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**Greater Greenmount Community Association Plans Major Neighborhood Cleanup in Barclay**

Baltimore, MD, April 29, 2021-Greater Greenmount Community Association (GGCA) president Linda Johnson has announced a major cleanup in the neighborhood of Barclay, to take place over a period from the 5th of to the 19th of July, 2021.

“Over the last few years, there has been a huge amount of waste scattered on the streets of Barclay, and being left unattended. When we, as an association, were spreading awareness about pollution in the Chesapeake bay, we noted that Barclay didn’t have the best air quality. As an association that cares about the neighborhood, we find that concerning in the least, because it can have a serious, negative impact on the residents, and on the community as a whole. The cleanup we are planning is a chance to bring the community together, against a common problem, and help people understand that they can face issues like this united. That a change for the better is possible, both for Barclay, and for any other neighborhood. And we want the residents to become agents of that change. We need every volunteer available.”

The decision to organize a cleanup was based not only on the need to get rid of waste, but also on studies claiming that a clean neighborhood can boost the morale of its residents, encouraging them to tackle issues even larger in scale. Furthermore, ridding the neighborhood from waste can give more artistic space to graffiti artists, whom Barclay is famous for. The event is being funded by the CRAYON fund, supported by the Central Baltimore Partnership, and relies largely on the participation of volunteers guided by GGCA members. Should the cleanup be successful, further such events are being planned for the future. More information about this initiative could be found at [www.greatergreenmount.org](http://www.greatergreenmount.org).

**About GGCA:**

The Greater Greenmount Community Association (GGCA) has as its goal the improvement and revitalization of the neighborhoods of Barclay and East Baltimore Midway. This is done through innovative projects that engage the community, and build a brighter path into the future. It is our strong belief that residents should be proud and responsible for their community, making a contribution to every project, whether it is a gathering, a competition, or the construction of a new building. We look forward to new and exciting endeavors in the neighborhood.