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Trick o'Treaters

photo by Tamar Nicholson



Carla Ellern teaches residents about "Rainscapes"

photo by Manual Ochoa

PRESIDENT'S REPORT *By Dick Podolske*

Dear Brookdale Residents,
 Since the issuance of the last Bugle in September 2017 our community has remained very active on several fronts. The following is a brief summary.

Brookdale Events:

We are continuing to have monthly events and meetings on a number of topics (see separate articles):

- Flashlight tag in Brookdale Park in September organized by Tamar Nicholson;
- A Rainscaping presentation hosted by Manual and Guiomar Ochoa in October;
- Halloween party in October organized by Tamar Nicholson;
- A presentation by Jeremy Marshall and Hedi Frechette on Indian Health Care and Housing in December;
- In January Sarah Erdman spoke on her Peace Corps experience in Cote d'Ivoire and her highly acclaimed book *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha*.

Communications

Amy and Paul Rispin, with the assistance of the Brookdale Vice Presidents and block captains, are in the tedious and time-consuming process of updating the contact information (names, addresses, phone numbers, and emails) of Brookdale Residents. We are particularly interested in obtaining and updating this information as **it is the primary means by which we are able to contact Brookdale residents of upcoming events and important issues.** We encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to provide your contact information.

Amy and Paul also have been working hard on updating our new web site. You are encouraged to access this site at <https://brookdalecitizens.org>. Please send any comments on proposed additions or improvement to the site to Amy Rispin, Brookdale Secretary.

Other Developments Impacting on Brookdale

GEICO developments. We remain active in maintaining relations with GEICO. A committee led by Adrienne Nassau is monitoring GEICO's plans, yet to be articulated, to change the lighting in its parking lot to improve security. Since this lighting, if not properly handled, has the potential to adversely affect our neighborhood, the plans will be carefully reviewed and affected neighbors will be consulted.

Developer's housing proposal adjacent to cemetery on Murray Road. A neighborhood committee, led by Richard Erdman, is monitoring the developer's proposal to build a house adjacent to the family burial ground of Isaac Shoemaker, whose farm extended from Friendship Heights Village to the area of Brookdale east of River Road.

Willard Avenue Park. Our Brookdale Community as well as Friendship Heights has advocated the removal of a home in the park fronting on Willard Avenue owned by the County to be used for park purposes. It is expected that this proposal will be seriously considered by the county in conjunction with a plan for intensive use of this site.

Bikeway Plans. Montgomery County has forwarded a bikeway plan that will impact our neighborhood and incorporates a proposal that includes a bike path along the buffer with GEICO as well as routes along River Road, Willard Avenue, and the Willard Avenue Park. These proposals will be closely monitored. (See separate article.)

Special Thanks

Enormous thanks to Sibyl Erdman, Editor, and Jim Hicks, Graphic Designer, who give so much volunteer time in putting our Bugles together!

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS NEAR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

By Dick Podolske

There have been a number of important commercial development changes in the vicinity of our Brookdale neighborhood. The following is a brief summary of some of these developments.

Replacement of Panera Bread on Willard Avenue

Panera Bread on Willard Avenue closed recently, apparently due to the rent being increased. A representative of JPG Smith, a leasing company, indicated that the Corner Bakery is in line to occupy this space pending a final agreement on the arrangements. A spring opening is likely. In addition to bake goods the Corner Bakery serves lunch including salads and sandwiches.

Mazza Gallerie

Mazza Gallerie has been sold to Ashkiwazy Acquisitions Corporation, a New York firm. This is the same firm that has developed the retail at Union Station and the waterfront in Baltimore. According to discussions with two current lease holders, Ashkiwazy has been somewhat secretive with respect to the intent of their development and leasing objectives. They are not renewing at least some leases leaving current lease holders somewhat concerned. Williams Sonoma is one of the lease holders whose lease was not renewed. A new showroom advertising a new boarding school is apparently to be opened soon in the Gallerie. There is some speculation on the possibility of redevelopment of the site with condos provided above the commercial space. It will be interesting to follow developments on this site.

The Collection on Wisconsin Avenue

Chevy Chase Land Company has been very active in the process of redeveloping this site. As they put it this "classic shopping destination [will] soon to be restyled for today." "Uniting existing food and fashion destinations with a mix of new neighborhood shops and cafes, the redevelopment plans for The Collection will soon be brought to life with sweeping public spaces, activated sidewalks, and vibrant storefronts. Metro connectivity will be enhanced and pedestrian and vehicular access will be improved." Chevy Chase Florist will be one of the new tenants with several more businesses to be announced in the next few months. Work is currently underway on reworking the public gathering space in front of Clydes and the open gap between The Collection buildings further up Wisconsin Avenue where restaurants are planned. Most reconstruction will be completed this fall.

Chatter

Chadwicks, Chads, and now Chatter, this restaurant has undergone two changes in ownership in recent years. Chatter is now jointly owned by Tony Kornheiser (TV personality), Maury Povich (TV personality), Gary Williams (former coach of the University of Maryland basketball team), and Alan Bubes (owner of Linens by the Week). These friends purchased the restaurant at the end of December 2016. Ron DiGiovanni is the new General Manager of Chatter. He and Liz Kornheiser are new Brookdale residents living on Baltimore Avenue. Ron has indicated that he would like to focus more on Chatter being a neighborhood destination.

HOW TO JOIN THE BROOKDALE YAHOO GROUP

By Dave Montgomery (Jan '16)

Join our Yahoo Group by following these simple instructions:

Go to the website at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BrookdaleCitizens>

You should see instruction to join the group BrookdaleCitizens.

You may already have a Yahoo account; e.g., you might be a member of another Yahoo Group. If so, you can use your existing account and add BrookdaleCitizens.

If you do not have a Yahoo account you will have to open one. Please note that you do not have to use a Yahoo email address; any email address is acceptable. Just complete a "profile" of personal information by following Yahoo's instructions.

Once the account is established, select BrookdaleCitizens as a new group.

If you do not want to submit a profile, you may join a "mailing list" without a Yahoo account.

That option means that you will receive the messages sent to the BrookdaleCitizens list but you will not be allowed to post your own message.

Full subscribers may post messages by sending an email to brookdalecitizens@yahoo.com.

Since this is a private group an Association officer will approve your membership.



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The deadline to submit articles, notices, and ads for the April 2018 issue of the Brookdale Bugle is 9 p.m. on April 6.

BICYCLE MASTER PLAN FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

By Manual Ochoa

The next hearing of Bicycle Master Plan Public will take place at the Montgomery County Planning Department Headquarters (8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland). The Brookdale Citizens Association plans to submit testimony regarding proposed paths near our neighborhood. BCA plans on supporting a path through Willard Avenue Park but not along the final stretch of Willard Avenue where the street meets River Road. The board also opposes a proposed path along the GEICO property line on an existing trail. This concept path has not received input from residents. If you have additional comments, please send them to Manuel Ochoa at mtochoa@mac.com. Manuel is Vice-President for Orchardale and represents the greater neighborhood on the Transportation Management District on behalf of the Citizens Coordinating Council on Friendship Heights

TRANSITIONS

Linda Regenhardt, a Brookdale resident who resided at 5201 Murray Road since 1991, passed away October 22, 2017 while on a Royal Caribbean ship off the coast of Spain. Linda practiced as an attorney from 1987 until she retired in 2017, specializing in civil litigation, bankruptcy, and mediation. She worked for several firms both in Washington and Virginia before establishing her own practice. Linda developed a keen interest in painting and also served on the Vestry of the Wye Parish in Wye Mills, MD. She and her husband Don of 49 years enjoyed frequent retreats to their second home in Queenstown, MD where they are surrounded by numerous family members and friends. A Memorial Service was held at the Naval Academy Chapel on November 8 and was preceded by a service at the Naval Academy Columbarium. She is dearly missed by her family and friends, especially those on Murray Road.

Hector Schamis and **Anna Eliasson** have moved into 4506 Dalton Road. We wish you a warm welcome into the Brookdale Community.

COMING HOME TO 4609 HARRISON STREET

By Melissa Junior

It was a strange but comforting feeling moving back into the home I grew up in almost a year ago. This is the house I was brought home to when I was born. And then in late 2015, following the passing of my parents, Matt and I decided to renovate the house and move in. There are so many memories.

One of my first is biting into a cherry tomato in the back yard. It exploded all over one of our closest friends and neighbor, Huei-Ling Worthy, much to my mother's horror. I think it's on a home movie somewhere.

I also remember the moon landing party in 1969, when we all gathered in the back room and watched Neil Armstrong take his first steps on the moon. The house was full of excitement. There were kids and grownups everywhere and we could hear the cheers all through the neighborhood as he said "one small step...."

It was not unusual for neighbors to come knocking on the door at any time, and always being welcomed by my parents Jean and Don. My sister Christina and I played with our friends when we got home from school and Mom would feed us snacks as she asked each and every one of us about our day while we waited for their parents to get home.

And the dinner parties, oh the dinner parties...

Dad would always hold court. He challenged everyone to get their perspectives on current events, history and life experiences. It was something he loved to do and did until the night before he died, when he quizzed me on Matt's trip

to Normandy with President Obama. He was a career foreign service officer with the State Department and his job took us to posts in Zaire, Italy and Holland. But our home base was always Harrison Street.

One little twist of fate that I can always thank my parents for - Matt and I met in Holland in high school while we were stationed there, and he made sure we kept in touch over the years. We finally reconnected for good 9 years ago, and have now made our little patch on Harrison our home.

When Dad retired, mom renewed her nursing license and went back to work at the Washington Clinic after almost 40 years of living the foreign service life. I was off to college and after graduation returned briefly to Harrison street before moving out for good, or so I thought.

When Matt and I decided we were going to move in again, we started off just wanting to add a new bedroom to the top floor, and wound up bumping out the house, moving the kitchen, opening up new spaces with bigger windows, and finally getting a cute little puppy.

As grownups, it's fun to see the neighborhood from Don and Jean's perspective. We now have our neighbors' children stopping by to play with our puppy, and offering to take him for a walk. Matt quizzes them on their schooling and what they learned that day.

And the dinner parties, oh the dinner parties...We hope to see you all at our table.

BROOKDALE ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST BUGLE



North Side Street Party

photo by Mike Makuch



John Whelan's popcorn machine was a great success!

photo by Mike Makuch

Fall Block Party – North Side

By Mike Makuch

Our fall block party was held in Brookdale North this past September. We had an excellent turnout and fortunately, excellent weather. Kudos to all participants for bringing such a wide variety of foods. As usual, our neighbors were very generous and there was much more than could be consumed. Special shout out to John Whelan and Elysa Blacker for all of their help. John's popcorn maker created a carnival atmosphere enjoyed by all.

Halloween *By Tamar Nicholson*

The Halloween Party is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and enjoy the festivities of Halloween. This year it was an absolutely perfect day for a party! The kids came ready to party in all kinds of fun costumes! There were wizards and witches, princesses and Ninja warriors. The party organizers tried a few different activities this year than in years past. For starters the kids worked hard to decorate and then to take down, a kid sized candy house. The amount of delayed gratification exhibited was astounding! The party organizers also used the great expanse of trees in the park. Using a few spools of string, they created a spider web for the kids to climb through. It proved to be an incredible success with kids of all ages participating to see if they could get across the park without touching the string. The party also included several team competitions which got both parents and kids actively involved. There was lots of cheering and camaraderie, and of course, a ton of candy. It was a really great party!

This year, we tried an official house decorating competition, but since no entries were officially made, the contest had no winners. Next year the plan is that all decorated houses will be automatically entered into a fun, Brookdale wide contest! Looking forward to the next Brookdale Party in the Park - the 4th of July Parade!

Brookdale-at-Home *By Manual Ochoa*

Carla Ellern, a Montgomery County environmental planner, presented a program on Rainscapes and how to install a rain

garden and conservation landscape, both improvements that reduce storm water runoff to your home. The meeting took place on a beautiful day in the garden of Manual and Guiomar Ochoa where about 15 neighbors were able to examine their newly installed Rainscapes. Carla explained how one can qualify for this program and receive up to \$2500 in rebates using various techniques.

Brookdale-at-Home with Jeremy Marshall and Heidi Frechette

By Dick Podolske & Larry Broadwell

On December 14th Brookdale neighbors in attendance were entertained at the home of Richard Podolske and Diane Waters with presentations by Jeremy Marshall and his wife Heidi Frechette on "The Challenges of Indian Housing and Health Care in the USA." Heidi is a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. She is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Housing Programs at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. Jeremy is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and is currently in the Office of the Director of the Indian Health Service in Rockville, Maryland. The scale and complexity in addressing of the challenges and needs over 500 Indian tribes in our nation was admirably addressed. As usual the presentations were preceded by a social gathering of wine and nibbles.

Brookdale-at-Home with Sarah Erdman

By Dick Erdman

Sarah Erdman, author of *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha*, a senior writer and editor at National Geographic, and daughter of Sibyl and Dick Erdman, spoke on January 24 about her book and fielded questions about Peace Corps as part of the Brookdale-at-Home series. *Nine Hills*, which received glowing reviews from *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* as well as other major newspapers when it was published in 2003, is based on her Peace Corps experience in Côte d'Ivoire and gives an intimate and inspiring portrait of life in an African village hovering between the forces of tradition and the forces of change.

UPCOMING BROOKDALE-AT-HOME EVENTS

On **March 15** join our neighbor Matt Hoya for an informal discussion on current events and what it's like to be a political producer covering the White House for CNN in the era of President Trump. Matt has had a front row seat to history while covering the last four presidential campaigns and witnessing the rise of both Barack Obama and Donald Trump. He jokes that in his downtime from politics he looks forward to covering other stories - like hurricanes and tornados.

Matt and Melissa Junior recently moved into the neighborhood after rehabbing Melissa's parents' home on Harrison Street. It is the same house Melissa grew up in as a child. The couple met while living overseas in the Netherlands in high school, and reconnected nine years ago. The Brookdale-at-Home event will be held at the home of Matt Hoya and Melissa Junior, 4609 Harrison Street, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Weekend in April

Amy Rispin, Brookdale historian, will lead a tour in April through the Brookdale area, focussing on historic plantations, farms, forts and original homes. Date to be announced.

Plans for a Progressive Art Show

Brookdale-at-Home events are meant to tap the great expertise and talent of the neighborhood. Now it's time to see our creative side in the visual arts! We are planning a spring event and inviting any neighborhood artists who paint, sculpt, do photography, etc. to show their wares. Please let Sibyl Erdman by April 1st if you would like to participate and if you would like to exhibit your work at your home or team up with another neighbor or two to participate in an open house over the course of three hours one weekend in the spring. No date is determined yet but late May would be ideal.

Send your contact information to Sibyl at snurdman@mac.com by April 1st and let her know what type of artwork you'll be showing and where.

THANKS FOR YOUR DUES SUPPORT!

By Heather Paul, Treasurer, BCA

The Brookdale Citizen's Association (BCA) is off to a busy start in 2018—planning activities and actions that are all possible because of local residents' support through annual dues. Thanks to all those who paid their BCA dues through 2017!

This is a friendly reminder to help support us in 2018 if you have not done so. (We are now on the calendar year, which makes it easy to keep track).

We believe that BCA gives you tremendous value for your \$30:

- The tri-annual Bugle Newsletter
- Representation before authorities on planning and zoning issues
- Annual Brookdale Directory
- Four community-wide street parties
- Brookdale-at-Home events
- Liaison communications with GEICO
- Annual BCA Meeting
- Local signage
- Maintenance of website, <https://brookdalecitizens.org>

Once again, we urge you to pay dues in one of two ways: online at our website and by check made out to the Brookdale Citizen's Association and sent in the enclosed envelope to: Heather Paul, Treasurer, 4502 Cortland Road, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Thank you again!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Adam Nakasaka** who is a 2017 Maryland state high school cross country champion.

CLASSIFIEDS

Local Handyman/Repair Services

In this cold winter with more time indoors, it's easy to see reminders of things that need to be fixed, renovated, or refreshed. Jesse Zhang at 4502 Cortland Road is available to offer free consultations and trustworthy services for even the smallest of projects. Neighborhood references can be provided. Contact: jczhangchina@yahoo.com or 202-853-4519.

Le Petit Atelier: Furniture Restoration and Repair

Michel Sarot is a cabinetmaker and antiques restorer trained in Belgium. He has more than 25 years of experience repairing furniture, restoring antiques, and crafting custom-built pieces. Since moving from France to Maryland a few years ago (his wife grew up in Brookdale), he has refinished tables, built bookshelves and coffee tables, installed doors, repaired countless broken chairs, and even reconstructed antique chair legs and arms gnawed off by pets.

If you have furniture in need of TLC--or a piece you've dreamt up that you can't find in stores--please contact Michel at sarotwoodworking@gmail.com or 301-378-8464.

REAL ESTATE REPORT *by Tamar Nicolson*

Address	Rented/ Sold/ Active	List Price/ Sold Price/ Rental Rate	BR	FB	HB	Acres	Age	DOM
5107 4625 River Road	Rntd	\$3200/\$3000	3	2	0			
5019 Westport Rd	Sold	\$999,900/\$935,000	4	2	2	0.186	56	207
4503 Dalton Rd	Rntd	\$5600/\$5000	4	3	1	0.142	79	55
4506 Dalton Rd	Sold	\$1,189,999/\$1,290,000	3	3	0	0.184	80	5
5200 Murray Rd	Act	\$2,345,750	5	3	1	0.274	1	246
4628 River Rd	Sold	\$699,000/\$674,000	3	1	1	0.124	83	26
4803 Dover Ct	Rntd	\$4750/\$5040	3	2	1	0.13	72	50
5019 Westport Rd	Sold	\$1,274,000/\$1,250,000	4	2	2	0.186	56	7
5326 Sherrill Ave	Rntd	\$3250/\$3000	4	1	1	0.115	71	49
5003 Westport Rd	Sold	\$699,000/\$932,000	3	2	0	0.136	68	6
5007 Westport Rd	Sold	\$1,275,000/\$1,435,000	5	4	1	0.137	66	6
4630 River Rd	Rntd	\$3775/\$3775	4	2	1	0.124	84	20
4508 Cortland Rd	Sold	\$1,095,000/\$1,207,500	4	3	1	0.137	71	6
5317 Baltimore Ave	Sold	\$949,000/\$959,000	4	3	1	0.208	97	1
5324 Baltimore Ave	Rntd	\$4500/\$4500	3	3	1	0.11	70	43
5303 Baltimore Ave	Sold	\$985,000/\$960,000	3	3	1	0.124	71	7
5304 Baltimore Ave	Rntd	\$4500/\$4500	3	2	1	0.126	70	25
5010 Westport Rd	Act	\$4,200	4	3	0	0.189	58	53
5013 Westport Rd	Act	\$5,000	5	3	1	0.186	55	24

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. Tamar has lived in the neighborhood since 1998, and lives with her family on Merivale Road.

Calling all Real Estate Agents residing in Brookdale, Wohlshire or Orcharddale! The Brookdale Bugle wants to support YOU! We would like to give all Real Estate Agents, who are residents of the Brookdale Community, 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 (each Bugle a different agent will share the info) please reach out to Sibyl Erdman at Sibylerdman@me.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Print and Design Work in Brookdale

Print and Design in Brookdale: Color and B&W laser prints and copies. Cheaper than Staples or Kinkos, even cheaper than online. Quick quotes, fast turnaround, and no worries about parking! Letter, legal, tabloid - singles, stapled, even booklets. Drop off or download. Call Michael at 240-383-2893 or email to michael@districtlineinc.com.

Babysitters/Pet Walker

Julia August is 15 and likes to babysit and do all aspects of pet care, including pet sitting, dog walking, and even dog grooming and dog training. She is available from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm most week days and more hours on weekends. Julia can be reached by text at 202-701-4599.

Parents' helper/babysitter available in the neighborhood.

My name is Zaida Bowsher and I am a 6th grader and newly certified babysitter (through Suburban Hospital's Safe Sitter program). I am available as a parents' helper/babysitter in the afternoons and weekends. I am responsible, attentive, and caring. My creative side allows me to engage with your child(ren) in different ways; from reading to them, to playing Legos, to doing arts and crafts, or just pretend-playing. Please call or text me if you are interested: 301-512-7919.