

THE BROOKDALE BUGLE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For this edition of The Bugle, I am pleased to report significant progress on two improvements to Brookdale and one development on the "Development" front.

Improvements in and around Brookdale

First the good news — thanks to the hard work and persistence of so many, Brookdale Park now has brand new playground equipment! It took a while—over 5 years from the date promised—but the early reviews, particularly from the under 10 crowd, are very positive. Many, many of our neighbors were involved in making this new park possible over several years, but I want to say a special word of thanks to Marina Bowsher, Fiona Carson, Maureen McRaith, Mikel Moore, Ashley Olters, Peter Smith, Laurie Sparling and others whose persistence in recent

I am pleased to report that when NED finally filed their site plan amendment, they reduced the size of the coffee stand to 650 square feet and the only additional retail space that they are seeking is the conversion of the previously designated management office for a grand total of 2,650 square feet.

Having said that, some have raised the question of whether NED— or any developer—ought to be able to revisit final site plans to modify them after a final decision has been reached and development begun. NED's proposal raises questions of finality and precedent. On the other hand,

months really pushed this project over the goal line. See [the article](#) on the "Grand Opening" for Brookdale Park on April 26. Also in the "new and improved" category, Brookdale North will start to see new curbs and street repairs as part of the "Renew Montgomery" initiative launched several years ago by the County. Practically speaking, over the next several weeks, we should start to see crews in the neighborhood ripping out and replacing old curbs (although after the scheduling issues surrounding Brookdale Park, I'll believe it when I see it!). For those of you who have no curbs, as a result of the petitions that were signed several years ago, you will be getting curbs where the County determined that it is feasible to install them. While replacing curbs, the contractor will distribute information about how you can get your driveway apron (the part that is on the County Right of Way) replaced at a relatively low cost. This is entirely optional, but my father had this work done by the County's contractor several years ago in Bethesda, and it was a pretty good deal. You may have also noticed that a good number of street trees in Brookdale are now sporting orange spots on them. This is the County's way of marking dead or dying trees for

when I asked for comment on the Listserv in January, most of the feedback from neighbors in Brookdale was positive with most expressing interest in a coffee stand at the location described. As of press time for the Bugle, a date for Park & Planning to review NED's proposal has not been set yet so there is still time to make your voice heard. If you have an opinion on this issue, please feel free to contact me or one of the other officers of the Citizens' Association.

Public Safety in Brookdale

No report from me would be complete without a reminder to take any valuables out of your car at night, lock your car doors and please report any suspicious activities to the Montgomery County Police Department. There were a few incidents in recent weeks over in Westmoreland Hills of property being taken from individuals' cars, so we all need to be vigilant.

A Word of Thanks

I would like to thank two outgoing members of the Executive Committee for the Brookdale Citizens' Association. For the past three years, Suzanne Richman has served as our Treasurer. Besides being a strong advocate

removal. After these trees are removed, you can order a new tree from the County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Highway Maintenance Division by calling (240) 777-6000. The County arborists will offer you a choice of several trees to replace your old trees. You may be aware of the concerns region-wide that our tree canopy is rapidly shrinking. Shade trees planted in Brookdale in the 1930s are now in their elder years. Many trees have been removed in home renovations. Please help expand our tree coverage by planting new trees or requesting street trees from the County.

Developments on Development

As reported in the last edition of the Bugle, the New England Development Company (NED), the entity that is developing the old Hecht's site, has applied to the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission (Park & Planning) for a site plan amendment. NED's original proposed amendment sought to add 8,500 square feet of retail space to their project. Of the 8,500 square feet, NED sought to add 1,000 to 1,200 square feet between Bloomingdale's and the corner of Western and Wisconsin Avenues for a coffee stand, and to convert a 2,000 square foot-space previously slated as a management office into a retail space. We repeatedly pressed NED to identify where the

for Brookdale and our natural surroundings, Suzanne has been the person who ensures that we keep our books balanced and collect dues each year. Sarah Jessup has been our Secretary for the past two years and is the person responsible for the biannual Brookdale Directory. Although Sarah and her family are relatively recent additions to the neighborhood, we are grateful for her contributions. Please join me in thanking Susanne and Sarah for their service. Finally, I would like to say thanks for giving me the chance to be Brookdale's President for the past two years. It has been a great way to get to meet more of my neighbors and to make an impact in ensuring that Brookdale continues to be a great place to live. While the challenges facing Brookdale in recent years (other than the rash of thefts from autos) have not been as dire as when the Friendship Heights Sector Plan was under consideration, I am pleased that Brookdale and Boundary Parks were renovated with new equipment and trees, respectively. Assuming all goes according to plan, we should have new curbs, dead trees removed and much of our community "renewed" by Summer.

remaining 5,000 square feet of retail that they were seeking (under a complicated formula tied to the size of the Whole Foods store) and until recently, they were unable or unwilling to do so—even to the point of refusing to rule out using current open space in the future.

Going forward, I encourage you to get more involved in our community — and not just at the Fourth of July or Halloween. Brookdale is what we make of it and I'm glad I had the chance to help make it a little better.

On May 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. the Brookdale Citizens' Association will hold its annual meeting in the Westbrook Elementary School cafeteria. We will elect new officers and discuss issues of concern to all. I encourage you to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Heyman

Schedule on Wisconsin Place — <i>Bob Cope</i>	
Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomingdales and retail A and B (wings behind Bloomingdales)
Fall 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental Apartment Building • Community Recreation Center (but County will take an additional six months to fit it out)
April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Foods • Office Building • Retail C (small two-story building on Wisconsin) • Kiss & Ride, additional lane on Wisconsin, reopening of Metro entrance, and tree lined median on Wisconsin Western that is on the plaza and adjoins Office

Meeting on New Community Recreation Center

The Montgomery County Department of Recreation will hold a town hall style meeting on programming for the new community recreation center located on the Wisconsin Place site. The meeting will be at 7 pm on April 21 at the Friendship Heights Village Center. Be there!

INTERVIEW WITH ROGER BERLINER

—*Gwen Lewis*

Roger Berliner represents District 1, which includes Brookdale, on the Montgomery County Council. He is one of 5 members representing geographic districts; the other 4 are elected "at large." Mr. Berliner has been on the council 16 months. On March 20th Mr. Berliner graciously gave me a half hour of his time for a telephone interview for the Bugle. The Planning Board's initiative on "Teardown/Mansionization" resulted in a bulletin issued August 2006. When asked about this initiative, Mr. Berliner told me that the Infill Development Task Force met for 6 months and wrote rules he feels provide protection for communities from mansionization. Neighborhood Conservation Districts per se were not supported by the community and business representatives on that task force, he says. (See

and is permanent law stating that any development can close a sidewalk or road for a maximum of 15 days. Because of his efforts with Permitting Services, Clark Construction was fined over the extended closure of a lane on Arlington Road. He says that he cannot take credit for the new wooden walkway along Friendship Blvd, but will look into the lack of walks around the rest of the Wisconsin Place site. Mr. Berliner's major legislative effort has been the proposal of 7 bills with 26 initiatives on global warming. All have been acted on by committee and will be on the Council Agenda on April 22, Earth Day. He is seeking a requirement that 12 months of utility bills be given to new owners. This is important because energy consumption by homes is a major source of green house gas

[Mr. Berliner's website \[URL revised\].](#)) On R-60 residential lots (all of Brookdale homes are zoned R-60), currently, no more than 35% of the lot may be covered by the home and accessory buildings.

There are a number of reforms that will give neighbors more input on new in-fill buildings and home expansions.

Berliner's recommendations are to unlink size of homes from their zone and to make them proportional to the size of lot. Lots less than 6000 sq. ft. would be reduced to 30% of the lot, and this would decrease by 1% for every 1000 sq. ft. increase in lot size. When asked how likely these bills are to be passed by the Council, Berliner said he expects a close vote.

I asked whether the county budget will outfit the Community Recreation Center being built on the Wisconsin Place site. Mr. Berliner told me that the present proposed Council budget has \$180,000 in it for operating the center and that the Planning Board plans to submit a request for another \$400,000 to outfit it.

An issue of concern to some Brookdale residents is the blocking of roads and sidewalks during development. Berliner initiated a road code bill amendment that has passed

emission. He is very disappointed that his initiative to require new homes to meet energy-star standards of the EPA was defeated in committee due, he feels, to others' concerns about the additional expense for developers at this time. He says that he will continue to fight this battle. He is lead for Energy and environment on the Transportation and Environment Committee of the Council.

When asked about possible expansion of recycling in the County, Mr. Berliner said he has been behind the Bethesda Green initiative that is installing recycling bins in public places. In addition, he has been involved in a 2-community competition to have children gather and recycle metal.

In line with his efforts to protect the environment, Mr. Berliner is formulating legislation for the protection of trees on individual lots, and has formed a task force to work on this legislation. One of the provisions of his global warming package is to require the County Executive to develop a Tree Canopy Action Plan. In addition, he says the Forest Conservation law is likely to be strengthened. Further, Mr. Berliner is involved in an initiative to promote bike use

through expanding the number of bike paths in regional master plans of Park and Planning.

Working Memory: Is Yours Working?

—*Barbara Ingersoll*

Have you ever gone to the kitchen for a drink of water, then stood there wondering, "What did I come in here for?" Ever put the toothpaste in the refrigerator while unpacking groceries? Lost your train of thought in the middle of telling a story? Read a page and realized that you had no idea what you had read? If so, you've had a momentary lapse in working memory; that is, the ability to hold information in mind while using it to guide thinking and behavior. Working memory develops from childhood through adolescence and peaks at about age 25. After that, working memory begins to decline, with deficits becoming more noticeable—and more disturbing—as we age. Baby-boomers laughingly call them "senior moments," but they don't find them amusing. In fact, an entire industry has sprouted to support the boomers in their quest to keep their minds, as well as their bodies, in good shape.

years to develop such training programs but, until recently, there's been scant evidence to support their efforts. In fact, as a clinical psychologist with almost 40 years of experience in treating AD/HD, I'm skeptical of treatments promising miracle cures for AD/HD—or for anything else, for that matter. Indeed, I've written a book urging parents and professionals to beware of such treatments if they are not supported by solid research. Evidence-based Interventions. However, the research on a computer-based, at-home training program known as Cogmed Working Memory Training was so compelling that I traveled to Stockholm, where the program was developed at the famed Karolinska Institute, the largest biomedical research institution in Northern Europe and the institution that awards the Nobel Prize in Medicine. When I came home, I began using the program in my clinical practice and I've been gratified with the

Working Memory in Daily Life. Working memory is crucial for countless everyday activities, ranging from cooking to calculus. Meal preparation, for example, involves combining ingredients in a specific order for individual dishes. Then, the cook must time and monitor every dish so that all are ready to be served at the same time, with each at its peak.

In the classroom, math computation involves holding precise bits of information in working memory as each step is entered into the equation. Reading comprehension involves working memory, since the meaning of each sentence must be held in mind as the next is read until the end of the paragraph is reached. Written assignments put enormous demands on working memory: while holding the overall plan in mind, the writer must organize the contents of each section and subsection into a coherent whole—all the while mindful of sentence structure, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and even how individual letters are formed or typed. Whew!

For people with working-memory deficits, daily life can be difficult. Students with such deficits—many of whom are also diagnosed with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder—struggle in school because they can't follow

results. It's been particularly exciting to be involved in such cutting-edge work and to see the changes that such a training program can bring about. I've been impressed, too, with the fact that the changes I've seen tend to be very long-lasting: in fact, follow-ups out to a year after training show that gains are maintained over the long haul—not surprising since brain imaging studies have shown actual changes in the brain following training.

The program has been used successfully not only with individuals with AD/HD, but with those whose working memory has been impaired by stroke and traumatic brain injury. In fact, the program may benefit veterans who suffer from brain injury incurred in the war in Iraq, an application that is being actively explored.

Are There Alternatives? I'd be the first to say that the Cogmed Working Memory Training program is less than perfect. Success rates are in the range of 80-90 percent and, although that's about the same figure for stimulant medication, the program is more costly in terms of money and time, at least in the short run. And, sadly, it isn't covered by insurance at this time.

Are there promising alternatives?

instructions, recall what they've read, or remember to turn in their homework. In the workplace, people with working-memory problems often miss deadlines, lose important papers, and arrive late for critical appointments. Home life, too, suffers: the inability to hold information in working memory means that daily routines are hit-or-miss, with pets going unfed, laundry not done, and bills unpaid.

Can Working Memory Be Improved? Can we train the brain, much like we train our bodies? Can mental exercises really enhance the brain's ability to hold more information in working memory? Neuroscientists and other have tried for

A short cruise on the Internet will turn up many less costly programs that promise to train working memory. But these programs, while glitzy and full of testimonials, can't offer hard data to back up their claims so it's "buyer beware."

Note: Interested readers can obtain more information at www.cogmed.com or can contact me at barbaraingersoll-at-msn.com.

Dr. Ingersoll is a child psychologist in private practice with expertise in treating children and adolescents with learning, attention, and behavioral problems.

Brookdale's 2008 High School Graduates

—*Fiona Carson*

Congratulations to the following residents who will graduate from high school in June!

Sidwell Friends

Cody Hochheiser Merivale

Bethesda-Chevy Chase

Matthew Bechtel Dover Rd.

Walter Beller-Moralis River Rd.

Emily Carson Westport Rd.

Ian Glennon Dalton Rd.

Reid Lawrence Park Ave.

Morgan O'Marra River Rd.

Best wishes guys, and good luck for the future!

CCCFH to Address Proposed Changes to Wisconsin Place Site

- Norm Knopf

At its April 16th meeting (to which all are invited at 8 p.m. at the Somerset Town Hall) the Citizens Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights (CCCFH) will discuss and vote on the issue of whether to support New England Development Company's (NED) proposal to amend its Wisconsin Place site plan to add additional retail space. Part of the proposal is to add a small (650 sq ft) building to house a coffee shop in the area that is now plaza, along Western Ave. near Wisconsin. The purpose is to help "activate" the plaza. Another 2,300 sq ft of retail space is to be added by converting storage space and a management office at another location near the plaza, next to the recreation center. This also is aimed at activating the area. At the last CCCFH meeting, everyone liked having a coffee shop and keeping the plaza activated. However, to achieve this would require a very unusual interpretation of the zoning code as well as a parking waiver. There seemed to be agreement that such precedent would be very undesirable and could come back to hurt the community in the form of greater development for future projects e.g. on the Geico tract.

get around this cap, an usual interpretation (read "fudged") is offered of what square footage counts toward the overall cap and retail cap. A total of 2,950 sq ft that would normally be considered coming within these caps is removed, thus " freeing up" the new square footage for the coffee shop and additional retail square footage where there was an office and storage. The additional retail would also require two more parking spaces for which a waiver is requested. Hopefully answers to the following questions will be obtained before voting on the proposal:

1. Why won't this precedent be applied to other developments to our the community's detriment?
2. If the coffee shop, etc. is so important, why won't NED eliminate the equivalent retail space in the huge development to use it for these new locations.
3. Why not locate the coffee shop at the opposite side of the plaza, with open air seating etc., as a replacement for the traditional closed door retail stores now proposed at that location?
4. The plans now call for a number of movable carts selling items in the plaza to "activate" it. Why not have a large movable cart/ food stand that could sell coffee, with outdoor

<p>David Gilmore of NED will address CCCFH at the next meeting to try to change minds and get support. The Sector Plan placed a cap of 1,090,000 sq ft on the total New England Development, of which 750,000 sq ft is retail plus an additional 40,000 sq ft for a grocery store. Only the County Council can lift the cap—a time consuming process. In order to</p>	<p>seating, to serve the same function as the proposed 650 sq ft building. The cart presumably would not count toward the square foot caps of the Sector Plan. <i>Norm Knopf is a zoning attorney, a past president of the Brookdale Citizens' Association, and a founder of the CCCFH.</i></p>
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Help Protect and Improve Little Falls Stream Valley Park

—*Suzanne Richman*

A stewardship group called Little Falls Watershed Alliance is being formed to help the Little Falls Stream Valley Park. An initial meeting was held at St. Dunstan's Church on March 2. This park has become progressively less healthy and overgrown, and many of us realize that we need to become involved in order to improve it. The scope of the stewardship group will be defined by its members. We have started to form committees on trash collection, storm water management and water quality, and removing invasive plants. If you are interested in becoming part of this worthy effort, please contact Suzanne Richman at 301-951-0365 or Suzanne_Richman--at--hotmail.com. If you are a certified Weed Warrior with Montgomery County Parks and are interested in helping, we are in the process of setting up dates to meet at the park and work on the invasive plants.

TRANSITIONS

—Compiled by Sarah Jessup

Births

Pierre and Christine Habib of 5326 Saratoga Avenue welcomed son Michael in October 2007.

Born on February 2, 2008, to Mike Adlin and Helene Krasnoff of 4600 Dalton Road, a baby boy named Heath, a brother for Rebecca.

Newcomers

Andrew and Carolina Renart now live at 4808 Park Avenue.

Celebration

Amelia Charlotte Menefee, of 4701 River Road, celebrated her first birthday on Monday, the 25th of February, and was christened at St. Columba's on Easter Sunday, March 23rd.

Death

On January 25, 2008, Loretta Fioretti of 5306 Westport Road died of lung cancer. She came to Washington from Italy with her parents in 1945, and the family took up residence in Brookdale in the mid 1950s. She was a dedicated dental hygienist and real estate agent who took great pride in maintaining the most beautifully manicured lawn and garden in Brookdale. She continued on in the house after the death of her mother Olga in 2000. Her daughter Roberta Viola Cordova (Andrew) lives in Laurel.

If you are a newcomer, we hope you have already received a warm welcome. We would like to publicize your presence and other transitions in the Bugle. Please send items to the secretary, as listed on [the website](#).

Five Historic Houses

—Gwen Lewis

Shoemaker Family Farmhouse

The original Shoemaker family farmhouse is located at 5305 Saratoga Ave. It is thought to have been built in the 1890s. The original three-bedroom, two-bath house was located on Shoemaker Lane (called Saratoga from at least 1950). From the top floor you could see Virginia and the Blue Ridge Mountains in the 1950s. At least two children of the Shoemakers, Mary and Ruth, were

The house is the same style but larger than the house at 4520 River Road, in the District, that was built in 1897 and is owned by the Monashes' son. A native of New Jersey, Rich spent 30 years in the Navy as a Surface Warfare officer. He is currently a program manager in the information technology field.

The Ball House

Timeline:
1713 Lord Baltimore grants patent for this land to Colonel Thomas

born in this house. Ruth, who never married, represented the district in the state legislature for many years and lived on River Road. Mary married Rudolf Bopp in 1920, and remained in the neighborhood all her life. When Arline and Samuel Gordon bought the property in January 1950, the house was owned and lived in by Mr. Vigeland, who had purchased it from the Shoemakers, they believe. He was a construction overseer for a number of houses built in Orchardale in the 1940s and 50s. There was a well on the property and a barn that was torn down to build the Gaist house next door. During 1954 or 55, the Gordons experienced a fire in their home. As a result, they moved into another Orchardale house for six months, while their house was repaired and expanded to include three more bedrooms and a new sitting room. These renovations entailed removing a large porch. Mr. Gordon worked for many years as an administrative law judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mrs. Gordon has designed and furnished many large dollhouses.

The First Bopp House

Mary Shoemaker and Rudolf Bopp were given some of the family farm land on which they built a house in 1921. The house was basically a farm house. The exterior was stone on the lower half

Addison and James Stoddart.

1899 Tract deeded by Frank E. Murray to John D. Croissant,

George W. Rickett, and Galen L. Tait, as joint tenants. Eight

months later the parcel is divided into lots and boundary park is

dedicated. 1905 Bertha Ball is born to George Ball and his wife.

1911 The existing lots are sold to George Ball.

1913 George Ball builds house.

19__ Bertie Ball marries William E. Wise.

1950s George Ball dies. Bertie Ball Wise and Bill Wise buy

house and move back into Bertie's childhood home.

1960 William E. Wise listed in Chevy Chase Directory as foreman at Shell Elec.

1987 Bertie Wise dies. House passes to her daughter Billie Minnamen, whose children live in the house until 2007.

2007 House purchased by Bob and Judy Cope from Wise grandchildren.

According to Bob Cope, Bertha Ball Wise said that her grandparents

built the house at 5062 Park Place about 1915 (records say

1913) on land that consisted of two lots. She lived in the house

until she married William Wise. The family never owned a farm

in conjunction with the house, although there is a small barn at

the back of the site, adjacent to Brookdale Rd.

When she and her

husband bought the house, they also bought and added an extra

lot which was farmed as a vegetable garden.

When the Copes moved to Brookdale Rd. in 1975,

with siding above. The first floor had a living room, dining room, and kitchen with a tiny side room with a suspected ice room underneath.

The second floor had four bedrooms and a bath. Its

address became 5317 Baltimore. Most of the surrounding land was in orchards around that time.

In the 1950s, Mary Bopp built another house at 5300 Saratoga and moved her family there, selling the house on Baltimore to the Schumanns. In 1960, Reginald G. Pocock, a cabinetmaker with

Lank Woodwork, and his wife, Millicent L. N. Pocock, were the

residents. "That explains all the cabinetry," said current resident

Astrid McHugh.

In 1986, Boyd and Astrid McHugh bought the property. Astrid

McHugh reports that then there were two cherry trees and an apple tree from the original orchard. Now only one cherry is left.

She thinks the property probably stretched from Baltimore to

Saratoga originally. The house exterior by then had asbestos siding

instead of wood. Over the years a side screened porch was

added between the dining room and side room, and a basement bathroom.

The McHughs, in 1994-95, remodeled to enclose the porch and

add a powder room and master bath. In 2002, they removed the separate garage, added a family room and

Bob started

helping Bertie with the yard and her vegetable garden. She told

him that the original road was Park Place, not Western Ave., and

he thinks she meant that Park Place went through to River at one

point. (This is shown to be the case on early maps.) Bertha lived

there until she died in 1987. Because the Copes were close with

Bertha, her family asked Bob to be a pallbearer at her funeral.

The house was in her family until last year, when Bob and Judy

Cope bought it. Brookdale Rd. curves because when the subdivision

of Brookdale was plotted, Wise wouldn't give any of his land

for the road. Hence, there is no right of way on Brookdale Rd.

alongside this particular property.

Bob and Judy have already been renovating the house and yard.

Bob is an attorney in private practice involved in transportation

law, and Judy Cope, M.D., works in the Commissioner's office at

FDA. Their three children were born and raised in Brookdale:

Christopher (27), Suzanne (25), and Stephanie (21).

The Menefee House

The house at 4701 River Road was built in 1918. It started life as

a wood-frame American Salt Box-style house with living room,

dining room, and kitchen on the first floor and three bedrooms

and bath on the second. It had a porch, which

mudroom to the house,
and built a covered front porch.
This house has a friendly, male ghost who appears
only when
there are babies in the house. From the nursery,
he could be heard
coming up the stairs.

The McHughs have two children, Carrena (now 20)
and Brad
(now 16). Astrid is a kindergarten teacher at the
Maret School;
Boyd is a manager of the Ski Center in D.C.

The Sullivan House

In 1903, Daniel F. Sullivan built the house at 4704
River Road on
six acres of land. It was surrounded by fruit trees.
Originally, the
house was a classic four-square building with three
stories,
probably of Queen Anne style, with front and back
porches. The
house is known to have changed hands around the
time of the
FDR administration to someone associated with
the Netherlands
Embassy. The story goes that Eleanor Roosevelt
visited the home
at that time, probably more than once, to
experience the cooler air
away from the city.
By 1928, at least one house (on Overbrook) was
built on land that
was originally part of the Daniel F. Sullivan
property. By 1938,
five acres of the property were subdivided into lots
that eventually
would have 15 more houses built on them along
River Rd., Newport
Ave., Overbrook Rd., and Keokuk St.
In the 1940s or 50s, John F. Davis, an attorney for

later was screened,
then glass-enclosed, and now is a room. A "den,"
a wood paneled
room with a fireplace, was added in the 1940s,
according to a
neighbor. You will notice the house is closer to
River Road than
other houses. The property is quite large, almost
1/4 acre, partly
because the county abandoned the right of way
intended to continue
Keokuk Street through to Wisconsin Ave. The
prior owners
of this home and the neighboring property
bought the abandoned
land from the county and split it between them.
We do not yet know about the early ownership of
this house or
property. During the '40s the Kupper family lived
in this house.
Their son Henry attended Bethesda-Chevy Chase
High School
(with resident Millie Imirie) through 1947, after
which the family
moved away before Henry could complete high
school. According
to the 1960 Chevy Chase Directory, the residents
were Thormod
A. and Agnete F. Andersen; he was an economist
for the
World Bank. By the late '60s, the house was
empty, run down,
and lived in by hippies. So Jay Wohlfarth, who
was building new
houses around it, took it over and fixed it up.
Robert H. and Faye Brooks Purl purchased the
home in the 1979.
Faye worked as a teller at Riggs Bank and later
bought and sold
antiques. Robert was an attorney for the Federal

the Justice Department, bought the house. He added a swimming pool in the mid-50s. Davis became chief clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court during his career. In 1982, his son Marcus acquired the property. During the Davises' ownership, the house was modified to convert the kitchen into a dining room; to remove the wall dividing the front and back parlors; and to add a new kitchen. In September 1993, Richard and Diane Monash bought the house on one acre of land. Their extensive restorative work on the house and expansion of the kitchen took nine months. Since moving in, the Monashes have added a small family room at the back. The Monashes take pride in keeping the house and property close to their original state. The house is filled with period antiques, in line with Diane's business in her shop "River House" on Macomb St. The original chicken coop had to be removed for safety's sake, but they retain the pad of its original location as well as other outbuildings.

government. Mrs. Purl had a laundry room built to the back of the house in her later years. Bernadette and Patrick Menefee purchased the house in 2001. Since then they have been renovating their home. They added a two-story addition to the back of the house to increase the master suite to include a bath and to add a bedroom to the ground floor. They have moved the functions on the first floor around considerably. They replaced siding with new wood siding and have continued to install hardwood floors to match the original flooring. In painting the exterior, 11 coats of paint had to be stripped, and shutters uncharacteristic of the type of house were removed. The outside has been painted a subdued yellow. Bernadette, who is Irish, is a manager of human resources for Intelsat. Patrick, who is from Rockville originally, is a construction superintendent for Bovis Lend Lease. In 2007, their daughter Amelia was born.

House Sales in Brookdale

From January 1 through March 31, 2008, real estate transactions in Brookdale were:
5020 Park Place, listed for \$1.525 million on 2/4/08, under contract

on 3/26/08. 10,669 sq. ft. lot; 6 bedrooms, 5 full baths; built 2001.
4815 River Road, listed for \$485,500 on 2/23/08, still active as of
4/2/08. 5394 sq. ft. lot, 2 bedrooms, 1 full bath; built 2000.

New Playground at Brookdale Park

—*Marina Bowsher*

With Spring finally here, it is the perfect time to enjoy a brand new playground in our neighborhood. That's right—after much anticipation and some lengthy delays, the new playground at Brookdale Park officially opened on a crisp blue day the Friday before Easter. The playground is located on Dalton Road immediately across from the green space adjacent to Geico. The playground reconstruction was a culmination of many years of work by numerous Brookdale citizens, some of whom have children who have long since outgrown the playground. Without the foundation their hard work laid, however, we would not be enjoying the new equipment that you find there today. The new playground was purposefully designed in neutral tones of dark brown, burgundy and green to blend in to its natural wooded environment. There are two separate areas that make up the playground. In the middle of the park, there is an older child play structure with three slides, a rock climbing wall and monkey bars, just to

name a few of the highlights, along with a swing set containing four swings. At the top of the park, stands a younger tot structure with two tot swings nearby. A swing designed for children with special needs was planned for the playground, but inadvertently excluded during construction. The oversight has been brought to the attention of the Department of Park and Planning and we have been assured that the swing will be provided in short order. It will replace one of the current swings at the playground. In addition, the Brookdale Citizens' Association will continue working with Parks and Planning to add new trees surrounding the playground area. Whether your children are young or grown or if you do not have children, I hope you stop by and check out the new addition to our neighborhood. A party celebrating our new park will be held at the park Saturday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m.) Please bring something yummy to share.

New Parents Play-group

The New Parents Play-group is poised to restart its weekly meetings starting in April. The New Parents Play-group is an informal play-group for new parents or caregivers in the neighborhood.

The Play-group meets on Wednesdays between 3:30 - 5:30, weather permitting, at the Brookdale Park Playground.

All are welcome!

Westbrook Kindergartners-To-Be Play-group

A new informal play-group has been formed this spring to allow the neighborhood children entering Westbrook Elementary School kindergarten this fall an opportunity to meet each other in the relaxed setting of a playground. The play-group is scheduled to meet every Thursday at 3:30 at the Brookdale Park playground and every Sunday at 10:30 at the Westbrook playground. Come to as many or as few as you choose. The play-group will run from the beginning of April until the third week of August. The goal of the play-group is to allow our children to see some familiar faces when they walk into a new classroom, with a new teacher at a new school come the end of August. If you have any questions, contact Marina Bowsheer at [marinabowsheer--at--comcast.net](mailto:marinabowsheer@comcast.net) or 301-215-7667.

Classified Ads

Bridge Players Sought: We are looking for a couple who would be interested in playing bridge. One of us is a good player; the other is mediocre. We enjoy the game but do not take it too seriously.

June Miller—301-951-9417

Child Care: Recent college graduate (May '08) will be available for child care weekday & weekend evenings, and any time Sunday and Monday, beginning May 26. Experienced babysitter and

pre-school aide; excellent driving record. References available.
Contact Hilary at 301-325-0178 or hl231767--at--muhlenberg.edu.
Party Entertainment: The Party Masters. Character-themed Parties.
Face Painting. Balloons. Games & Magic. See our characters
at www.thepartymasters.com; call 301-907-6853. New characters
added are Hannah Montana, Alice, and the Mad Hatter.
Masters Degrees in Drama and Education.

Pet Sitting: Brookdale school teacher will care for your dog or
cat in your home. Reasonable rates from an experienced pet sitter.
Call Brooke at 301-907-6853.

Private Tutor: Reading, writing, history, science, and drama. 7
years' teaching experience in Montgomery County. Elementary
Ed. K-8 BA and Master's Degree. Your house or local library.
Rate \$45/hour. Discount for more than one child per house visit.
Contact Aaron Houghton at 703-606-0201 or
houghtonaaron--at--hotmail.com.

Scanning Services: Need your files archived? Optical Scanning,
many output formats. Full Service, Scanning, data recovery, payroll,
restore tapes. Call your Brookdale neighbor Don at 703-289-
3005. No job too small, free pick up and delivery.

Summer Beach Rental: Beautiful home in North Bethany, Del.
Ocean View from 3 levels, one back from ocean. 4 bedrooms
include new master suite with private rooftop deck. Classy area,
with gorgeous private beach. See pictures at
www.datarailway.com/beachhouse/ Brookdale owners can be
contacted at shores105--at--yahoo.com with any questions.

Teens Seek Work [Phone numbers for teens are deleted in the web edition. Please
check your Brookdale Directory.]

Tamsen Evans, 15, pet care and sitting, dog walking, and babysitting.

Annika Glennon, 15, babysitting, yard work, and pet-walking.

Katherine Potocka, 14, certified babysitter. Will also cat-sit in her home.

Harriet Carson, 14, babysitting/dog walking/pet sitting.

Emily Carson, 17, babysitting/dog walking/pet sitting.

Margot Sanne, 14, babysitter and pet care, (certified and experienced)

Josie Silva-Lopez, 15, babysitting, dog walking, petcare; babysitting certificate.
Victoria Silva-Lopez, 13, babysitting, dog walking, and petcare.

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

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