

Brookdale *bugle*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Podolske

Dear Brookdale Residents,
Since the issuance of the last Bugle I am pleased with this note to briefly report on a number of positive events and development issues.

Brookdale Gatherings Since the Last Bugle

- Larry Broadwell gave an excellent and well-attended presentation on regional civil war trails at the home of Jocelyn Samuels and Thomas Olson on February 16th. To obtain a copy of "The Hiker's Guide to Civil War Trails in the Mid-Atlantic Region", for which Larry was the editor, principal writer, and photographer, go to the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's website (www.patc.net) click on "Our Store" at the top of the page, then on "PATC Guides" in the right column. Scroll down to "The Hiker's Guide to Civil War Trails" and click "Add to Cart".
- Marvin Ott presented a very insightful lecture on China's drive for Asian dominance and the implications for American security at the home of Tamar and David Nicolson on March 30th. (see separate note)
- Marsha Broadwell, a National Zoo interpreter and guide for 22 years, conducted an in-depth and highly informative, 4-hour tour of the National Zoo for Brookdale residents on April 1st (see pictures and separate note).

Upcoming Brookdale Events.

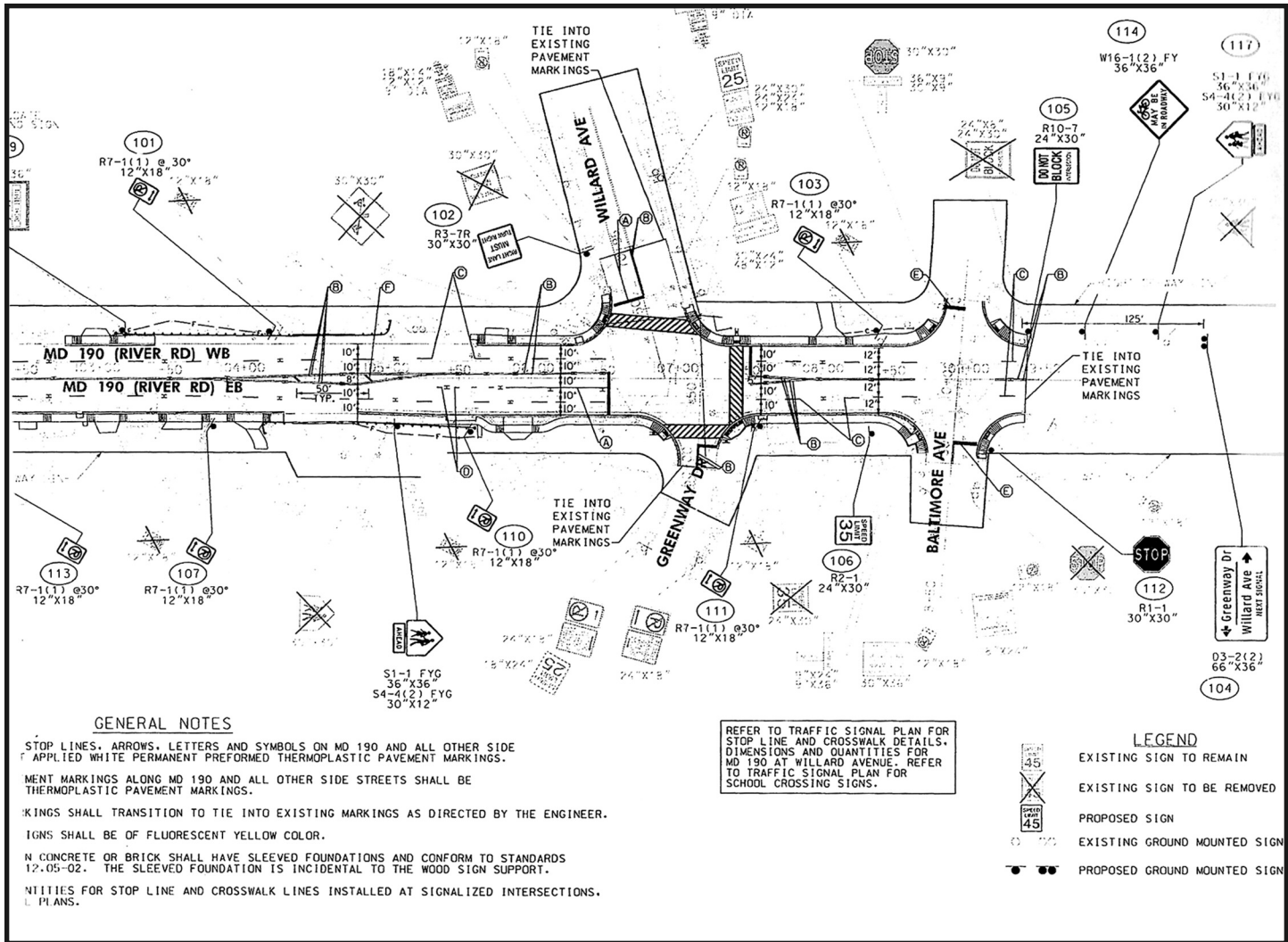
- **Brookdale Yard Sale April 29th.** We will be re-establishing a Brookdale-wide yard sale organized this year by Heather Paul. Please have your sale items outside by 8 am; the sale will begin at 9 am. Signs announcing the event will be posted at the entrances to the Brookdale community and will be announced in area list-serves and Facebook. Each family may wish to post their own signs as well. Please contact Heather if you plan to participate in the sale. The rain date is April 30th.
- **Annual Meeting May 3rd.** The Annual Brookdale Meeting will be held at the Wisconsin Place Community Center. Come socialize with your neighbors over wine and snacks from 7 to 7:30 pm. The business meeting will be from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Topics will include a review of events over the past year, presentation of the annual budget, possible

expansion of the neighborhood boundaries, the election of Brookdale officers, and any other outstanding issues of concern to residents. (see separate note)

- **Brookdale at Home, May 18th.** Amy Rispin will speak about the forgotten history of the nearby African American community that grew up along River Road for nearly 100 years and the mystery of its cemetery. It will be held at her home, 5300 Saratoga Avenue at 7:30 pm.
- **Spring Street Party, May 20th.** We will be having another Spring Street Party in Brookdale South organized by Cynthia and Jack Morton with help from Dover Court area residents. The festivities will be held from 5:30-8:30 pm at the corner of Dover and Keokuk. The rain date is May 21st. This will be a family pot luck. Please bring your favorite appetizer/salad, main dish, or desert and favorite beverage. Residents from both sides of River Road are encouraged to attend.

Addressing Development Issues

- **Development of 5200 Murray Road Property.** Negotiations are continuing with respect to the development of this property, part of which contains an identified burial site. The position of the directly affected neighbors and the Brookdale Citizens' Association is that no development should be allowed on the burial site. A letter to this effect has been sent to Montgomery County and State officials. We are also seeking to ensure that any new construction is compatible with the architecture of the neighborhood.
- **GEICO landscaping.** Discussions will commence soon with GEICO on improving the landscaping of their boundary with Brookdale, in addition to the landscaping improvements that they have made so far. Allison Fultz has become our intermediary in discussions with GEICO. Any suggestions in this regard should be directed to her.
- **Tree planting on Friendship Boulevard.** I am happy to report that based on prompting from the Brookdale Citizens' Association, a Montgomery County contractor has planted numerous trees along Friendship Boulevard on both the GEICO and Wisconsin Place sides of the street.



RIVER ROAD CONSTRUCTION

by Bill McCloskey

River Road construction and paving will be complete by Memorial Day. That's the report from the Maryland State Highway Administration which is months behind in completing a project to repave River Road from the Beltway to Western Avenue. For the last edition of the Bugle, SHA projected a completion by the end of 2016.

"We are scheduled to start milling and paving the week of April 10th. Weather and progress permitting, the work should be complete before the start of the Memorial Day weekend," emailed Christopher Bishop, community liaison for the highway administration for Montgomery County.

A sketch provided by SHA shows the new alignment at the River Road intersections with Baltimore Avenue and Willard Avenue/Greenway Drive adding a left turn lane from River onto Willard from the eastbound lanes of River heading towards the District.

If you have any additional questions regarding this specific project, please contact our project engineer, Mr. Mark McCullough at mmccullough2@sha.state.md.us.

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 The deadline to submit articles, notices, and ads for the September 2017 issue of the Brookdale Bugle is 9 p.m. on August 15. Don't delay.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY ON CORTLAND ROAD

In April 2016, Julian and Stacy Yochum installed a Little Free Library in front of their home at 4510 Cortland Road. Since the Library opened, neighbors have left or taken many wonderful books, including current bestsellers, poetry, children's books, history, mystery, romance ... all kinds of books appear and disappear at the Library every week.

A Wisconsin native, Todd Bol, started building and installing Little Free Libraries in 2009 to promote literacy and share his love of reading. The Cortland Road Little Free Library is a replica of the original Library, a schoolhouse design built to

honor Todd's mother, a teacher and an avid reader. There are now more than 36,000 Little Free Libraries around the world.

This is not the first time the Yochums have shared books. Stacy started a book exchange at her office over 20 years ago, and it's still going strong. Stacy and Julian both love to check the Library daily to see which books have disappeared and which have arrived. Books that don't move after about three weeks are donated to the Montgomery County Library and replaced with new donations. Hope to see everyone soon at the Little Free Library!

METRO ESCALATORS REPLACEMENT

by Bill McCloskey

Metro has announced a major escalator replacement project for the Western Avenue entrance to the Friendship Heights rail station. Work, which is expected to take 2-1/2 years, has already begun.

Metro promises that all entrances will remain open with one escalator from each set being replaced at a time. Access at the bus bay will be via one working escalator and the granite steps. There are three escalators connecting the Rotunda to the level where the fare-card machines are located. Two of those escalators will remain open at all times, Metro said.

The current escalators have been in service since the station opened in 1984, which Metro said means they have "exceeded

their useful life." The new equipment will be "more durable and reliable," Metro said in its announcement.

Some 8100 passengers use the Friendship Heights station a day.

During the same time period Metro will undertake a similar project at the Medical Center station, as part of a system-wide effort to replace 128 escalators.

Additional information about the project and the station can be found on Metro's webpage at <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/details/friendship-heights-escalator.cfm> or <http://bit.ly/2paAtFe>

WILLARD AVENUE PARK

by Manual Ochoa

This past winter, representatives from Brookdale, the Village of Friendships Heights, the Town of Somerset, and the Citizens' Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights met numerous times to follow up with Montgomery County on expansion and improvements to Willard Avenue park. The five-acre park was promised to the community to mitigate increased height within the Village of Friendship Heights in the late 1970's. On December 13, 2016, we met with representatives of the Montgomery Parks Department and Casey Anderson, Montgomery County's Planning Commissioner. Among the items discussed was the rental property at 5320 Willard Avenue, particularly the stockade fence along Willard Avenue. The property has been rented to a family for several years at a reduced rate. Although affordable housing is a laudable goal, the property was bought by Montgomery County with the promise that it would be converted into park use. The County is considering reducing the one-acre parcel in order to add park

land as well as partially or completely removing the 6-foot stockade fence.

A follow-up communication in late January 2017, following a tour of the park by Montgomery County Division Chief, Bill Tyler, includes removal of vegetation, a survey of property bordering the park, and new signage to better mark the entrance to the park. We have learned that the park gets little attention and few amenities and improvements because it is considered a neighborhood park and not a local park such as Norwood. Although the playground is popular with families and the path popular with dog walkers, several area residents felt that parts of the park did not feel safe and could be better utilized. If you are would like to provide feedback on your experience in the park as well as potential park improvements, please contact Manuel Ochoa, Vice President, at mtochoa@mac.com.





The National Zoo tour
Photos by Dick Podolske

MORNING AT THE ZOO

One of the tour’s fun moments: This large male iguana in the zoo’s Reptile Discovery Center was “displaying” — inflating his throat sac and bobbing his head — to warn his female companion to stay off his rock under a warming light. The iguana is more cuddly than he looks. The spikes on his back are soft.



BROOKDALE-AT-HOME GATHERINGS

Please send us any ideas you may have for future Brookdale-at-Home events. These monthly gatherings have been hugely successful and have provided a great way to meet and socialize with our neighbors. There is lots of talent within our community and we would love to hear about any topic you’d like to share. Also, if you’re interested in hosting

one of the evenings, the Citizens’ Association offers a stipend to help pay for refreshments integral to the social time. Please notify any member of the Brookdale Board if you are interested in presenting at or hosting a Brookdale-at-Home evening or simply have an idea to share.



BROOKDALE – AN ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY WORTH PRESERVING

In the midst of ongoing efforts to preserve our neighborhood heritage and greenspace, it occurred to us that many newcomers to Brookdale may not be familiar with the architectural history of our neighborhood. So we pose the following question: What do the builder of Mar-a-Lago, the fourth mayor of Palm Beach, Florida and the designer/builder of Brookdale have in common? Answer: they were all the same person—Cooper Crawford Lightbown. Born near Bladensburg (Maryland) in 1886 and a carpenter by trade, Lightbown moved to Florida in at age 26 and, thanks to Florida's land and real estate boom in the early 1900s, made his name as a builder of luxury buildings and homes, including the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club and the capstone of his Florida career, the 117-room Mar-a-Lago mansion built for E.F. Hutton and his wife (and later the cereal heiress) Margery Merriweather Post.

Lightbown returned to Washington to retire shortly before the crash of 1929. However, financial losses obliged him to return to work – this time designing and constructing

affordable (\$10,000-\$14,000) homes for the middle class in neighborhoods such as Foxhall Village, rowhouses on P Street, and Brookdale. His company, organized as Cooper Lightbown and Sons, began the construction of Brookdale North and South in 1938. Of the approximately 150 Brookdale homes they built, no two were alike. But each was designed with the concept of providing maximum privacy, vistas, and community cohesiveness. While each home had a porch, no porch could be seen from a neighbor's yard and there were no fences in order to enhance the sense of greenspace. All the homes had slate roofs, exterior brick, and screened porches; and the streets were purposely designed without sidewalks to create a less urban "feel" to the neighborhood.

Note: The above was drawn from "A History of Brookdale" by Amy Rispin and is based on contributions by Roberta B. Holt and Campbell Graeub and Paul Drummer to the chapter entitled "Living in Brookdale."

TRANSITIONS

After a year-long renovation, Melissa Junior and Matt Hoyer moved into their home at 4609 Harrison Street. For Melissa this is a return to her roots as this was the house she was brought home to after her birth. Her parents (Don and Jean Junior) purchased the house in 1966 and it served as home-base in between her father's foreign service posts abroad.

Melissa works for The American Society for Microbiology in their Journals Department. Matt is a Senior Political Producer with CNN and is enjoying time back home after a long campaign season covering the 2016 presidential race. They met in 1982 in Holland, and reconnected 8 years ago in D.C.

Welcome back to the neighborhood!

BIRTHS

Katie Hut and Ben Levy are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Alexandra (Sasha) Beatrice Levy born the morning of March 18th. Three-year-old Charlie is delighted to have a little sister. The family lives at 4801 Dover Court.

NOTICES/CLASSIFIEDS

TUTOR: Saba Ebrahim, a sixth grader at Westland, is interested in tutoring math and reading to student in grades 1 through 3. Saba is a Westbrook alum and has been on Westland principle's honor roll every quarter so far this year.

She is willing to negotiate the time and rate with prospective families. Please call us at Saba at (615) 310-0161 or email her at alireza_00@yahoo.com.

PARENTS' HELPER AVAILABLE: I am a responsible 11 year-old who has lived in Brookdale since I was born and am available as a mother's/father's helper after school and on weekends. I am creative, caring, and attentive. I will happily read to your son/daughter, play board games or imagination games, and run around outside with her/him. I am not afraid to get messy with art projects, mud pies, or other fun activities. Contact me, Zaida Bowsher, at 301.215.7667.



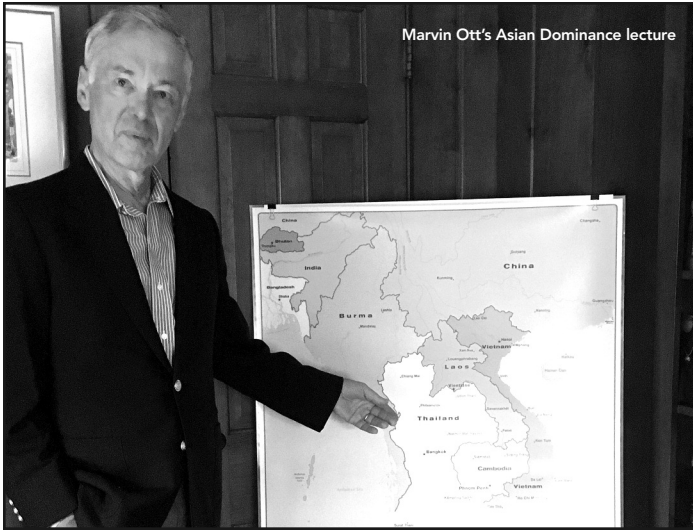


Photo by S. Erdman

BROOKDALE-AT-HOME PRESENTATION BY MARVIN OTT

The rise of China over the last three decades is reshaping international affairs. Since the death of Mao, China has emerged as modern, powerful, and hugely ambitious. China views the regions to its south (Southeast Asia) as its natural sphere of influence and dominance. It sees the US military presence in the region as unwelcome and even illegitimate. This clash of strategic interests/ambitions is centered on the South China Sea where China has engaged in a rapid military buildup while seizing a number of atolls and reefs. The potential for a US-China military clash, either inadvertent or deliberate, is real.

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CAPTAIN

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BROOKDALE AREA DINING GUIDE

by Dick Podolske

All restaurants are located within a 1/2 mile radius of Cortland and Western.
This Guide may need updating. Any suggestions or improvements should
be sent to Dick at rpodolske@gmail.com.

Name	Type	Address	Outdoor Seating	Delivery	Phone	Web	Price
Fast Food / Take Out							
Whole Foods		4420 Willard Ave.	Yes		301.657.1520		
Chipotle	Tex/Mex	4471 Willard Ave.	Yes		301.654.6661	chipotle.com	\$
Sweet Teensy Bakery		1 Wisconsin Circle			301.656.0809	sweetteensy.com	
Karin's Café & Deli		2 Wisconsin Circle			301.657.8822		
Potomac Pizza		19 Wisconsin Circle	Yes		301.951.1127	potomacpizza.com	\$
Starbucks		5454 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		301.652.6317	starbucks.com	\$
Starbucks (The Pavilion)		5335 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.6224	starbucks.com	\$
McDonalds (Mazza Gallerie)		5300 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.1122	mcdonalds.com	\$
Subway (Mazza Gallerie)		5300 Wisconsin Ave.			202.237.0343	subway.com	
West Wing Café (Mazza Gallerie)		5300 Wisconsin Ave.			202.686.5679		
Cosi		5252 Wisconsin Ave.			202.537.9300	cosi.com	\$
Booeymonger	American	5252 Wisconsin Ave.			202.686.5805	booeymonder.com	
Rome Pizza & Sub (S of Garrison St.)	Pizza	5000 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.1414		
Pete's New Haven Style Pizza (S of Garrison St.)	Pizza	4940 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes	Yes	202.237.7383	petesapizza.com	
Spring Garden (S of Garrison St.)	Chinese	4916 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		202.363.1698		
Pizza Boli's (S of Garrison St.)	Pizza	4903 Wisconsin Ave.		Yes	202.244.2800	pizzabolis.com	
Breakfast / Lunch							
Le Pain Quotidien (Shops at Wisc. Pl.)		5310 Western Ave.	Yes		202.499.6785	lepainquotidien.com	\$\$
Panera Bread		4459 Willard Ave.	Yes		301.951.5858	panerabread.com	\$
Lunch Box (The Pavilion)		5335 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.3470	voltlunchbox.com	\$\$
Full Service Dining							
Alfio's La Trattoria	Italian	4515 Willard Ave.			301.657.9133		\$\$
Lias	American	4435 Willard Ave.	Yes		240.223.5427	liasrestaurant.com	\$\$\$
Mei Wah	Chinese	4457 Willard Ave.			301.652.9882	meiwahrestaurant.com	\$\$\$
Capital Grille	American	5310 Western Ave.	Yes		301.718.7812	capitalgrille.com	\$\$\$\$
Sushiko (The Collection)	Japanese	5455 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		301.961.1644	sushikorestaurants.com	\$\$\$
Clydes of Chevy Chase	American	5441 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		301.951.9600	clydes.com	\$\$\$
P.F. Changs (Shops at Wisc. Pl.)	Chinese	5406 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		301.654.4350	pfchang.com	\$\$
Cheesecake Factory (The Pavilion)	American	5345 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		202.364.0500	thecheesecakefactory.com	\$\$\$
The Range (The Pavilion)	American	5335 Wisconsin Ave.			202.803.8020	voltrange.com	\$\$\$
Maggianos Little Italy	Italian	5333 Wisconsin Ave.			202.966.5500	maggianos.com	\$\$\$
Chads	American	5247 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		202.364.8020	chadsdc.com	\$\$
Matisse (S of Garrison St.)	French	4934 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.5222	matisserestaurantdc.com	\$\$\$
Tanad Thai (S of Garrison St.)	Thai	4912 Wisconsin Ave.			202.966.0616		\$\$
Tartufo (S of Garrison St.)	Italian	4910 Wisconsin Ave.			202.243.1071		
Café of India (S of Garrison St.)	Indian	4909 Wisconsin Ave.	Yes		202.244.1395	cafeofindiadc.com	
Le Chat Noir (S of Garrison St.)	French	4907 Wisconsin Ave.			202.244.2044	lechatnoirrestaurant.com	\$\$
Hotel Dining							
Embassy Suites (Willie's-The Pavilion)		4300 Military Rd.			202.362.9300		
Marriot Courtyard		5520 Wisconsin Ave.			301.656.1500		



REAL ESTATE REPORT

by Tamar Nicolson

The Brookdale Community experienced a flurry of action this past year. The information below is for the entire year of 2017.

Address	Rented/ Sold/ Active	List Price/ Sold Price/ Rental Rate	BR	FB	H B	FP L	DO M	Acres	Age
5019 Westport	sold \$1,149,000	\$935,000	4	2	2	2	207	0.186	55
4506 Dalton	under contract	\$1,189,999 / \$1,290,000	3	3	0	1	5	0.184	79
4503 Dalton	rented \$5600	\$5000	4	3	1	2	55	0.142	78
4625 River Road	rented \$3200	\$3000	3	2	0	2	140	0.184	79

Information provided by, Tamar Y. Nicolson, a Real Estate Agent with the Sky Group of Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc. If you have any further questions about this information, please feel free to contact Tamar Y. Nicolson at 240-350-4060 or at Tamar@longandfoster.com. Tamar has lived in the neighborhood since 1998, and lives with her family on Merivale Road.

IMPORTANT DATES

Brookdale's annual meeting will take place Wednesday, May 3, at the Wisconsin Place Community Recreation Center on Friendship Boulevard, in the downstairs meeting room. It will begin at 7 pm. with a wine and cheese social gathering. The business meeting will start at 7:30 pm. It's a great time to learn about what is happening in the neighborhood and to visit with your neighbors. For your convenience we'll be collecting the annual dues (\$30) at the meeting. Either checks or cash are accepted.

Brookdale's Street Family Block Party will take place on May 20

What better way to meet new neighbors, enjoy old and new friends, and explore other parts of our community that attending a block party? The Brookdale Citizens' Association is hosting a spring block party the evening of Saturday, May 20, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Bring a favorite appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert and a beverage to the corner of Dover Road and Keokuk Street in the heart of Brookdale South. There will be fun for the kids, conversation for the adults, and a good time for all. The rain date is May 21.

BROOKDALE REAL ESTATE AGENTS:

The Brookdale Bugle wants to support YOU! We would like to give all Real Estate Agents who reside in Brookdale the opportunity to share information about the Real Estate market and how it relates to our neighborhood in particular. If you would like to be part of this rotation, please reach out to Sibyl Erdman at snerdman@mac.com. We would like to have a different agent represented in the three annual issues of the Bugle and look forward to hearing from you!

NEEDED: TEENS TO DELIVER THE BUGLE.

Three times a year the Brookdale Bugle is delivered to all residents in Brookdale South, Brookdale North, Orchardale, Wohlshire, and a few homes on Willard. We would like a longer list of teens who would be interested in delivering the paper. You'll be remunerated for your help. Please email Sibyl Erdman if you're interested at snerdman@mac.com.

BROOKDALE DUES

Help support our many activities and the Brookdale Bugle newsletter. The fiscal year runs June 1-May 31. Dues are \$30/household. Please send yours to Amy Rispin, 5300 Saratoga, Chevy Chase, MD 20815 or bring your checkbook to the Annual Meeting on May 3. Checks should be made out to Brookdale Citizens' Association.