

# THE BANNOCKBURN BANNER

## SPECIAL SPRING FLING EDITION

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Clockwise from top: Argus & Adina, Peter Piper Walker (alias Pied Piper, arriving at Concord Park after his procession through the neighborhood), Whimsey, Wisdom



## LETTER FROM THE BCA PRESIDENT



Ted Garrett

This is a report on recent events. As usual, the BCA Board solicits your ideas and support. We continue to work to foster a sense of community and undertake activities that help our neighbors.

**Spring Fling.** Our second annual “spring fling” festival on May 17 was a splendid event. We enjoyed great weather, an opportunity to visit with neighbors, the bagpiper, food and drinks, the balloon artist, the Capture the Flag game on the field, and the pet parade. The photos in this newsletter tell the rest of the story. Many thanks to Renee West and the many others who contributed, as noted in Renee’s article [see page 4].

**BCA Meeting.** We had a congenial and informative general meeting on Thursday, June 4, which was attended by about 40 of our neighbors. After some friendly socializing, we began the business portion.

**Election.** The following were elected to the BCA board by unanimous vote:  
 President: Ted Garrett  
 Vice President: Charles Schmitz  
 Treasurer: Bonnie Garrett  
 Secretary: Kirt West

Board Members: Chris Hull, Wendy Landres, Dwight Mason, Jane Pettit, Alan Sterling.



Members present unanimously voted to amend the BCA Constitution to include Ayr Lane within BCA. BCA's Constitution provides that BCA includes: “Southern boundary: south side of Selkirk Drive, including Selkirk Court.” Although folks on Ayr Lane have participated informally, they wished to be formally part of BCA. The words 'and Ayr Lane' will be added to the end of this sentence. We welcome our neighbors on Ayr Lane to BCA.

Our neighbor on Crail, Brad Schmonsees, spoke to us about how to have a better backyard bird experience. The talk was informative, accompanied by some interesting props, and was well received.

Edith Miles discussed our Good Neighbors committee. [See page 5]

Jo Roberts led a discussion of trees being planted along River Road.

**Dues / Coming Attractions.** Dues for 2009 were due on January 1. If you haven’t paid, send your check. [Coupon page 3]

Mark your calendar for our next general meeting on Thursday evening, September 3, 2009.

We look forward to another great Fall Family Festival in October. In the meantime, have a great summer.

Theodore Garrett, BCA President



Above: Peter Walker - Lance Corporal Piper of the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums, piping the dogs. In addition to the pipes, Pete is an accomplished Scottish fiddler. When not playing music, Pete is a Space Physicist working at the Naval Research Laboratory. Below: Dr. Seuss



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**Bannockburn Citizens Association  
Dues Payment Coupon**

Please complete and send to BCA Treasurer Bonnie Garrett, 6604 Broxburn Dr. Annual dues are \$30 per household and are due in January of each year. Voluntary contributions for more than the dues amount are welcome and are used for miscellaneous BCA expenditures, such as refreshments for General Meetings and the Spring Fling.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which includes \$30 for 2008 BCA Dues and my voluntary contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**Many thanks for your support of your community.**

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## SPRING FLING -- RENEE WEST

The sun came out, the bagpiper was playing, the pets were parading and many, many were enjoying Balloon Lady, Capture the Flag, pizza, and just great conversation!

Many thanks to the BCA for supporting neighborhood events such as this.

Also, we would like to give a special thank you to the following who made it happen: Shari Fisher, Edith Miles, Rebecca Kallenburg, Stephanie Posner, Renee West, Kirt West, Caitlin West, Laura Schmitz, Jay Treloar, and Laurie Macht. Alan Silberberg provided the piper "float."



Following the Bagpiper around the soccer field at the Spring Fling were dogs and their owners of

all shapes, sizes, age, breeds, and coats! The three judges stood in the middle with a keen eye for the top dog. The two winners were a well mannered mixed husky collie and second place

Helmsdale's Own Eugene (terrier). The competition was tight! The winners walked away with Gift certificates to Barnes + Noble (to buy a dog obedience/trick book, no doubt). Thanks to all dogs for participating and being so well behaved! And thanks to our judges, Jen McCarthy, Dutch, and Noah.



Special thanks to Max Roos, Wilson Lane Block Captain, He recently gave the bushes at the intersection of Wilson and Selkirk a large "haircut". They have been dangerously high for some time. Now, one can see the cars coming up Wilson and safely exit from Selkirk. -- Jo Roberts

The Good Neighbors Committee of the Bannockburn Citizens Association (BCA) has been exploring ways to help neighbors stay in their own homes as they age (Age-in-Place). Our program is now underway with volunteers helping seniors.

Survey Results: We have designed a survey to identify senior BCA residents who need assistance and BCA residents who would like to volunteer to help seniors. We have distributed the survey at BCA meetings and through BCA Block Captains. The first 47 surveys were returned from 12 residents under 65 and 35 residents 65 and over. Seven surveyed are over 84. Most of the older residents want to continue living in their own homes as they age. The majority of the seniors welcome visits but do not need help from volunteers at this time. Almost half of those surveyed would like to volunteer to provide transportation, social activities, or home assistance or to run errands. Many of the volunteers are 65 or over. Most of the residents under 65 are very busy with their work and families but volunteer to serve as "back-ups".

Volunteer activities so far: We have visited most of the seniors who said they would welcome "friendly visits" and have discussed their situations and possible future needs. We have arranged several social activities including a holiday party, a luncheon, visits by volunteers, and a table for seniors at the BCA picnic May 17. Our network includes three people with visual disabilities who have shared information and experiences. We have provided transportation to doctors and have run errands.

Preparation of "Resources for Seniors" directory: Because most seniors surveyed said that they would like resources or information on "Aging-in-Place", we have compiled a directory that includes sources of information

for seniors on health and aging, transportation, activities, and recorded books and lectures. The directory has sections on home modification and safety, mobility aides, protection of homes and vehicles from burglary, home health aides, and home services. The directory has been distributed at the last BCA meeting, at the picnic, and by e-mail and is available by request.

Please complete the attached survey and to return it to Edith Miles

Part I. Questions for senior BCA residents 65 and over:

1. Do you plan to continue living in your home as you age\_\_?
2. Would you welcome friendly visits from neighbors\_\_ or social activities such as lunch\_\_ or tea\_\_?
3. How old are you\_\_? Or are you 65-74\_\_, 75-84\_\_, or over 84\_\_?
4. Would you like resources or information on "Aging-in-place" \_\_?
5. What kinds of help could you use from volunteers\_\_? e.g., visits or phone calls\_\_, transportation\_\_, errands\_\_, other\_\_

Part II. Questions for volunteers to help senior BCA residents:

Would you like to volunteer to visit or phone seniors\_\_ or to provide social activities\_\_, transportation\_\_, errands\_\_, or home assistance\_\_?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return survey to Edith Miles at 7202 Broxburn Dr.; Bethesda MD 20817 or by e-mail at [ewmiles@comcast.net](mailto:ewmiles@comcast.net).

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BANNOCKBURN'S PICNIC PETS

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Darby



Bernie



Zane

Thisbe

Rufous



## PICNIC PETS PLUS A FEW PEOPLE



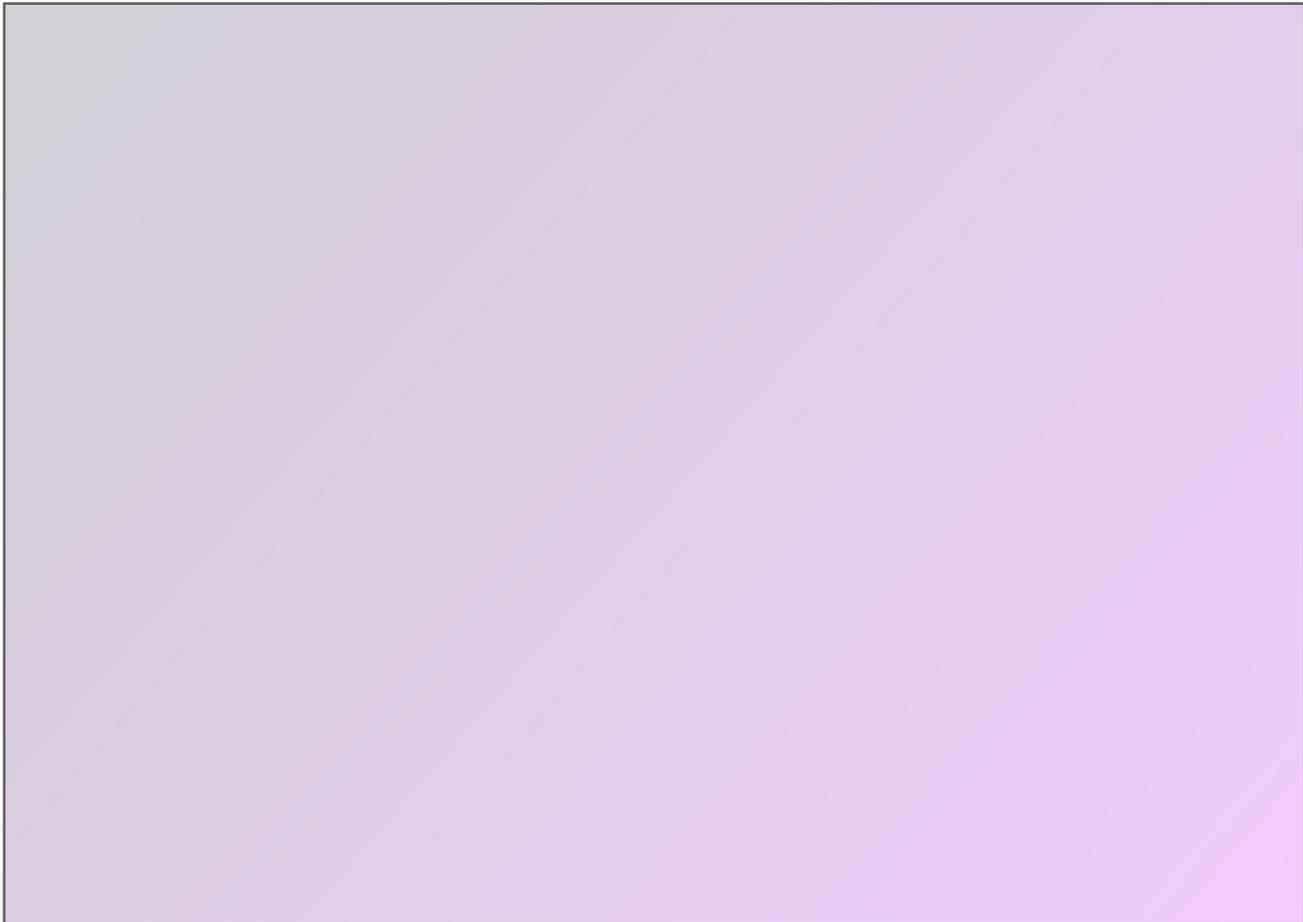
Clockwise from top: Lucie & Lou, Willie and Abby, Bailey & Amanda, Sarah, Mr. Big (with Mrs. Big?)

### **Montgomery History and Prudence:**

Montgomery County's website has a link to a 30-page history of the county. [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/PIO/pdfs/mc\\_history.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/PIO/pdfs/mc_history.pdf).

The website also has the County's "safe speed" program, which includes the locations of red light and speed cameras: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltml.asp?url=/content/Pol/districts/FSB/sod/speedredlightCameras.asp>





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