

GEICO Update

Hearings regarding GEICO's application to rezone 9.9 of their 26 acres will begin on July 6, 1998. The hearings will be conducted by Philip Tierney as the Technical Administrative Law Judge. Any and all interested citizens may testify at these hearings. The hearings schedule is:

July 6-10, inclusive-Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Rockville County Office Building. GEICO will present their case and we will have the opportunity to cross-examine.
July 21 9:30 a.m., Rockville, Citizen Testimony
July 27 9:30 a.m., Rockville, Citizen Testimony
July 29 7:30 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall, Citizen Testimony
August 4 7:30 p.m., Chevy Chase Village Hall, Citizen Testimony
August 10-11 9:30 a.m., Rockville, Citizen Testimony
August 13 9:30 a.m., Rockville GEICO rebuttal
August 14 9:30 a.m., Rockville GEICO rebuttal

The above dates and times are subject to change.

Anyone who shows up for the hearing can sign up to speak. Allison Fultz is looking to coordinate the neighborhood testimony. Please call her at 301-657-3710 if you are interested in the coordinated effort. You can also write to submit written correspondence to the hearing examiner as a way of getting on the record on the issue. His address is:

Philip Tierney, Hearing Examiner
100 Maryland Ave. Rm. 200
Rockville, MD 20850
Office phone: 301-217-6660

Make sure your address is on the letter.

On a lighter Note

So much of our time as a neighborhood has been focused on the GEICO battle that perhaps some positive aspects of our neighborhood have been overlooked. The citizens association is thinking of expanding the newsletter to include introduction of new neighbors, oral histories, current events within the neighborhood, articles written by and for children, and interviews with interesting people here in Brookdale. A Newsletter Committee will be forming and all interested people are invited to attend the first meeting on August 20, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at Joy Sexton's house at 5207 Andover Road. If you plan to attend,, please call her at 301-986-1443. Other ideas being tossed about for consideration are: A block party, a neighborhood trip to the Bowie Bay Sox, a progressive dinner, and involvement in the Little Falls Creek Clean-up.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Brookdale Citizens Association was held on 5/27/98. The following slate of officers were nominated and elected:

Allison Fultz -- President
Tom Reveaz -- Vice President, Orcharddale
Mike Makuch -- Vice President, N. Brookdale
Jordan Harding -- Vice President, Wohlshire
Abner Oakes -- Vice President, S. Brookdale
Andy Colyer -- Treasurer

Joyce Sexton -- Secretary

Many thanks to outgoing board members, - President Dave Montgomery, Vice President Ron Tripp (Orchardale), and Recording Secretary Eric Sanne. Their time and effort on behalf of our neighborhood is very much appreciated.

We have our own Website...

You can keep on top of neighborhood news by visiting the Brookdale website at: www.capaccess.org/brookdale.

Defense Fund

Funds are coming in well, but we have not yet reached our goal of \$10,000. Gifts of any amount are welcome, made payable to Brookdale Citizens Association, c/o Andy Colyer, Treasurer, 4625 River Rd. Bethesda 20816. Please indicate that your donation is for the defense fund.