

# ***THE BROOKDALE BUGLE***

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## **President's Comments**

Rarely in the history of an organization is there a change so fundamental that it affects the entire structure. The Brookdale Citizens' Association may be approaching such a change. The possibilities will be discussed at this year's annual meeting, and it is critical that your officers learn how you, residents of Brookdale, feel about the change.

Your Executive Committee reached this point through the belief that Brookdale must gain more control over the use of land in our community. You should already be aware of concerns about tear-downs, the controversy over "mansionization," and the political debate over restrictions on the height of houses. In all these issues, the decision makers have seemed far away, not readily influenced by what we think would be best locally. The wish to bring the decision process closer to home is not limited to Brookdale; other communities have been looking for solutions to the problems they encounter including a request for a moratorium on tear-downs.

One solution is for Brookdale to become a municipality. A bill now in the Maryland legislature would assure that all municipalities would increase control over land use. There are, of course, many implications of making Brookdale into a municipality, and the outcomes depend on the details of what path we might take. Some implications are presented by Steve Heyman in this Bugle. I urge you to read Steve's article and to think about the possibilities before the annual meeting when the issue will be discussed. This will not be the final vote on status as a municipality, but the eventual proposals will depend on this immediate discussion.

Another possibility for Brookdale depends on County legislation now being drafted. A section of Montgomery County Park and Planning has a grant to study Brookdale

in depth. It believes that Brookdale "has integrity and character and has not yet been subject to the teardown trend to a strong degree." Planners are now documenting Brookdale's characteristics. The final document could be used for protective action should we seek to use it. Namely, the legislation in the works would create a number of "Neighborhood Conservation Districts." These would result in "floating zones" within which development could be limited, and there would be more flexibility than registry for "historic preservation." Neighborhoods would apply to become such a District, and part of the application would require documenting characteristics as the current survey will do. We have not committed Brookdale to applying for status as a District, but this remains an alternative.

So there will be much substance for consideration at the annual meeting. Read the box for other items on the agenda. We will try a different event this year after addressing business: We invite newcomers to stay around to talk with longer-term residents. This implies that it would be good for old timers to be available. It will be your choice on whether to continue serious discussion of Brookdale issues or to learn more about your neighbors.

I hope to see you May 17.

*Dave Montgomery*

For the meeting agenda and a proposed amendment to the Brookdale By-Laws, please [see the community page](#) (then return to this *Bugle* with your 'back' button).

## **THE VILLAGE OF BROOKDALE?**

- *Steve Heyman*

Should our neighborhood become a municipality? That is the question that some unincorporated communities in Montgomery County are exploring as they seek new ways to maintain the quality and character of their communities.

Brookdale has grappled with development around our neighborhood for years. Now,

**Will this cost me more money?** No new taxes are required to incorporate. In fact, all municipalities receive 17% of local income taxes paid by residents through the County piggyback tax. They also are eligible to receive highway users revenue, and, where there is a local expenditure for duplicative or complementary services, are eligible to receive funds for trash collection (which we all pay as part of our property tax bill) or police collection. It is up to each individual municipality to decide whether

like our neighbors in other parts of Bethesda and Chevy Chase, we face the threat of "mansionization" within our community. This issue, coupled with the County's seeming unwillingness or inability to add certainty to this process has led many in Bethesda and Chevy Chase including the Brookdale Executive Committee to explore ways to ensure that our neighborhoods continue to be great places to live and raise families.

One tool that several communities are actively exploring is becoming municipalities. There are currently 156 incorporated municipalities in Maryland. They range from Baltimore City the largest city in Maryland to Barnesville in Northern Montgomery County which is one of the smallest. Since 1982, five new municipalities all in Montgomery County have been incorporated.

Although it is impossible to lay out all of the issues in this article, we wanted to provide some background so that if Brookdale residents believe that this is a path worth exploring, we have the basis for starting a neighborhood conversation at our annual meeting in May.

**What services can a municipality provide?** The authority each municipality assumes varies widely and is based on the responsibilities that a community wants to take on. For example, most municipalities provide basic services such as trash collection, while others take on tree planting, leaf raking, snow removal, street cleaning, police patrols, street signs,

it wants to levy additional taxes as well. To give you a sense of this, one municipality in Chevy Chase that is similar in size to Brookdale levies a tax of 2 cents per \$100 of assessed value and collects only \$28,000. Its overall budget is about \$300,000.

**How does a community incorporate?** Maryland state law lays out the ground rules for incorporation. At a minimum, a community must contain 300 residents. [Brookdale meets this requirement.] Within an 18 month period, proponents must get petitions signed by at least 20% of the qualified voters and 25% of the owners of assessed property OR 25% of qualified voters. Once the petition process is completed, the organizing committee works with the County to hold a hearing, present a charter, obtain County approval of the charter and put the new charter up for referendum by the proposed municipal voters.

**What are the arguments for incorporation?** There are three main arguments for incorporation. First, those of us who know people who live in municipalities have probably heard them praise the services and the sense of community fostered by living within a municipality. It's the old argument that the government closest to the governed governs best. Second, at a time when Montgomery County is growing rapidly and frequently seems unresponsive to the concerns of certain communities, the ability to regulate a community of several hundred homes (as opposed to tens of thousands in the entire County) has significant appeal to some. Finally, as the County continues debates over development and other issues, incorporated municipalities given communities stronger, more organized voices than unincorporated citizens groups.

**What are the arguments against incorporation?** The three major arguments against incorporation are the possible duplication of services, the prospect of a new local tax and the fact that incorporation requires

monitor fence heights and make road improvements. Over 100 municipalities exercise planning and zoning authority and 83 provide police protection.

Under current Maryland law, municipalities are limited in their ability to regulate certain types of zoning activities including many of those activities that would be most helpful in blocking mansionization. Legislation is being considered in Annapolis that would authorize municipalities to assume additional zoning authority at their discretion. Should such legislation pass, this year or in the future, municipalities would have greater authority to regulate mansionization within their borders. [As this article went to press, HB1232 had passed 137-0 in the House and was awaiting action in the Senate. It has since passed without opposition in the Senate.]

**Is this duplicative of what the County does?** In most municipalities, the services provided either replace County services (e.g., trash collection) or supplement (e.g., additional police patrols). Most municipalities have at least one paid staff person (often part-time) who serves as a "town manager" and coordinates services and contracts with service providers in the municipality. One town manager described her role this way, "I want to be the best neighbor any of my neighbors ever had." Simply put, everyone in a municipality knows who to call when the trash is not picked up or when a curb needs to be repaired and the response time is usually relatively short.

committed, involved leaders to manage the municipality.

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Clearly the issues surrounding incorporation are complex and require significant discussion. We plan to talk about this issue more fully at the annual meeting in May. If you are interested in obtaining more information or discussing this issue in the interim, please visit the Maryland Municipal League's website [www.mdMunicipal.org](http://www.mdMunicipal.org) or call me at (301) 654-1468.

## **BROOKDALE TRAFFIC ISSUES**

*- Dave Montgomery*

Over the past year, your Executive Committee has spent significant time on the issues concerning traffic through and around our community. So-called cut-through traffic within Brookdale has been a concern for many years, and with increasing traffic on Western and River Road it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to enter and leave the neighborhood. I want to summarize both what I have learned from talking with a County traffic engineer, State highway officials, and representatives of other communities and also what we have done.

The complicating factor for dealing with vehicles driving through Brookdale streets is that traffic laws must be universally applied. In contrast to the system of "permit parking," vehicles or their drivers cannot be distinguished in the law as "local" for purposes of restrictions. For example, a law prohibiting access to a Brookdale street would apply equally to residents and outsiders: to keep outsiders out would also keep residents out. Restricting access to our own homes would be a high price to pay for the reduction of cut-throughs.

If we cannot keep them out, can we slow them down? It may surprise you to learn that the speed limit on residential streets, like those in Brookdale, is 25 miles per hour. To reduce that limit would require literally an act of the State legislature. I was advised to forget about setting a lower speed limit within our borders.

Unfortunately, 25 seems very fast; cars appearing to "whiz" through the streets are, almost always, obeying the speed limit. Even if we thought that an occasional car was breaking the limit, the priorities of the police prevent enforcement of speed laws within Brookdale.

Some years ago, many neighborhoods in Montgomery County requested and received "speed bumps" and other physical means of "traffic calming." County officials today are less willing to install these means, but even before Brookdale did not qualify for them. We just do not have the traffic volume and high speeds required for such installations.

All that is left for traffic control is "education." For two weeks, we borrowed the County's trailer that reports the speed of approaching vehicles. It was placed first on Cortland, then on Merivale Road. The idea of setting up this trailer is to make drivers aware of their speed (and presumably slow down). Unfortunately, we did not see any benefit from placing the trailer here.

In the absence of more bright ideas on dealing with cut-through traffic, we should realize that Brookdale's problems are relatively small. I do not intend to minimize our concern over potential danger a single accident would be too many but, by comparison with other locales, Brookdale traffic is low in volume and speed.

The complementary problem is the high traffic flow on River and Western that frustrates us as we attempt to drive into or out of Brookdale. Even if there is no specific sign posted, it is illegal for vehicles to block access when stopping for traffic lights. Many of Brookdale's access roads do have signs emphasizing that traffic should not block the intersection. We have asked for a more obvious sign on River Road at Baltimore and made an official request from the District of Columbia for a similar sign on Western at Cortland.

### **A MESSAGE TO NEIGHBORS**

*- Mette Tacheron*

For years, the path that extends from Willard to Sherrill Avenue adjacent to GEICO's fence has been a convenient shortcut through our neighborhood. The majority of the path lies on GEICO property except in areas between Saratoga and Sherrill where it cuts across my property. Unfortunately, my backyard is eroding and poses a significant risk to those who attempt to walk through it. As a senior citizen, I lack the energy necessary to curb the erosion and maintain the path for everyone's safety. As a result, I have posted signs in both my front and backyards to discourage people from crossing my property. I have also discussed the possibility of blocking the section of path between Saratoga and Sherrill with GEICO to further dissuade pedestrian traffic through my backyard. I hope those of you that used the path will accept my actions and realize it was not an easy choice to make. I have always

enjoyed the path's presence because it gave me the opportunity to meet many of you.

*The Brookdale Executive Committee has been discussing the path along the GEICO fence and hopes to reach conclusions on the future of each of the three blocks involved. Particularly in light of the decision of the resident expressed above, everyone should respect private property and not walk through her yard. That means no passage of any kind between Sherrill and Saratoga Avenues along the fence.*

### **Progress on DC Intersection Safety**

- Gwen Lewis

For more than a year the District of Columbia has had a temporary barrier erected along River Road at its intersection with 45th St., NW and Fessenden St. The barrier effectively prevents all traffic from making a left turn at this intersection and additionally restricts traffic on Fessenden or 45th Sts. from crossing River Rd. According to Douglas Noble, chief traffic engineer for the DC Dept. of Transportation (DDOT), the issues that have led to this arrangement and that need to be taken into account in any permanent solution are excessive speeding, pedestrian crossing safety, the dangerous angle of the intersection at Fessenden that prevents sufficient sight lines (which has led to many car crashes), and Fessenden's "collector" road status. The options for a permanent solution at this intersection presented at a public meeting March 2, 2006, were a roundabout, a permanent barrier plus further turn restrictions at other intersections, and a permanent "channelized" median barrier with a left turn signal. In the third option, the traffic lights would be installed to slow traffic to the speed limit (25 mph). Excess speed would activate a red light. This "poetic justice" appealed to the assembled neighbors, who described suffering Maryland commuter cars speeding through their alleys now that the barrier is there. I was told that the reason for not simply putting a light at this intersection is that to budget a light merely for traffic reasons could take 2-3 years. Installing one for safety reasons along with other precautions makes the funding easier and therefore quicker. In conjunction with the intersection fix, the DDOT is considering plans to restripe Fessenden St. allowing parking on both sides with the outlines of the parking area on either side (as on Western Av. SW of River). This would effectively narrow

the lanes, and have a "calming" effect on the traffic, according to the experts. Consideration of whether to make 45th St., NW one-way is being left until after the intersection decision is made. Only the first option, a roundabout, would allow 45th St. traffic to have access to the intersection in all directions. A major component of the big picture, according to many, is the need for a traffic light at the intersection of River and Wisconsin to assist with entering Wisconsin. The installation of such a light is awaiting selection of the federal funding category to be used, but is expected to be completed this summer. DDOT is expected to recommend a solution prior to April 13th. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) is scheduled to meet on April 13th and is expected to decide at that time whether or not to accept the DDOT recommendation. Once a decision is made, the River/Fessenden/45th intersection improvements will take 9-10 weeks to design followed by contracting with a firm to engineer the intersection. Cost estimates range from \$230,000 to \$330,000.

### **Down Memory Lane**

- *Gwen Lewis*

*We continue in this issue with more stories of early Brookdale.*

Another second generation original homeowner is Rick Jones living at 4702 Dover Road with his wife Lynn. According to Rick, his uncle Stanley Lightbown was the architect for the Brookdale homes. Stanley's uncle, Cooper Lightbown, was the builder. Stanley and his wife, Sarah Jones Lightbown, originally lived at 5013 Brookdale Road but later moved to 4704 Dover Road, a duplicate of Rick's house but reversed. 4702 and 4704 share a driveway and are certainly among the smallest homes in Brookdale with two bedrooms and a single upstairs bath. 4702 is unmodified with 4704 improved with a deck and finished basement. Rick's Dad, Donald, started as a runner for the old Union Trust Company at 15th and H Streets working his way to Vice President and Treasurer at the time of his retirement. Rick's dad and mother, Margaret, moved into the newly constructed home at 4702 in 1936. Rick arrived on the scene in 1942 and lived with his parents until marrying Lynn, his high school sweetheart from BCC, in 1967. Rick and Lynn lived in a Battery Lane apartment until 1971. At that time the elder Jones' decided to move into their own apartment and Rick and Lynn bought his old house. They have lived at 4702 ever since raising one son, William Arthur (Bill). The Joneses think that all the houses from

Brookdale Road to Keokuk, including Dover Ct., are Lightbown houses, with the possible exception of 4804 Dover Ct. They have an ad for Brookdale with pictures of 6 houses named with the original owners' names. The ad reads

### **Brookdale**

"A COMMUNITY OF DISTINCTIVE SMALL HOUSES"

Forty discriminating home buyers have found this a delightful place to live.

A visit will convince you of the charm and merits of this community.

We sincerely invite you to "Ask the man who owns one."

Upon visiting Brookdale you will find a pleasing group of houses noted for their  
artistic

design and good construction.

Although most of our houses have been sold before completion, at this time we have  
available two houses attractively priced.

For added comfort they have air-conditioning and screened porches.

These Are Electric Kitchen Health Homes

Brookdale is one block beyond Western Ave. and River Rd. on River Rd., 2 blocks  
beyond

46th and Fessenden Sts.

**COOPER LIGHTBOWN & SONS**

**Builders - Owners**

Rick Jones recalls the winters of his childhood were snowy. He and the other children sledded on Dover Road all winter when he was about 6-8 years old. River Road was a 2-lane ride through the deep woods. He remembers sitting on his father's lap driving down River Road with high banks on right and left. The area now called Boundary Park, which was donated by Cooper Lightbown as a park-conservation area, was mowed with a horse-drawn blade. As he got older and was allowed to cross Western Av., he and other kids played various types of ball in Bayard Park. The kids went to Westbrook Elementary School, to Western Jr. High School (7, 8, and 9th grades), and to BCC for high school. The area where Little Falls Parkway is now was a wilderness

that the kids played in, riding their bikes through the woods down to a baseball field on the southeast corner of Massachusetts Av. and Little Falls, S of the creek. Trains were still using the tracks (where the Capitol Crescent Trail is now) to go into Georgetown. There was a quarry on the other side (N) of the railroad tracks. Kids played in an old smokehouse associated with the old (Loughborough?) mansion above Little Falls Parkway.

In thinking about the larger neighborhood, Rick and Lynn reported on the businesses along Wisconsin Av. and Western during the 1950's. Hecht's (formerly Woodward & Lothrop's) was a driving range. A restaurant called the Silver Fox was the only business located on the Mazza Gallerie site. It faced Wisconsin. Howard Johnson's restaurant was in the triangle where Metro is now. It was not a drive in. Paul Brothers' Oldsmobile was on Wisconsin Ave. across from Paul's Liquor Store. The Pauls lived at 4705 Dover Rd. McDowell Brothers Garage was located where the Boeey Monger's is at the corner of Wisconsin and Jenifer. The rest was unimproved land.

Another early resident, Sara Best, reports that when she moved into Orchardale in 1951, the Shoemakers, who owned the farm that makes up most of Brookdale, no longer lived in the original farmhouse at 5305 Saratoga. Their daughter Mary Shoemaker Bopp resided at 5300 Saratoga with her husband Rudolph, 2 daughters, and granddaughter. In the next lot, the Mary kept a cow, chickens, and a rooster that would wake the neighborhood. She used to plow the field in the spring. Rudolph was informally called the Mayor of Orchardale because he greeted all newcomers. Mary Bopp's brother lived on the third floor of their house. When her brother died, Mary held the funeral in her home, gathering some neighbors to help with the service. Frank Bartlett played the trumpet and sang at the funeral and Sara Best played the piano. Mrs. Best also recalls how the whole neighborhood of women and children would meet in the mornings at Merivale and Saratoga with their strollers and end up having coffee at someone else's house. There were five sets of twins in the neighborhood at that time. Her identical twin daughters (4th and 5th of her 5 children) were one such set. She recalls the neighborhood as populated with young families, much as it is becoming today, she notes.

## **Brookdale Home Sales first quarter 2006**

*- Kathleen McElroy*

There are three houses available for sale in Brookdale and one under contract:

4706 Dover was listed 2/17 at \$815,000 and is now reduced to \$775,000.

5020 Park Place is back on the market at \$1,645,000

4618 Harrison St. is a new house, now completed, and is on the market for \$1,699,000.

5100 Westport was listed at \$1,350,000 and went under contract in 10 days.

It appears the greatest danger in marketing a house and getting it sold is overpricing. However, pricing has been a real challenge: reports of houses having sold quickly are not always reliable and too much emphasis on those can result in pricing a house too high. In the "olden" days, agents generally priced at the last settled price for similar houses and let the market raise the price. But houses were generally more uniform than they are now. There has been a tremendous explosion of renovations including partial or full renovations of bathrooms and kitchens, landscaping and good use of color (sometimes very bright one needs a sure touch for that sometimes in muted colors of various shades of taupe, sage green and blues) but almost always light and airy with simple but elegant furnishings.

I reported in early January that there were 152 houses on the market in Bethesda and Chevy Chase (5 zip codes virtually all within the beltway) with two thirds over one million. Now there are 246. However, the list of houses under contract and sold and settled shows a different pattern:

Houses for sale 3/28/06 246; 96 under \$1,000,000; 99 between \$1 and 2 million and 51 are between \$2 and 8.750 million.

Houses under contract: 163: 93 are under a million and the vast majority are in the \$700 and 800 thousand range; 52 are between 1 and 2 million with the majority of those under 1.5 million. And 17 have sold between 2 and 5.795 million., all but 2 under 3 million dollars.

Houses sold and settled since 1/1/06: 66 were under one million; 24 between 1.037 million and 1.855 million; and 5 between 2 and 3 million.

Obviously, the most popular prices are in the \$700s and 800s and in the higher ranges between 1 and 1.5 million. In 1997, 160 sales were reported in residential sales at over 1 million dollars. In 2005, 3680 sales were so reported. I recently noted in the Bugle that in 1995/96, the worst years I remember in the last 33 years, any sale over one million dollars was reported by the Washington Post.

*Kathleen McElroy is a resident of Brookdale and a real estate agent who provides this information as a service to Brookdale.*

## **Transitions**

### Death

Helen G. Wright of 5303 Willard Ave. died February 7, 2006 at the age of 92. Mrs. Wright had lived in Brookdale with her family since 1941. Her husband Ira died in 1987. We express our condolences to her three children Gloria Stepp, Ira Wright III, and Joan Durbin.

### Births

Nora Dudwick and Igor Barsegian of 4859 Park Avenue have welcomed a daughter into their family. Naomi Gabriela Dudwick was born on Sept. 27, 2005. Her older brother Ariel Michael Dudwick is in second grade at Westbrook Elementary School. Jeanene Laird and Michael Ryan, and brother, Frederick welcome Francesca, born January 2006.

Alison and Leif Eskesen welcome Anabella, born March 22, 2006.

## **THE FAMILY CORNER**

*- Barbara Ingersoll*

*One in a series of occasional articles devoted to exploring inexpensive, healthy, and enjoyable activities that can be shared by family members of all ages.*

We've all seen the headlines: "Obesity Crisis in American Children!" Although the so-called "obesity epidemic" might be big news as far as the media are concerned, it doesn't come as a shock to most thinking folks that many thousands of American

children are overweight, outofshape, couch potatoes at risk for a variety of serious health problems. Children in Brookdale are probably at lower risk than the average American child, thanks to savvy parents who serve wellbalanced meals and limit time their children spend instant messaging, playing video games and watching the tube. Brookdale parents realize that one of the greatest gifts they can give their children is a lifelong love of physical exercise.

The question, though, is how best to go about this. What kinds of activities are there in which parents and children can share the benefits of exercise? One of the few that comes to mind is yoga. An ancient mindbody technique that originated in India, yoga involves changing the body and the mind through breathing techniques, postures and meditation. We know that any activity that counters the harmful effects of chronic stress is good for us, and the health benefits of yoga have been well documented. Yoga enhances heart health by improving circulation and reducing high blood pressure, particularly the diastolic (lower) number, which is the most crucial. Studies also have documented increases in strength and flexibility as a result of yoga. New evidence indicates that yoga is helpful in relieving chronic back pain. Finally, the effects of yoga on brain functioning have been demonstrated with neuroimaging techniques such as PET scans.

But is yoga appropriate for kids? Yes, says Annie Mahon, director of Budding Yogis, a program affiliated with Circle Yoga in Chevy Chase. At Budding Yogis, classes are available for children from infancy through the teens. According to Annie, yoga builds stronger bodies, improves flexibility and provides a way for youngsters to distress. And, as she points out, a yoga session might be one of the few noncompetitive play experiences a child engages in all week!

There is even some evidence that, by influencing neurotransmitter activity, yoga can help children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Children who have other special needs can also benefit; Annie teaches a class in therapeutic yoga for such children. Weighing the pros and cons of yoga as an exercise program for children and families, the pros are clear: yoga involves no fancy equipment, no demanding practice schedules, no away games, no dependence on the weather, no stressful

competition, no injuries. There are no age limitations. And, because yoga spans the generations, it is a form of exercise your child can practice throughout life.

The cons? I really can't think of any, so why not give it a try? [Budding Yogis/Circle Yoga is at 5615 39th St. NW, Suite 100 (2026861104).]

*Dr. Ingersoll, VP of Brookdale S, is a child psychologist in private practice.*

### **Brookdale's High School Graduates**

*- Fiona Carson*

#### **Bethesda Chevy Chase**

Ethan Benjamin Sherrill Av.

Brandon Conradis Saratoga Av.

Ray Farris Western Av.

Aniko Horvath Saratoga Av.

Thomas Richman Overbrook Rd.

Rachel Tripp Sherrill Av.

#### **Sidwell Friends**

Ethan Hochheiser Merivale Rd.

#### **Blair**

Nathan Beary Blustein Cooper Ln.

#### **Georgetown Prep**

Noah Meissner Brookdale Rd.

#### **St. Andrews Episcopal School**

Abigail Olson Overbrook Rd.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE?**

Want to be part of a Brookdale Yard Sale this spring?

If there is enough interest, Brookdale will sponsor a sale on May 13 by placing an ad in The Washington Post. If you want to participate, you must call Michael Oliwa at 301-951-3635 **ASAP**.

### **Fourth of July Parade**

The annual 4th of July Parade and Party will be held starting in Brookdale Park. The specifics will be announced closer to the date on the web and in posted notices. Please call Maureen McRaith at 301-718-7399 to volunteer to help.

### **Brookdale Electronic Bulletin Board**

Join the secure electronic bulletin board established for Brookdale eyes only. Become a member of the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Brookdalecitizens/> and following instructions. If you join the group, you will be able to share e-mail addresses and read posted messages from other members.

### **Brookdale Listserv**

The Brookdale Citizens' Association Listserv is another way to communicate. Simply send an e-mail with "subscribe" (no quotes) in the subject line to: Brookdale-request@comjet.com to join.

### **Classified Ads**

Drum Lessons Beginners to Intermediate, Pop, Rock, Jazz Cody Hochheiser, 301-718-1971; Sidwell Jazz Band, Blues Alley Youth Orchestra, excellent with children.

### **Geriatric Care Services**

My mother's wonderful "elder companion" has hours available for geriatric care services, including shopping trips, outings, doctors' visits, and in-home companionship. For references and information, call Barbara Ingersoll (301-229-2897)

### **Teens Seek Work**

Annika Glennon, 12, babysitting and pet sitting.  
Ian Glennon, 14, any kind of yardwork/dog walking/pet sitting.  
Harriet Carson, 13, babysitting/dog walking/pet sitting.

Emily Carson, 16, babysitting/dog walking/pet sitting.  
Margot Sanne, 12, babysitter extraordinaire, Certified Safe Sitter.  
Sarah Sanne, 14, experienced babysitter.  
Josephina Silva-Lopez, 14, babysitting/dog walking/pet sitting; babysitting certificate.

#### Help with Housework

Reliable, meticulous, experienced housekeeper available now. Brookdale references; all papers in order. Could also give cooking and/or cleaning services part-time in exchange for room. Please call Margarita at 301-498-9846.

*The classified section of the Brookdale Bugle is provided as a service to Brookdale residents, who may place ads free of charge. A fee of \$15 will be charged for ads placed by non-residents, and all ads are subject to approval by the Brookdale Citizens' Association Executive Committee.*

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#### ***Bugle Deadline***

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