

Voice OF THE RESIDENTS

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Angela Breakey shows delight at being able to use the new upper level entrance, which finally opened on October 28. Photo by Willy Sydnor. See story on page 3.

Holiday festivities abound

By Pat van den Beemt

December at Broadmead is filled with everything from trains, stories and candles to music, holiday and winter photos, and—yes—even steamed lobsters.

The **Model Trains and Railroading Interest Group** has just the ticket to start the holiday season off with a whistle. The members set up two tables on the lower level of the Community Center at the end of November. Each table features two locomotives operated by hand-held controls. The American Flyer trains circle a snowy Christmas village and chug past a circus and adjacent town. Visitors are welcome to see—and “run”—the trains near the evening mealtimes and around noon on Sundays.

The train group is looking for more volunteers to help run the trains for an hour or two. If you’ve always wanted to be an engineer, now’s your chance. Call Bill Hakkarinen at 443-578judge-8536.

Another holiday feature on the lower level is the **Photography Club’s Holiday/Winter Display**. Some 27 seasonal photos will hang from Dec. 7 to Feb. 6.

Residents can explore the seven principles of **Kwanzaa** on Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be live music by the Xaala Mainama African Arts Ensemble and stories from Griots’ Circle of Maryland. A reception with hors d’oeuvres will follow. *RSVP by calling Parker Suddeth, Director of Culture and Belonging, at 443-578-8047 by Dec. 4.* A Kwanzaa table will also be set up in the hall outside the auditorium as part of the yearly decorations. *See related Multicultural story on page 8 for more details.*

Music lovers can get in the holiday spirit when the **Roland Park Country School’s Semiquavers**, a singing ensemble, performs in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 10. In addition, a **four-hands piano concert** is featured in the auditorium on Dec. 22 at 3 p.m., with music by Min Young Park and Yejin Lee.

The annual **Broadmead Chorus Holiday Concert** will take place in the auditorium on Friday, December 13 at 3 p.m., followed by a reception sponsored by Broadmead’s Hospitality Chairs.

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Changes made to non-resident membership program

A Voice Report

The new name for off-campus enrollees for campus amenities—formerly called “Associate Members” or “Community Members”—is now “Health and Wellness Members.” These guests to the campus, who pay annual dues for membership, will soon be wearing yellow identity badges when visiting the Community Center.

Of the current 140 Health and Wellness (H&W) Members, 28 are also on the priority list for becoming Broadmead residents. Only those on the priority list have access to the Gilchrist Clinic.

The membership program provides orientation to the H&W Members, explaining guidelines and parameters of participation in exercise programs in the Wellness Center, the spa and salon, and arts & crafts and dining venues.

Members may also attend public events at the Center and take part in non-BRA activities that are publicized on a weekly basis. For BRA-sponsored activities, the H&W Members can participate on a case-by-case basis. BRA activity chairs will be trained on the criteria and process for considering H&W Members’ participation.

H&W Members are now paying new rates for meals and half-price for drinks in the Happy Hour, while their guests are paying full price.

Further, H&W Members will now have an opportunity to participate in the BRA Employee Appreciation Fund (EAF).

The H&W membership program, according to Andy Switzer, Director of Center of Excellence Health & Wellness, is intended to augment the amenities and services offered in the H&W department, for the benefit of residents as well as H&W Members. He says that the program more than covers its costs.

The external program continues to evolve. “We will base future decisions on the usage levels in the various services and amenities that Health and Wellness members have access to,” says Andy.

NOTE: H&W Members are instructed to park in the Stony Run lot and in visitor parking.

Greater Barn Sale Results: October 25 & 26, 2024

BARN SALE RECEIPTS	OLD & NEW SHOP RECEIPTS	TOTAL
\$9,675.08	\$2,780.17	\$12,455.25

This represents a \$1,033.93 increase over total results of the Spring 2024 Barn Sale. *Source: BRA Finance Committee*

New Residents Reception on Dec. 3

By Bobbie Cook

On Tuesday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m., all residents are invited to gather in the auditorium for a reception to welcome those residents who have moved to Broadmead since June 2024. Our new neighbors will be wearing a lei so that you may easily identify them. A new addition to the gathering will be a video of the new folks so that you can put names to faces. Wine, hot cider and finger foods will add to the festive event.

You may like to reread the editions of the *Voice* to refresh your recollections about these new friends.

The following new residents will be honored:

- Emily & Myles Schneider**
- Karen Smith**
- Perry & Gerry Ballek**
- Elis Hopkins**
- Happy Brooks**
- Beth Babikow**
- Carol Williams**
- Livvie Rasmussen & Bill Messner**
- Peter & Yvonne Lev**
- Jack & Lynne Shue**
- Libby Loafman**

The BRA Hospitality Chairs, with the support of the Hospitality Coordinator and Broadmead’s Dining team members, offer these gatherings to welcome new residents twice a year.

Comprehensive Campus Plan update

The draft version of the full report of the Comprehensive Campus Plan is nearing completion, following an extensive review and comment process involving the Sustainability Work Group and the Executive Leadership Team. A report on the final version is anticipated an upcoming issue of the *Voice*.

Last update (we hope!) for the upper level entrance

By Willy Sydnor

According to Joyce Malone, VP of Facility Services, probably the biggest disappointment during the entire process of redoing the upper level entrance was having to face the Broadmead residents in Fireside Chats and say that once again, the finish date had to be extended—until it wasn't.

There were so many delays beyond the control of the contractors, Warfel, including weather (remember June, when we had record rain?). Because of that rain, the ground where the footings were to be placed was absorbing too much water. And then there were the permit delays! Though the permit problems during Covid were much worse, they still caused delays on this current project. And then there was time spent waiting for inspections, which Joyce explained are triggered whenever permits are applied for, and which are for our protection—to make sure the jobs covered by the permits are done according to code.

But the best part is the upper level entrance is finally open, as of October 28th! Tarps removed, ladders gone, daily work crews no longer starting early, working late. And most people seem very pleased with the new layout—even our mail lady says she really like the new setup.

A few hiccups have been noticed, though...

A couple of details about the new entrance have elicited feedback from residents. One is the **half-height wall at the south side of the reception desk**, which wasn't on the original desk. In addition to the necessary wiring that is hidden in the wall, Joyce said it also provides privacy to the receptionists, which is needed since some of their work involves handling sensitive material dealing with residents. For those who are concerned about the reduced visibility from the reception desk looking south toward the auditorium and dining areas, cameras will be installed to provide additional visibility.

And then there are the **new shiny metal railings** on both sides of



A contractor's representative (left) shows Broadmeaders the attributes of the new mailroom addition. Left to right: Capital Project Manager Dave Sutton, VP of Facility Services Joyce Malone, Elenor Reid, Eric van den Beemt, Jennifer Schilpp, Chief Financial Officer. Photo by Willy Sydnor.

the walkway up to the upper level entrance. Some have remarked that they are sterile-looking or too stark or too modern—distracting from the buildings and landscaping. Some residents pointed out that other railings on campus have been painted a neutral color. Painting the railings would become a maintenance issue, but could help keep bare hands from sticking to the metal in freezing weather.

Skylight & automatic doors

The new upper level entrance wasn't quite complete on October 28. A **skylight** was to have been installed before the green roof was planted. Like so many things, though, the manufacture of the skylight was delayed. "If we had waited for the skylight to arrive, we would have had to delay the opening of the vestibule and mailroom," says Joyce Malone. To keep to the long-delayed opening schedule, it was decided to cover the skylight space temporarily in order to get the needed use and occupancy approval. Since the skylight was custom-manufactured, the order could not be cancelled. It was installed during the week of November 18, with resident access to the mailroom restricted to after 4 p.m. while the work was done.

"I know that this hasn't been an easy process in so many ways," says Joyce. "We do anticipate that this will be the last inconvenience in terms of the new space."

Asked what could be done about the two **automatic doors in the entrance that open simultaneously** when someone walks through the entrance, Joyce says, "We are currently working on door programming. It will be difficult, since they work based on motion, but we will get there."

Joseph Thornburgh and his four daughters

By Edward Papenfuse

In 1792, the year his wife Rebecca died, Joseph Thornburgh (1760-1820) moved his dry goods store and his four daughters to Baltimore from Carlisle, PA. In 1801, from the profits of his Baltimore business, he bought the land that is now Broadmead, then known as Widower's Neglect, and moved his family there.

Born a Quaker, Thornburgh had been expelled for marrying outside the faith and for serving in Washington's army as Wagon Master, where he attained the rank of Lt. Colonel.

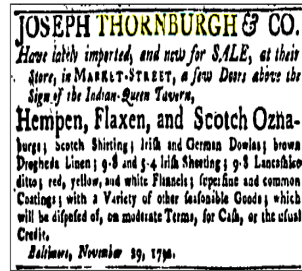
Thornburgh recanted his past behavior when he got to Baltimore, writing a letter of remorse to the Warrington (PA) Meeting and joining the Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends.

He became a director and investor in the Baltimore Equitable Society "for insuring houses from loss by fire," and loaned out his fortune at a profitable rate of interest. He donated a 17-volume set of the works of Reverend Dr. Jonathan Swift, best known for *Gulliver's Travels*, to the Library Company of Baltimore. He voiced his opposition to slavery, and in 1795 he served as a delegate to the second national convention of anti-slavery societies, held in Philadelphia. He was a colleague of Quaker John Ellicott, the wealthy founder of Ellicott Mills in Howard County.

Ellicott encouraged and promoted the work of Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806), the brilliant Black mathematician. Thornburgh used his Philadelphia contacts to facilitate the publication of Banneker's *Almanac* in 1793, the same year Thornburgh first advertised his dry goods store.

When Ellicott died suddenly in 1795, Thornburgh pursued his widow, Cassandra Hopkins Ellicott. After he apologized for his lapsing as a Quaker, Cassandra consented. They were married on November 21, 1798 at "the Ellicott Meeting House at Elkridge, near Ellicotts Town Mills."

Cassandra became the stepmother of Thornburgh's four daughters, Deborah, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Sarah. It is not clear where they lived in Baltimore, but both parents undoubtedly were concerned about life in a city that offered many sinful distractions, such as dancing and handsome young men who were not Quakers. Thornburgh may have hoped that with the help of the Baltimore Meeting they would remain Quaker, but it was not to be. In 1800 his second eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was married by an 'infidel' preacher to the son of a slave owner, who was described by another admirer as "the most amiable youth I ever saw." They moved to Harford County.



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In around 1803, Joseph moved Cassandra and his remaining daughters about 14 miles north of the City to Widower's Neglect, now Broadmead. They all became members of Gunpowder Friends Meeting, only a short distance from their new home. That did not deter

Deborah and Sarah, however, from marrying non-Quakers. Only Margaret, who never married, remained a Quaker, although Deborah did ask to be forgiven for marrying outside the faith shortly before she died.

Joseph's move to Widower's Neglect was not solely for the religious security of his family. From his days as Wagon Master to Washington, he had concerns about the quality of the roads in America. He invested in and became a director of the York Road Turnpike that bordered Widower's Neglect. He built the toll house near where Western Run crosses the turnpike. When he acquired

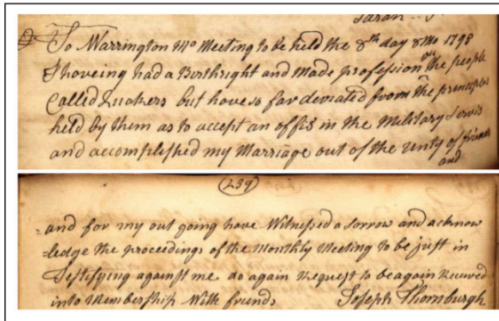
mill property along Western Run, he forged an agreement with his Turnpike Company that farmers who used his mill would not have to pay a toll.

In 1812, when Cassandra died at Widower's Neglect, Joseph Thornburgh

departed with his daughter Margaret to live in a house on Sharp Street in Baltimore City. He left the farm in the care of his daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Skinner Webster, retaining ownership until his death in 1820, when it was sold by his estate to Webster.

Next time: *Life at Widower's Neglect (Broadmead) with Elizabeth Thornburgh Webster.*

Ed Papenfuse, a Broadmead resident, was Maryland State Archivist before his retirement.



Help needed for Scholastic Book Fair

By Del Sweeney

Every year, Padonia International Elementary School hosts a Scholastic Book Fair. Each class visits the library during a school period, and students can purchase books for themselves. Padonia's students are always excited to participate in this Fair, and every purchase at the Fair directly benefits the school.

The school librarian manages the book sales, but she needs volunteers to assist the students. The BRA Student Support Volunteer Project is recruiting volunteers for the week of December 9 through December 13. Volunteers will be asked to spend one half-day helping students at the Book Fair.

Volunteers can: help students find books they want to buy; help students count their money to figure out what they can buy; help keep an eye on students who are not shopping but are playing in the room.

We're looking for at least 10 volunteers to cover the five days of the sale. You would be asked to help out in the library for a two- or three-hour stint, if possible. The hours are between 8:50 a.m. and 2:30 or 3:30 p.m. (depending on the day). You will be able to select a day and time that is convenient for you. Transportation can be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Del Sweeney, del.sweeney@yahoo.com or 443-578-8270.

BRAF Financial aid available

The Broadmead Residents Assistance Fund (BRAF) provides financial assistance to any Broadmead resident whose financial assets are becoming depleted to the point that they may have difficulty meeting all their obligations. Contact Jennifer Schilpp, Chief Financial Officer, at 443-578-8063 for information about how to qualify.

Sparkling Holiday Giving Tree supports local students

Text and photos by Sandy Angell

Among the beautifully decorated holiday trees that will appear in the Community Center shortly after Thanksgiving will be one filled with handmade ornaments and lots of opportunities to participate in one of the season's enduring themes—giving to others in need. Thanks to the generosity of Broadmead, Inc., the BRA



On November 19, 14 residents gathered in the art room to make decorations for the Giving Tree. (Above) Gay Block and Carol Knepley create ornaments, while (below) Jo Krause and Priscilla Barrett work together.



Student Support Volunteer Project will receive a lighted but undecorated tree that will be placed in the main hallway near the coatroom. Broadmead residents from throughout the community will create and decorate handmade ornaments to bring the tree to life. Hallowell and Darlington residents will create sparkly, bejeweled decorations that list an item needed by students at Padonia International Elementary School. Warm pajamas, socks, and non-perishable food items top the list.

Residents will choose an item to purchase and return it unwrapped to the donation bin in time for pre-holiday distribution to students. As items are selected, new ornaments will be added that will remain throughout the season. The watercolor group is creating beautiful holiday scenes to hang on the tree while other volunteers work with glue, glitter and paper to create holiday-themed ornaments.

On behalf of the residents who are active with the BRA Student Support Volunteer Network, Sandy Angell says to those who have helped with their initiatives, "Thank you for participating in this project and in all other efforts to support our local community. We hope we are starting a new tradition at Broadmead."

Holiday Happenings at Broadmead

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New this year is a **Celebration of Light**, to celebrate the light in our lives and in different world traditions. It happens on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. The event features songs, a winter solstice story and a chance to participate in activities related to seven holiday traditions. Light refreshments will be served.

The Jewish Heritage Group is holding a **Chanukah party** on Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Bistro. Chanukah is an eight-day holiday that begins this year on Dec. 25, so the party here is being held on the sixth night. It includes a candle-lighting ceremony followed by light refreshments and music. All are invited.

Now, finally: the lobsters. **On New Year's Eve, the Magnolia Room has whole steamed lobsters on the menu.** Reservations will be limited to 40 people, so act now if you want some fine Maine crustaceans. *Reservations can be made from 5-6:30 p.m. Call 443-578-8033 to reserve your spot.*

Other dining news is that both the **Holly Terrace and the Arbor Café will be closed on the evening of Dec. 14** so employees can go to an offsite holiday party. A mid-day main meal will be served to residents instead of dinner.

The dining team is extra busy this time of year. They normally handle between 50-60 parties in December. *Call Tarsha Campbell at 443-578-8235 to book a party for your friends, family, Hillside residents or cluster folks.*

The last event of the season is on the final evening of 2024. A **New Year's Eve party** in the auditorium is from 7:30-9:30. A DJ playing tunes, complimentary wine, a champagne toast, and gourmet sweet and savory snacks are all on the agenda. Seating is open, with 17 round tables of seven each. There is even a balloon artist who will create balloon accessories for everyone. The audio visual folks will show midnight scenes from around the world.

Musical Movie Matinee presents "Oliver!"



Date: Wed.,
December 4
Time: 3:00pm
(Running Time 2h30min – over at 5:30pm)
Location:
Auditorium
Sponsor:
BRA Music Committee

After being sold to the mortician Sowerberry, young orphan Oliver Twist runs away and meets a group of boys trained to be pickpockets by their elderly mentor Fagin in 1830s London in this musical based on Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. Questions? Contact Don Killgallon at dkillgall@gmail.com or call 410-804-7446.

MaCCRA Update

By Walter Burnett

February 25, 2025, has been selected by MaCCRA (Maryland Continuing Care Residents' Association) as "Annapolis Day." This event is an in-person gathering at the Maryland State Capital that allows CCRC residents from across the state to interact with their delegates and senators. The doors will open at the Calvert House at 9:00 a.m., with formal activities beginning shortly thereafter. Lunch, concluding the meeting, will be served buffet style around noon. The Broadmead chapter is in the process of organizing a bus trip for those residents who are interested in attending. *To get an idea of how many would like to participate, interested residents should contact Walter Burnett (wburnett1959@gmail.com).*

Membership dues are still being received. So far 160 residents have renewed or joined Broadmead's MaCCRA chapter. The dues are used to support the MaCCRA lobbyists in Annapolis and to support chapter activities such as "Annapolis Day."

Walter Burnett is president of the Broadmead chapter of MaCCRA

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: *Joanne Goldsmith, longtime president of the Broadmead Chapter of MaCCRA, passed away on October 29. Walter Burnett, who had been serving as the First Vice President, has assumed the role of President, and John Mattingly, who had been serving as the Second Vice President, is now the First Vice President. In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, a new Second Vice President will be selected in the near future. Residents interested in supporting MaCCRA as chapter members should contact Denise Love (lovegalley@aol.com).*

Broadmeaders serve as election judges

Text and photos by Sharon McKinley

People who needed to vote really early were already lined up for the 7 a.m. opening at the Cockeysville Middle School when the automated voting system stopped communicating with the central office. Broadmead resident Pete Sugatt, who was a new



Pete Sugatt and Sandy Angell are Baltimore County election judges, as is another Broadmead resident, Pat van den Beemt.



election judge, tried to keep everyone happy as they waited for 20 minutes for the problem to be resolved. After a while, not knowing when things would start moving, Pete said to the crowd, “Mattresses will be brought out in 10 minutes.” Everyone laughed. Pete taught at this middle school location 50 years ago; this was his first time back. Just a day in the life of a poll judge.

Broadmeaders Pete Sugatt and Sandy Angell were both working the polls on Election Day 2024. The goal was to make the process of voting as easy and secure as possible.

Both feel that this is a great job. Sandy says that everyone should try it. It was on her retirement “to do” list.

She has worked several elections and primaries, and reports that the mood is congenial. At her polling place, the workers switched jobs every few hours to alleviate boredom and stretch the muscles. Workers are cross-trained: there are voting accommodations for people with vision, hearing, and mobility impairment that Sandy views as progress during her time as an election judge. Poll judges undergo three hours of training beforehand, and take one-hour refresher classes. Judges have to be at the polls well in advance

of the 7:00 a.m. opening. This year Sandy worked at the Brooklandville Fire Department polling place, which was interesting for the voters, but which meant the judges couldn’t set up the day before.

Both Sandy and Pete emphasized that in Maryland the voting system is very secure. At various points in the voting process, every ballot has to be signed for by more than one election judge. All used or unused ballots have to be accounted for, and everything is tallied throughout the day. With our fellow residents on the job, we can be sure it will be done right!

If you are interested in joining Pete and Sandy as poll judges, contact the County Board of Elections at 410-887-0982.

NOTE: *The Voice learned, after this story was written, that a third Broadmead resident is also an election judge. Pat van den Beemt served in this role at the Hereford Middle School polling place, where she and her husband Eric used to vote. “I got to see a lot of my former neighbors when I volunteered,” says Pat.*



Irises bloomed in November outside Mary Sturm’s garden home in W Cluster. Photo by Vernon Wright.

Celebrating Kwanzaa at Broadmead on December 9

By Gwen Marable

Kwanzaa, which is not a religious celebration, is celebrated in African American homes and communities from December 26-January 1.

This year at Broadmead, Kwanzaa will be celebrated on Monday, December 9 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be the lighting of the traditional 7 Kwanzaa Candles on the Kinara and the reciting of the 7 Kwanzaa Principles, followed by storytelling and the return of DanceandB'more, a troupe that will perform with audience interaction. African-American members of the Broadmead Staff will light the candles.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of African Studies at California State University, in 1966, after the Watts riots.

He named the seven-day celebration "Kwanzaa," a Swahili word meaning "first fruits of the harvest." Each day of Kwanzaa a candle is lighted, and the Principle of the day is recited and put into practice, especially by the children. The 7 Principles are Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith). The black candle, standing for the richness of the earth and the color of the skin, is lit first. The red candles stand for the blood of the struggles, and the green candles for a prosperous future.

During the week, activities include service projects, making gifts, writing poetry, reading and telling African-American stories, singing, dancing, preparing and eating traditional food.

All are invited to share in the Kwanzaa celebration, which is sponsored by the Multicultural Committee.

The following team members are participating in this year's Kwanzaa celebration at Broadmead: Alison Sinclair, Director of Nursing; Shameka Taylor, Purchasing Coordinator; Jermaine Hancock, Talent Acquisition Manager; Joseph Tubman, Cafe and Bistro Manager; Tiffany Johnson, Human Resources Operations Administrator; Yolanda Johnson, Chief Operating Officer; and Brandon Moulden, Hot Cook, Dining Services.

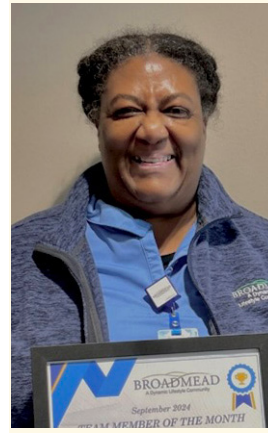
TECH TIP FOR DECEMBER

Bring Broadway home from Broadmead's library. DVDs are in the jigsaw puzzles area. Choose favorites from over 20 of the most famous movie musicals. Easy sign-out. No limit on number to borrow and no due date for returns. —Don Killgallon

Team Member of the Month for September:

Wilnie Boursiquot

The Team Member of the Month for September is Wilnie Boursiquot, a Home Management Assistant (HMA) who works primarily in the Hallowell Neighborhood. She has been at Broadmead for two and a half years.



Wilnie Boursiquot.

She is praised by her supervisor as having a truly commendable work ethic and being a great example of Broadmead's Core Values of Serenity and Simplicity. She is also lauded for being punctual and reliable, and for always managing her time efficiently.

Her fellow team members appreciate that she "mov[es] quietly through the hallways completing her work with a smile on her face" and that she makes "quiet yet impactful contributions." They observe that "her willingness to go above and beyond while staying humble speaks volumes about her character."

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DON'T MISS THE HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY

By the stairs, lower level of the Center

FIRST ALL-RESIDENTS MEETING LIVELY AND INFORMATIVE

On Tuesday evening, November 20, 1979, at 8 o'clock, the Broadmead auditorium was used for the first time and the occasion was an informal meeting of Broadmead residents "in residence." The historic event was convened by Dr. Kenneth Walker and almost 100 persons enlivened the lovely room. Dr. Walker briefly reviewed his years-long participation in the dream-to-reality of the Broadmead community and he paid tribute to the dedicated individuals who served with him on the Residents Planning Committee and who assumed responsibility for major projects which included the drafting of the Residents Association Constitution, By-Laws and enabling Act . . . , the writing and publication of the Residents Handbook; designating temporary conveners of the committees concerned with the Country Store, Library, Program, and Voice of the Residents, Crafts, Recreation and Transportation. Residents who moved in on or immediately after the September 24 opening of Broadmead were, in a very important sense, "cluster representatives"; supplementing the efforts of both an overworked and extraordinarily busy staff and the exceptionally capable corps of Board members.

The detailed planning and organizational work of the existing Committees is only now beginning to be visible. Residents who wish to organize additional committees were urged to do so. Ken observed that the quality of life we will have to a large extent, will be shaped by the Residents. He added that there are funds in the Broadmead budget to help all committees to get underway and that the administration will make Holly House available to the Residents Association for its official headquarters. Further, when all charter Residents have entered Broadmead, there will be a meeting to transfer the reins from the temporary Residents Committee to the permanent Residents Association.

Sourced from Voice archives by Kathleen Truelove. Punctuation is unchanged from the original.

New museum joins others in Hunt Valley

Electronic, math and technology enthusiasts take note: **The National Electronics Museum**, 338 Clubhouse Road in Hunt Valley, now shares space with the **Computer Museum** and the **Bloop Museum** (about electronic entertainment), all located within the offices of System Source. This collaboration will be interesting to electronic, math and technology enthusiasts. Visit <https://museum.syssrc.com>. Open by appointment. Tours are prescheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Different times can be arranged; call 410-771-5544 x4336. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, military/veterans, first responders, and those under age 18.

"Ethnic Cookie Walk" at Orthodox church in Hunt Valley

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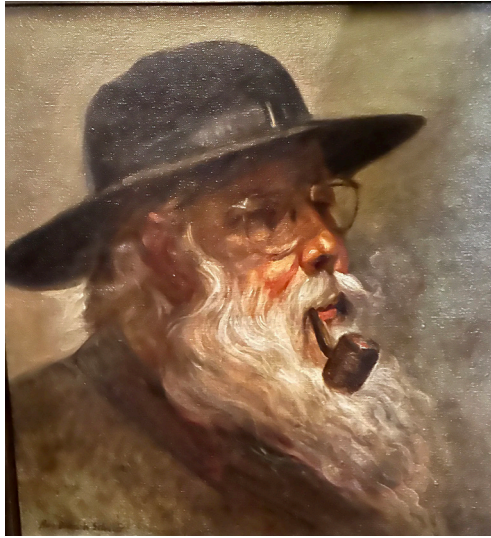
BALTIMORE COUNTY'S LARGEST ETHNIC
COOKIE WALK

Snow Date: 12/14/24

Arts Council shows off recent acquisitions

Text by Ross Jones; most photos by Jackie Mintz

With the Holiday Season hard upon us, the Broadmead Arts Council is unwrapping a gift for everyone in our community—an exhibition of new paintings acquired in recent months, most of which have not been seen until now.



Titled “Expanding The Broadmead Collection,” the show features 16 paintings and three photographs that have been acquired for Broadmead’s permanent art collection. The exhibition will be on view until February 2. All of the new work is made possible through either residents’ gifts to the Broadmead Art Fund or donations of paintings or photographs.

Works by four artists who studied or taught at

the Maryland Institute College of Art will remind viewers of the important role colleges of art have in nurturing art and artists and the cultural impact they make on their nearby communities as well as a wider variety of audiences. Those with MICA affiliations include Mark Karnes, Ed Praybe, Barry Nemett, and Sam Robinson.

Five of the paintings are by women: the late Ann Schuler, Carol Lee Thompson, Claudia Cameron, Nancy Linden and the late Ina Helrich.

Thompson’s painting, “The Master’s Hands,” is a sensitive, beautifully executed picture of Ann Schuler’s hands, with her brushes and pallet, made toward the end of her life. Thompson was a devoted student and friend of Schuler for many years. Schuler’s “The Smoker” is also on display.

A painting by African American artist and Baltimore resident Jerry Prettyman, “Blues Invasion,” offers a preview of more of Prettyman’s work, which will be shown here starting February 5 and ending on May 15.

Two paintings that were included in the Sam Robinson exhibition two years ago have returned to Broadmead, this

time on a permanent basis. “Girl in Winter” and “The Cherry Orchard,” (Remember the question: “What is she saying to him?”) have

been given to Broadmead by Sam’s parents, residents Sally and Court Robinson.

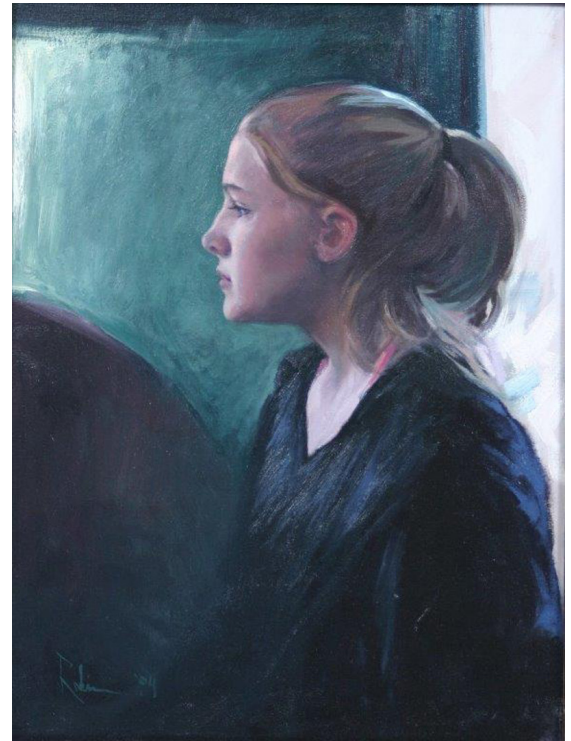
Longtime Baltimore residents will recognize the artistic style of the late Aubrey Bodine in three of his photographs in the exhibition. They are the first photos acquired by the Arts Council.

Clockwise from left: Ann Schuler, “The Smoker”; Claudia Cameron, “Blue Cascade”; Matt Klos, “Fort Howard #6.”





Clockwise from top: Jerry Prettyman, “Blues Invasion”; Sam Robinson, “Girl in Winter”; Carlene Moscatt, “Natural Forces 1988.”



Pastel paintings featured in East Hall during December

On November 30, an exhibition of 40 pastel paintings will open on the East Hall—30 by resident Joyce Lister, and 10 by her daughter, Heather Quay, a Harvard attorney whose avocation is painting. The show will be on view for the month of December. A



reception for the artists will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 7.



Above: “Marsh Sunset,” by Heather Quay; at left: “Burning Bush, Sparks, MD,” by Joyce Lister.

The care and well-being of Broadmead's valuable trees



By Stan Wilson

The greenery in general, and trees in particular, play a significant role attracting potential residents to live at Broadmead. And once here, they play a critical continuing role contributing to the unique environment where residents can flourish in their later years.

Additionally, the trees play an important role in climate change by serving as a carbon sink and by helping reduce cooling loads for buildings.

Prior to early 2022, basic tree maintenance had been deferred for many years and what maintenance had been done was reactive. There had been no systematic effort to prune existing trees, identify pests threatening those trees and treat them preventively, fertilize trees where needed, or replace those that had been removed. Finally, no plan was in place to water new trees planted as part of the Master Plan, resulting in significant losses.

Recognizing this problem, the BRA made \$10,000 available in April 2022 for Bartlett Tree Experts to conduct an inventory and assessment of the trees on the developed portion of the Broadmead campus. This work later

extended to include trees planted as part of the Master Plan. The company estimated the total value of those trees to be about \$1.9 million, and it produced a prioritized needs assessment for 917 tagged trees—identifying how, and in what order, to deal with pruning, removals, pest management, and fertilization. This enabled the definition of a higher-cost, three-year plan to address deferred maintenance, and then a lower-cost ongoing annual program for ongoing preventive maintenance.

Given the relatively high cost of this three-year plan, a group of concerned residents—working in partnership with Broadmead, Inc.—established the Broadmead Tree Maintenance Fund to provide matching funding to pay for addressing the deferred maintenance.

As the current growing season comes to an end, Bartlett will have completed this three-year plan at a total cost of \$173,000. Among the outcomes will be the virtual elimination of the invasive Tree of Heaven, a preferred host to immature spotted lanternflies.

A complementary effort was initiated to have Maxalea, Inc. systematically start planting replacement trees. Twenty-seven new trees have been planted so far, half in the fall of 2023 and the other half this fall, at a cost of \$23,000; this was supported by the Guyton Fund, now temporarily depleted.

To date, this overall tree restoration and care effort has cost \$206,000.

An ongoing plan has been developed that includes both the preventive maintenance and the systematic replacement of our trees. Before her departure, former CEO Robin Somers committed Broadmead, Inc.—starting in FY2026—to do two things: establish a preventive maintenance program (at an annual cost of about \$30,000), and develop a replacement program to plant approxi-

LOVELY, DARK AND DEEP: The hillside's invasive Tree of Heaven have been virtually eradicated, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Broadmead community. Above are Japanese maples, among the last trees on the hillside to lose their leaves in the fall. Photo taken by Alice Cherbonnier in November 2023.

NEW TEAM MEMBER

mately 10 new trees per year for six years (at an annual cost of about \$10,000). Note that this combined \$40,000 represents about two percent of our trees' estimated value of \$1.9 million.

In this overall effort, those involved with this extraordinary project have demonstrated a remarkably successful collaboration between the BRA, Broadmead, Inc., and resident donors—working as partners—to accomplish something much larger than any one group could have done on its own.

With an ongoing Broadmead, Inc. financial commitment and a horticulturalist now on staff, it appears that the care and well-being of our trees may now be assured.

Stan Wilson spearheaded the effort to stabilize Broadmead's trees.

TREE PROJECT CREDITS (PARTIAL LIST): *The effective tree project has involved many individuals. Successive BRA presidents Jack Griffith and Kath Shelton helped get this effort underway with their encouragement and by making initial funding available; Eric van den Beemt, as chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, provided continuing support throughout. Several Broadmead, Inc. team members and residents have been involved, as well. Jesse Russell and Joyce Malone were central to this effort; Eleanor Landauer was essential in establishing the Tree Maintenance Fund; Tim Wolf of the Grounds staff provided routine watering of new trees accessible by truck; nearby residents watered those trees not accessible. From Bartlett and Maxalea, respectively, managers John Davis and Dan Feingold were very responsive in meeting our needs.*

Among the many supportive residents in this work have been Paul Sleeper, who checked Bartlett's work; Sally Stanhope, who identified new tree species to plant; and Carel Hedlund, who addressed the Tree of Heaven infestation. Finally, the financial support from our anonymous donors enabled completion of this effort in a timely and substantial manner.

Finally! Broadmead gets a horticulturalist

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove



Julia Craddock.

Halfway through her college education, Julia Craddock realized that she did not want to work at a desk all day. After Anne Arundel Community College, she had gone to Drexel University for a semester, studying international relations and French, when she had an epiphany. Doing a U-turn, she came back to Maryland to finish her education at the University of Maryland, College Park, where she earned a BS in plant science and crop production.

Growing up in Severna Park, Julia's first ambition was to be a cartographer, but when she learned that the work was done on a computer, not walking around drawing maps, she abandoned that goal. Her father was a gardener, as was her great-grandmother, whose garden in Rhode Island Julia enjoyed visiting.

Julia had internships at the Smithsonian Gardens and with the Maryland chapter of the Sierra Club, where she was engaged in invasive plant removal. Then she had a "tough" internship at the Polly Hill Arboretum on Martha's Vineyard. When the time came to get a job, Julia went to work for the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks at Cylburn Arboretum, then at the Rawlings Conservatory. Subsequently, she became the City Farms coordinator.

So how did she find her job at Broadmead? Her fiancé, Bob Shade, is in construction, and his company has done work at Broadmead, where he heard about the search for a horticulturalist.

Julia's goals for her work at Broadmead are sustainability (of course!) and plant succession, so future generations will have a lush landscape, too—with a focus on mid-Atlantic native plants.

Asked what surprised her on our campus, Julia replied that she is impressed with the trail network at Broadmead, and how well it is done.

Julia lives in Parkton with her two dogs, German Shepherd mixes. Her hobbies are gardening, painting, knitting, and walking her dogs.

Model train event delights students



Model trains set up by Broadmead volunteers in the Fireplace Room brought a lot of joy and fun to about 100 students from Sparks Elementary School who visited the display on October 23.

Above, Bill Hakkarinen and Sharon Karsk set up the train display. At left, Bill explains how everything works to his avid audience. Kirsten Oudin, Broadmead's Volunteer



Coordinator, was involved in arranging the event. Please note that the photo that includes children is published with parental permission and may not be posted on social media.

Cecilia Meisner appointed to the Broadmead Board

Text by Jackie Mintz; photo courtesy of Cecilia Meisner

Cecilia Meisner, one of three new trustees appointed this year to the Broadmead Board of Trustees, has extensive experience in fundraising and advancement. Currently Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Cecilia has worked exclusively in the field of fundraising for non-profit organizations, most often for arts and arts-related entities.

Prior to her current position, she was Director of Grants and Government Relations at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and has held positions at, among other institutions, the Maryland Historical Society, Center Stage, and the International Sculpture Center in D.C. Cecilia has also taught courses on writing and fund raising at Goucher College and Drexel University in Philadelphia. She has trained community groups in fundraising, such as The Junior League of Baltimore, Arts Every Day, Arts for Learning, Yoga for Parkinson's, and numerous Baltimore City parent-teacher organizations.



Cecilia Meisner.

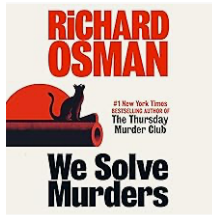
Cecilia was raised in Annapolis, where her father taught at St. John's College, and in Iowa City, when he was at the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. She attended Iowa for her undergraduate degree. While there, she was student government president, from which she became the president of the national student group, the United States Student Association. During that period, Cecilia came to appreciate the importance of fundraising to such organizations, as it provided the essential fuel for their operations.

Having grown up with parents who were Julia Child fans, Cecilia is a francophile and has traveled extensively in francophone parts of the New World, such as Montreal and the French-speaking islands of the Caribbean. She hopes upon retiring to pay a nice long visit to France.

Cecilia is a Quaker and is a member of Gunpowder Meeting. She has two sons, Gus and Charles. Charlie is in college, and Gus is a museum educator at Historic Ships in Baltimore. Cecilia's reading leans toward creative non-fiction or literary journalism. She is currently reading *The Dawn of Everything* by David Graeber.

We Solve Murders

by Richard Osman; Pamela Dorman Books/Viking, 2024; 387 pages

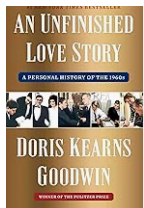


Having loved the Thursday Murder Club series, I was worried that I might be disappointed in Richard Osman's fifth novel, *We Solve Murders*, in which he introduces all new characters. I needn't have worried; Osman's two new murder solvers are delightful. Amy has a very exciting career as a private bodyguard, while her beloved father-in-law, Steve, a widower, is a retired London

policeman living peacefully in a quaint village in the New Forest in southern England. The most exciting thing in his life is the Wednesday evening trivia quiz at the pub. Amy and Steve talk on the phone every day. When Amy discovers that she is being framed for three murders and is herself in danger, she calls Steve. Soon, Amy, Steve, and Rosie, the famous author Amy is guarding, are jetting around the world, one step ahead of a killer. Osman's books are so enjoyable because he is a good mystery writer and his wry humor comes through in dialogue and fantastic quirky characters. We also care about his main characters, so it is comforting that a new Thursday Murder Club book is promised for next year. —Ann Hunter

An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s

by Doris Kearns Goodwin; Simon and Shuster, 2024; 467 pages



When Richard Goodwin turned 80, he and his wife, noted presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, began a several years' journey through more than 300 boxes of his letters, diaries, documents and memorabilia from college through his years in the White House.

Dick was one of President Kennedy's closest advisors, a designer of President Johnson's Great Society and a close advisor and speechwriter for Robert Kennedy.

Doris and Dick's paths had never crossed at the White House, but she was a White House Fellow, who worked directly with Johnson and was later his biographer.

After Dick's death, Doris wrote the story of the couple's hours of often emotional conversations as they pored over the contents of the boxes. The result is a detailed personal account of the Kennedy and Johnson White House years, as well as the presidential campaigns of Eugene McCarthy and Robert Kennedy—the events and the people and what motivated them.

Doris Kearns Goodwin is a gifted storyteller, and *An Unfinished Love Story* is a delight to read. —Ann Hunter



Kindred

by Octavia Butler
Beacon Press, paperback, 288 pages

Published in 1979, this riveting read is a masterful amalgamation of some of my favorite genres. Butler was a prolific Black fiction writer who identified herself with science fiction writers and won many awards, including a MacArthur Fellowship. (Her bio in Wikipedia is fascinating.)

In this story, the science fiction/fantasy angle is in the time travel that takes the protagonist, Dana, back to the antebellum south, where she discovers some of her ancestors. Now the science fiction theme is enhanced by historical fiction for the enslaved and their masters, and an exciting, heart-rending story of Dana and her husband finding themselves in the midst of it all.

—Nancy-Bets Hay

A Refiner's Fire

by Donna Leon
Atlantic Monthly Press, 2024, 274 pages

Anyone who loves Venice, or would love to go there but hasn't had the chance, will enjoy the Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery series by prolific author Donna Leon. Intricate frontispiece maps of the city of canals help readers follow the characters as they go about solving crimes. Along the way, you learn a good deal about history, philosophy, art, the dysfunctional but enduring Italian bureaucracy—and even Italian cuisine. *A Refiner's Fire* does not disappoint. It takes readers through the questions of "What makes a hero?," "What was the Iraq War really about?," and "How can rowdy youths be kept from harming themselves as well as society?" Donna Leon is an amazing writer—rich language, a bit of wit, serious topics, and twists and turns to unexpected conclusions. Many of her books are in Broadmead's library. —Alice Cherbonnier

Ammoora Restaurant: great for festive occasions

By Jackie Mintz; photos sourced by Jackie Mintz



If you're looking for a place to have a festive meal during the coming holidays, a great choice would be Ammoora, an elegant restaurant in Baltimore's Federal Hill neighborhood. Normally this series would not include a place that far from Broadmead, but—it being the month of holidays—some readers might welcome something more out of the ordinary.

Showcasing Levantine and Syrian cuisine, Ammoora has been showered with awards. It made the *NY Times*' list of "Best 50 American Restaurants" in 2024. It was the only Maryland restaurant on the list this year. Moreover, its design, which features ornate Syrian decor, with elaborate metal grillwork and stone fountains, niches and alcoves, received an Excellence in Design award from the American Institute of Architects.



Intrigued by the accolades, four of us went there on a recent Wednesday night. We ordered five starters and one entree. The starters were excellent. *Mohamara*, a dish of roasted red peppers, red chili paste, ground walnuts, and pomegranate molasses, was a standout, as was *Mousakhan*: chicken rolls, braised chicken with caramelized onions and a sumac *labneh* dip. (Labneh is a thick creamy strained yogurt. Sumac is a dark red lemony spice, made from the sumac berry. With a tart flavor subtler than lemon, it is a favorite of mine.) Another excellent starter was *Kebbeh Orfaliyeh*, which was beef tartare mixed with bulghur (cracked wheat), onion, green peppers, spicy red chili paste and crushed walnuts. This was a refined version of the more common *kebbeh*, which is made with lamb and contains proportionately more bulghur. We also had a tasty tender octopus dish in a tomato sauce with capers. The one main course we tried, Short Ribs *Freekeh*, was not memorable.



Top to bottom: *Kebbeh Orfaliyeh* (beef tartare), *Mohamara* (roasted red peppers), *Mousakhan* chicken rolls.

Desserts were as delicious as one might expect. We had a very creamy rice pudding with a sour cherry confit (*Ruz bil Karaz*); a concoction of baked phyllo with grand marnier mascarpone and figs; and a raspberry sorbet with berries and a pomegranate and ginger syrup.

The service was very good—though the restaurant's reviews and rankings had led us to expect it to be outstanding. It was pricey—the meal for the four of us, including one bottle of wine and one Cava, came to about \$90 per person,

before tip. We had no trouble getting a reservation a couple of weeks ahead, but it was a weekday night, and it wasn't in the middle of the holiday rush. It is open only for dinner, Wednesday through Sunday.

Ammoora: 751 Key Highway in The Ritz-Carlton Residences, opposite the Visionary Arts Museum. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Wed., Thurs.; 5-10 p.m. Fri., Sat., Sun. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. 410-872-6600. Valet parking in the Ritz-Carlton's underground lot is available for \$13. Metered street parking is also available.

The Hunt: Not-bad pizza in a trendy setting

Text and photos by Kathleen Truelove

Cosima opened as an upscale Sicilian (is that an oxymoron?) project of Donna Crivello, familiar to many as the owner of Donna's in Cross Keys. Recently, the menu has changed to focus on more affordable items, including pizza, so a group of us from Broadmead ventured down their steep driveway to try it out.

The large and popular bar is the center of the dining room, with tables around the perimeter, so, unsurprisingly, on a Friday evening, the sound level was high, described in restaurant lingo as “energetic.”

Four pizzas are offered:

- **Pizza Salumi**, featuring pancetta and onion jam, hot coppa, calabrese, soppressata, smoked mozzarella, and fontina cheese

- **Pizza Semplice**, with rustic tomato sauce, fresh mozzarella, pecorino, roasted cherry tomatoes, and basil

- **Pizza ai Gamberi**, topped with salmoriglio sauce, shrimp, roasted tomatoes, provolone, and chili oil

- **Pizza Momento**, which on this evening included several cheeses, braised leeks, topped with arugula

We tasted the Salumi, deemed better than the Momento, although it was also good. And that's the operative word, good. Not great, not awful. The pizzas are what seems to be the usual restaurant size—personal pizza for a hearty appetite. Four of us split three pizzas. The Insalata Romano was a tasty accompaniment. It is grilled baby romaine with tomatoes, parmesan, crostini, and pepper parmesan vinaigrette.

The bar is impressive, with eight different draft beers, an Italian bottled beer, and a lengthy wine list, concentrating, of course, on Italian selections. The cocktail list is imaginative, and several mocktails are also offered.

Conclusion: a longish way to go for the pizza, but a destination worth it on a summer evening, when you can sit on the

Cosima could be a fine choice for scenic outdoor dining in warmer months, but its high noise level inside makes it less than ideal for conversation at the table.



The pizza above is the Salumi and the pizza that Bill Hardy is toasting to is the Momento.

patio, which has a lovely (yes, lovely) view of the Jones Falls and a lower noise level. Also, there are several other items on the menu that looked promising, such as arancini, Sicilian rice fritters, and other “Sicilian street food.” A return trip to investigate is in order, likely in warm weather.

Cosima

Mill #1, 3001 Falls Road, Baltimore 21211 (Hampden); 443.708.7352, www.cosimamill1.com

KNOW OUR PET NEIGHBORS

Hoosier dog at Broadmead

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Major Thomas left behind the life of a show dog when he grew too large to meet the miniature poodle standard, and (he doesn't like to talk about this part) was found to have undescended testicles. His original owner turned him back in to the breeder, which



Major Thomas.

was a lucky happenstance for Jennefer Thomas. She was looking for a new dog, since her two poodles had died within three months

of each other and she was bereft. A friend found

Major's breeder and six-month-old Major moved to Maryland after a road trip from Indiana. His name was bestowed on him by the breeder and Jen thought it suited him, so Major he remains.

Major's hobbies are chasing squirrels, strolling and sniffing, and picking up his toys then flinging them over his head. He is omnivorous, but his favorite treats are cookies from the Arbor Café, which he helps himself to whenever they are within his reach.

Now 13 years old, Major is a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed with melanoma in September 2023. After surgery, he is receiving chemotherapy and doing well—although, as an elderly dog, he also has hip arthritis, but who doesn't?

Jen and Major, who are devoted to one another, moved to Q-6 in 2016.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Beth Babikow

L-16. 443-617-8674, babikow/comcast.net, October 2024

By Jackie Mintz

Moving to Broadmead from her Baldwin, MD home of 44 years, Beth Babikow is no stranger to Broadmead. Her partner of eight years, Winfield Cain, has lived here in C cluster for five years, and several of her walking buddies are also residents. She is grateful she doesn't have to learn everything from scratch!

Born and raised in Chattanooga, TN, Beth left Tennessee for Illinois, where she went to graduate school at the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, and obtained a master's degree in library science.



Beth Babikow.

Beth came to Baltimore for a position at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore City. She then became coordinator of children's services in the Anne Arundel County Library, and returned to Baltimore, where she was coordinator at Baltimore County Public Library, first in children's services and last in facilities. After retirement, she returned part-time as an information service librarian and StoryTimer.

In addition to her library work, Beth became absorbed in gardening and trained to become a Master Gardener. As a Master Gardener, she taught in the horticultural program at the Forbush Schools of Sheppard Pratt in Towson and Glyndon. She was also a volunteer docent at the Butterfly House at Ladew Topiary Gardens, where she got to know resident Dosia Laeyendecker, also a volunteer at the Butterfly House. She has not remained active as a Master Gardener, but still volunteers at the Butterfly House. The first thing she did on moving to Broadmead was to begin rebuilding the landscape and garden areas around her L-cluster home.

A Quaker, and a member of Little Falls Meeting, Beth is chair of the Board of Trustees of the Friends School of Harford, which was originally started by resident Mary Ellen Saterlie. The School, which sits on 66 acres, is being converted into an Agricultural Center.

Beth is currently in training with her dog, Patou, a one-year old miniature golden doodle, at Branchwater Training Center at Shewan and Falls. Beth has two daughters from a previous marriage.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Peter Lev

Q11, 443-578-8468, plev@towson.edu , October 2024

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

In retirement, Peter Lev's interest has turned from film to birding, although he coordinates a film discussion group with retired faculty at Towson University. He is a past president of the Baltimore Bird Club and has led field trips for birders to Lake Roland, Cromwell Valley Park, around the Loch Raven Reservoir, and to the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County on the Eastern Shore. His favorite bird in this area is the Scarlet Tanager, and farther afield, the Resplendent Quetzal in Central America, the European Bee-eater, and the Hoopoe, which is found across Africa, Asia, and Europe. Through his birding, he met Broadmead resident and avid birder Debbie Terry.



Peter Lev.

A native of Ohio, Peter was raised in Cleveland Heights. He attended Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, and studied in the College of Letters, an experimental curriculum of literature, history, and philosophy. Then it was on to UCLA, where he earned a PhD in theater arts. For two years, he taught film at the University of Texas, Dallas, as a visiting professor, then spent the next 33 years teaching film at Towson University, retiring in 2015. For a time, his office was a hundred yards away from his wife Yvonne's. Asked what his favorite films are, Peter quickly replied that his American choices are "Vertigo," "Touch of Evil," and "Bladerunner"; foreign favorites are "Pierrot le Fou" and "Tokyo Story."

In addition to birding, Peter enjoys walking and reading, especially fiction. He is a member of the Lake Roland Nature Council and is involved in restoring the rare serpentine barrens at Bare Hills in Baltimore County, a joint project with the Guilford Garden Club.

Learn and Play Mah Jongg

Mah Jongg players meet Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Fireplace Room, adjacent to the Bistro. If you are interested in joining or if you are new to the game and want to learn to play, please email Francine Nietubicz at fnietubicz@comcast.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Great Decisions series starts Feb. 6

This year's 2025 Great Decisions discussion series will be held over eight weeks, with sessions held in the auditorium at 3 p.m. on Thursdays starting February 6. The events will also be available on ZOOM

As in the past, retired Baltimore *Sun* journalist and editorial writer Barry Rascovar will discuss each session of the Great Decisions series and show a topic-related video. Following the video and some additional comments by Barry, those in the audience will contribute to the discussion with their questions and thoughts.

Briefing books will be available for purchase prior to the beginning of the series.

The dates and subjects of these challenging programs are shown below:

February 6: American Foreign Policy at a Crossroads

February 13: U.S. Changing Leadership of the World Economy

February 20: U.S. China Relations

February 27: International Cooperation on Climate Change

March 6: The Future of NATO and European Security

March 13: AI and American National Security

March 20: India: Between China, the West and the Global South

March 27: After Gaza: American Policy in the Middle East

Questions? Contact Michael Yaggy at michael.yaggy10@gmail.com or 443-578-x8414.

Upholding Quaker Values at Broadmead

Final presentation of the series

"EQUALITY"

Monday, December 2 • 4-5 p.m.

Auditorium

Presenter: Beth Wells

First Monday Book Group

The Women, by Kristin Hannah

December 2, 10:30am

Fireplace Room

Books: The Classics

Dramatic Monologues

by Robert Browning

Monday, December 16 at 10am

Fireplace Room

Broadmead Writers

Every Friday from 3-4:30pm

For information

contact Maggie Babb:

maggie.babb@gmail.com

Let's Sing

Wednesday, December 18

7pm, Auditorium

Come sing Christmas carols with us!

Robert Hitz provides the accompaniment.

We provide the lyrics books.

You provide the voices!

This is a sing-along just for fun.

Come and sing or just tap your toes

to the beat!

Moving Around Broadmead

Priscilla Barrett H-9 to Taylor 311

David Gilbert J-3 to Taylor 310

Colleen Hurt from C-21 to Darlington 201

Pat Yardley from U-206 to Darlington 211

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Yvonne Lev

Q-11, 443-578-8468, yvonnelev@gmail.com, October 2024

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Yvonne Tuchalski was born in Milwaukee, but raised in California, moving to Burbank at age seven, owing to her father's job with General Mills. She graduated from high school in Monterey Bay and attended Pacific Union College in Angwin, CA,



Yvonne Lev.

with a year abroad in Spain. After earning a BA in history, she taught English in Japan for a year, then went south again to graduate school at UCLA for a Master's of Library and Information Science. She met Peter Lev in the research library there, and they were married in Santa Monica in 1976. They moved to Baltimore 40 years ago and were neighbors in Stoneleigh, a community near Towson, with residents Dave and Diana Harley.

Fourteen years ago, the Levs moved to a condo at Devon Hill, off Lake Avenue near the City line.

Yvonne found that library science was a portable profession with good employment opportunities. She has worked in a number of library settings: in the EPA library in Dallas; as a reference librarian at the University of Texas, Dallas; at the Baltimore County Public Library; as a reference librarian at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Center; then at Goucher College, where she worked in collections development from 1985 to 1990; and finally on to Towson University as head of tech services. Retiring in 2007, Yvonne soon became bored and returned to work part-time at Goucher in distance education, finally retiring for good in 2013.

The Levs have a daughter, Sara, who lives in Westport, CT. She is a vice president at a private equity firm, dealing in properties. More importantly, she is the mother of the Levs' three grandchildren, a 13-year-old girl (soon to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah), and two boys, ages 9 and 8. Yvonne visits the grandchildren monthly.

Yvonne's hobbies are her two book clubs, walking, amateur birding, and travel. A vegetarian, she is interested in joining the Food Committee here at Broadmead.

What's in our library?

Go to <https://bm-ind.narvi.opalsinfo.net/bin/home#0> to browse the holdings in Broadmead's library and to learn about the latest books added to the collection.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Lynne Shue

H-10, 443-686-2872, lynne.shue@gmail.com, October 2024

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

When recruiters from Baltimore County school system went to West Chester State College to look for future teachers, Lynne Snyder acted on a whim and filled out some paperwork. She was soon offered a job teaching 2nd grade at Sandy Plains Elementary School. After graduation, she moved from her home in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania to Baltimore County in 1979. She's still here.



Lynne Shue.

Lynne taught at three different elementary schools for the next 32 years, spending the last 20 of them at Carney Elementary School. She taught 4th grade for many of those years. After she retired from full-time work, she taught part-time with Baltimore County's Home and Hospital program for students unable to attend school due to illness or emotional conditions.

Once Lynne had free time in retirement, she returned to researching her family's genealogy and took up several unusual hobbies. One of

them is geocaching, where she tries to locate small containers hidden by others using GPS coordinates and clues to the location of the "treasure." Some treasures contain small prizes. After a treasure is found, it is replaced in its hiding place for another player to find. Lynne has found more than 1,000 geocaches and has hidden a dozen of her own treasures.

She also spends time volunteering with Find a Grave, a website that connects family members who are looking for their relative's grave with volunteers like Lynne. She has located many graves and sent photos of the gravestones and information to family members.

On the more traditional side, Lynne plays Mah Jongg once a week with a longtime group of friends.

Lynne and her husband, Jack, lived in Perry Hall for 36 years before moving to Broadmead. They have one son who lives in Odenton with his wife and two children.

Music Committee

Roland Park Country School
Semiquavers
Tuesday, December 10
1:30pm, Auditorium

Min Young Park & Yejin Lee
Four Hands Piano Concert
Sunday, December 22
3:00pm, Auditorium

New Arrivals

Saul and Ellen Lindenbaum
K-16, December 11

Open Forum

Rand Ford, AI, PhD
Chief Executive Officer of
Qwik Intelligence,
a company developing healthcare
applications incorporating
artificial intelligence
Thursday, December 5
7pm, Auditorium

Resident Email Lists

(for current residents only)

To join the Broadmead resident email list:
Send email to: brabroadmead@gmail.com.

To join the BRA business email list:
Send email to: joen1234@comcast.net.

Socrates Café

Short video on "The Beauty of What We
Just Don't Know" (A Philosophy of Trust)
Question to probe: Are we OK with
mystery, not knowing, and uncertainty; are
we propelled to search for answers
and explanations?
Tuesday, December 17
10:30-11:45am • Auditorium
Sponsored by Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church • Open to all

Broadmead Chorus

Holiday Concert

Friday, December 13

3pm in the Auditorium

The singing will be followed by a reception sponsored by the Broadmead Hospitality Chairs.

Greater Barn Sale

The Fall Barn Sale was a success!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and department chairs for a fun and successful

Barn Sale. It couldn't have happened without all of you.

Duplicate Bridge Game

Mondays in Fireplace Room 1:30-4pm

Questions? Sumner Clarren 301-648-8855

Rubber Bridge Game

Wednesdays in Fireplace Room

Lessons by Sumner Clarren 12:30pm

Play bridge 1:15-3pm

Questions? Marj Espenschade

443-578-8351

Quaker Meeting at Broadmead

Sundays 10:30 - 11:15am

Fireplace Room

All residents are invited

Want publicity for your event in the Voice?

Send information to Francine Nietubicz:
fnietubicz@comcast.net

IN MEMORIAM

Anne Allen Dandy

December 3, 1925 – October 23, 2024

Joanne Goldsmith

June 28, 1933 - October 29, 2024

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Jack Shue

H-10, 443-966-4954, jlshue9007@gmail.com, October 2024

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

Jack Shue is a Baltimorean through and through. He was born in Johns Hopkins Hospital, graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in photography from Maryland Institute College of Art.

After finding it hard to make a living as a photographer, he went to Johns Hopkins University's night school and received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He was hired by NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD, where he worked for the next 31 years. He retired in January, 2020.



Jack Shue.

Jack's sister introduced him to his future wife. She taught with Lynne at Sandy Plains Elementary School and set them up on a blind date. They married in 1982.

Jack has done a lot of woodworking over the years, including very detailed fretwork jewelry boxes. (He has donated a scroll saw

to Broadmead's woodshop.) He also spent two

years building a wooden Baltimore Clipper ship, six feet long and four-and-a-half-feet high, with a mile of string for the rigging.

Jack volunteers at several Baltimore County parks. He recently built a contraption called a trebuchet that sent apples flying into a field as an activity at Cromwell Valley Park's Fall Harvest Festival.

He never lost his love of photography. He had shows at Washington National Cathedral and Laurel Arts Group. He recently did a series of photos at county parks, where he shot the same scene each month, as well as a study of ospreys with their chicks.

Broadmead's green campus and hiking trails were a big draw to Jack. He fondly recalls spending summers in the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. Both of his parents were teachers, so when he was a child the family packed up, left Baltimore and spent the entire summer in a log cabin built around 1900.

Shopping at the Old & New Shop

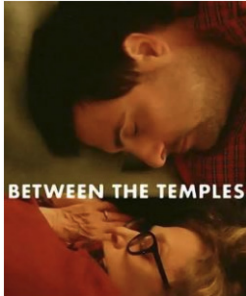
Hours for Old & New Shop are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. It's closed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The BRA-sponsored store offers clothing, jewelry, greeting cards, accessories, china, framed art furniture, stocking stuffers, kitchen gadgets and more—and sells U.S. postage stamps, too. Credit cards, checks, and cash are accepted.

For information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, contact Connie McCulloch at cam5913@gmail.com.

DECEMBER MOVIES AT BROADMEAD

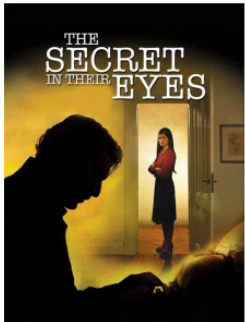
Saturdays & Tuesdays • Auditorium • 7:00 p.m.



Saturday, Dec. 7
Between the Temples

Amazon rental

A grieving cantor reluctantly takes on his grade school music teacher as a bat mitzvah student. Directed by Nathan Silver, with Jason Schwartzman and Carol Kane (“Hester Street”). *2024 Drama/Comedy 1 hr 51 min*



Tuesday, Dec. 10
The Secret in Their Eyes

Amazon rental

A former police officer is writing a novel in 1999 about a brutal rape/murder that took place 25 years earlier in Buenos Aires and whose perpetrator escaped punishment. With Ricardo Darin and Soledad Villamil. Won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film. The rape scene is shown briefly. In Spanish with subtitles. *2009 Crime/Romance/Corruption R 2 hr 10 min*



Saturday, Dec. 14
The Accidental Tourist

Amazon rental, Roku

The film tells the story of a travel writer struggling to cope with the sudden death of his son and the breakdown of his marriage. As he retreats into his solitary life, he meets an eccentric dog trainer. Based on the novel by Anne Tyler. With William Hurt, Geena Davis, Kathleen Turner. *1988 Romance/Drama PG 2 hr 1 min*



Saturday, Dec. 21
Miracle on 34th Street

Amazon rental

Mr. Kris Kringle is asked to play Santa Claus at Macy’s. His portrayal is so complete that some begin to wonder if he truly is Santa Claus, while others question his sanity. With Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O’Hara, Natalie Wood. *1947 Drama G 1 hr 36 min*

Tuesday, Dec. 24
No movie



Saturday, Dec. 28
Georgy Girl

Amazon rental

The film tells the story of an awkward young woman in 1960s swinging London, who is pursued by her father’s middle-aged employer but has a crush on the lover of her promiscuous, pregnant roommate. With Lynn Redgrave, James Mason, Alan Bates, and Charlotte Rampling. *1966 Romantic Comedy R 1 hr 39 min*

Please note that the movie schedule is subject to change.



Look—the needles are falling!

By Ruth Reiner

Are you wondering what to do once life has gone from your Christmas tree and from the decorative branches of holly, magnolia and spruce?

Growing up in New Jersey, I witnessed spent Christmas trees being hauled to coastal towns to shore up the dunes against the onslaught of winter storms on the Atlantic—an effective and regenerative way of recycling the trees!

Here at Broadmead, Jesse Russell, Senior Director of Facility Services, suggests that residents email maintenance@broadmead.org to request that a work order be placed to have their spent trees picked up. (For those who don't use email, call 443-578-8022.) Residents can place their trees and greens in their backyards until they are picked up. Upland and York residents should place them outside of their garage trash room.

Ruth Reiner handles communications for the Nature Committee. She says, "The Nature Committee wishes the family of Broadmead a joyous Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza, and sends blessings for a peaceful 2025!"

The Tufted Titmouse

By Debbie Terry

A little gray bird with orange feathers under its wings, a brushy crest and very large black eyes lives year round at Broadmead. They visit bird feeders and can often be heard whistling their peter-peter-peter song.

Their diet consists mostly of insects (66%) and seeds. In the winter they are regularly seen at Broadmead feeders. They prefer the



The Tufted Titmouse. Photo courtesy of the Maryland Biodiversity Project.

black-oiled sunflower seed but will also eat suet, peanuts and other seeds.

How do they crack the shells on seeds and peanuts? They carry the seed to a perch, hold it between their feet and use their stout bill to whack the seed open.

In the fall and winter they will hoard food in cavity storage sites that

are usually not more than 130 feet from the feeder.

Tufted Titmice are monogamous. After the summer breeding season, they remain on the breeding territory with their partner. They nest in natural tree holes or cavities left by woodpeckers. Tufted Titmice usually sleep in separate tree cavities.

Many cultures believe spotting a titmouse will bring prosperity and good fortune to the viewer. Will you be looking for one?

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