kennedy, Dept. of Housing
- Councilman Eric Costello, 11th District
- Councilman James Torrence, 7th District
- Comptroller Bill Henry
- Jason Johnson, Black Wall Street Charm City
- Mr. Deitrick Goodwin, Piano Instructor
- Mr. Edward Lewis, Owner, Hardware Plus
- Fulton Bank
- The Furniture Bank
- Baltimore Community Foundation
- Patterson Ashbury A.M.E. Church
- St. Peter Claver Pius V. Roman Catholic Church
- St. Martins Church of Christ
- Morgan State University
- Volunteers Un-tap
- District Court of Baltimore Office Community Service
- Whole Food Market
- Ms. Renata Southard, City Planner
- National Wildlife Federation
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Moms on Demand
- Tree-House Project
- Mr. Eugene Tilghman
- Wells Fargo
- George Mason Mortgage
- Neighborworks
- Baltimore Community Foundation
- PNC Bank Foundation
- Bank of America Foundation
- Verizon Foundation
- New Baltimore Contractors, LLC
- P&J Contracting Co. Inc.
- C.L. Myles Contracting
- Shante Colbert & Family
- Chesapeake Bay Trust
- Tom Phillips
- Baltimore City Police Department Western District
- Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

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