

Voice OF THE RESIDENTS

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Getting ready for the winter!



On Tuesday, September 23, 17 students from Hereford High School's Future Farmers of America Club (FFA), led by teacher Erika Edwards, joined Broadmead's Horticulturist Julia Craddock; VP of Sustainability Gina Mathias; and Volunteer Coordinator Kirsten Oudin for the second annual Grounds Cleanup Service Day. The students spent two hours removing invasive overgrowth and weeding tube trees. Afterward, they enjoyed a pizza lunch provided by Broadmead and planted pansies—donated by the school's greenhouse—outside OPD and the CEO's office. Photos by Kirsten Oudin.



What's next for sculpture on campus?

By Anne Perkins

The current exhibit of sculpture, featuring works by six artists, opened with a gala reception on October 9. The sculptures will be on view through June, providing residents with ample opportunities to consider and appreciate them.

The exhibit marks another step in the Arts Council's presentations of visual art exhibitions for the benefit of Broadmead residents and team members, as well as friends and family members from beyond the campus. The Arts Council, now in its fourth year, was formed as a work group of the Board of Trustees to acquire a permanent collection of art for Broadmead and to present art exhibitions. So far, more than 70 objects have been acquired for the Broadmead Collection of Art, and seven exhibitions have been held.

Two years ago, the Council appointed a Sculpture Advisory Committee to explore the possibility of displaying sculpture on the campus. Aware that public art, especially sculpture, often elicits various points of view, the committee approached the project in a deliberative manner. The first initiative was a Scavenger Hunt involving residents, families, team members, and friends. It was a fun event that demonstrated that many residents already had sculptures in their gardens.

Later, discussions about the upcoming sculpture exhibition were held with cluster representatives, the community at large, and individual residents. Each of the encounters

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SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Fall EAF campaign runs Nov. 1-29

The Fall 2025 Employee Appreciation Fund (EAF) campaign will run from November 1 to 29.

Increasing the EAF's resident participation from the usual 82% range to at least 85% or more is the campaign goal. **As an incentive to give, if resident participation exceeds 85%, the BRA will add \$5,000 to the fund.**

Donated funds will be direct-deposited into qualified team members' accounts on December 11, in time for their holiday shopping. To qualify, team members must have been employed by Broadmead on or before June 1 of this year and still be employed as of November 20. The amount received will be based on the number of regular hours a team member worked between May 11 and November 10.

Future of sculpture on campus

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made clear the temporary nature of the current exhibit and the desire to elicit resident reactions to the concept of sculpture being exhibited at Broadmead.

Between now and the end of the exhibition, the committee will be inviting the participating sculptors to the campus to speak about their work.

Because a major purpose of this temporary exhibit has been to determine residents' attitudes toward having sculpture displayed on the campus, the committee will be considering ways to survey community members regarding their reactions to the exhibit.

BROADMEAD'S PEOPLE

Team Member of the Month

Julia Craddock



Julia Craddock. Photo by Kirsten Oudin.

Month: August 2025

Name: Julia Craddock

Why Honored: Julia is a valued member of the Broadmead community, known for her collaborative spirit, expert knowledge, and thoughtful communication. She actively promotes stewardship and learning through natural landscaping across campus and consistently goes above and beyond—rescheduling her time to work on weekends, supporting residents with extra care, and brightening the days of everyone with whom she interacts.

Current Position: Horticulturist

Length of Service at Broadmead: 1 year

Peers Say: Julia brings enthusiasm, professionalism, and warmth to her role, creating

a welcoming environment for both residents and volunteers. Despite being relatively new, she demonstrates strong leadership and mentoring skills. Her guidance during volunteer events, like the recent Weed Warrior group, reflects her dedication to stewardship and community care.

Residents Say: "Always pleasant, responsive, friendly, respectful, caring, and professional. Julia epitomizes each one of the Broadmead values—Community, Integrity, Serenity, Life-long learning, and Simplicity."

Awardee Says: "I feel very appreciated here. My fiancé told me about Broadmead and spoke so highly of it—especially that they were looking for a horticulturalist—so I decided to apply. I came from Baltimore City Rec & Parks, and this environment is so much more pleasant. The support I've received has been incredible, and everyone is friendly. My favorite part of the job is getting to talk with people about plants—it's something I really enjoy sharing."

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.

Fall Report: Bee Informed

By Lynne Shue

Have you ever wondered about what is going on in those beehives that produce such good honey for Broadmead residents to purchase? Well, wonder no more! With the help of Tom Boytim's expertise, the Apiary Journal column will attempt to explain the mysteries and inner workings of the beehives in the Broadmead apiary.

After the honey has been harvested in late August, the beehives must be treated for mites to protect the bees and their larvae from these parasites. Because honeybees are not very cooperative about taking their medicine, the beekeepers have invented a clever way to get the medicine to them. This is done by hanging in each hive strips of paper coated with the remedy. As the bees walk over the paper strips, they get some of the medication on their feet and track it throughout the hive. Those beekeepers are tricky!

Field mice are another danger to apiaries. The mice can get into the beehives, as well as the apiary storage shed, in search of sweet honey. Unfortunately, bees migrate to the top of the hive in cooler weather, leaving the honey unprotected at the bottom of the hive. Tom deals with this hazard by laying wire mesh mouse barriers at the entrance of the hives to keep the mice from getting to the honey. He also puts peanut butter in mouse traps throughout the storage shed to keep the mouse population down.

In late fall, beekeepers feed fondant to the bees as an extra boost to help them make it through the winter. That's the same fondant that is used on fancy wedding cakes. The beekeepers will continue to monitor the amount of fondant in the hive every seven to ten days and supplement it as needed.



Beth Wells considers a purchase of Broadmead honey from apiarists Cliff York and Tom Boytim during a special sale on October 8. Photo by Kathleen Truelove.

In addition to the boxes in the apiary, extra hives are stored in the groundskeeping area. These need protection from wax moths that could enter the unused hives and destroy them. To prevent this from happening, mothballs are scattered around the hives.

Beekeeping is not as easy as it might seem. A lot of work goes into every jar of precious Broadmead honey we buy to support BRA activities.

For information about participating in beekeeping at Broadmead, contact Tom Boytim at zeldapoooh@icloud.com.



Celebrating Native American Month

There will be a celebration of Native American Month on Thursday, November 20, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Auditorium. Louis Campbell, Director of the Baltimore Indian Center and Heritage Museum, will return to perform traditional Native American dances. Keith Colston, Administrative Director for the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, will speak and also drum. This program, described by organizers as "powerful," is sponsored by the Multicultural Committee. Photo at left courtesy of Lewis Campbell. Graphic above from publicdomainpictures.net.



Broadmead names new trustees

By Jackie Mintz; photos courtesy of the new trustees

Effective as of its October 27 annual meeting, the Broadmead Board of Trustees has added four new Trustees. They begin with a year's service, followed by two terms of three years each.

Alice Cherbonnier



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In her appointment to the Board of Trustees, Alice Cherbonnier resumes a familiar role. She previously served on the Board from 2010 to 2017. This time she fills the position designated in the bylaws for a Trustee who is also a resident, taking the place of Bill Breakey, whose seven-year term on the Board just ended. Alice is also serving a second term on the board of Friends Care (the parent board for Broadmead).

As a resident, Alice has been managing editor of the *Voice* since 2023.

She formerly served on the Broadmead Arts Council and BRA Finance Committee of BRA and continues as a member of the Fund Review Group. She is among the facilitators of Broadmead's Quaker Worship Group.

Prior to moving to Broadmead, for over 30 years Alice was managing editor of the *Baltimore Chronicle* and concurrently ran a graphic design company, Allegro Communications, Inc. Earlier, she taught French at Dulaney High School and worked at the Legal Aid Bureau.

In retirement, when not taking road trips to Montreal with her life partner Sumner Clarren to visit her son and his family, Alice has been working on a historical fiction novel, now about halfway finished.

A longtime Quaker who was Clerk of Stony Run Friends Meeting for five years, Alice graduated from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College), obtained a Master of Liberal Arts from Hopkins, and earned a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Continuing Board Members 2025-26

Kerry Zimmerman, Clerk

Dennis O'Shea, Assistant Clerk

Jeffrey Ash

Jason Frank

Schellee Hollyday

Darren Lacey

Anita Langford

Betty Legenhausen

Cecilia Meisner

David Pruitt

Larry Reid

Sharon Daily

As a clinical social worker, Sharon Daily brings to the Broadmead Board valuable experience in working with older adults and adults living with disabilities.

Sharon also brings with her a lifetime Quaker background. A member from birth of Deer Creek Friends Meeting in Darlington, she has been a member of Gunpowder Friends Meeting for 23 years, three of them as Clerk of the Meeting.



Sharon Daily.

Sharon has worked with seniors in outpatient behavioral health and hospice settings and in nursing facilities, as well as in acute care settings and in hospice care. She has also led bereavement groups and caregiver support groups.

Currently, Sharon is part of a palliative care team in an acute care setting at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. The team's work includes determining goals of care and medical treatment preferences and assisting in advance care planning and symptom management. Sharon's role includes providing crisis interventions, grief counseling, and identifying community resource information to alleviate social barriers to care.

Sharon holds a bachelor's in social work from Salisbury State University and a master's in social work from the University of Maryland Baltimore, from which she also earned a graduate certificate in palliative care.

Sharon finds great joy in older adults and their shared wisdom. Her goal as a trustee is to help promote respect and dignity among the elders in the Broadmead community.

Sharon lives in Sparks with her husband, Greg, and two daughters. Aside from spending time with her family and friends, Sharon enjoys hiking, tennis, and, most recently, pickleball.

Amy Schmaljohn

In joining Broadmead's Board of Trustees, Amy Schmaljohn strengthens her considerable existing ties with Quaker organizations and activities.

A member of Gunpowder Friends Meeting and of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Amy is co-clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Program. She has also served on the board of the Miles



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Davis White Beneficial Society, a Quaker philanthropic group that awards scholarships for post-secondary education to Quakers and to graduates of Baltimore City public schools.

Amy also brings to the Board an extensive background in the study and teaching of Quaker values. For 18 years, until her retirement in 2023, she taught at Friends School, offering courses in Quakerism, "Peace, Nonviolence, and Social Justice," and comparative religion. In the latter, Amy worked with scholars and fellow Baltimore-area teachers at the Towson-based Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS). She has returned to Friends School this year to work on a curriculum alignment project.

Prior to her tenure at Friends, Amy taught at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) and at the JHU School of Continuing Studies, where she was also Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

In her non-professional life, Amy is interested in "deep" local history: in the relationship between natural and human history in a given place. Her special focus is the 17 acres of land in northwest Baltimore County where she and her husband Alan live.

Amy has known and visited many Broadmead residents over the years, and she and Alan plan to live here.

Amy earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State, and a Ph.D. in literary history from the University of Pennsylvania.

Peter Wilson

An architect, Peter Wilson brings to his position as a Broadmead trustee an extensive experience in CCRCs and senior living facilities. His lengthy career in that field includes both design work and master planning, which will be particularly valuable as Broadmead develops its new campus at Ridgebrook.

For Peter, this board appointment rekindles longtime connections with Broadmead. Between 1993 and 2006, while working at the architectural firm of Cochran, Stephenson & Donkervoet, he was involved with projects related to Broadmead's campus master plan, working on substantial interior renovations and additions in the Community Center, such as the Marketing and Administrative suites and the



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OPD addition. He also worked on renovations and additions in the clusters, most notably the loft apartments in Cluster K.

His work in the field of senior living facilities has also involved him with numerous other continuing care facilities in Maryland and Virginia—including Mercy Ridge and Roland Park Place—as well as in other states. His work also led him to Japan and to Portugal, where he and his firm consulted on the development of three senior communities.

In yet another early connection to Broadmead, Peter also worked on the property at Ridgebrook as it was developed by Integrated Health Systems (IHS).

Other Broadmead and Quaker connections for Peter include that his two daughters attended Friends School, and his father-in-law, Wilson Luther Hall, resided at Broadmead from 2002 to 2004.

Peter holds a master's of architecture from Washington University in St Louis and a bachelor's in math and art history from Kenyon College.

In 2009, Peter founded an architectural firm, the ateri group LLC. Since 2023, he has been a lecturer at the University of Maryland School of Architecture, where he teaches design studios and theory, along with advising master's thesis candidates. Peter has also published in the *Leading Age* design magazine and elsewhere.

Art10Baltimore returns to East Hall

Text and photos by Jackie Mintz

During November, the East Hall will feature artwork by Art10Baltimore, a group of artists who have painted together for more than 15 years. They have sold their work in juried and non-juried shows throughout the United States.

While the work of the group as a whole could be described as expressionistic, contemporary, and evocative, each artist employs a unique combination of color, creativity, and composition.

Formed in 2010, the original group numbered 10 but has dwindled since then due to death and departures. Like other painting groups, their practice of painting together was cut short by COVID. Since then, they have been holding critique sessions via Zoom every other week.

Art10 includes Shelley Amsel, Jennifer Berk, Toni Berger, Claudia Cameron, Myrna Poirier, Lois Schuster, and Broadmead resident Jackie Mintz.



Clockwise from top: "Shogun," by Jackie Mintz; "Untitled," by Jennifer Berk; and "Untitled" by Toni Berger.



Human-made images can pale in comparison to the beauty of the natural world, which is appreciated every day at Broadmead. Above is a sunset captured on September 29 by Sharon McKinley.

Entries sought for "Broadmead in Bloom"

By Kathleen Truelove

Residents are invited to be part of "Broadmead in Bloom," a collaboration of art and nature celebrating the intersection of the artistic talent of Broadmeaders and the floral design talent of members of the Guilford Garden Club. The show will open at Broadmead on March 11.

Exhibit organizers are seeking four entries of art in each of four categories: wood, paint, ceramics, and fabric arts.

Entries are due by January 5, 2026. Selections will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each piece will serve as the "muse" for a Guilford Garden Club member, who will create a floral interpretation of the artwork to be displayed alongside it.

For questions or more information, contact Kathleen Truelove at kathleentruelove1@gmail.com or 410-446-4127.

What's it take to be a Medicare 5-Star facility?

By Alice Cherbonnier

Choosing a nursing home or long-term care community is one of the most important decisions older adults and their families can make. To help with this, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) created the Five-Star Quality Rating System.

Ratings for facilities are published on the CMS Nursing Home Compare website (*see below*), which is free and easy to use. It helps families and caregivers make informed decisions by showing how communities perform in key areas.

CMS rates nursing homes and long-term care communities from “1 Star” (much below average), to “3 Star” (average), and up to “5 Star” (much above average).

A community's overall “star” rating is a summary score based on three categories: Health Inspection (based on results from state inspections, including complaints and infection control); Staffing (measures the number of nursing staff available to care for residents); and Quality Measures (based on clinical data like mobility, pressure ulcers, and rehospitalization rates).

These ratings are updated regularly using data from surveys, payroll records, and resident assessments.

Broadmead's 5-Star Performance Summary

Health Inspections: The March 2024 OHCQ Comprehensive Care Survey reaffirmed Broadmead's 5-star status in this category.

Staffing: Broadmead has worked closely with CMS to ensure accurate reporting and to maintain its top-tier rating.

Quality Measures Updates: CMS replaced several quality measures in January 2025, including updates to mobility and pressure ulcer tracking. Broadmead adapted successfully to these changes and retained its 5-star rating.

“The overall five-star rating is a reflection of the professional and amazing teams that support each neighborhood,” said Ann Patterson, VP of Health Services.

Broadmead has been a five-star community for at least ten years. Health inspection ratings are updated monthly, the staffing rating is updated quarterly and the overall rating (based on the changes within the different domains that contribute to the overall rating) is updated at least annually.

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare?redirect=true&provider-Type=NursingHome>

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Contact information for OPD On-Site Specialists

as of 10/3/2025

Hunt Valley Dentist/Hygienist

Fridays 9am-3pm
410-771-6300

Hearing Assessment Center/ Audiologist

Fridays 12 noon-4 p.m.
Dr. Martinez, Dr. Carson
410-583-7021

Family Foot & Ankle Care/Podiatrist

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month
Dr. Linh D. Nguyen
410-666-3668

On-Site Dermatology

1st Tuesday of the month
Celia Reznitsky, P.A.
561-232-6925 or 877-345-5300

—Musical Movie Matinee—



“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers”

Wednesday, November
5 at 3 p.m.
Auditorium

When the eldest of seven Oregon frontier brothers announces his marriage plans, the others follow his advice and kidnap six beautiful women of their own. It's a rollicking musical delight as the brothers compete for the women's affections with raucous song and dance. *Run Time: 1 hour & 42 minutes (1954). Sponsored by the BRA Music Committee*

Questions? Contact Don Killgallon at dkillgall@gmail.com or 410-804-7446.

Residents take field trip to recycling facility

Baltimore County's only recycling facility is in Cockeysville, where 75,000 tons of trash and recyclables are processed each year. The process is stinky and loud, according to Broadmeaders who recently toured the plant.

Recyclable paper, plastic, metal, and glass are collected together at the facility ("single-streamed") and sorted by workers, who monitor 88 large conveyor belts. These workers are in a union and receive fair wages.

The recyclable trash is sorted, bundled, and sold at the recycling center, with prices established by monthly markets.

Three types of plastics are sorted into categories: clear bottles, milk jugs, and colored plastic (such as laundry soap containers). These are bundled together by category. This down-cycled plastic can be made into construction materials such as decks and chairs.

Glass can be recycled multiple times.

Contamination of the finished bundles is checked monthly. A maximum of 10% extraneous (unmatched) material is tolerated.

Electronics and textiles (including shoes and soft toys) are also collected for recycling at the facility; these items are sold in bulk and shipped out of state.

Officials report that the recycling program pays for itself.

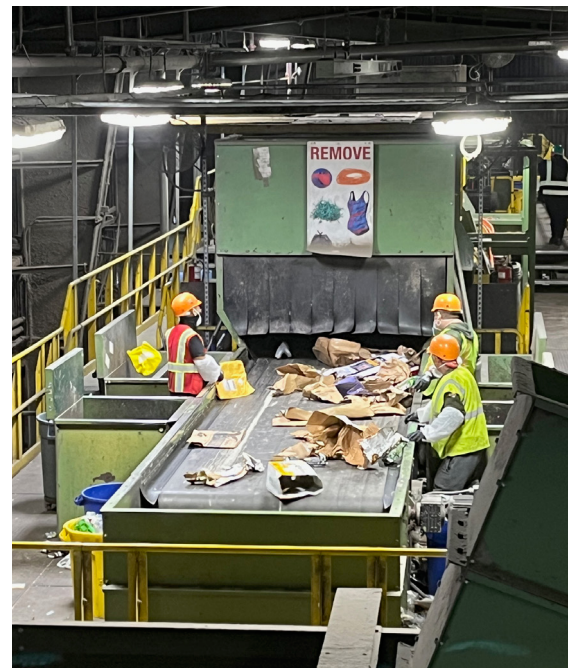
"Regular" trash is also collected at the Cockeysville site, but it gets trucked to Baltimore County's single landfill or single incinerator—both in White Marsh.

Gleaned from information provided by Elenor Reid and Geri Schlenoff.



Recycling hints from Baltimore County

- Don't pay attention to numbers on the bottom of plastics. Bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs should all be recycled.
- Leave caps on plastic bottles.
- Recycle milk cartons, juice boxes, and yogurt cups.
- Thin clamshell containers, such as from grocery stores, cannot be recycled. Pitch them in regular trash and avoid using them.
- Don't put napkins, stringy items, or thin plastic bags into recycling as they can get caught up in the sorting machinery.
- "When in doubt, throw it out!"



At left: Broadmead tour participants learn how single-stream recyclables are sorted and packaged. Crushed and packaged cans are shown in the background, ready to be sold and shipped for re-use. In foreground, l.-r., are Marion Baker, Del Sweeney and Elenor Reid. Above: workers cull recyclables using large (and noisy!) machinery. Photos by Geri Schlenoff.

Be alert for these unwanted visitors

By Ruth Reiner

Recently we have heard reports of snakes entering the homes of a few residents. Other critters are also in search of a warmer place, some looking for food to sustain them.

Snakes can and do enter homes in autumn, although it's not common. As the temperatures drop, snakes seek warmth, shelter, and sometimes food (think rodents), which can lure them into homes, garages, and sheds.

While many of us might exhibit phobia-type behavior upon encountering a snake, it's incumbent upon us to realize just how crucial they are to the balance of the ecosystem. Broadmead is no exception.

Two venomous snakes inhabit Maryland, the Timber Rattlesnake and the Eastern Copperhead. They can be identified by the triangular shape of their heads, as opposed to the more oval shape of the head of their nonvenomous cousins. The heads of the copperhead and rattler are distinctly broader than the neck. These snakes are more active in fall, especially in wooded or brushy areas, and may shelter under firewood or debris piles.

The copperhead is more frequently found in our area. Although their bite requires immediate medical attention with the administration of anti-venom, it is usually not life-threatening if treated quickly. When on any of the trails or when gardening, be vigilant!



Eastern Copperhead. Courtesy publicdomain.com.

Non-venomous species are more commonly found indoors than copperheads. These include the Eastern or Black Ratsnake, the Garter, the Brown, and Ring-necked snake. They can enter through any opening in a wall, under an entry door, or through openings in a storage area—no matter how small. Potted plants, outdoor gear or furniture can carry a hidden snake inside. Once inside, snakes will hide behind boxes or clutter. They're especially fond of areas around

heating systems or water heaters.

If you are not skilled at handling an errant wanderer who shows up in your kitchen, do not attempt to handle the snake, as they can give a nasty bite—their only means of protection. The mouth of a snake has a variety of bacteria which can result in an infection. In the unlikely event that you encounter a snake that's wandered into your home, shed, or garage, call the Broadmead front desk for help.

The Nature Committee has been planning some exciting programs for the end of '25 and through June of '26. Keep alert for flyers, info on the internet, and in future issues of the Voice.

The Nature Committee is chaired by Nancy Funk nancyfunk5@gmail.com

Dawn Redwood sequel

On Wednesday, October 10, one of the three towering Dawn Redwoods adjacent to Cluster Q was cut down. The tree was deemed to be crowding other trees and posing a risk to a garden home foundation. Jerry and Marilyn Winkelstein, who live close to the redwoods, have grown two potted seedlings from 'volunteers' of the felled tree; it is expected that these will be replanted elsewhere on campus to compensate for the loss of the large tree. Photos by Arnie Sindler.



HOW TO KNOW IF IT'S A COPPERHEAD:

The markings of the Copperhead are hourglass bands (light tan, beige, or pinkish-tan), often with a coppery sheen. The head is a solid coppery-red or rusty brown, usually without markings, making it stand out from the patterned body.

What happens to Broadmead's composted food waste?

Source: Gina Mathias, VP of Sustainability

The food waste and compostable containers that are collected from the dining rooms, kitchens, and independent living areas on campus are picked up by Veteran Compost. Currently, the company swaps out 16 bins (32 gallons each) twice each week, representing about 53,000 gallons of compostable waste annually. Veteran Compost transports the material to Aberdeen, MD, for processing. They use a “piling” method to do this, ensuring that the piles of waste exceed a temperature of 140 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 72 hours straight to kill pathogens and weed seeds.

The compost undergoes a 30-day active composting process and a minimum of 90 days of curing. The resulting material is then screened into particles of one-half inch or less, which is “chunkier” than compost one purchases at a store. It resembles mulch, but it is much richer in nutrient content than any mulch. Because the compost is so nutrient-dense, it is not recommended for filling in garden beds. Instead, it should be used as a soil amendment.

Broadmead is not currently buying finished compost from Veteran Compost. This may change if and when the horticulturalist sees the need for soil amendments, and if the compost from Veteran Compost has the correct profile for Broadmead's horticultural needs.

Veteran Compost sells ready-made soil blends. For information about the company and its products, visit <https://www.veterancompost.com/>.

Q&A with Gina Mathias

Is the new roof over the auditorium “green” or not? If not, why not? **Gina:** As far as I know, the roof over the auditorium is a standard shingle. The selection was made based on the material that best meets the requirements of the surface area covered.

What progress is being made to implement solar energy measures on this campus? On the Ridgebrook campus? **Gina:** We are looking at our energy contracts, and after we have determined longer-term energy costs, we will rerun the solar numbers to see if it's a better investment than the last time it was looked at. Solar for Ridgebrook is part of the plan, but there's nothing to report at the moment, as everything is still being designed.

Are single-use water bottles going to be eliminated on campus (or restricted somehow)? **Gina:** Yes, the long-term goal is to significantly reduce the use of single-use water bottles, along with disposable cups and other items. As I am currently developing an implementation plan, I do not have a timeline yet. Moving to water dispensers and washable cups for catering, meetings, and events will be part of the plan.

Do you have any updates regarding recyclable vs. compostable containers used by Dining Services? **Gina:** The phase-out of recyclable containers in favor of compostable ones is an ongoing concern. Once we have a new Director of Dining, that person and I will work on an implementation plan for switching to washable reusable takeout containers rather than disposables [any container that gets taken away, for recycling, composting, or landfill].

Any updates for improvements around the pond and springhouse? **Gina:** We have received a gift for upgrading the pond and springhouse area. While the donor was incredibly generous, the scope of the project is such that we will need to postpone part of the project into the next fiscal year for budgeting. This will likely look like some planting this fall, more plantings and the aquatic planting in the spring, and the construction of the ramp and viewing area in the summer. This is certainly a project that could be helped by multiple funders. Residents should check with [VP of Advancement] Eleanor Landauer for giving opportunities for this project.

How are plans progressing toward having a walkway all around Copper Beech Road? **Gina:** We've identified the firms we will invite to bid on the study, and expect to select someone in late fall and get to work on getting the study completed over the winter.

Anything else you'd like Voice readers to know? **Gina:** Ask for reusable take-out containers, or use a plate and ceramic coffee mug when dining at the Arbor Café.

FACILITIES REPORTS

Holly House nears usability status

By Willy Sydnor

Will Holly House be open in time for the holidays? According to Joyce Malone, VP of Facility Services, the answer is “maybe.” She clarifies, “We are hoping so, but we are not prepared to announce that with confidence.”

Once Holly House does become available for use, residents will be able to reserve spaces for events in the historic venue, using the same reservation methods as for any other meeting space on campus.

What appears to be new brick added onto Holly House’s exterior is actually the building’s old brick that has been removed and re-pointed. Repointing the façade’s existing old brick is ongoing. The patio will be surfaced with smooth concrete instead of the former uneven flagstones.

Foundation work is complete and the excavations around the foundation perimeter have been filled. Electrical upgrades to ensure sufficient power for Holly House were completed in mid-October.

The Maryland Historical Trust has selected paint and other finishes for the interior, according to Joyce. She added that new windows were to be delivered by the end of October.

EERIE ADDENDUM: *Joyce Malone, VP of Facility Services, was asked about rumors of a ghost residing in Holly House. Her response: “While I can’t confirm whether or not there is a ghost, several residents, team members, and now contractors have stated that odd things have happened and that they have seen spirits in the house.”*

Planning for badges, locks and HVAC continues

Joyce Malone, VP of Facility Services, reports that the trial period of **requiring badges for entry** through the exterior doors on the north side of the Community Center went well. Badge access control measures are now being planned to make it easier for those with scooters and walkers to enter the building. Until this is done, the entry doors on that side of the building will be locked 24/7. Joyce recommends that residents always have their identification badge with them.

Adding **new electronic locks** for garden homes is moving forward. A trial period in a Cluster K home has gone well, according to Joyce. A smaller profile lock is being investigated to allow for screen doors to close completely. “We anticipate that this project will begin before the end of the year,” she says.

Planning for **new HVAC systems for the garden homes** is also moving forward. “The plan for the rest of 2025 is to design the system, and then trial it in a few homes during the first six months of 2026,” says Joyce. Once the trial is completed, budgeting and planning will proceed to make the change throughout the clusters.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Giving Tree goes up

By Pat van den Beemt

It’s easy to decide what Christmas present to buy for a student at Padonia International Elementary School this year. Simply pick out an ornament from a Christmas tree that will be located near the coat room on the main floor of the Community Center.

The Giving Tree will go up right after Thanksgiving and will be decorated with ornaments made by Broadmead residents. Each ornament will list an item to buy. There are four items—gloves, socks, pajamas, and underwear—for both boys and girls.

Unwrapped gift items can be put in the box in the coat room adjacent to the Arbor Café, which is also where food is collected for the school. All gifts will be given to the students before they head home for the holidays.

Barbara Hunter, in charge of organizing residents to make the ornaments, has reserved the art room for this purpose from 10-11:30 a.m. on November 11. Watch for more information.



Broadmead residents painted faces, made Halloween crafts, registered attendees, distributed food, and helped in the school’s

library room during the Health Fair at Padonia International Elementary School on Sat., Oct. 11. Above, Marion Baker gently paints a student’s face. To learn about opportunities for involvement with the school, contact Sandy Angell at 443-845-2103.

Religious Freedom and the Quaker Prices of Gunpowder Forest

By Ed Papenfuse, Maryland State Archivist, Retired

Hidden behind trees along Beaver Dam Road, near the intersection of Ivy Court Road, is a stone building that survives as a monument to religious freedom: the Old Gunpowder Friends Meeting House.



The Old Gunpowder Friends Meeting House, ca. 1772. Photo by John McGrain, ca. 1981, courtesy of Teri Rising.

From the earliest years of the Maryland colony, religious toleration was a policy of its Catholic proprietors (at least as long as those who were not Christian remained silent in their faith).

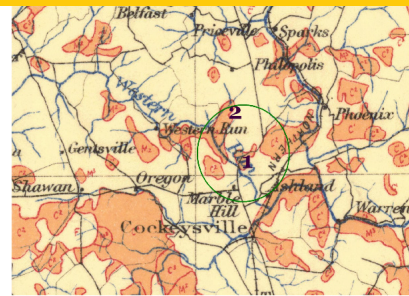
Articulated first in writing as the 1649 Act of Toleration, the Calverts welcomed the members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) who were persecuted for their beliefs in Virginia, offering them the opportunity to lease and to purchase land in

Maryland. (One of the oldest Friends Meeting Houses in America, Third Haven, is in Easton on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It opened in 1684.)

The earliest surviving Friends Meeting House in Baltimore County is the Old Gunpowder Meeting House, built around 1772. It was the Gunpowder Meeting that welcomed Mordeca Price (1698?-1769?) when he moved from Annapolis in 1723 to settle along York Road on property he leased from Lord Baltimore. He called his new 300-acre farm Price's Chance. In 1742, he added another 250-acre lease from Lord Baltimore that he named Price's Enlargement. Immediately to the west of Price's Chance, it reached deep into "Gunpowder Forest," encompassing what is today Broadmead's expansion site at the end of Ridgebrook Road.

Mordeca built a large house for his wife, Elizabeth, on Price's Chance. The house was just off the beaten path that led toward the new town of York (1741) in William Penn's woods, which the Calvert proprietors of Maryland claimed should be their northern boundary. The exact site of the house, which no longer exists, is unknown.

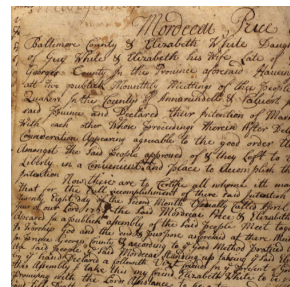
To aid in furthering the Calvert claim to the lands



The remains of Gunpowder Forest encircled in green on Fred Beasley's 1915 map of the forests of Baltimore County, numbered to show the approximate site of Broadmead and Broadmead Ridgebrook. Courtesy of Johns Hopkins University.

north of Price's Chance, in 1734 Mordeca and Elizabeth hosted Thomas Brerewood, Sr., the owner of My Lady's Manor. Brerewood solicited settlers to lease land on the approximately 10,000 acres that, in 1713, Charles, Lord Baltimore, had given to his wife Margaret. At her death in 1731, Margaret bequeathed My Lady's Manor to her step-granddaughter, Charlotte Calvert, a daughter of the fourth Lord Baltimore, who was married to Thomas Brerewood, Jr. Charlotte and Thomas, Jr. transferred "My Lady's Manor" to Thomas's father, the bankrupt Thomas Brerewood, Sr.

Thomas Brerewood, Sr. (ca. 1670-22 December 1746) was a "Gentleman Entrepreneur & Fraudster." He was involved with the "Pitkin Affair" of 1705, a bankruptcy fraud committed with his business partner, Thomas Pitkin, that was surpassed in scale only by the South Sea Bubble of 1720. Brerewood was eventually pardoned and was able to rebuild his fortune. From 1741, to his death on 22 December 1746, Brerewood held office as the clerk of Baltimore County. He proved to be more successful in his land dealings



Marriage Certificate of Elizabeth White and Mordeca Price, Sandy Spring Meeting, Prince George's County, April 28, 1724. Source: Ancestry.com. Elizabeth died in 1766 at the Price home on York Road. No record has been found to date of Mordeca's death or his estate.

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Mordeca Price's signature to the original 1742 lease to Price's Enlargement. He spelled it this way, but the name is often entered in the Quaker and public records as Mordecai.

in Maryland than were the previous owners of the new Broadmead Ridgebrook, among whom was Harry Dundore, the last private owner of Holly House and all of what is today Broadmead.

The Mystery of the Mordecas: No one has yet identified when the Mordeca Price of what would become Broadmead Ridgebrook died. Indeed, it is puzzling why his probate records cannot be located. He and Elizabeth had at least seven children, one of whom was also named Mordeca, born in 1733. For the sake of clarity, the latter is best recalled as the 2nd Mordeca who died on Price's Chance in the Gunpowder Forest, in the house where he was born.

Elizabeth, the mother of the 2nd Mordeca, died in 1766, also in the house on Price's Chance. The 2nd Mordeca was her administrator (she left no will). She was independently wealthy, owning five slaves who were named in her inventory: Candis, Hannor, Rachel, Isaac, and Tom ("an idiot"). Their fates are not known. In addition to the slaves, Elizabeth had "3 feather beds,

6 chairs, 6 chests, 1 chest of drawers, 88½ pounds of pewter, part ownership of a copper still, three hives with bees, "two hydes, 68 pounds of leather, wool & thread," 2 guns & surveying compass and chain, one-third of the standing crop of wheat, a parcel of cyder casks and tubs, 1 mare, 17 head of cattle, 9 sheep, and 7 hogs." The total value of Elizabeth's inventory was £253.5, which, according to one source, would have a purchasing power of \$58,540.88 in 2025 dollars. Mordeca 2 faithfully distributed her property among her heirs, including himself.

Mordeca 2 died in 1796 at the age of 72, leaving personal property worth £521, or about \$76,515.86 in 2025 dollars. By then, as a member in good standing of Gunpowder Meeting, he owned no slaves. The items of most value in his inventory were the crops in the ground (33 acres of wheat and 3 acres of rye), 42 sheep, 15 hogs, 22 geese, cows, and 2 "old bay" horses. He also still had his mother's hives and five gallons of honey, and a pile of planks of walnut which presumably came from the portion of the Gunpowder Forest he owned. (In Fred Beasley's 1915 map of the hardwood forests of Baltimore County, the remains of the Gunpowder Forest on Mordeca Price's land and what is today Broadmead property can still be seen.)

Mordeca 2 left his land to be divided equally among his three sons—Mordeca, Joseph, and Elijah, the last of whom was not yet 21. His widow, Rachel, was entitled to her "widow's" third of the estate while she lived.

"I have given direction between my three sons, Mordeca, Joseph, and Elijah, they having the privilege of all the land, except that part Samuel Mathews lives on with all my stock [and] farming [equipment]." The executors did as instructed, deeding to son Elijah a tract from the 500+ acre estate that would become, in 2025, the new Broadmead at Ridgebrook.

Next time: Elijah Price's portion of Mordeca Price's farm in Gunpowder Forest and how it became Broadmead at Ridgebrook.

**Montgomery County, Maryland, was once part of Prince George's County before it was established as a separate county in 1776.*

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The Price house on Price's Chance on the 1798 tax list. By then, Elizabeth and Mordeca's son Mordeca was living there. It was a two-story brick dwelling house with a one-story log house and a meat house. Maryland State Archives, SCM 3469-2.

—IN MEMORIAM—

Randall "Randy" Robinson
July 25, 1933 – September 22, 2025

Ken Lewis
July 25, 1933 – October 4, 2025

David Gilbert
January 4, 1929 – October 18, 2025

Grocery Outlet helps students in need

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

When Broadmead residents started volunteering at Padonia International Elementary School, they knew they would make new connections. They got to know the administration, teachers and students, as well as volunteers from other organizations that strive to help the school's 495 students. What they didn't expect to find was a brand new grocery store that is focused on helping the community.

Grocery Outlet opened a year ago on Cranbrook Road in Cockeysville, in a building previously occupied by Merritt Athletic Club. Just two months after opening, its owners, Zully Gomez Melendez and Egberto Torres, sent 25 turkeys and the makings for complete Thanksgiving meals to Padonia. Since then, they've given the school a check for more than \$1,300 during a fund drive called "Independence From Hunger." Zully shows up at various school functions with tables of free bottled water and snacks for all.

"They are a wonderful community partner. They are a loving couple that are very generous and love helping our Cockeysville community," said Nancy Castellanos-Garcia, parent liaison at Padonia Elementary.

Both Egberto and Zully said supporting the local community is important to them. "We want to help out in any way we can. We are heavily involved with the community. It comes from here," Egberto said, pointing to his heart.



Zully Gomez Melendez and Egberto Torres.

Egberto and Zully, who are both from Puerto Rico, started their careers with Grocery Outlet in Pennsylvania eight years ago. After deciding to become owners, they spent a year training with other future owners of the 500 Grocery Outlets across the United States. The motto is "Shop here first. Save more." Grocery Outlet says it sells brand-name groceries and produce at 40% to 70% off conventional prices.

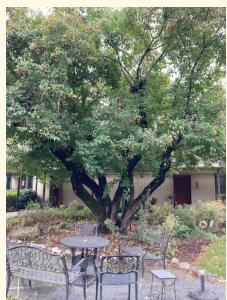
Broadmead residents Cindy and Pete Sugatt, who volunteer at Padonia, have shopped at Grocery Outlet and agree that prices are good. Cindy said a can of tomato soup, for example, is considerably less there than at other stores in the area. Seniors get an additional 5% off their groceries every Wednesday.

Egberto and Zully live two minutes away from the store and work 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Their three boys—ages 27, 23, and 20—also work full-time at the store.

Grocery Outlet is located in the Cranbrook Shopping Center, 598 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville. The Center is also home to Pappas Restaurant and Martin's Valley Mansion, a catering and event site.

TREE PROFILE By Peter Babcock

The robust Amur Maple



Amur Maple in Cluster G. Photo by Hillary Barry.

The Amur Maple, which originates in the far eastern reaches of China and Russia, is endowed with the robust character of its native lands. The tree is extremely hardy, able to survive high winds and winter temperatures as low as minus 40 degrees F. It is comfortable in different soils, acidic to alkaline, and seems not to be affected by urban pollution. It is resistant to disease and transplanting, and it establishes easily and demonstrates rapid, vigorous growth. Include its spectacular display of autumn foliage, and you have a nurseryman's dream.

Yet for all the Amur Maple's winning qualities, the species is not welcome in everyone's yard. The issue is invasiveness. Since 2018 Maine, Wisconsin, and Minnesota all have imposed restrictions on the sale, transportation and planting of the Amur Maple. It now remains to be seen if and how other state authorities will address the issue.

Meanwhile, at Broadmead, residents can enjoy viewing a beautiful Amur Maple in the courtyard of Cluster G.

HOW TO BE CYBERSAFE

Try passphrases instead of passwords

By Victoria Bragg

Did you use your pet's name as your password again? Understandable. So do 50% of pet owners, but it's still a bad idea.

How can you create a password that's easier to remember but harder to break? There's only enough room in this space for two tips, so here they are:

1. Instead of "Rover," use a phrase, something like: "Rover loves violet eggs." You can add upper and lower case letters, numbers, and special characters as needed—for example: "Rover loves 4389 VIOLET eggs!," where 4389 are the last digits of your phone number and violet is your favorite color. Or consider "rOVER love\$ 4389 violet eggs!": a phrase like this can often be re-used just by changing the adjective. Next time make it "orange" eggs or "airborne" eggs—the stranger, the better. Just remember that there are no spaces in the passphrase (as opposed to just a password); it's all written together as "Roverloves4389VIOLETeggs!"

2. Consent to authentication when accessing financial sites or other sensitive information. In this case, the site will email or text a one-time code for you to enter after you've logged in with your passphrase.

Improved password alternatives are coming. Meanwhile, you can be a little more cybersafe while still signing in with your pet's name—in a sentence.

Broadmead Connect Café debuts

Every other Friday, starting on November 7, residents are invited to a workshop in the Seminar Room to learn how to use the tools and features of Broadmead Connect (a.k.a. Caremerge). Sessions start at 1 p.m. and last one hour. Questions? Contact Natalie Shane at 443-578-8060 or nshane@broadmead.org.

MAKE THE BEST OF TECH

Should I sign up for a landline?

By Lynne Shue

Have you ever considered getting a landline through the Broadmead system? What are the advantages of having a Broadmead phone number?

For \$40 a month, Broadmead will provide the phone number, but the resident purchases the particular landline phone they wish to use. Broadmead's phone system is simple enough to be used by any resident at Broadmead, including those living in the neighborhoods in the main building, and it can be used with a large-button phone for those with vision problems. Residents can also opt into Broadmead's voicemail at no extra charge.

The Broadmead phone system has several advantages. One of its best features is that it will continue to work even when the power goes out. Also, your individual Broadmead phone number is not displayed when you place a call to an external phone number. Outsiders only see the general "1900" Broadmead front desk phone number. In addition, within the Broadmead phone system, residents need only use the last four digits of a Broadmead number, so if you want to call maintenance, for example, you would only have to dial 8022. Fellow residents on the system can likewise be reached with just four digits.

Another plus for Broadmead's phone system is that it does not have to be updated frequently, like a cell phone does. With the landline, you don't have to get used to how your phone works all over again, just when you were getting the hang of it.

IT expert Red Howard especially recommends the Broadmead phone system for anyone having difficulty getting a cell phone signal while at Broadmead, or for anyone who only uses a phone for telephoning—not texting, emailing, Internet searches, and so on. She thinks it is wise for Broadmead to have this "legacy technology" in place in case other forms of communication fail.

BOOK REVIEW

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi; Allen Levi, 2023; 400 pages

A mysterious, handsome, and well-dressed old man named only Theo quietly arrives at a small, peaceful town in Georgia. While enjoying his morning coffee, he is enchanted by the art displayed at the local coffee house. Theo goes on to make his way into the hearts of many interesting characters in a mysterious way, through his love of art and his kind heart. The town will never be the same. This sweet and thoughtful book is a breath of fresh air in these tragic and unstable times. His secret remains a mystery until the finale. I loved this book. —Linda Michel

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Bistro's innovative manager

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

There have been a lot of changes ever since Zoila Villagaray—known to all simply as “Z”—took over as supervisor of the Bistro and Corner Cupboard in March. She’s eliminated products that didn’t sell very well and has put all sorts of new selections on the shelves.

And now, she’s come up with “Taste & Toast,” which will happen on the first Friday of each month during Happy Hour in the Bistro. While folks toast each other with beer, wine, soda, or mixed drinks, she’ll put out special food for everybody to taste.

Z came up with the idea last month when she had extra meats left over at the end of the week. She cut up the meats, added assorted cheeses, crackers, and breads, and then offered a charcuterie board to those at Happy Hour.

“I’ll do this with new products we get so people can taste what we have,” she said.

Z, who has worked at Broadmead for three years, is open to suggestions from residents about new items for both the Bistro and Corner Cupboard. She recently ordered biscotti—Italian

almond biscuits—following a resident’s request, and they are big sellers. Likewise, she now orders low-sodium crackers and crackers that are olive oil-based. She puts a bright label on shelves that hold gluten-free items and wants to offer more vegetarian choices in the future. A panini press has been ordered, so those types of grilled sandwiches will soon be served.

Z doesn’t honor all requests, however. The Corner Cupboard doesn’t carry any dog food or cat food or things like orange juice with extra, extra pulp that one resident wanted. “I try to avoid saying ‘no’ to people,” she said. The big sellers are cereal, applesauce, cheese, yogurt, and eggs.

The Corner Cupboard gets fresh produce every Wednesday. She reports that she got a lot of compliments on this summer’s peaches, plums, and corn—all of which were grown locally.



Zoila “Z” Villagaray beside the Corner Cupboard’s fresh produce display.

HOW TO REQUEST CATERING

1. Go to “Online Requests” on Caremerge; 2. Select “Room Requests and Catering Requests”; 3. Fill in the requested information and submit.
Questions? Call 443-578-8235 or email catering@broadmead.org

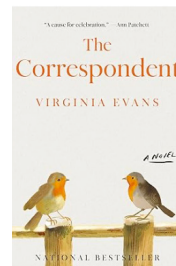
BOOK REVIEW

The Correspondent

by Virginia Evans

Crown, 2025; 291 pages

I don’t remember who told me about this book, but I am so very grateful. It’s many stories told by Sylvia Van Antwerp, a woman in her 70s who doesn’t believe in emails and prefers letters to phone calls—even to the man living across the street.



Sylvia has had a complicated life and writes regular letters to friends, family, authors she admires, and others. We learn of her life from her point of view as she recounts her life’s history—all of it is complicated, as life can be. It is part bittersweet memorial to the past and also part reconciliation. I was so sorry to have the book come to an end. I want more from this author, and I hope she will comply. —Willy Sydnor



Heartland Marimba performed at Broadmead on Friday, October 10. The musical trio—Chandler Beaugrand, Matthew Coley, and Sophia Lo—played arrangements adapted for the marimba, which is similar to a xylophone but has rosewood keys instead of metal ones. The program included a wide range of works, including a Bach fugue, a traditional Armenian tune, and a “Ragtime Medley” of Scott Joplin numbers. Each performer adroitly wielded four percussion tools at once, two per hand. For information, visit HeartlandMarimba.com. The event was sponsored by the BRA Music Committee. Photo by Sharon McKinley.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Anne Laraison Fleck

L-6, 443-756-7976

fleckanne@hotmail.com, July 30

Text and photo by Willy Sydnor

Born in Pornic, France, in 1946, Anne Laraison grew up and went to school in the nearby city of Nantes. When she was 17, she went to Barcelona to further her education and then decided she wanted to become fluent in English. Through a family friend, she came to stay with a family in Lincoln, MA, teaching French and doing child care. It turned out that she had found her future family as well. She and Bill, a member of her host household, became inter-



Anne Fleck.

ested in each other. When she returned to France, their courtship continued by mail, since travel and phone calls were quite expensive at that time. Two years later, they were married in Pornic. They then moved to Cambridge, MA, where they lived until they moved to Lansing, MI, in 1971. During this time, she and Bill welcomed two children—Carl, their special needs son who lives in Baltimore County, and Sophie, who lives in Boston and has two daughters.

Chance again helped shape Anne's life when, in 1977, she and Bill moved to Baltimore, and she stopped by a travel agent and expressed interest in the business. The owner of the agency suggested she go to travel school in DC and then come back, and he'd offer her a job—which she did, and he did. She continued with that agency until, in the early 80s, she and a colleague bought out the agency. In 2000, the agency merged with Commerce Travel, which then merged with World Travel Service. Thanks to being in the travel business, she was able to travel frequently to see her family in France until she retired in 2014.

Anne is a member of the Woman's Club of Roland Park and helps with arranging speakers. She also volunteers with Days for Girls, which assembles kits for menstruating young women in third world countries. And once a month, she and several French-speaking friends get together in one another's homes for dinner and conversation in French.

MaCCRA presentation available online

"The Bottom Line: What Financial Solvency Means for CCRCs," a workshop hosted by LeadingAge Maryland and MaCCRA on October 16, is available on the MaCCRA website, www.maccra.org.

Foreign Policy Association to address 8 topics

Eight 90-minute Foreign Policy Association sessions will be presented at Broadmead starting February 5. Barry Rascovar will lead the presentations and discussions. A briefing manual is available to purchase for \$40, with delivery after Thanksgiving.

Topics will be as follows:

Feb. 5 - American and the World: Trump 2.0 Foreign Policy

Feb. 12 - Trump Tariffs and the Future of the World Economy.

Feb. 19 - U.S.- China Relations.

Feb. 26 - Ruptured Alliances and the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation.

Mar. 5 - NO MEETING

Mar. 12 - Ukraine and the Future of European Security.

Mar. 19 - Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order.

Mar. 26 - U.S. Engagement of Africa. (subject to Change)

Apr. 2 - The Future of Democracy & Human Rights in a Divided World.

There is no cost nor commitment to attend and participate in the 2026 sessions.

Pete Sugatt and Libby Loafman, who are organizing the program, ask residents to let them know if they'd like to be placed on a contact list for the program, and/or if they'd like to order a briefing book for the sessions.

"Sooo adorbs!!"



That's what Sharon McKinley said about Dawn, a penguin visiting Broadmead from the Baltimore Zoo during an Open Forum program led by Herb Goldman on October 16. Photo by Sharon McKinley.

NEWS BRIEFS

Upcoming BRA Meetings

BRA Board of Directors Meetings will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium and via Zoom on the following dates: Nov. 17, Jan. 19, March 23, and May 18. The BRA's annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 1.

Expressions supports those with cognitive impairment

Expressions is a support group at Broadmead for individuals living with mild to moderate cognitive impairment who wish to gather and connect with others who are experiencing something similar. This is a private group with limited spaces available, facilitated by Stacey Young, Director of Dementia Care, and Teresa Geroulo, Director of Social Work. All information discussed is private, including identities of members of the group and topics discussed. If you are interested in potentially joining this group, contact Stacey Young at 443-578-8026 or syoung@broadmead.org.

Pickleball, anyone?

The Broadmead pickleball players report that they are getting together at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for the rest of the fall. If you want to play, or just watch and check it out, come to the pickleball court outside the Bistro patio at 2:00 p.m. on either day. Wear good sneakers if you intend to play.

Fall Barn Sale results

Lin Hardy, chair of the Barn Sale, reports that this fall's sale on October 17 and 18 yielded \$11,546, a near record. "I wish I could give the number of residents that volunteered," says Lin. "It is wonderful to have so much support."

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

William (Bill) Fleck

L-6, 443-838-0480

wbfleck@verizon.net, July 30

Text and photo by Willy Sydnor

Had Bill's parents not made the decision to send him to Belmont Hill School in Belmont, MA, he might never have become a hydrogeologist. Bill was dyslexic and found learning to be a challenge; the specialized school helped overcome it.

Bill was born in Philadelphia in 1933 and at the age of 10 moved with his family to Lincoln, MA. After graduating from Belmont Hill, he attended Williams College and then went on to Boston University, where he received a master's degree in geology.



Bill Fleck.

He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for 41 years, starting in Boston, moving to Lansing, MI, and ending up in Baltimore. His specialty was field mapping and then digital modeling for the Water Resources Division of the USGS.

Bill met his future wife when she came from France at age 20 to spend a year learning English, and happened to stay with his family. After falling in love mainly by mail, since international phone calls and travel

were too expensive, they married and raised two children.

When Bill retired at age 71, he became a Scout Master for a Boy Scout troop of individuals with special needs. The troop, which meets weekly from September into May, is open to all, and their son Carl has been a member since Bill started volunteering with the group. They meet at White Oak School in Baltimore County, and the average age of the troop members is mid-50s.

Running was a big part of Bill's life until his knees made him stop, but for a long time, he was a member of the Baltimore Road Runners Club. He also has become very interested in genealogy and—even though he didn't mention it—he's quite a good photographer and has a wonderful image in the current residents' iPhone photography show on the Lower Level of Broadmead Center.

Monthly Bus Trips to Sparks Elementary

Residents wishing to engage with kindergarteners at Sparks Elementary School are encouraged to take part in a monthly visiting program to the school. For information or to sign up, contact Kirsten Oudin, Volunteer Coordinator, at koudin@broadmead.org or 443-578-x8089. The program is sponsored by the Center of Excellence in Health and Wellness.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Liz Nilson

C-3, 410-456-2646

liznilson@comcast.net, August 5

Text and photo by Pat van den Beemt

When Pittsburgh, PA native Liz Logan took a political science class at Denison University, she became intrigued with the idea of becoming a lawyer. After graduating in 1964, Liz, who was a cheerleader in high school, entered Yale Law School. Only a few women earned their Juris Doctor degrees in 1967, the year she graduated.

While at Yale, she met her future husband, George Nilson. After graduation, they moved to Baltimore, where George had a job lined up. Liz then went to work for a private law firm before changing jobs to work for the State of Maryland, representing its Board of Elections. She later represented Maryland's Ethics Board.



Liz Nilson.

She and George lived in the Guilford area of Baltimore, where they raised two sons, both of whom attended Friends School of Baltimore. Son Doug, a physician who is an emergency room director, lives in Maine with his wife Rachel and three teenage children. Son Scott organizes races like triathlons in the United

States as well as Europe. He currently lives in Boston with his wife Sandy and has two daughters in college.

After getting a divorce and retiring from the law, Liz realized that Baltimore had become her home. She moved to a three-story house on Canterbury Road near Johns Hopkins University. She started volunteering with the Maryland Historical Society (now the Maryland Center for History and Culture) and found that she liked it much more than practicing law. That volunteer position, however, ended with the COVID-19 pandemic.

When Liz decided that a three-story house was too much for her, she knew Broadmead was where she wanted to go. Not only does Liz know several residents here, but the beauty of the natural campus was a big draw.

Get to know 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. The library also houses a reference section that includes back issues of the *Voice* and alphabetized resident profiles going back to Broadmead's beginnings.

First Monday Book Group

The Berry Pickers, Amanda Peters

November 3, 10:30 a.m.

Fireplace room

Broadmead Writers

Mondays 1:00-2:30 p.m.

For information contact

Maggie Babb, maggiababb@gmail.com

Bard@Broadmead

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The play for November is "Hamlet" and the film will be shown in two parts, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

In December the play to discuss will be "Twelfth Night."

The Broadmead Chorus

welcomes residents and friends who find joy in the experience of singing with others to participate in our weekly rehearsals, and sing in two or three concerts a year.

Auditions are not required.

Commitment to attending weekly rehearsals and learning the music we sing is the gift we give, and the gift we receive.

Interest, questions?

Contact Hillary Barry:

hlpbcb@gmail.com or x8336

Let's Sing

Wednesday, November 12
at 7 p.m., Auditorium

Come sing along to your favorites.

Jonathan Jensen is back
as our accompanist!

Questions? Sharon McKinley:
410-660-9147

MaCCRA

Wed., November 19
7 p.m. • Auditorium
A presentation by Jay Prince and
Allison Ciborowski, CEO of
LeadingAge Maryland
Topic: "The Future of CCRCs
Like Broadmead"

Moving Around Broadmead

Anne Minkowski
from Taylor 306 to Hallowell 217

Phil Newcomb
from Taylor 325 to Darlington 207

Irene Schneider
from Taylor 307 to Hallowell 216

Lawrence Schneider
from Taylor 314 to Hallowell 212

Dorothy Sinclair
from Taylor 313 to Darlington 209

Gwyn Sirota
from C-20 to Taylor 313

Jean Wilson
from M-2 to Taylor 307

New Arrivals

Carol Nizzardini
October 29, Y-209
410-241-7249

Carolyn Vane
October 28, B-5
410-598-8339

Quaker Meeting at Broadmead

Sundays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Fireplace Room
All residents are invited.

NEW RESIDENT PROFILE

Linda Tooma

D-1, 410-215-8126

lindatoomasun@gmail.com, October 2

Text and photo by Sharon McKinley

Linda Tooma has a sunny, vibrant personality and greets new acquaintances like long-lost friends. She was born and raised in Hagerstown, worked mostly in Baltimore, and came to Broadmead from a Mays Chapel condo.

After majoring in elementary and special education at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Linda taught first grade for 13 years in



Linda Tooma.

a small school. She then decided to widen her sights a bit and embarked on a series of jobs "to get more global," as she says. She worked for Bell Atlantic, then at various organizations doing development work and grant writing, and ended up returning to teaching, "my first love," she says. As a first grade teacher at Boys' Latin, she often took her students outdoors, where a fellow teacher said of her, "Miss Tooma brings us places where only the animals go!"

Linda had taken her dog as a volunteer to Lorien in Mays Chapel, and when it was time to retire, she volunteered to help seniors stay in their homes by taking care of daily non-medical details. She still volunteers, taking people to doctors' appointments and doing other small but needed tasks.

Linda loves her Broadmead garden home and has settled in, along with her two part-Chihuahua rescue dogs. She likes to visit with her many friends and loves the outdoors. Linda goes kayaking, and has a beach home. So far, she says she feels "too new" to know what she wants to do at Broadmead. She is looking forward to seeing what's available.

On-campus shuttle schedule

The On-Campus Shuttle is available Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; on Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The shuttle typically makes rounds to and from Broadmead Center every 20 to 30 minutes, picking up or dropping off residents along Copper Beech Road. If the shuttle service is needed outside of these timeframes, call the Transportation Office at 443-578-8023.

PET PROFILE

From the mean streets of Baltimore City to Cluster P

Text and photo by Kathleen Truelove

Although Hallie (pronounced Hayley) Booth is now a calm and happy dog, life was not always bacon bits and snuggles for her. At the age of about three, she was thrown out onto the street in Baltimore City and was picked up at a kill shelter by a rescue group in Reisterstown, which is where Jean Booth met her.



Hallie in her new home.

Hallie is believed to be a Jack Russell mix, and as a medium-size pup, was just the size canine companion Jean was looking for. At first, Hallie was very fearful, so Jean visited her at the shelter and walked and fed her. After a week or so, Hallie began to follow Jean.

At first, Hallie was afraid of being hit and cowered when approached. She was also afraid of the dark. She had never been walked, so she had to learn how, but now she loves her walks and is very friendly, although she has maintained her fear of men in hats. Jean says it took about four or five months until Hallie was comfortable in her new surroundings. That was seven years ago, and she has now settled happily into her new home at Broadmead.

Hallie accompanies Jean to the dog park, where she (Hallie, not Jean) likes to patrol the perimeter; Hallie likes to be in control. She also enjoys the treats passed around at the dog park and partakes with enthusiasm.



Carolyn Murphy reports: "There is usually quite a large group of folks with their dogs who meet at the dog park every afternoon. At about 4 p.m., the dogs are on high alert for Michael Yaggy, who comes by with treats. If we say 'Michael' in a loud voice, it gets the same reaction as if we yell out 'Squirrel!' Great fun!" Photo by Carolyn Murphy.

Open Forums

7 p.m. • Auditorium

Friday, Nov. 7

Neil Young, returning speaker

"The Vikings—Raiders to Traders to Missionaries in Three Centuries"

Thursday, Nov. 20:

Bev Rosen, MSW, MBA, and MA in history; retired president of Work Wonders.

"The Jones Falls: The Giant that made Baltimore and almost 'did her in!'"

Resident Email List

(For current residents only)

To request to join the Broadmead resident email list, send email to: brabroadmead@gmail.com.

Socrates Café

Short video:

"The Philosophy of Gratitude: An Ancient Guide to a Grateful Life"

Question to probe: "How is gratefulness a way of living ethically in the world, as well as a way of rejoicing in our own existence?"

Tuesday, November 18

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Auditorium

Sponsored by Towson Unitarian Universalist Church
Open to all

Broadmead Stitchers

Join fellow needleworkers for any kind of handwork/stitching (felting, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, whatever) on Tuesdays from 1:30-3pm in the Arts and Ceramics Studio. Participants share their work and ideas, chat and help each other.

Bridge, Anyone?

Duplicate Bridge is at 1 p.m. on Mondays and **Rubber Bridge** is at 1:15 p.m. on Wednesdays (with lessons at 12:30 p.m. that day), in the Fireplace Room. Contact Sumner Clarren at s_clarren@msn.com to join the bridge email list or to request a partner.

Check out the BRA's archives

Learn about Broadmead's history, residents, publications, and other documents, conveniently indexed on the BRA website: http://archives-broadmead.net/index.php/Main_Page

Want to play Mah Jongg?

Mah Jongg players get together at Broadmead twice a week: on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room and on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Upland Community Room. To join the group, or if you are new to the game and want to learn to play, email Sharon Baughan, zbaughan@yahoo.com.

Literary Salon

Tuesday, November 4 • 7 p.m.
Auditorium
Come hear fellow residents read aloud from their writings. Sponsored by Broadmead Writers. Questions? Maggie Babb: babb@gmail.com

NCR Trail trips until Nov. 20

The bus to the NCR Trail departs on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. from the Lower Level Entrance and returns at approximately 11:00 a.m. Sign-up is required. Email Health and Wellness at wellness@broadmead.org or call 443-578-x8060. Last trip is Nov. 20.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: Oct. 26, 1979

This item was sourced from the first edition of the Voice by Kathleen Truelove.

COMPLETION SCHEDULE

As you all know, our final completion schedule was altered in mid-September due to delays caused by the unprecedented rain pattern of this past summer. The new schedule calls for initial occupancy of the last clusters (E and G) by November 20. Broadmead Center is nearing completion and should be finished by Thanksgiving. Landscaping will continue as long as the weather permits but will undoubtedly need to be completed in the spring.

PLAN AHEAD!

Movies for December

(tentative schedule)

Dec. 6: Annie Hall
Dec. 9: Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight
Dec. 13: Downton Abbey
Dec. 20: The Baltimoreans
Dec. 23: The Holly and the Ivy
Dec. 27: 3 p.m. The Magic Flute

Upcoming Musical Matinees 3 p.m. • Auditorium

November 5 - Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
December 17 - Fiddler on the Roof (*Starting 2 p.m., not 3 p.m.*)
January 7 - That's Entertainment (*Part Two*)
February 4 - Carousel
March 4 - Can Can
April 1 - Evita
May 6 - Swing Time
June 3 - Les Misérables

Audiovisual committee still needs volunteers

Many BRA activities require AV support. The AV committee continues to need volunteers to handle microphones, show movies and set up presentations. The committee provides training. Prior experience is not necessary. *To get involved, contact MJ Schroeder, AV Coordinator, at mjschroeder13081@gmail.com.*

TECH TIP FOR NOVEMBER

For an internet link you want to revisit soon: (1) bookmark it or (2) better, copy the link and email it to yourself. Bookmarking puts it on the bottom of your bookmarks; emailing puts it near the top of your emails to find it again quickly. —Don Killgallon

NOVEMBER MOVIES AT BROADMEAD

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

—Robert Redford Tribute—



Saturday, Nov. 1: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

Amazon rental

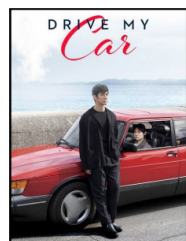
The film tells the story of Wild West outlaws Robert LeRoy Parker, known as Butch Cassidy (Paul Newman), and his partner Harry Longabaugh, “The Sundance Kid” (Robert Redford), who are on the run from a U.S. posse after a string of train robberies. 1969 Western 1 hr 50 min



Saturday, Nov. 8: Uncle Vanya

YouTube

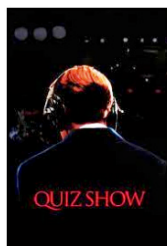
The Chekhov play. An elderly professor and his younger second wife visit the rural estate of the professor’s late first wife, which supports their urban life. A BBC TV production with Ian Holm, David Warner, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio. 1991 Drama 2 hr 9 min



Tuesday, Nov. 11: Drive My Car

Amazon rental

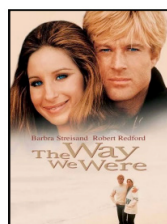
A theater director is directing a multilingual production of “Uncle Vanya” while dealing with the death of his wife. “A quiet masterpiece, ‘Drive My Car’ is a story about grief, love, and work as well as the soul-sustaining, life-shaping power of art” (Manohla Dargis, NYT). Directed by Ryusuke Hamaguchi. In Japanese, with subtitles. 2021 R Drama 3 hr plus intermission



Saturday, Nov. 15: Quiz Show

Amazon rental

A dramatization of the “Twenty-One” quiz show scandal involving Charles van Doren. Directed by Robert Redford; with John Turturro, Rob Morrow, Ralph Fiennes. 1994 Drama PG-13 2 hr 13 min



Saturday, Nov. 22: The Way We Were

Amazon rental

Two people meet in college in 1937. Katie (Barbra Streisand) is a left-wing activist, and Hubbell (Robert Redford) is a golden boy athlete and gifted writer. Screenplay by Arthur Laurents, based on his experiences at Cornell University and with the House Un-American Activities Committee. Directed by Sydney Pollack. 1973 Drama/Romance PG 1 hr 58 min



Tuesday, Nov. 25: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Amazon rental

Two young people undergo a memory erasure procedure to forget each other after their break-up. Directed by Michel Gondry, screenplay by Charlie Kaufman; with Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet. 2004 Romance/Surrealism R 1 hr 48 min



Saturday, Nov. 29: Three Days of the Condor

Amazon rental

A CIA researcher comes back from lunch one day to discover his co-workers have been murdered. Directed by Sydney Pollack; with Robert Redford, Faye Dunaway, Cliff Robertson, Max von Sydow. 1975 Thriller R 1 hr 57 min

The movie schedule is subject to change.

PLEASE NOTE: The Voice will be publishing a combined December-January issue. Copy deadline is November 15.

BIRD BEHAVIOR

Bird nesting issues on Hillside Homes to be addressed

Facility Services announced on October 20 that it will be addressing the ongoing bird nesting issues in the Upland and York buildings.

Work will begin on November 10 and take several days to complete. The primary focus will be sealing gaps between the building's gables (about 88 of them) and other structures to prevent birds from nesting.

An optical gel will also be applied these areas. This beeswax and agar gel, which is not harmful to birds, works by interacting with their senses: it appears like fire to birds, discouraging them from landing; it contains citronella and peppermint, scents that birds naturally avoid; and it has a sticky texture that birds dislike.

Ehrlich Pest Control's specialized bird division will be performing this work.

The Merlin bird app, downloadable to phones, not only aids in identifying birds we see but also identifies birds we hear.

BIRDWATCHING AT BROADMEAD

The Carolina Chickadee

By Debbie Terry

Bird watchers love to watch this cute little bird with the black cap and bib and the fuzzy white cheeks. The Carolina Chickadee lives about four to five years and can be found at Broadmead all year. He nests in old woodpecker holes or in nesting boxes that are usually 5 to 15 feet above the ground.



*The Carolina Chickadee.
Photo courtesy of the Maryland Biodiversity Project.*

In the winter, Carolina Chickadees eat lots of seeds and berries and love those bird feeders that serve black oil sunflower seed. This seed is the #1 preferred seed among small- to medium-sized birds.

The black oil sunflower seed is preferred because it is high in fat and protein. In the winter, these ingredients increase the survival rate of birds. Chickadees also love nyjer, a tiny black seed that is sometimes called thistle.

With their tiny bills, how can chickadees crack the sunflower seed? Carolina Chickadees belong to the family of birds called *Paridae*, which have very strong feet. Chickadees fly to a feeder, pick up a black oil sunflower seed, and carry it to a protected branch. They then place the seed between their strong feet and hammer the shell open with their beak and enjoy a delicious meal. (See accompanying photo.)

Black oil sunflower seeds should fill all bird feeders to help keep our Chickadees and all small seed-eating birds healthy.

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