



BCA's Spring Festival, Concord Park



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Enjoying the Playground

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History of Our Neighborhood *by Edith Miles*

Our neighborhood was largely developed in the 1960s. To learn more about the history of our neighborhood, I have tried to locate and talk with some of the original homeowners. Most of the original owners have left the community and those remaining are over 80 or 90 years old. Here I report on the history of the development of houses on Crail Drive. I hope to learn about the history of other parts of the neighborhood in the future.

Development of Crail Drive

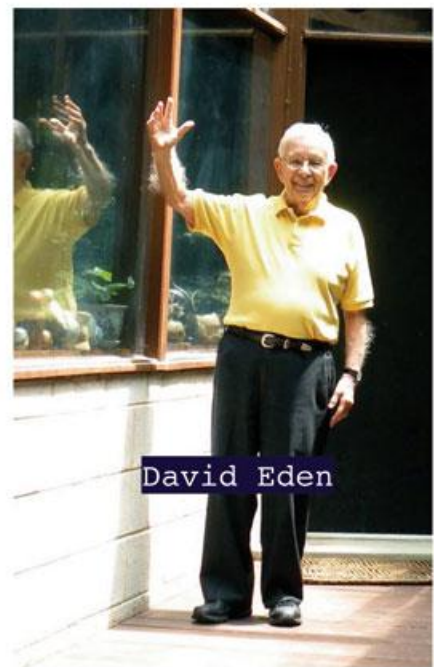
I have talked with several of the original owners of houses that were built on Crail Drive during the late 50s and 60s (Yvonne McAdoo, Phillip and Lottie Katz, Harry and Velma Galblum, David Eden, Mary Nathan, Richard and Lilo Schifter). Crail Drive was just an unnamed dirt road in 1957 when Malcolm and Yvonne McAdoo and Phillip and Lottie Katz built the first 2 houses at the top of the road, now 7201 and 7200 Crail Drive, respectively. The Katz house had no electricity connection. They used an electrical connection from William and Wilma Lehman, who lived behind them on Broxburn Drive.

Harry and Velma Galblum and David and Helen Eden were friends and neighbors who lived on Owen Place in Bannockburn in the 50s. When they looked for land on which to build houses for their growing families, they found an undeveloped 10 lot block of land on the dirt road that is now Crail Drive. The sales price was \$35,000. The Galblums and Edens built on 2 of the lots (now 7116 and 7109 Crail Drive) and sold the other lots on both sides of the road on the hill below. Helen Eden arranged for the county to put in a road and improvements in exchange for taxes over the next 10 years. She named the street Crail Drive.

Most the houses on Crail Drive were architect designed and are described as mid 20th century modern. The Galblum house was designed by the architect Harold Esten who was influenced by mies van der rohe. The steel-frame house uses glass extensively. The architect Jack C. Cohen designed the Eden house. The house received the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade Award for Excellence in Architecture in 1959 and an AIA Award in 1960. Jack Cohen, who died in 2011, designed and built his own house at 7000 Crail Drive in the early 60s. The noted architect Hugh Newell Jacobsen designed the Nathan House at 7101 Crail Drive. Thomas W.D. Wright, who was a partner with Brown & Wright Architects, designed and built the Schifter house at 6907 Crail Drive the early 60s.



Harry and Velma Galblum



David Eden

BCA President's Letter

Ted Garrett

Our BCA Year is off to a great start, and we look forward to the summer season. The Spring Festival was another great event, our meetings in March and May were stimulating, and we have a new Environment Committee.



Spring Festival. Our annual "Spring Festival" picnic at Concord Park on May 20 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 this event. The gorgeous spring day was perfect for our well supplied plant exchange. Children displayed their creativity by making bird feeders. The caricaturist was a big hit, making lovely drawings of neighbors of all ages. The senior table was well attended, and the food was plentiful. Thanks to Bonnie Garrett, who organized this event, and to Cecily Abram, Rebecca Kahlenberg, Karen Lesser, sue Mason, Edith Miles, John Noble, Jane Pettit, Stephanie Posner, Jo Roberts, and Brad Schmonses for their efforts in making this event a great success.

Meetings. In honor of Earth Day, we had a special BCA meeting on **April 19, 2012**, featuring remarks by **Roger Berliner**, President of the Montgomery County Council, who discussed current efforts to promote energy efficiency in buildings and residential properties, protecting the tree canopy, and assistance to energy buying co-ops.

Our regular BCA quarterly meeting on **May 31, 2012** featured remarks by our neighbor **Gerry Ehrenstein**, a retired biophysicist and current member of the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Sierra Club. Gerry discussed energy-saving tips, available financial subsidies, and where to get more information. We also elected a new member to our Board of Directors: Ben Schlesinger, who is co-chair of our Covenants committee. Thanks to Jo Roberts and Movita Hercules for their help in setting up for these meetings, and to St. Mark for its hospitality.

Environment Committee. We have formed a new BCA environment committee, which has identified the following activities: exploring ways to mitigate deer infestation and its impacts, a BCA website page with information on reducing one's energy use and environmental impacts, a BCA resolution on best practices for tree preservation and removal, a fall walk and cleanup of Booze Creek, a cleanup of invasive plants at Concord Park, and a fall garden spruce-up on the triangle. Members of the committee are Gerry Ehrenstein, Geoffrey Bird, Seth Goldstein, Jennifer Kavar, Barry Malter, Ken Rubin, Brad Schmonses, Becky Simms, and Geert Van Brandt.

Construction. Our covenants committee, headed by **Dwight Mason** and **Ben Schlesinger**, 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 or Ben Schlesinger at bschles@bsaenergy.com.

New Neighbors. **Jane Pettit** and **Cecily Abrams** continue 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.

Neighborhood Security. The committee will act as a liaison with the block captains and is considering other ways to improve neighborhood security. There is a new webpage with security information. The following neighbors 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**.

Block Captains. We urge our block captains to get to know the neighbors on their block, to ask neighbors to keep an eye on each other's homes, and to register on the website. Our Security Committee will be seeking volunteers as needed to fill gaps or bolster coverage of certain streets.

Newsletter. **John Noble** has done a splendid job as Editor of the Banner. If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or would like to volunteer, contact John at johnanoble@mac.com.

Seniors. **Edith Miles** leads our very active Good Neighbors committee. The committee organizes various activities and works to help BCA seniors who want to continue to live in their homes in their senior years. Members of the committee are Abol and Margaret Pourhamidi, Alan Sterling, Colleen Woodhead, Sam and Deanne Marein-Efron, Edith Miles, Josephine Roberts, Ted and Roseanne Alexander, Dutch and Sally Koenig, Thelma Deutch, and Sandra Finzi. You can contact Edith for information or suggestions at ewmiles@comcast.net.

Dues. If you have not paid your BCA dues for 2012, please do so. 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>

Website. You can find our 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.

Next meeting. Our fall meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 6**, at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you then. In the meantime, enjoy your summer.

Ted Garrett
BCA President

Space Shuttle Photo from my Office



BCA Earth Day Meeting



Council Chairman
Roger Berliner



Question from Audience

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

More Festival Photos



BCA Good Neighbors Committee by Edith Miles

The BCA Good Neighbors Committee is working to promote friendly relations between BCA neighbors. The committee has focused on helping seniors who want to continue living in their homes as they age (Age-in-Place). We have prepared an e-mail list of over 70 BCA Seniors and use it to distribute information about our programs. We also send notices about activities of the BCA and of Burning Tree Village (BTV) and of the Bannockburn Neighbors-Assisting-Neighbors program (NAN). We maintain a second list of BCA members who volunteer to help Seniors and a Directory of Resources for Seniors.

During the past year we have sponsored several activities:

1. A senior table at the spring and fall festivals. Those attending enjoy talking and eating and the other festival activities including the plant exchange.
2. A knitting group for all ages that meets at Margaret Pourhamidi's home every 2 weeks on Thursdays from 1-3. Margaret is a master knitter and gives helpful advice to the 4-8 people who bring their own projects to the meetings.
3. Neighborhood walks every Friday at 9:30 am starting at the corner of Broxburn Drive and Loch Lomond. Rebecca Kahlenberg initiated these walks for participants of all ages during parts of the year. We have extended the walks into the winter.
4. Lunches for BCA Seniors 3 times a year at homes or restaurants. A lunch at Bezu Restaurant attracted 16 participants in November. Thirteen people attended a potluck lunch at the Miles' house in April.

For further information, to join the e-mail list, or to volunteer, contact Edith Miles (301-320-3299; ewmiles@comcast.net) or Josephine Roberts (301-229-4281; joroberts@webtv.net).

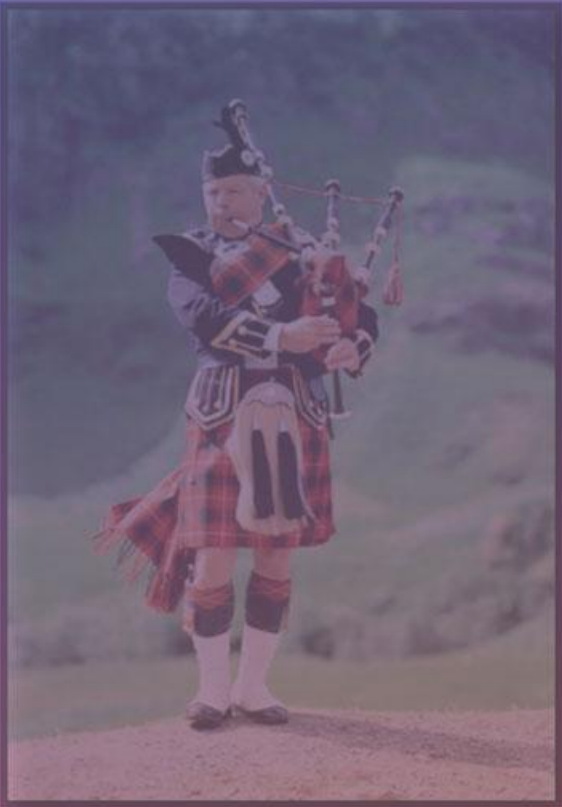
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