

Brookdale *bugle*

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Dick Podolske

Dear Brookdale Residents,

It has been another challenging year for us with the Covid-19 challenges and complications. Hopefully you have successfully navigated this period and are fully vaccinated and safe. Not to be deterred by the coronavirus, our Association has enjoyed a number of events since those reported in the spring edition of the *Bugle*. They are described below and in further detail elsewhere in the newsletter.

Brookdale Events

On July 4th, we marched through the hood led by fire trucks from the Glen Echo Fire Department.

On September 4th, a Rising Start organized by Heather Paul was held in Brookdale Park for K-5 kids.

On September 18th, a Brookdale block party on Dalton Road was organized by Marie Moylan and David Lewis.

On October 23rd, Abner Oaks organized a highly successful Porchfest on both sides of River Road that started at 12 noon and continued to 6:30 pm. The night before there was a concert on Dover Court followed by a movie.

On October 31st, we had a Halloween parade with goodies handed out at the end of the parade. The spookiest homes were also awarded.

Brookdale Board Members

Two new Brookdale Board members were elected at our annual meeting in May. Darcy King-Leatham is our new Secretary, and Lisa Clark is Representative-at-large for the

south side of River Road. The rest of the Brookdale Board remains the same. Here are the current members of the Brookdale Board.

- President, Dick Podolske
- Vice President, Brookdale North, Mike Makuch
- Vice President, Brookdale South, Jack Morton
- Vice President, Wohlshire, Tom Husted
- Vice President, Orcharddale, Amy Rispin
- Vice President, Park-Newport, Federico Glucksmann
- Secretary, Darcy King-Leatham
- Treasurer, Heather Paul
- Representative-at-Large (north of River Road) Adrienne Nassau
- Representative-at-Large (north of River Road) Manuel Ochoa
- Representative-at-Large (south of River Road) Lisa Clark

Contact information for all these board members is listed in our Brookdale website under the heading "About Us."

Development Activities Impacting Our Neighborhood

As most, if not all of you, are aware, there have been a number of residential and commercial activities that could have a considerable impact on our neighborhood. These are briefly described below.

Residential Density

Montgomery County is currently considering the adoption of the Thrive Montgomery 2050 Plan that would set the

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FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By Andienne Naussa and Manuel Ochoa

Our last issue of the *Bugle* described a development plan to revitalize Friendship Heights. The plan was sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Agency, the DC Office of Planning, and the Urban Land Institute. We do not know the views of public and private entities to the specifics of the plan; however, its first recommendation appears to be moving forward.

The top recommendation is the proposed creation of the Friendship Heights Alliance, a public-private partnership and precursor for the formation of a cross-jurisdictional business improvement district (BID) that covers the DC and

Maryland sides of Friendship Heights. Although cross-jurisdictional BIDs are challenging because BIDs are created according to each state's laws, there are good examples, such as Atlanta, that can serve as a model.

In addition, we understand from reliable sources that a number of property owners have hired Rich Bradley, as a consultant to explore the creation of a BID. Mr. Bradley was the founder and longtime director of the Downtown DC Business Improvement District and past Board President

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OCTOBER PORCHFEST

Abner Oakes did a brilliant job in arranging a fabulous Porchfest for all of us Brookdalers to enjoy - and we did! It began Friday night on Dover Court where Abner and friends had set up the acoustics, Austin Greaves sang and the audience savored Georgetown Cupcakes gratis of the Dana Rice Group. Next, *The Last Waltz* was shown in drive-in style. On Saturday, Stacy Yochum and her excellent a cappella group serenaded us with many beautiful and playful songs. Then it was on to the home of Allison Flutz where she played Joplin and other songs on her piano followed by Amaya Martinez on guitar. Back on the North Brookdale side Adrienne Nassau gathered her musical friends to entertain us with soothing classical music. Irish music followed with Deniz Ergener at the helm, and she and her

friends enchanted the audience with their lyrical music. Paul Salfi's jazz quartet kept our feet alive and 24 Strings with former Westbrook teacher Gianne McNeil and former Brookdale neighbor Aaron Zitner kept us bouncing in our seats with their blues and rock. In the meantime, Jose Andres' Pepe food truck kept the hunger away from a very contented crowd. At the end of the day, Claudia Fennell and her bagpipe led the audience up to Brookdale Road for a final set by the 1519, which featured neighbors Russell Sturm, Rich Lucas, and Robert Moore. It was a very full and fun Saturday for all!

A huge thank you goes out to Abner for all his work in organizing a magnificently fun time and to all those talented musicians he gathered to play for us.



Great tee shirts Abner and friends!



The "24 Strings" were lively and fun!



Bagpiper Claudia Fennell leads the way to the next venue at the Porchfest.

UPDATE ON THE ISAAC SHOEMAKER CEMETERY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, LEGAL CASE

On August 13, 2021, the Maryland Court of Special Appeals ruled that as a matter of law, the Isaac Shoemaker Cemetery - a 3,630+/- square foot plot of land within 5200 Murray Road in Chevy Chase, in Montgomery County - is not protected and can be redeveloped. Current owner Paramount Construction filed a case in the Montgomery County Circuit Court in May 2018, claiming legal title, title through adverse possession, and asking that the Court find that as a factual matter no human remains are buried there. Isaac Shoemaker Cemetery straddles two current properties, with the case concerning only the portion within 5200 Murray Road.

Nancy Werner, great-great granddaughter of Isaac Shoemaker, grew up visiting the family graves with her grandfather and father, since the 1940s. A century of solid documentary evidence, including an 1883 funeral home

notation confirming that Shoemaker was buried on his farm followed by a 1924 deed to the Shoemaker farm reserving a burial plot located on "the Perry boundary line near River Road; containing 1/7 of an acre," supports the Shoemaker descendants' belief that Isaac Shoemaker, his wife and several other persons were interred here between 1853 and 1883.

In 2016 Paramount purchased the property for redevelopment purposes, specifically to demolish an existing single-family home and replace it with a larger one. It claimed legal title, and alternatively title through adverse possession. Werner claimed that she and other Shoemaker descendants continue to hold legal title to the burial ground subject to the 1924 deed reservation, and as a result Paramount would not have the legal right to enter the burial ground, let alone disturb it.

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The *Brookdale Bugle* is a publication of the Brookdale Citizens' Association. It is normally published three times a year (January, April, and October). Due to Covid-19, we have had a Fall issue and a Spring issue.

Lisa Clark, the new Editor, will announce the months of publication as well as the deadline for submission of articles, notices, and ads for the next *Brookdale Bugle*.

Visit Brookdale online at www.brookdalecitizens.org.

RISING START IN THE PARK, 2021

Once again, Brookdale families came together in Dalton Park for a launch of the new school year. However, this “rising start” was different than all the rest. On Sunday, August 29th, 2021 Brookdale elementary kids celebrated getting back to a REAL classroom with old and new friends, caring teachers, and the noise of hallways full of students. With coffee or juice boxes and bagels or doughnuts in hand, parents and kids alike hoped for normal school days.

BROOKDALE LIGHTS

by Lisa Clark

Hello Brookdalers!

Brookdale has officially joined the surrounding neighborhoods of Westbrook, Westmoreland Hills, Overlook, Sumter, and Westgate to participate in Luminaria 2021.

For those not familiar with the tradition, here’s the gist of luminaria: a Christmas lantern consisting of a votive candle set in a small paper bag weighted with sand and typically placed with others along a driveway, sidewalk, or rooftop as a holiday decoration.

Events details: December 5 from sundown at 4:46pm or thereabouts until whenever. (Rain is date December 12.)

In the near future, there will be more information to follow about how to get the paper bags, battery-operated tea lights, etc. But for now, just mark the date on your calendars!

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stage for permitting higher density residential development within our single-family-home neighborhood. The Brookdale Board sent a letter to the Montgomery County Council to express our disapproval of this plan indicating that there are ample opportunities to provide for higher density residential development along Wisconsin Avenue and other places close to the Metro system. Several members of our community have signed a petition that was then sent to the Montgomery County Council urging caution in moving forward with this initiative and seeking community input.

Commercial Development Adjacent to Brookdale

Somewhat related to the higher residential density issue, developers are currently proposing substantial development along Wisconsin Avenue. These plans call for commercial development on the first floor with numerous apartments on higher floors. (See separate article on this development.)

Beyond this commercial development there has been an initiative to create a Business Improvement District straddling the Montgomery County and DC boundary to encourage more commercial development. (See separate article on this development.)

JULY 4TH PARADE

The parade began with two of Glen Echo’s fire trucks blowing their sirens through the neighborhood led by kids of all ages, many with decked out bikes or carts in red, white, and blue or dressed in the colors of our flag. The journey through the neighborhood began and ended in Brookdale Park where the firemen were most generous with letting the kids climb into the cab. They explained how the various instruments on the trucks worked. The children had a good time parading and exploring the fire engines and the adults enjoyed the time to visit with their neighbors.



Everyone was raring to go at the July 4th parade.

Brookdale Park

There has been a lot of communication between our community and the Montgomery County Parks Department with respect to maintenance of the Boundary Park which lies along Western Avenue. After much discussion, the Parks Department has agreed to maintain the grassy area within the park and the boulevard along Western Avenue. Also, some trees have been planted within the park.

Brookdale Communications

Resignation of Sibyl Erdman as Bugle Editor – Regrettably we have been informed by Sibyl Erdman that she will be resigning as the *Bugle* editor after this edition. She has done a superb job over the last five years and fourteen editions. Her replacement will have big shoes to fill. The good news is that Lisa Clark has agreed to step up as the *Bugle* editor. We wish her well in her new assignment.

Brookdale Listserv – Paul Rispin has done an excellent job maintaining and updating our Brookdale listserv. You are encouraged to contact him if you want to be added, deleted, and to make any changes to your entry on our listserv.

Please find the minutes from the Annual Meeting held in June and the Treasurer’s Report on the website under “About Us.”

2021 BROOKDALE FALL BLOCK PARTY

by Marie Moylan

After a 2020 hiatus from our annual fall festivities while we all hunkered down in the "Time of Covid", our Community Association decided it was time to reactivate some of our annual social activities. So the Fall Block Party team agreed to take it on.

About 70 to 80 of our neighbors ventured out to celebrate a beautiful fall evening on September 18 on Dalton Road. It is always amazing to see the number of new young families that have decided to make Brookdale their home in recent years. People brought their favorite treats to share, and the Community Association anted up the funds for hot dogs and sausages to be barbecued on site.

Acknowledgement goes to people who went the extra mile to make it a memorable event for all, particularly the children. A popcorn machine magically appeared (thanks to John Whelan) and individual bags of popcorn were widely enjoyed. Hot dogs and sausages were grilled by David

Lewis and the music was thanks to Mike Makuch, Bob Banach and Mike Freeman took on the job of moving furniture out before the party and putting it all back afterwards. Linda Hallman was the s'mores maestro, showing the kids how to roast the marshmallows over their open fire pit in the middle of Dalton.

After the official festivities, the fire pit became a campfire for an adult beverage/schmooze fest.

And best of all there was a wonderful clean-up 'crew' that restored Dalton Road to its pristine condition in very short order.

I think it's fair to say a good time was had by all.

P.S. And a big call out to Marie Moylan and David Lewis for all the work they did in preparing and hosting this great activity. Many, many thanks!



The Fall Block Party was a great success.



Really John, did the kids take all the popcorn?

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of the International Downtown Association. In this role, he provided advice to dozens of BIDs in the US, Canada, and abroad. As the process progresses, we will continue to monitor any developments.

Plans have also been announced regarding the development of two apartment towers. Both towers feature well known architects, developers, and owners.

The first building at 5500 Wisconsin would replace low rise stores (e.g. Brooks Brothers and others) with an 18-story tower and two shorter buildings as "shoulders". It would contain 380 rental apartments including about 50 apartments for moderate income families. The development team consists of the Carr Companies, the Donohoe Company, and SK+1 Architecture. The building would also feature 15,000 square feet of retail space, replacing the 44,700 square feet that exist at present. Underground parking would be shared with the adjacent Marriott Hotel. A lot has been made about the "woonerf" at the proposed development at 5500 Wisconsin Avenue. A "woonerf" is Dutch

word for a street where pedestrians and cars (a couple of cars at very slow speed) can co-exist. The "woonerf" would separate the building from the Marriott hotel. Information regarding the building is being shared with the public, and we understand that issues have been raised regarding the building's height.

The other building would replace Mazza Galleria. It also features rental housing, including a number of units for moderate income tenants and retail space on the ground level. It also will have a large underground parking garage. The developer is Tishman Speyer, a New York based real estate company that has been active in the DC area for about 20 years.

The Friendship Heights neighborhood is very attractive as a venue for apartments. Recent studies have shown that rents in the upper NW are the highest in the Washington metropolitan areas (rents in Bethesda are the second highest). In addition, our area is known to have the highest condo prices in the region, as well as the highest family incomes.

THE HALLOWEEN PARADE GOES ON!

Brookdale has no doubt established another great tradition: the Halloween Parade. An ever growing number of princesses, strange creatures and story book characters, marched through Brookdale North with parents, grandparents, and friends.

Supporters along the parade route offered candy and cheers. It was a perfect October day, a good omen for a happy and healthy fall season!



Kids of all ages came out for the parade.



Families of all kinds, too!



Now really, don't you think this guy's too old to drive?

SPOOKY HOUSE WINNERS

Brookdale's panel of judges toured the hood on Halloween Eve and decided that wildly-decorated homes on both sides of River Road should be awarded the Spookiest Award. The winner on the north side was the Kolme Family at

5320 Baltimore Avenue (best visited in person to hear the sounds). The winner on the south side of River is the Snyder/Eichhorn Family on Dover Road. Photos of both homes are in the *Bugle*. Our congratulations to both families.



Spooky House winner in North Brookdale



Spooky House winner in South Brookdale

THE CURSE OF THE LEAF BLOWER

by Darcy King-Leathem

Ahh— the halcyon days of autumn: warm sunny days and cool nights, reading on the deck, morning coffee on the patio. We think “finally, we get a reprieve from pesky mosquitos and can enjoy the ‘great outdoors’ again;” but wait - what is that noise that drives us back indoors? What makes quiet enjoyment impossible? You guessed it - gas-powered leaf blowers.

I have wondered about the pros and cons of gas-powered leaf blowers and I cannot think of one pro. I can think of a lot of cons.

First - gas-powered leaf blowers spew fuel and exhaust emissions consisting of carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides, carcinogenic hydrocarbons and fine particulate matter into the atmosphere. Emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers are substantial. The amount of CO (carbon monoxide) emitted from a typical backpack leaf blower for just 1 hour

is equal to CO coming from the tailpipe of a current year automobile operating for over 8 hours. For the other pollutants, the amounts are even greater.

Second - gas-powered leaf blowers are extremely loud and disruptive. Gas-powered leaf blowers produce noise levels ranging from 102–115 decibels (“dBs”) at the ear of the operator, which is higher than the recommended EPA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health limits. When leaf blowers were first introduced, the noise from them averaged 78 dBs but measured at a distance of 50 feet away. While more modern leaf blowers are available with ratings of 65 dB or lower at 50 feet, many that are on the market still exceed 70 dB at 50 ft. A leaf blower rated at 70 dB at 50 feet may generate noise levels over 105 dB at the operator's ears.

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PLANET WORD: A JOYFUL EXPLORATION OF LANGUAGES

by Mayu Molina Lehmann

Philanthropist Ann Friedman had an enviable problem: what to do with her interests and sizable resources after retirement? The former translator and first grade teacher considered teaching “the best job in the world for those who enjoy seeing little faces light up with delight at stories.” She wanted to do something involving her love for words while creating community and hopefully continuing to see faces light up. But what?

Her answer materialized in creating Washington, D.C.’s exciting new museum, Planet Word. Housed in the historic Franklin School at 13th and K Street on Franklin Square, it offers a fascinating journey through words and languages.

I had the honor of interviewing Mrs. Friedman for The Compass. From the moment I stepped into the courtyard under the Speaking Willow Tree, I felt what it meant to be in an “experiential museum,” as the installation greeted me in hundreds of languages.

Is there anything like this in the world? I asked Mrs. Friedman. No, she answered with a grin. She explained there are language museums about particular languages, but nothing multilingual or interactive.

The museum is housed in the historic Franklin School built in 1869. It later was the site of Alexander Graham Bell’s visionary photophone experiment, developed after the telepho- ne, in which he sent a message using lightwaves. We call it “the birthplace of wireless,” Ms. Friedman explained proudly.

Despite being a National Historic Landmark, the school fell into severe disrepair. In 2015 Planet Word won a bid to rehabilitate the property, returning it to its original learning function.

In the museum’s Spoken World gallery, dozens of screens feature “language ambassadors” who reveal curious facts

about their tongues. For example, the Peruvian language Quechua challenges our linear concept of time. In Quechua, “the past is not behind me but in front of me, because I have seen it already,” explains a native speaker. Accordingly, “the future is behind me, because I don’t know it yet.”

Another language ambassador describes the stratified levels of respect in Japanese, where one addresses others using hierarchical pronouns. Compare that to the use of “you” in English, regardless of a person’s social standing, and we get a sense of how language informs the way we see the world.

When I first visited with my grade school daughters, high-tech prompts grabbed their attention immediately. At the Wall of Words they giggled at the prompts of a voice-activated moderator who told surprising stories about the evolution of the English language. They felt empowered to learn that historically, many words have been created by teenage girls (think of selfie and glamping). When we left, my 9-year-old declared, “This is the best museum I’ve been to.”

Later, Mrs. Friedman explained that the word “fun” is a guiding principle of the museum. The veteran educator is keenly aware of what is needed to keep visitors engaged. It is “fun for a purpose,” she explained. This principle permeates the entire experience, from a karaoke lounge to a joke gallery and a magical library where books come alive with video projections.

Mrs. Friedman started off with a quest. In solving it, she leaves a profound legacy, a love letter to languages, words and people. Planet Word is a treasure, a gift to anyone who has ever made use of words.

Reserve free tickets at planetwordmuseum.org

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Third- gas-powered leaf blowers are totally unnecessary. Electric and battery powered leaf blowers are available. While battery powered leaf blowers are loud, they are not as loud as the gas-powered and they are certainly cleaner. Rakes are an even better substitute.

Recently, California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a new law making his the first state to ban gas-powered lawn equipment. Why? Lawn-care equipment creates more pollution in California than cars do.

More than 100 cities across the country have passed regulations to ban or restrict gas-powered leaf blowers. Both the District of Columbia and Chevy Chase Village have banned or restricted the use of gas-powered leaf blowers effective January 1, 2022.

There has been some movement towards restricting

gas-powered leaf blowers in Montgomery County. According to Montgomery County’s climate action plan, the County is considering legislation aimed at reducing and ultimately eliminating the use of combustion engine-powered leaf removal equipment.

You can learn more about this topic at the Clean and Quiet Montgomery County website: <https://www.quietcleanmc.com/>.

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REAL ESTATE

by Tamar Nicholson

Transactions for Brookdale/Wohlshire/Orchardale May 12, 2021 to November 12, 2021

Address	Sold/Active	List Price/Sold Price	BR	FB	HB	Acres	Age	DOM	Closing Date
5326 Sherrill	Sold	\$895,000 / \$933,000	4	1	1	0.11	74	6	05/04/21
5005 Westport	Sold	\$979,000 / \$979,000	3	2	1	0.15	67	12	05/06/21
5204 Andover	Sold	\$1,095,000 / \$1,304,800	4	2	1	0.17	83	5	05/12/21
5026 Brookdale	Sold	\$1,225,000 / \$1,380,000	4	3	0	0.15	83	3	06/02/21
4602 Harrison	Sold	\$1,325,000 / \$1,325,000	5	3	0	0.14	83	7	07/29/21
5016 Westport	Sold	\$1,550,000 / \$1,662,500	5	3	1	0.21	60	7	08/02/21
5010 Westport	Sold	\$1,150,000 / \$1,250,000	4	3	0	0.19	61	17	08/06/21
5304 Sherrill	Sold	\$1,100,000 / \$1,150,000	4	2	1	0.11	70	4	10/12/21
5308 Sherrill	Pending	\$1,275,000 / n/a	5	2	2	0.11	70	6	
5202 Westport	Sold	\$1,195,000 / \$1,375,000	4	2	1	0.14	83	5	10/20/21
5210 Keokuk	Pending	\$1,125,000 / n/a	4	3	1	0.16	83	13	

Address	Rented/Active	List Price/Rented Price	BR	FB	HB	Acres	Age	DOM	Closing Date
5017 Westport	Rented	\$6200 / \$5995	5	2	2		55	39	7/14/21
5303 Baltimore	Rented	\$4500 / \$4500					74	3	7/12/21

Information provided by Tamar Y. Nicolson, a Real Estate Agent with EXP Realty, LLC. If you have any questions about this information, please contact Tamar at Tamar@CallTamarToday.com or 240-350-4060. Tamar has lived in the neighborhood with her family on Merivale Road since 1998.

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 snerdman@mac.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

SHOEMAKER CEMETARY UPDATE

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The trial court ruled in favor of Paramount on all claims, as did the Court of Special Appeals. Regrettably, the courts chose to overlook critical facts in reaching their conclusions, including: relying on the lack of grave markers at the time of trial (disregarding Ms. Werner's testimony that she personally saw grave markers through the 1970s); accepting at face value the testimony of Paramount's expert witness that there were no grave sites (notwithstanding his concession that a GPR survey was minimal and the lack of grave markers is not dispositive of whether bodies are buried here); minimizing the importance of periwinkle at the site; failing to give weight to later plats reserving a "burial ground" that included the gravesites; accepting inaccurate statements about Maryland tax exempt status still in place; and concluding that later Planning Board subdivision actions provided evidence in support of a finding that no burial ground exists.

This is a regrettable – but not uncommon – outcome. It reminds us of the need for what Thomas Jefferson called "eternal vigilance" of our historic sites. It inspires us to identify all known burial sites, even those on which markers can no longer be seen above ground. The Shoemaker family and the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, advocate for Statewide legislation since the 1990s, and Montgomery Preservation, instrumental in the County Council's decision to pass local cemetery protection laws in 2017, are disappointed in this decision, which ended

considerable efforts to protect this sacred ground over many years. They sincerely thank those, including neighbors, family members, and organizations, who contributed cash and in-kind services, to appeal the Circuit Court decision to the Court of Special Appeals.

The house at 5200 Murray Road was razed this summer. Unfortunately, although this family cemetery is listed in the Planning Board's Burial Sites Inventory, it is not protected by Montgomery County law because it is not undergoing subdivision. County laws established the Inventory and now requires all cemeteries to be identified and considered throughout the subdivision process. On the other hand, once construction starts for a new residence, if any human remains are found, Maryland law provides certain protections, including a requirement to halt construction until the situation is sorted out. Maryland also encourages access by persons of interest and requires that the owner consult with the Maryland Historical Trust before moving forward with building plans. In addition, we believe the owner should accept his expert's suggestion that an archaeologist be present during construction.

The Court of Appeals decision is "unreported," meaning it does not establish any binding legal precedent, which we view as positive. The Court of Appeals decision may be found at:

<https://www.courts.state.md.us/sites/default/files/unreported-opinions/2401s19.pdf>

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GRADUATES

Congratulations to Sarah Sparling on graduating from BCC in June 2021. She began her freshman year at Yale this fall.

Eric Moore, son of Mikel and Brad Moore, graduated from BCC in June, 2021 and also completed the carpentry program at the MCPS Edison School of Technology. He got a job shortly after graduation and is working full-time for Presidential Exteriors, a home remodeling company in Rockville.

CHANGE AT THE BUGLE HELM

by Sibyl Erdman

It's time for a change at the *Bugle* and Lisa Clark, an ad hoc member of the BCA Board, has volunteered to become the new editor of the community newsletter. I have enjoyed the opportunity to communicate with the population of Brookdale and want to thank everyone for supplying me with news, articles, and reports that have kept our community informed of the goings-on in Brookdale. I wish Lisa all the best in taking on this endeavor and know she will do an outstanding job in keeping the hood informed.

BROOKDALE DUES SUPPORT: THANK YOU AND A REMINDER!

by Heather Paul, Treasurer

Thanks to all Brookdale residents who have remembered their annual 2021 dues of \$40. The Brookdale Citizens Association (BCA) continues to support a range of activities that serve the community in a variety of ways. From Brookdale-wide music and holiday events and our *Bugle* newsletter to monitoring county-wide initiatives, such as commercial development and future planning, we rely on your support!

If you now wish to pay dues, please use the enclosed envelope for checks or go online at brookdalecitizens.org.

Thanks so much!

Please consider paying your
2021 Association dues of \$40 online
at our website: www.brookdalecitizens.org

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or send a check to the
Brookdale Citizens Association
c/o Heather Paul, 4502 Cortland Road
in the enclosed envelope.

TRANSITIONS

BIRTHS

Jason, Lana and Max Ross of Murray Road are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Zara on July 21.

DEATHS

It is with a very heavy heart that we forward to you this obituary of our dear, dear next door neighbor and friend, Mike Hudson. It is beautifully written by his family and shared with us to share with all of you. Our hearts are broken that Mike has left his beloved Brookdale. Fortunately, his is reunited with the love of his life, Vera. During your walks in the neighborhood you may have encountered Mike jogging or enjoying his evening walk. The entire Hudson family is very special to us and to so many in Brookdale. God Speed, Mikey! (from the Wiegand Family)

NEWCOMERS

Adam and Christine Leslie recently arrived from Los Gatos, California. They live at 4703 Overbrook.

Melanie Herschfeld and her sister, Lindsay Herschfeld, along with dog Whim, moved into 5326 Sherrill Avenue this summer 2021.

Matthew, Lindsay Mandelberg and baby Ari, 18 months, moved into 5302 Sherrill Avenue this summer.

Suzanne and Van Ornelus moved from Dupont Circle in August 2020 into their new home at 5301 Sherrill Avenue.

Jason Rhodes and Paola Hernandez are now living at 4732 Merivale, having moved here from Silver Spring. They have two sons, Elliot and Malcolm.

Erik (Chris) and Carolyn Balsbaugh are the new occupants 5212 Saratoga Ave along with their daughter and son. The previous owners, Ashlie and Matthew Arndt have moved to Chicago along with their twin daughters and son.

We welcome all of the newcomers to Brookdale and are glad they've chosen our neighborhood as their new home. We look forward to greeting them at the next Brookdale event.

CLASSIFIEDS

Sarot Woodworking

Fine Carpentry • Cabinetmaking • Antiques Restoration
Furniture Repair • Tool Sharpening

Michel Sarot is a cabinetmaker and antique restorer trained in Belgium. He has more than 30+ years of experience working with many different styles, crafting custom pieces from built-in shelves to chests to coffee tables. He enjoys bringing the life back to old and worn-out furniture and cabinetry, and can repair damaged pieces that seem irretrievable, such as chair legs gnawed off by a pet. He also offers tool sharpening services for competitive rates.

Please contact Michel at sarotwoodworking@gmail.com or call 301-378-8464, and he and his wife Sarah (who grew up in Brookdale) will be happy to discuss your project.