



BCA's Fall Festival, Concord Park



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Festival Scenes

BCA President's Letter

Ted Garrett

We have had a very good year and we look forward to the holidays.

Fall Festival. Our Fall Festival at Concord Park on October 14 was another wonderful event, as you will see from the photos in this newsletter. We had spectacular weather, and a happy crowd of neighbors gathered to enjoy the festivities and a chance to visit. Thanks to our Festival committee, we had abundant food for everyone. Children displayed their creativity in decorating pumpkins, and the seniors table was well attended. We had another great dog show with participants and viewers alike enjoying it immensely. The face painter was terrific and stayed overtime to handle the crowd. Special thanks to Bonnie Garrett, Rebecca Kahlenberg, John Noble, Jo Roberts, Edith Miles, Karen Lesser, and Stephanie Posner for making this event a success.



Meetings. Our regular BCA quarterly meeting on September 6, 2012 featured remarks by our neighbor, Ambassador Richard Shifter. He served the government with distinction in a number of capacities. From 1986 to 1992 he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, a position in which he played a key role in the U.S. effort to encourage the Soviet Government to release political prisoners, stop criminalizing political dissent and to allow the emigration of Soviet Jews. This story is told in the book he wrote titled "Human Rights, Perestroika and the End of the Cold War." He had most interesting remarks on that topic and on Russia today. As usual, thanks to Jo Roberts and Movita Hercules for their help in setting up for these meetings, and to St. Mark for its hospitality. At the December 7 Holiday Party Meeting, Mathewe Kelleher, Special Projects Facilitator at the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, gave tips for improving fire safety in our homes.

Environment Committee. We have formed a new BCA environment committee, which has identified the following activities: 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, exploring ways to mitigate deer infestation and its impacts, and a garden spruce-up on the triangle. Members of the committee are Geoffrey Bird, Gerry Ehrenstein, Seth Goldstein, Jennifer Kawar, Barry Malter, Ken Rubin, Brad Schmonses, Becky Simms, and Geert Van Brandt. **Seth Goldstein**, sethgoldstein@verizon.net, has agreed to chair the Committee.

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

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 Committee Chair **John Hannula**, john_hannula@yahoo.com

Website. You can find our new and improved website: <http://bannockburncitizens.org/>

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 johnnoble@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.

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.

Dues. BCA dues for 2013 are due on January 1. 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.



Ambassador Richard Shifter,
BCA Speaker

Next meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 7**, at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you then. In the meantime, have a great winter.

Ted Garrett
BCA President

BCA Resolution Regarding Preserving Our Tree Canopy

by Ted Garrett and Bekki Sims

During the past year, neighbors have observed and commented on the impact of new and renovated homes on the tree canopy in our neighborhood. BCA's Environment Committee considered the issues and developed the a resolution that was discussed at our general meeting in May and approved by the BCA Board. The resolution expresses the value that the community places on the tree canopy in our neighborhood and states as follows:

WHEREAS trees in our neighborhood are an integral part of our surroundings and add important aesthetic as well as an environmental values which include shade for cooling and habitat for birds and other wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Directors of the Bannockburn Citizens Association urges developers and homeowners (1) to understand and respect the importance of the tree canopy when planning to build or renovate homes in this neighborhood, and (2) to use best practices for protecting and preserving trees in all phases of construction and renovation, as set forth in the City of Charlottesville, VA "Best Management Practices for Tree Preservation, Transplanting and Removal" (2009).

This resolution will be placed on our BCA website, and our Covenants Committee will provide it to builders, real estate brokers, and homeowners who are building or renovating homes as an expression of the community's wishes.

The Charlottesville guidelines are available on line at:

www.charlottesville.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=2061

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BCA Good Neighbors Committee

by Edith Miles

The BCA Good Neighbors Committee is working to promote good relations between BCA neighbors and to help Seniors who want to continue to live in their homes as they age (Age-in Place). During the summer and fall of 2012 we have sponsored several activities:

1. A knitting group for all ages that meets at Margaret Pourhamidi's home every 2 weeks on Thursdays from 1-3.
2. Neighborhood walks for Seniors and others every Friday at 9:30 am starting at the corner of Broxburn Drive and Loch Lomond.
3. A Happy Hour for BCA Senior men August 23 at Sam Marein-Efron's House.
4. A table for BCA Seniors at the Fall Festival at Concord Park October 14
5. A lunch for BCA Seniors at Hunters' Inn November 1.

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; jroberts@webtv.net).

History of the Flint Hill Part of our Neighborhood

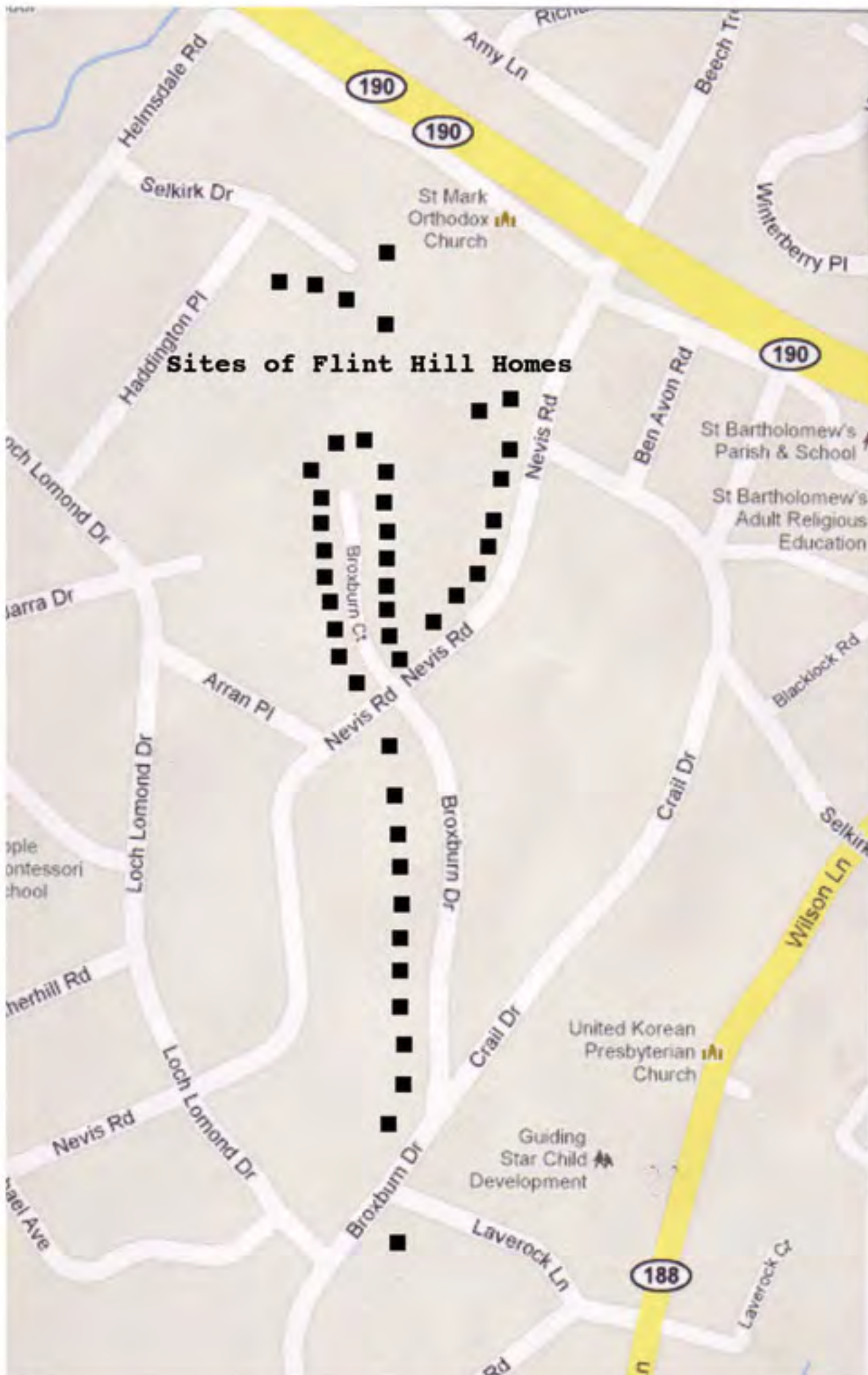
by Edith Miles

Flint Hill is a part of our neighborhood that was developed in the late 50s and early 60s. The builder/developer was Edmund Bennett and his architectural team was made up of Keyes, Lethbridge and Condon, AIA. Bennett built forty-three houses on a 25 acre block of land. The houses are located on Broxburn Court, Broxburn Drive, Nevis Road, Selkirk Drive, and Laverock Lane (see map). The National Association of Home Builders gave Bennett a design merit award in 1959 for the Flint Hill Community. The houses are described as mid 20th century modern. They were designed and sited to allow maximal enjoyment of the out-of-doors through the large windows and doors. In the last decade at least 10 of these houses have been torn down and rebuilt in different styles. Only a few of the houses have not had their exteriors modified. (The photo below shows a good example of an unmodified "original home" at 7408 Nevis Road.)

I talked with Peg and John Howard in late August 2011 just before they sold their house on Broxburn Court and moved to Florida. Peg had worked as a real estate agent for Edmund Bennett. She sold his houses in Flint Hill and in Carderock Springs, a later development. She sold my husband and me our house at 7202 Broxburn Drive in 1968. The only original owners still in residence in Flint Hill are Herbert and Rima Schulkind and Howard and Marianne Dawson, who live next to each other at 7414 and 7408 Nevis Road. I talked with the Schulkind and the Dawsons in October 2012. The Dawsons were almost the first resident of Flint Hill when they arrived in 1969 from Arkansas. They deliberately chose a mid 20th century modern house. The Schulkind came from New York via Virginia in 1961 and bought the last Flint Hill house.

The Dawsons and Schulkind have had distinguished careers. President John F. Kennedy appointed Howard Dawson to the U. S. Tax Court 50 years ago. The U.S. Senate recently paid tribute to Judge Dawson as the longest serving judge in the history of the court. The tribute noted that his wife Marianne had supported him in his work for more than 66 years. Howard is now a Judge Emeritus and goes to work daily in Washington D. C. Herbert Schulkind practiced law from 1949 until he retired in 1987. He is also noted for his military service in World War II. He received a silver star for his participation in the liberation of Luxemburg and for his role in Normandy after D-day. Rima Schulkind has been a professional artist since 1976. She started with ceramics at Glen Echo and has expanded to use many media. Several of her works are in her front yard. Her works have been shown in many shows and galleries, including the Touchstone Gallery. She is also involved in many social and political causes.





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Fire Safety Speaker
Dec. 5

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