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# Bannockburn

# Newsletter

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## WAKE UP! Spring Show Cast Call February 23!

Yes, you read that right. We are casting about for a Spring Show cast a bit earlier than usual. That's because this year the show will be Wednesday, April 30 through Sunday, May 4, and there is a lot to do.

Anyone 8 and older who is interested in singing, dancing, costumes, set design, or anything else in the show biz line, please come to the clubhouse at 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, February 23rd. The show this year will be fantabulous!

The show has a working title of "Good Morning, Bannockburn" and the theme will involve morning television. When

Jim Mahaffie (making his debut as our lead writer) called the first writer's meeting a few weeks back, there were about 2,489 song ideas. OK, I'm exaggerating. But there were at least two shows' worth, and the writing crew was just getting started. Of course, there's always room for another good idea or a song or skit, so if you've got one, please contact Jim at [Emahaffie@aol.com](mailto:Emahaffie@aol.com).

Eileen Kinnaird, who directed our show for seven years, including the 1991 Gulf War, reprises her role as Madame Director. Interesting timing (deep sigh). Music Director Michael Feldman will continue to make us sound incredibly good. And Producers Al Reifman and Helene Granof will once again undertake those myriad tasks that make the show possible.

This year's schedule will likely be more demanding than usual since opening night comes soon after Spring break. So there are apt to be a bunch of late nights. (What else is new?) Kids age 8 to 12 are welcome in the show as long as one of their parents is in the show or another adult cast member is responsible for them.

Rest assured this year the show will be performed all five nights at the clubhouse and there will be comfy chairs. Details to follow in the March and April newsletters. Please send any suggestions about tickets, seating, etc. to me at [RTFeldman@aol.com](mailto:RTFeldman@aol.com) or call me at 301-229-6951.

--RUTH FELDMAN

## More Spring Show Space

Call it a nook, a niche, a cubby, or a closet...but whatever you do call it a beginning! The BCC Board has voted to provide a new—waterproofed!—space in the clubhouse for costumes, programs, memorabilia, and other goodies relating to the Spring Show. The space is about 4 feet by 15 feet and is currently configured as the "comfy chair" closet between the grille room and the telephone booth.

Last month Helene Granof, Bev Hummel, Ed Kelty, Miriam Kelty, Mari Parker, Al Reifman, Irene Rich, and Yours Truly met informally to look at the space. We discussed ways to reconfigure it, so that a large part would be easily accessible from the grille room. We also talked about getting organizer ideas and accessories from Home Depot and the Container Store. The idea is to design something with flair that's both fun and functional.

If you've got any ideas, or would like to help, please contact me at 301-229-6951 or [RTFeldman@aol.com](mailto:RTFeldman@aol.com).

--RUTH FELDMAN

## Community Calendar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BCA Board Meeting, Home of Shirley Racusin, 6512 Kenhowe Drive, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

BCC Board Meeting, Clubhouse, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Sing-Along Potluck, Clubhouse 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Directory Planning Meeting, Clubhouse 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Beat The Winter Blues Party, Clubhouse, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

BCA Board Meeting, Home of Carillon Leader, 6511 East Halbert Road, 8 p.m.

## February 9—Muchies and Melodies—A Perfect Potluck

This year the clubhouse cannot possibly wait for spring to hear the sound of Bannockburnians crooning a tune. So come to the clubhouse and join Spring Show music director Michael Feldman at the February 9 potluck, which starts at 5:30 P.M.

Bring a main dish or dessert for six to eight other folks and your entire family. Mike will lead us in a sing-along of old favorites and other stuff. He will hand out some song sheets and might even take requests.

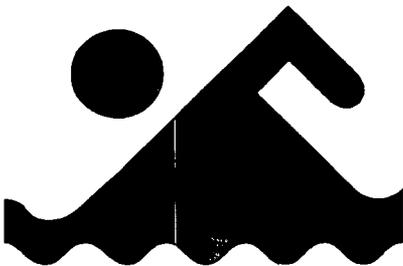
Please come and don't worry about singing on key. The idea is to sing up a storm—or to sing up in spite of a storm. Who can predict weather around here? Let's make February go down a whole lot easier.

Remember: Sunday, February 9, 5:30 P.M. at the clubhouse. Eat. Sing. SING!

You will make the clubhouse very happy. Take my word for it.

—RUTH FELDMAN

## Swim Club Memberships Available for New Bannockburnians



Now is the time to join the Bannockburn Swimming Club and get full membership privileges for the 2003 season! All homeowners living in the Bannockburn tract and adjacent neighborhoods, such as Fairway Hills and Glen Echo, are eligible for

permanent membership in the Pool.

Nestled among pines in the valley at the end of Laverock Lane the six-lane swimming pool really is the jewel of Montgomery County community swim clubs. The club offers lessons for young swimmers, water aerobics for adults, sunrise swims for earlybirds, regular potluck dinners, an annual crab feast and lots more. Our swim instructors will teach and train your future Olympians who can begin their competitive swimming careers on our team, the "Dolphins".

The forecast is for a hot summer this year so make sure you cool off with friends and neighbors at the Bannockburn Swimming Club. For more information please call 301-229-6876.

—JAY BROWN, PRESIDENT

## BCA News

- Gerrit Hale continues to work toward featuring the monthly Newsletter and other community news on a Bannockburn website.

- Glen Echo Park News - The Spanish Ballroom will reopen on June 6th with Doug Duncan attending.
- The Directory Committee will meet again on January 21st and will draft the rates and contract for ad sales. It is hoped that income from these ads will help finance the directory.
- Community residents have contributed \$1,660 to the Glen Echo Park Partnership since the membership drive began.
- Two break-ins have occurred in the neighborhood in recent weeks on Tone Drive and at the corner of Selkirk and Pyle Road. The Board discussed the need to notify residents of such events in the Newsletter.

—JOANN KRECKE

## Looking Out For Each Other

Just wanted to let you know if you have not heard already that, according to the police, this neighborhood is getting hit hard with break ins. There are at least two that I know of.

It is helpful, according to the police, to let neighbors know so they can be more on guard. Both burglaries that I know about happened when the homeowners were gone, so someone had to be watching their movements.

—MARY LILES

## Interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch?

In recent months, there have been several break-ins in our neighborhood.

As a result, I'm interested in setting up a Neighborhood Watch to deter further crime.

I've already contacted the Bethesda Police Department's Community Outreach Officer and gotten details. (To see the brochure go to [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov) and go to the 2nd District's homepage)

Setting up a Neighborhood Watch is easy to do!. All you need is to define a neighborhood (which can be several blocks), get 60% of the neighbors interested and then agree to 2 things: 1. Engrave personal items such as TVs and stereos (with a pen that the police lend you). The purpose is so that thieves can't pawn your possessions; and 2. Set up a communications system- neighbor to neighbor- by phone or email- so that the community is informed about crimes and crime prevention. Once you've done that, the Police give you the Neighborhood Watch signs and decals.

**NEXT STEPS:** Meeting on February 11th, Tuesday, at 6:30 pm at the Bannockburn Clubhouse; I already have some interest from the neighbors who live around me and so I've set up a meeting with the Community Outreach Police Officer (Officer Mathis). She will attend and describe the Neighborhood Watch program. If you're interested in being involved, please email or call me, Ruth Ann Nicastrì, at [rnica@opic.gov](mailto:rnica@opic.gov) or at 202 336-8590. Hope to see you at the meeting!

—RUTH ANN NICASTRI

## Winter Exercise Available At Cabin John Center

Are snow and ice keeping you from exercise this time of year? An excellent exercise room is available to the public daytimes and evenings at the Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John at a membership fee of only \$15 for six months (\$25 for an entire year).

The center is equipped with four stationary bicycles, two Stairmasters, a rowing machine and nine other strength training machines. There is even a stereo and a television to take your mind off your exertion.

For seniors, there is a very popular twice-weekly exercise and strength training workshop. It meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:15 – 12:00 and requires only a doctor's permission note and a senior activities card (\$12 per year).

Other classes include music for infants and toddlers, karate, pregnancy and regular yoga and strength training. For the more cerebral types, there's opera appreciation and bridge groups.

The center is located at 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, just over the one lane bridge in Cabin John. For more information, call 217-6830.

—REPRINTED FROM "THE ECHO"

## Bannockburn Community Directory 2003

Plans are underway to produce the Bannockburn Community Directory 2003, to be distributed in the fall.

Two meetings have been held to gather ideas and plan the project. Among the ideas for the coming directory:

- General improvements to the format, and the inclusion of lined pages for notes
  - Thorough proofreading, at multiple points in the process
  - Use of the newsletter to note changes and welcome newcomers
  - Sale of advertising to local businesses and to residents who might hope for increased business from neighbors. The committee is presenting a proposal for advertising sizes and rates to the BCA Board in February.
- Much work remains, and the committee is soliciting additional help. In particular, we need people who have time and interest, for performing the following roles:
- Block Volunteers, to verify information for their closest neighbors and answer questions that may arise for residents in their assigned "block"
  - Advertising Coordinator, someone to coordinate advertising sales, gather advertising copy, and help with layout
  - Proofreaders
  - Helpers for things we haven't even considered yet!!

Working on the directory is a terrific way to be reacquainted with old neighbors and to meet new ones, and this opportunity only comes along once every three years. Please call Susan Sparacino, 301-229-8178, if you would like to help. The next meeting will be Monday evening, February 17, at 7:30 in the Clubhouse—please join us!

—SUSAN SPARACINO

### Classifieds

Classified ads can be submitted to Vicki Wilson, 6202 W. Halbert Rd. or via e-mail to vixen38904@aol.com (Please include last names). Cost is \$1 per line—make checks payable to BCA and drop off at above address. Ads run for one issue unless otherwise advised. First ad is free to Bannockburn residents and BCC members.

Classified ad checks should be written to BCA and delivered to BCA Treasurer Dick Ramsey at 6408 West Halbert Road. Include a description of your ad and what issue it is running in on the memo line.

**Babysitter Wanted:** For outgoing happy two year old. Two to three afternoons/early evenings a week and the occasional Saturday morning. Call Juliette at 301-263-9634.

**Family Dentistry** – Stan Shulman, DDS, Washington CONSUMERS' Checkbook Magazine – Top Dentists List. Friendly home/office near intersection of Massachusetts and Western Aves, cleaning and exam \$83, 202-966-3100 for appointment.



### NEED HELP...

- Learning to use or set up your computer?
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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.**

**NOTE:** Any additional items that come in after the deadline will be held for the following issue

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER!**

*Got a hot tip? I want to hear from you*

Bannockburn residents are the best sources for neighborhood news.

If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter,

please contact Vicki Wilson at

301-320-5737, or at [vixen38904@aol.com](mailto:vixen38904@aol.com),

or drop your story in the Bannockburn

Newsletter mailbox

at 6202 W. Halbert Rd.

**From the Editor**

From copy to layout to delivery, the newsletter is a completely volunteer operation. The volunteers are asking for your cooperation by **SUBMITTING YOUR ARTICLES ON TIME DIRECTLY TO THE EDITOR, VICKI WILSON.** E-mail is the best way to do this – and don't put too many "bells and whistles" on your copy, i.e. no bolding, indents, type treatments, etc. – those elements end up getting taken out by the designer, who has her own format for the look of the newsletter. By submitting articles on time our jobs will be much easier and, it will be more likely that you will receive the newsletter on time as well. So, please, if you would like to submit something – and we encourage you to do so – do it sooner rather than later, and always by the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

*Many thanks (in advance) from the "Newsletter team"*

**JOIN THE BANNOCKBURN COMMUNITY CLUB AND THE BANNOCKBURN CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Write one check for both organizations payable to Bannockburn Community Club, and mail with the coupon below to Christiana Jaeger, 6212 Dunrobbin Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816. Membership for BCC is \$40 for families and \$25 for single heads of households. Membership for BCA is \$15 per year. Call Christiana Jaeger at 301-229-4093 for details

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FOR BCC CHECK ONE:

\$40 Family     \$25 Single/Head of Household

FOR BCA:

\$15 per Household