



BCA's Fall Festival, Concord Park



Face Paining Artist and Customer



Painted Faces

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Festival Panorama



New Friends



Artist at Work



Prize Winner



Performers on Stage



Dog Show Award Presented

Dog Show and Artists at our Neighborhood Park On Hidden Creek

BCA President's Letter

Ted Garrett



Another gratifying BCA year draws to a close, and we look forward to the holiday season. Our fall festival was another great event, our meetings in September and November were stimulating, and we have a new Security Committee.

Neighborhood Security Committee. As you know, there have been several troubling incidents of robberies in our neighborhood. I have had discussions with the county police and requested increased police presence in our neighborhood. We have also formed a new ad hoc Neighborhood Security Committee. The committee will act as liaison with the block captains and will consider other ways to improve neighborhood security. The following neighbors have volunteered to serve on our Security Committee: Barry Fausnaugh, Seth Goldstein, Ian Greathead, John Hannula, Samuel Marein-Efron, Mike McCarthy, and Geert Van Brandt. If you have suggestions or wish to volunteer, contact co-chairs Ian Greathead or John Hannula.

Website. We have a new and improved website: <http://bannockburncitizens.org/>

Please register on the BCA website, by clicking on the “register” tab, and/or update any change in e-mail address so that you will receive periodic e-mails concerning BCA activities, incidents, and other significant news. Your e-mail address is confidential and cannot be accessed by others.

Fall Festival. Our annual “Fall Festival” picnic at Concord Park on October 16 was another grand event, as you will see from the photos in this newsletter. Many new and old friends in the neighborhood came together to enjoy the beautiful afternoon. The Face-Painting Lady was a huge success, surrounded by eager children who emerged with gorgeously decorated faces. Others donned costumes and livened the event. Many people congregated around the senior table. The dog show was a highlight again, with doggie bags of treats as prizes. Many thanks to Bonnie Garrett, who organized this event, and to Jo Roberts, Jane Pettit, John and Diane Noble, Bill Nelson, Rebecca Kahlenberg, Victoria Hampshire, John Marquardt, Nancy Meyer, Edith Miles, Karen Lesser and others for their efforts in making this event a great success.

Meetings. At our quarterly BCA meeting on **September 1, 2010**, we had a most informative and provocative presentation by our neighbor, **Dr. Victoria (Tori) Hampshire**, a scientist and veterinarian, who discussed her experience as a vet and offered suggestions and comments concerning care of your dogs, cats or other pets. Dr. Victoria Hampshire, VMD, is a veterinarian and a Captain in the United States Public Health Service (PHS). On **November 10, 2011**, as a result of some unfortunate burglary incidents, we had a special meeting. **Officer Denise Gill**, the Montgomery County Police Community Policing Coordinator, discussed what we can do to help the police, to protect the neighborhood and to protect our individual homes. We also announced the new Neighborhood Security Committee, discussed above. On **December 1, 2011**, we held our usual year-end meeting with committee reports and a special report from our new Neighborhood Security Committee. Thanks to Jo Roberts and Movita Hercules for their help in setting up for these meetings.

Block Captains. We are asking our block captains to renew their efforts to get to know the neighbors on their block, to encourage neighbors to keep an eye on each other’s homes, and to register on the website. The current list of block captains can be found on our
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website: <http://bannockburncitizens.org/committees/block-captains.php> We hope that these efforts will not only help to improve security but will also improve our general sense of community and neighborliness. Our Security Committee will be seeking volunteers as needed to fill gaps or bolster our coverage of certain streets.

Other Committees Activity. Jane Pettit and Cecily Abrams have continued to welcome new BCA neighbors. If you would like to help on this committee or know of new arrivals to the neighborhood, please email janepettit1@verizon.net or call: 301-229-5932. John Noble has done a splendid job as Editor of the Banner. He welcomes your assistance and ideas about how to improve our fine newsletter. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or would like to volunteer, contact John at johnnoble@mac.com. Edith Miles continues to lead our Good Neighbors Committee. The committee is working to help BCA seniors who want to continue to live in their homes in their senior years (Age-in-Place). You can contact her for information or suggestions at ewmiles@comcast.net. Our covenants committee headed by Dwight Mason continues to monitor construction and permit applications in the neighborhood. If you have questions about a new building activity, contact Dwight Mason at dnmason@juno.com. Ben Schlesinger also serves on this important committee.

Booze Creek cleanup. Because of the County work on Booze Creek, we did not undertake our BCA cleanup effort again this spring. If you are interested in leading or working on the cleanup effort next spring, or joining our Environmental Committee, let us know.

Dues. Dues for 2012 are due on January 1, 2012. You can mail a check to Bonnie Garrett, BCA Treasurer, 6604 Broxburn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 or pay your dues online via our website: <http://bannockburncitizens.org/dues/index.php>

Best wishes for the holidays.

Local Public Schools Offer Education Plus Many Community Events

by Rebecca Kahlenberg

We are very fortunate in our community to have excellent public schools. Here are the schools that children in our neighborhood are assigned to, along with the school websites which provide much information about the PTA, upcoming activities, athletics, and many events that are open to the community. Athletic, drama, music, arts, and other event take place from September through June. There are also volunteer opportunities for anyone who would like to help out.

Bannockburn Elementary School (grades kindergarten-5)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/bannockburnes/>

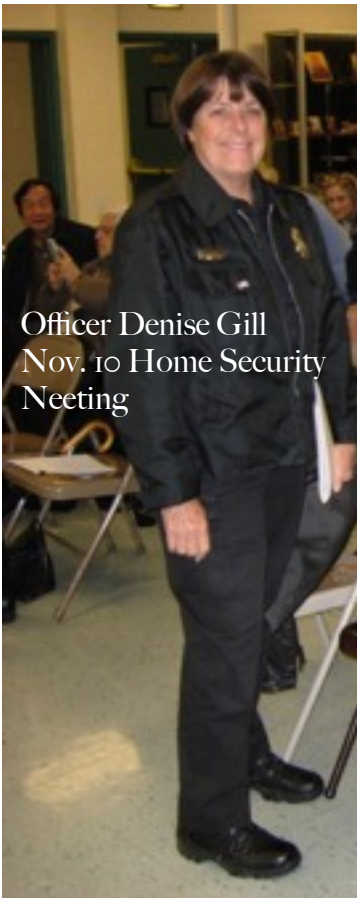
Pyle Middle School (grades 6-8)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/pylems/>

Walt Whitman High School (grades 9-12)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/whitmanhs/>

BCA Meeting Speakers



Officer Denise Gill
Nov. 10 Home Security
Meeting



Ian Greatherad and John Hannula
Discuss John's Speech with Dutch
Koenig
Dec. 1



Dr. Victoria Hampshire
Giving Pet Advice
Sept. 1

Bannockburn Citizens Association

*****Please pay Calendar Year 2012 dues Now*****

Dues Payment Coupon

- Member \$30
- Supporting Member \$50
- Patron \$100

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, (Contributions above "Member" are used for miscellaneous BCA expenditures, such as refreshment for General Meetings and our semi-annual picnics.) Dues can be paid through the Website: Bannockburncitizens.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____

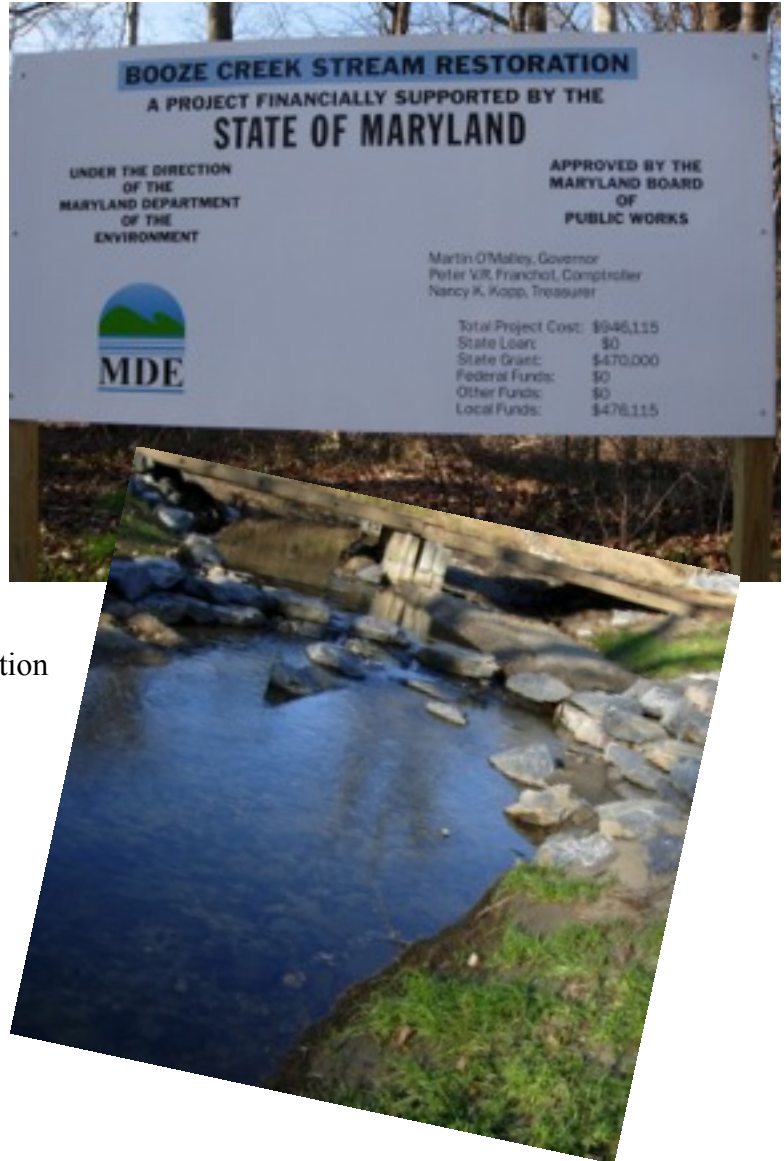
House Number and Street: _____

Send to: Bonnie Garrett, Treasurer, BCA; 6604 Broxburn Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817

Booze Creek Stream Restoration

Booze Creek marks the Western border of BCA's jurisdiction and parallels Helmsdale Road. It runs through a watershed designated Booze Creek Park. A \$1 million project is nearing completion which improves the watershed by reducing erosion with stone walls, small dams and plantings.

The first (upstream) portion of the Booze Creek project is mostly complete. The remaining items are the planting of trees and shrubs, which should be complete by mid-December. Implementation of the second portion of the project (downstream to Cabin John Parkway) has begun and is expected to be complete (including planting) by the end of April 2012. The County will coordinate with BCA to schedule a stream walk when the project is completed in the spring.



Information for BCA Seniors by Edith Miles

The BCA Good Neighbors Committee is working to help BCA seniors who want to continue to live in their homes as they age (Age-in-Place). For further information, contact Edith Miles (301-320-3299; ewmiles@comcast.net) or Josephine Roberts (301-229-4281; joroberts@webtv.net).

What the committee does:

1. Keeps an e-mail list of BCA Seniors and sends information about neighborhood activities and programs for seniors.
2. Keeps a list of BCA members who have volunteered to help BCA Seniors.
3. Provides transportation and social activities for BCA Seniors.
4. Prepares a Directory of Resources for Seniors.

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Social Activities. The committee sponsored a senior table at the Fall Festival, a potluck lunch at the Pourhamidi home in June, and a lunch at the China Pavilion in August. A lunch at the Bezu restaurant on November 17 was attended by 16 BCA Seniors. Another lunch will be held next April. Several BCA Seniors have joined other BCA members on Friday morning neighborhood walks that are organized by Rebecca Kahlenberg.



Resources. The committee is revising its Directory of Resources for Seniors. We have updated Section X: Home Services. The list includes recommendations of handymen, gutter cleaners, exterminators, etc. and is available by e-mail on request. We welcome additional recommendations for the list. (This list is simply a compilation of various personal recommendations from our neighbors. The BCA and the Good Neighbors Committee have not researched or endorsed the companies or persons listed.)

BCA History. Because many of the houses in our BCA neighborhood were built in the 50s and 60s, only a few of these houses are still occupied by their original owners. Committee members are talking to several of the original owners of houses on Crail Drive and of houses in the Flint Hill development. We plan to write an article on the BCA history for the Spring/Summer 2012 Banner. BCA members with special knowledge of BCA history are welcome to contact us or to submit articles to John Noble, the Bannockburn Banner Editor (johnnoble@mac.com).



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