

Brookdale *bugle*

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Podolske

Dear Brookdale Residents,

As usual, our Brookdale community continues to be quite active on a number of fronts. These activities are summarized below.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting was held on May 2nd at the Wisconsin Place Community Center. The following were the principal outcomes of the meeting.

- **Presentation on Safety and Security.** Officer Dana Stroman, Community Services Officer with Montgomery County Police, pointed out that the police department relies heavily on citizens – “If you see something, say something.” She further noted that a crime need not occur for you to call the non-emergency telephone number. She requested that if you see possible or suspicious criminal activity, you should share it with the police department. For non-emergencies call 301-279-8000. For emergencies call 911.
- **Brookdale Dues.** Noting that voluntary dues are paid only by less than half of the homes in Brookdale, and that a dues increase is needed to maintain the many Brookdale community activities, Treasurer Heather Paul introduced the Board’s amendment to Article 1, Section 1: Dues and Assessment. “Dues shall be \$40 per calendar year starting on January 1, 2020.” This amendment was approved. (See separate article on this topic.)
- **Brookdale Officers.** The following persons were elected for a one-year period: President, Richard Podolske; Treasurer, Heather Paul; Secretary, Amy Rispin; VP for Brookdale North, Mike Makuch; VP for Brookdale South, Jack Morton; VP for Wohlshire, Tom Husted; VP for Orcharddale, Manuel Ochoa; Member at Large (consistent with Article IV Section 2 of the Brookdale Constitution), Adrienne Nassau.

Events since the last (April) Bugle

- **House and Garden Tour.** A very successful house and garden tour was conducted on Sunday June 9th, thanks to the organizational work of Adrienne Nassau and Cynthia Morton, and the residents who opened their homes and gardens to the community.

- **4th of July.** Thanks to the organization of Cary Devorsetz and the participation of the Glen Echo Fire Department, our annual 4th of July party was again well attended.
- **Zoo Tour.** Marsha Broadwell led another informative tour of the National Zoo on July 20th.
- **Rising Start in the Park.** For the second year a “Rising Start in the Park” was held on September 2nd to welcome K-5 students who are returning to school. Many thanks to Heather Paul for organizing such a fun morning.
- **Fall Street Party.** Mike Makuch, assisted by Amy Rispin and other Saratoga neighbors, organized the fall Brookdale street party on Saratoga Avenue at Merivale on Saturday, September 7th. The new location did attract more persons from this part of our Brookdale neighborhood.

Upcoming Events. We are planning an active Fall schedule of events as briefly described below.

- **Art Walk October 6th.** Jan Rowland is organizing the Art Walk to be held in Brookdale South. Details to follow.
- **Bill Grigg on his new Book, *A Perfectly Natural Murder*.** This will be a Brookdale-at-Home on October 17th at 4607 Merivale Road from 7:30-9:00 pm.
- **Halloween.** Our Brookdale Halloween party will be held on Thursday, October 31 and will be organized by Tamar Nicolson.
- **Presentation on Israel/Jordan in November.** This will be a Brookdale-at-Home presented by Richard Podolske and the Rispin’s. Details to follow.

Little Falls Village. Thanks to the work of David Lewis, the entire Brookdale Community is now eligible for membership in the Little Falls Village. This organization holds many interesting events in addition to providing help to those residents who need assistance. These events are regularly announced on our Yahoo Brookdale site.

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Issues Affecting Brookdale. We continue to monitor several issues concerning our Brookdale neighborhood. These are briefly described below.

- **GEICO.** Adrienne Nassau is our lead contact person in communicating with GEICO on issues affecting our community. (See separate article on this matter).
- **Housing Construction.** Recent building construction on Sherrill and Saratoga, particularly with respect to setbacks and drainage, is of concern to several neighbors. This will continue to be monitored by our community.
- **Rats!** We have been informed that there is a rat infestation in at least part of our Brookdale neighborhood. It is the responsibility of neighbors to take steps to address this problem. See the attached for advice on how to address this problem. Please help rid the rodents before they take over!

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs/special/LandREnviroHealthVectorControl.html>

- **Willard Avenue Park.** We remain engaged in an attempt to have Montgomery County further upgrade the Willard Avenue Park. The Citizens' Coordinating

Committee on Friendship Heights continues to press Chairman Casey on his promise to enlarge the park by demolishing the house at 5320 Willard Avenue. Additionally, the park should have been included in the County's new Park Refresher Program, but we have not had any progress to date. We have been advised that the County Council will consider a \$1.5 million increase in bonds that would benefit the program. Should this be approved, we have been told that a public hearing to begin the concept plan would be the next step. We continue to advocate for improvements to the park.

- **Traffic.** The DC government, responding to our request, is in the advanced stage of creating a formal pedestrian crossing of Western Avenue at the GEICO parking lot entrance. In addition, we have purchased additional "Green Men" to request motorists to slow down while passing through our neighborhood.
- **Crime.** The incidents of burglaries and car break-ins in the area have increased significantly over the last few weeks. These incidents have been more aggressive than the usual stealing from open cars in the nighttime. They have involved the breaking of car windows and entering a home through a kitchen window in the back of the house while the owners were sleeping. Keep your front light on and be vigilant!

THE MVA BUS COMES TO FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

by Bill McCloskey

If you have been getting emails from the state about upgrading your new Maryland Drivers License/Real ID (necessary for things like boarding an airplane) by a certain deadline, you don't need to go to the MVA. I have inquired and you can complete this process at the DMV bus when it comes to Friendship Heights each month. Here is the schedule for the bus. It is at the location below from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on these dates. You can park behind the bus if you don't walk to the site.

- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

Friendship Heights Village
4433 South Park Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

SAFETY TIPS

by Campbell Graeub

First Responders frequently remind people to mark their homes with large, clear and visible house numbers. While GPS assistance has greatly improved quick and easier response to emergency calls, it is important that first responders can confirm the call location on the spot. It is amazing how many homes in Brookdale have small and hidden from view house numbers. This is a call for a safety action — an easy remedy.

PARKING VIOLATIONS

by Campbell Graeub

Parking violations in our restricted neighborhood continue to occur. When you notice repeat violators that don't observe our restrictions, which vary from block to block, you are encouraged to put a friendly reminder note on their windshield. Sample: "Please observe parking restrictions, authorities will be called, parking fines are \$60."

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Visit Brookdale online at www.brookdalecitizens.org. The deadline to submit articles, notices, and ads for the January 2019 issue of the *Brookdale Bugle* is 9 p.m. on January 10.



Elsa Skaggs stands next to Dejan Zdrakov, owner by Cynthia Morton of this newly built home.



A magnificent arrangement brought smiles on a rainy day! by Dick Podolske

MEETING NEIGHBORS AND DISCOVERING BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND GARDENS

by Cynthia Morton

On a rainy overcast Sunday in early June over 40 Brookdale residents took part in the Brookdale House & Garden Tour. A little rain did not keep our neighbors from enjoying good company, food and drink, and great homes and gardens. Attendees received a brochure that contained a writeup and picture of each house on the tour as well as a map.

Residents trekked around all the parts of the neighborhood and toured 14 homes and gardens reflecting a variety of styles and ages of homes, ranging from those built by Cooper Lightbown to new modern homes. Cooper Lightbown built homes beginning around 1938. Previously he had built Marjorie Merriweather Post's Florida estate Mar-a-Lago and also served a stint as mayor of Palm Beach. Cooper Lightbown was inspired by the rural village and

gardens of England and designed and built this community to be village-like as evoked by the cottage-style architecture. Several beautiful newly constructed homes were featured including the open plan home shown above in the photo on Dalton Road. Charming gardens also spanned time and methods. Potted plants clustered in artistic arrangements, a rock and rose garden, a newly planted colorful garden bringing cheer along a roadside, the cozy corners were all on display. We have many serious gardeners in our midst and it was fun to see the creativity in Brookdale.

Thanks to my co-chair Adrienne Nassau, our resident historian Amy Rispin, and all the neighbors who volunteered to open their homes and gardens to spread good cheer on this fun Spring day.

SUPPORT OUR BROOKDALE ACTIVITIES!

by Heather Paul

Well, it's that time of year again--when we make our Fall plea for \$30 dues to end the year with a strong rate of participation. So far, we have received dues from 1/3 of residents--and we can do much better! This Bugle issue certainly makes clear how important your dues are to keeping Brookdale a viable community with meaningful activities. They vary from fun stuff like block parties, family holiday celebrations, and At-Home events to formally addressing serious issues, such as traffic safety and local zoning and development concerns.

Also, please note that we welcome all residents who either own or rent their homes--and welcome everyone's dues!

If you have a question as to your payment status, please contact Heather Paul, Treasurer (hpaul6088@gmail) or otherwise please use the enclosed envelope or go online and pay through our website, <https://brookdalecitizens.org>.

Thanks so much!

Please consider paying your 2019 Association dues of \$30 online at our website, www.brookdalecitizens.org or send a check to the Brookdale Citizens Association c/o Heather Paul, 4502 Cortland Road in the enclosed envelop.

Help us meet our goal!



Folks couldn't wait to try the fare at the Fall Block Party.

by Dick Podolske



The popcorn man, John Whealan, was the most popular man at the party!

by Sibyl Erdman

FALL STREET PARTY

by Mike Makuch

Our Fall Street Party was held on the evening of September 7, 2019. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all of our neighbors at the intersection of Saratoga and Merivale roads who pitched in to make the party a great success. Special thanks

also goes out to Amy and Paul Rispin for their help in coordination. Thanks further goes out to John Whealan and Lisa Blacker for operating the popcorn machine again this year. Every time I looked over their way, they were surrounded by both children and adults waiting for the next bag. A good time was had by all who attended. We look forward to our next Street Party planned for Brookdale South next spring.

BRIEF UPDATE OF THE SHOEMAKER FAMILY BURIAL RESERVATION

Many people have asked about the status of the Shoemaker Family Burial Reservation and the house at 5200 Murray Road that has been vacant for three years. The short answer is that the part of the Reservation on the property remains under litigation for the time being. The good news is that the Shoemaker cemetery has now been listed on the updated inventory of cemeteries and burial grounds in Montgomery County.

BROOKDALE'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Brookdale is a small community--but much bigger in its global reach. We have neighbors who come from around the world and who work for important international organizations such as the IMF, the World Bank, a range of international businesses, foreign media, and their country's embassies. In a future article, we will feature some of this exciting work. We also know that our international neighbors are world travelers and join us for only a few years. So, if you are new, we welcome you and hope you will take advantage of the many activities we offer. Follow announcements in the Bugle newsletter, join our Listserv, and check out our website. (Instructions on how to join the listserv and get on the website are mentioned elsewhere in this issue). Also, please know we extend a hearty welcome to our international neighbors. We encourage you to participate in Brookdale activities, and we encourage you to consider joining the Brookdale Association. We have a modest annual dues of (\$30/2019 - \$40/2020 per family) for membership!

BROOKDALE-AT-HOME

MURDER ON MERIVALE ROAD. Deborah Kalb invites blood-thirsty Brookdalers for "the poison of your choice" plus "to die for" hors d'oeuvres followed by a short but dramatic three-person reading from Bill Grigg's new mystery, *A Perfectly Natural Murder*. The book's locales include a GEICO-like insurance company, the Bethesda restaurant Moby Dick, and other familiar places. A limited number of books will be available for \$10.00, a \$3 reduction. The party will be at 4607 Merivale Road on October 17th 7:30-9pm. Please RSVP to (301) 652-1864. Space is limited.

THE BROOKDALE WEBSITE

It's simple — to get onto the Brookdale Community Association's website, type "BrookdaleCitizens" into Google, then click on "Home - Brookdale Citizens Association".

CRESENT TRAIL/LITTLE FALL PARKWAY CONCLUSION

by the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

After listening to the testimony of a substantial number of community residents, the Planning Board rejected the Parks Dept. proposed plan to make the road constriction permanent at the Little Falls Parkway/Capital Crescent Trail Crossing. The Planning Board vote was 4:1 against the plan.

The Parks Dept. was instructed to relocate the trail to the Arlington Road/Little Falls Parkway signal light, to restore Little Falls Parkway to four lanes, and to focus on building a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Little Falls Parkway as the long-term goal.

The arguments against making the crossing permanent were principally as follows:

- A signal is the safest crossing point, and if cyclists have to make two right angle turns from the trail at the light they will come to a stop or nearly so. The ability of a cyclist to blow through an intersection is blocked.
- The Parks Dept. traffic plan did not take into account future substantial growth in Bethesda (10 million sq. ft.) and the considerable growth in Westbard with construction expected to commence this fall. The Parks Dept. planning is independent of County DOT; it is autonomous.

- The Parks Dept. plan increased traffic on Hillandale Rd. which is heavily populated whereas Arlington Rd. is not bordered by residences. Hillandale residents safety was decreased.
- The Parks plan did not take into account project costs incurred by DOT in order to implement traffic calming measures on Hillandale and the desired lane removals on Arlington Rd.
- With traffic backups, the Parks plan did not take into account.
- Increased pollution due to increased traffic congestion.
- Increased contribution of CO2 to global warming.
- Waste of fossil fuel and of coal generated electricity.
- Value of motorists' time lost.
- Cost of decreased safety to the victims of cut through traffic.

(Editor's note: After this item was prepared, the Planning Board reversed its earlier decision and delayed funding roadway changes for at least five years — until 2024 — meaning that the current two-lane configuration for Little Falls Parkway where it crosses the trail will remain in place.)

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GEICO

by Adrienne Nassau

A team consisting of Brookdale Association Board members Adrienne Nassau, Geico liaison, Richard Podolske, President, and Tom Husted, VP/Wohlshire, meets with the Geico's Vice President of Real Estate and Community Relations, Terry Perkins, several times a year to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Current issues under discussion include the following:

Maintenance of the buffer between Geico and Brookdale. Vines and dead wood needs to be cleaned out on a regular basis. The citizens at our annual meeting requested that Geico do a better job of maintaining the buffer.

Security concerns. Include after-hour gatherings in the smoke shack and on the part of Geico's property adjacent to Brookdale. Geico requested that citizens call their Security team at 301-986-2121. In addition, residents may call the Montgomery County Police's non-emergency number at 301-279-8000. Thus far, neither the security guards nor the police have been very effective. We will follow up by suggesting other measures.

An attempt to park a large camper trailer. For a brief period the vehicle was parked in the driveway of one of the Geico-owned homes. Though the camper is now gone, we need to make sure that it does not come back.

Pooling of rainwater at the dead end of Saratoga Avenue. Geico will need to dig a swale on their side of the fence.

A chemical odor that appears to be coming from Geico's heating plant. This problem has just arisen and was brought to Geico's attention. Hopefully, the odor will be gone by the time you read this article.

Our regular meetings and our relationship with Geico have been amicable during the last few years. For example, Geico has addressed security concerns due to dim lighting by keeping lights on at night in the smoke shack and on the Geico sign on Western Avenue. They have also cleaned up the buffer area, though the growth of vines and underbrush is an ongoing problem that does not have a one-time fix. Geico has also supported other Brookdale initiatives, such as installing pedestrian crossings on Western and Willard. In sum, both entities try to be good neighbors.

KIDS' PAGE

by Denise Holmes

For the last three school years, Quinn Holmes, as a student at St. Albans School, has served as a National Cathedral chorister.

During the school year, Quinn donned the purple robe of the Episcopal church and a chorister's white surplice and collar and sang at evensong. This occurred twice each week and at two services every other Sunday. Each August, he joined the other choristers for a week-long choir camp where they rehearsed music for the upcoming year, sang at a service, did community service projects, and offered a free concert for the local community. Add daily rehearsals, plus weekly voice, piano and music theory lessons, and it made for a busy schedule!

Following 4th grade, in the summer of 2017, Quinn and the other 40 choristers embarked on a whirlwind 8-day tour of England (the first chorister tour abroad in 25 years) where they sang at beautiful, historic cathedrals across England, and culminating in singing at noonday Eucharist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Mom and younger brother Chad were not about to miss that service at St. Paul's!

Quinn and the other choristers had the honor of singing the national anthem at Nats Stadium twice. And he had the exciting experience of singing at the funerals of both Senator John McCain and President George H. W. Bush,



Smiling and singing to the Presidents!

by Denise Holmes

along with the other members of the choristers, where he had the thrill of having both Presidents Bush and Obama smile directly at him when they walked up to the lectern to make their remarks. The choristers were seated on a platform and Quinn was sitting closest to the lectern. The Bush funeral service was a special thrill to the young choristers as it was attended by four former presidents, the current president, and dignitaries from all over the world. The service was broadcast live across the nation.

BLOCK TALK - A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

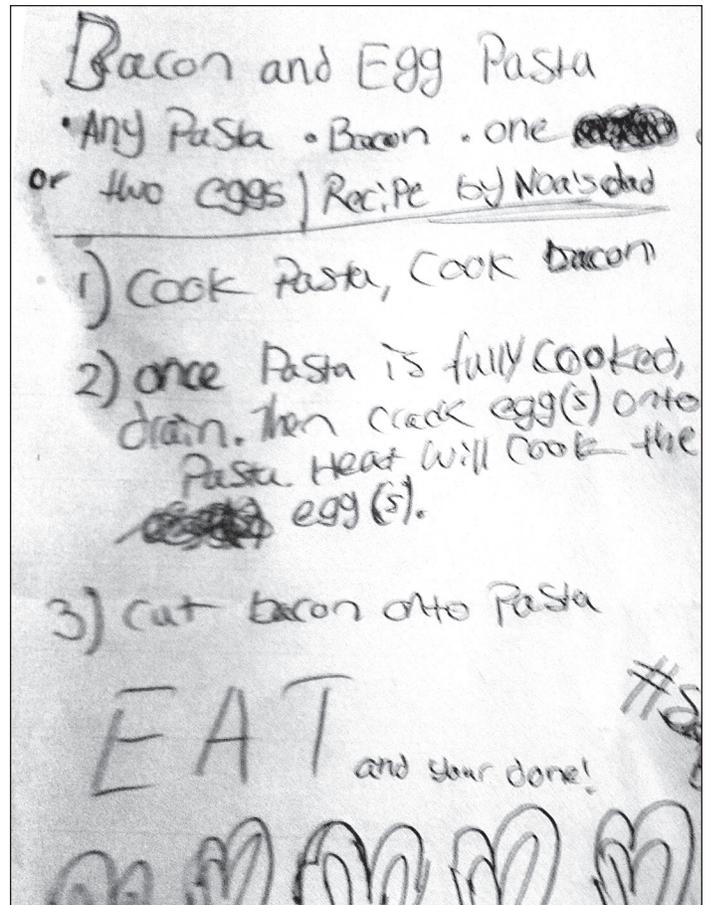
by Jack Morton

There is a new neighborhood newsletter that rivals the Bugle and is run by young Brookdale kids. The newsletter is called BLOCK TALK and its goal and appears to spread good vibes and delicious recipes.

Neighbors on the Overbrook and Keokuk blocks of Brookdale have been pleasantly surprised to find a mystery newsletter dedicated to baking, cooking musings, and drawings on their front porch. We have received at least four of these uplifting newsletters over the past several months and I have witnessed several of the happy and energetic staff, elementary school age and younger, as they sprinted up and down the block delivering their work.

Recent recipes have included Bacon and Egg Pasta and Earl Grey Chocolate Cake and the Scribble Edition had art, poems, and other musings. I especially enjoyed the drawing with hearts that said "keep calm and scribble" and their slogan "Eat and Slow Down"!

I know I can use that advice.



Cutest cookbook ever exists in Brookdale South!

by Jack Morton



Awaiting the 'crab bus' on the first day of school.

by Margery Smelkinson



Tiny tots enjoying the ride on the Fourth.

by Dick Podolske



There was great enthusiasm for the chase!

by Dick Podolske

BROOKDALE CELEBRATES JULY 4TH *by Cary Devorsetz*

Several Glen Echo Fire Department vehicles and personnel led a neighborhood parade again this year at the annual Brookdale Fourth of July celebration, complete with intermittent sirens and horns, as dozens of red, white and blue ribbon-adorned neighborhood kids of all ages followed with Soussa music blaring. The Brookdale Citizens

Association supplied games, decorations, soft drinks and some finger foods, while attendees contributed to the admittedly mostly sugary smorgasbord permeating the Brookdale Neighborhood Park's picnic tables.



A great treasure hunt prize for a Rising Star.

by Dick Podolske

A RISING START IN THE PARK!

by Heather Paul

For the second year, Brookdale families of elementary school kids, K-5 gathered in the Dalton Park for a Labor Day send-off to school the next day. Coffee, bagels and juice accompanied a Treasure Hunt for each grade. Parents chatted about new classes and kids searched through the trees and bushes for booty! Once again, Brookdale proved itself another place where "all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average."

Here's to a great school year!

FRONT PORCH FRIDAYS

by Marie Moylan

“Front Porch Fridays” have arrived in Brookdale!

Wouldn't it be nice to be able to spend some time socializing and catching-up with neighbors and maybe meeting some new neighbors? When we were researching the “village” concept at the request of the Brookdale Board, we discovered an interesting experiment that some of our neighboring communities have initiated: “Front Porch Fridays”.

Front Porch Fridays happen on the last Friday of each month and involve residents in the neighborhood hosting a ‘Happy Hour’ on their front porch or front lawn. Neighbors and those passing by, walking dogs, or walking home from work are encouraged to drop by for a visit (particularly if they don't already know one another). No need for the hosts to serve anything (but no law against that either) as participants are encouraged to contribute their own beverages and snacks. There is no limit to the number of hosts who might want to participate on any given Friday.

The objective is to have a fun time with neighbors and increase our knowledge of and connection to one another which hopefully increases our willingness to ask for/offer help when needed. Brookdale is already a very proactive and caring neighborhood in terms of community spirit - we know there is a special spirit here that makes it very hard to think of living anywhere else.

David and I hosted a Front Porch Friday in June and eight neighbors dropped by, some we hadn't met before. Another neighbor, Alice Winkler, hosted one on Saratoga Avenue and had the same kind of experience.

There is currently no formal structure for participating as a host, except a verbal invitation when people walk by. Maybe planting balloons on your lawn would be an idea. We presume that you can put a notice on the Brookdale listserv as well. We have been away most of the summer so have not been able to advance the experiment ourselves, although there may be other neighbors who have had experience with the concept.

Suggestions, ideas, participation most are welcome. Hopefully it can grow organically without too much structure, but it does seem to be a concept worth testing as a small way to enhance our ‘village’.

NEW AUTHOR IN BROOKDALE

Looking for an experimental modern mystery to read? Bill Grigg has written *A PERFECTLY NATURAL MURDER* that was published in August by Amazon Kindle as an e-book and as a paperback. It's told by three participants: a womanizing ex-Marine with post-traumatic stress disorder, a witty woman lawyer, and the dead victim! Set in a GEICO-like insurance company, a search for fraud results in a nearly perfect, “green” murder for which the ex-Marine and the lawyer get blamed and are battered and targeted. They must trap the murderer or he (or she) may kill them. You can read a sample by Googling Amazon Kindle or Amazon Books and then clicking the picture of the cover. Or you can purchase the whole e-book for \$2.99 on Kindle. The paperback is \$12.95 and can be purchased at the Amazon store in Bethesda.

If you read the book and like it, please leave a review on Amazon. Positive reviews really spur sales! Bill's late wife Martha, who headed a section of GEICO, originally plotted this story with a different cast of characters and different solution. Bill recently discovered her manuscript, liked it, and produced this version. It's dedicated to her.

The book will be featured at a Brookdale-at-Home. Details are given elsewhere in the Bugle.

HOW TO JOIN THE BROOKDALE YAHOO GROUP

by Dave Montgomery (Jan. 2016)

We have so many newcomers in our Brookdale community, we thought it best to repeat this article. 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. This option means that you will receive the messages sent to the Brookdale Citizens list but you will not be allowed to post your own message. Full subscribers may post messages by sending an email to brookdalecitizens@yahoogroups.com. Since this is a private group an Association officer will approve your membership.



"Searching for Signs"

by Penny Piyawan Kovach



"Exit Right"

by Jan Rowland

A WALK ON THE ARTSY SIDE OF BROOKDALE

by Jan Rowland

It's happening again! The second annual Art Walk through Brookdale neighborhood is set for Sunday, October 6 from 3-5:30 pm. This event was such a success in 2018 and so much fun that it was decided to schedule it again for this year. So if you are an artist or craft person who would like to exhibit your work this is your chance! This year the Art Walk will be on the "other" side of River Road. Three neighbors have offered to open their homes to exhibit the

works of eight artists. These homes are located on Overbrook, Brookdale, and Keokuk streets.

If you are interested in joining the tour to exhibit your work or if you have any questions, contact Jan Rowland-Konner at 240-479-1526 or email janrowland51@gmail.com.

With a glass of wine in hand wander the charming streets of Brookdale, talk to neighbors, and chat with the artists. It's a wonderful way to spend your Sunday afternoon!

TRANSITIONS

Passing

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **Jay Smith** of Park Avenue, Brookdale who passed away on September 7. A lifelong Washingtonian, Jay was a graduate of Georgetown University and retired from the Federal Government where he worked as an International Trade Division Director with the U.S. Department of Commerce. He loved history, especially the American Civil War, sailing, shooting sporting clays, fishing, cooking, travel, fine wines, his dogs, and his wife **Wendy** of 36 years. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Battlefield Trust designating the memorial gift for Jay L. Smith.

New Neighbors

4709 Dover Road - We welcome **Emily and Eitan Danon** to the neighborhood! They were previously in DC and are thrilled to be joining the Brookdale community!

4711 Dover Road - **Zach Mason and Eban Lewis** moved to Dover Road from Cleveland Park. You may see them walking their Bernese mountain puppy, Fitzroy, (soon to be a big dog) in the neighborhood! A warm welcome to Zach and Eban.

Claire Olszewski and Sebastian Rodriguez are thrilled to join the Brookdale community after living in Logan Circle for the past two years. Sebastian originally hails from Medellin, Colombia while Claire is a native Washingtonian (who spent her childhood in Munich and London!). They are eager to meet the entire neighborhood, so please stop them on walks with their dog, Leo! Claire and Sebastian live at 5201 Murray Road.

Welcome to **Lana and Jason Ross** who have just days ago taken ownership of 5205 Murray Road and are looking forward to moving into the neighborhood. We are delighted to have them and their 3-month-old son join the Brookdale community.

The new owners of the home at 5328 Saratoga are **Bowen Li and Zhuqing Ding**. We are delighted to welcome you to Brookdale.

REAL ESTATE REPORT: Brookdale/Wohlshire/Orchardale

by, Tamar Y. Nicolson

January 1 - September 19, 2019

Address	Sold/Active	Presale/List Price/ Sold Price	BR	FB	HB	Acres	Age	DOM	Closing Date
5304 Baltimore Ave	Sold	\$1,060,000	3	2	1	0.13	71	0	08/25/19
5309 Baltimore Ave	Active	\$849,900	2	3	0	0.12	68	25	
5205 Murray Road	Sold	\$1,900,000/\$1,749,000/ \$1,725,000	5	4	1	0.18	81	7	09/16/19
5305 Saratoga Ave	Sold	\$1,520,000/\$1,417,000	6	3	1	0.24	96	79	08/21/19
5328 Saratoga Ave	Sold	\$1,009,000/\$1,100,000	4	2	1	0.13	71	8	06/25/19
4709 Dover Road	Sold	\$899,000/\$997,500	3	2	1	0.14	83	5	06/07/19
4727 River Road	Sold	\$749,000/\$820,000	3	3	0	0.14	72	6	06/13/19
5201 Murray Road	Sold	\$1,099,000/\$1,105,000	4	2	0	0.15	81	8	06/14/19
4603 Cooper Lane	Sold	\$1,095,000	3	2	1	0.15	83	7	04/15/19
5306 Sherrill Ave	Sold	\$710,000	2	1	0	0.11	71	0	01/08/19
4711 Dover Road	Sold	\$979,000/\$990,000	3	2	1	0.14	83	4	01/08/19

Address	Rented/ Active	List Price/ Rented Price	BR	FB	HB	Acres	Age	DOM	Closing Date
5322 Baltimore Ave	Rented	\$2,999/\$2800	4	2	1	0.11	71	123	02/21/19
5203 Saratoga Ave	Rented	\$3,200	3	2	2	0.12	70	82	4/3/19
5205 Saratoga Ave	Rented	\$3,200/\$3,300	3	2	1	0.15	69	65	2/20/19
4372 Merivale Road	Rented	\$4,300/\$4,150	4	3	1	0.14	70	125	3/15/19
4601 Overbrook Rd	Rented	\$4,600	4	3	1	0.14	84	8	9/12/19
5332 Saratoga Ave	Rented	\$5,500	4	3	1	0.13	71	5	7/19/19

Information provided by, Tamar Y. Nicolson, a Real Estate Agent with EXP Realty, LLC. 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 Orchardale! 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!

CLASSIFIEDS

Whimsical Pet Portraits

I love to paint cat and dog portraits "with a little whimsy" Great gift for someone who LOVES that face...! I use your photo and consultation on color for an average 8" x 10" canvas in acrylics (\$150).

Contact Heather Paul at hpaul6088@gmail.com.



Local Home Repair Services

Fall is here and so are small or medium-size house projects that might have been put off in a very hot summer. Jesse Zhang is available on Cortland Road to stop by and offer a free assessment for inside or outside home repairs and even general oversight of homes for short or long absences. Local references available.

(Contact: jczhangchina@yahoo.com or call 202-853-4519).

CONGRATUALIONS TO ALL BROOKDALE GRADUATES!

Diana Whealan, the daughter of Elysa Blacker and John Whealan, graduated in May from Tufts University. Her degree was in electrical engineering with a minor in computer science. She is now working as a software engineer at Qualcomm in San Diego, CA.

Amanda Baratz just graduated B-CC and will be starting as a freshman at the University of Denver this fall. She is the daughter of Karen Baratz.

Max Szostak graduated from B-CC in May and is attending Harvey Mudd College in California (part of the Claremont Consortium). Max is the son of Alix and Paul Szostak of Westport Road.