

# Brandywine Hills Gazette

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## **BHCA Dues for 2023**

A new year means renewing your membership to BHCA, which allows you to vote for officers and on vital neighborhood decisions. Our dues also help pay expenses for publications, for our corporate non-profit status, for liability insurance, for social events, for maintaining the medians on Washington Street Extension, for legal advice, and for expenses incurred when volunteers are busy doing cleanup on Matson Run, or working on beautification projects.

We currently have 101 household members. Please consider joining, if you have not done so. We will publish a hard copy of members in the July newsletter.

Dues are \$50. Zelle and Paypal are options using the target email address [brandywinehillsde@gmail.com](mailto:brandywinehillsde@gmail.com). Zelle is preferred.

You can also pay by check made out to BHCA; mail or drop off to Jonathan Neumark at 601 East Matson Run.

**Donations of any amount are appreciated.**

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## **BHCA General Meeting April 27 @ 7:00 P.M.**

**Location: New City Church @  
201 Hawthorne, just past Marlowe**

We are excited to announce that three years after COVID prevented us from doing so, the Brandywine Hills Community Association will hold its quarterly meeting in-person on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the New City Church, located at 201 Hawthorne Drive. We have been graciously invited to use the church social hall by Pastor Trish Gunn.

It's time to come together. We'll serve refreshments and share information about our community. Depending on your preferences/concerns, the meeting space is large enough so we can spread out and avoid close contact. The agenda includes:

- The Delmarva Gas Line Replacement Project. Nadira Alston from Delmarva will join us to answer questions and address concerns about the outside placement of gas meters which is not required, but preferred by Delmarva.
- We'll update the process for replacing the new LED street lights with LED lights that will still be bright but less intense and will be closer in shading to the yellowish-tinted lights that were previously in place.
- You will meet the new Wilmington Police Department Community Engagement Officers who are assigned to help protect our neighborhood.
- We will update our efforts to amend the BHCA Deed Restrictions. We'll ask our neighbors to pick up after their dogs and to dispose of bags of dog feces properly. We've received some complaints of bags being tossed onto lawns!

Thank you,

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Jonathan Neumark, Vice President/Treasurer  
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## Annual Egg Hunt a Big Hit



On a brisk April 2<sup>nd</sup> morning, the Brandywine Hills community gathered at E. Matson Run Park near the intersection of E. Matson Run and Wycliff Rd. to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Brandywine Hills Egg Hunt. About 38 neighborhood children and about 25 families participated in the festivities. Children of all ages showed up to hunt eggs and each child had a mission of finding five eggs with their name on them. The older kids were challenged in the woods of Matson Run while the younger kids hunted for eggs in the open field filled with Easter obstacles. While the weather wasn't quite spring-like,

families enjoyed coffee and donuts, while meeting and reconnecting with neighbors. The latest addition of the jellybean count was as exciting as ever this year with three jars for the kids to guess the number of jelly beans, in hopes of taking them home. And don't forget there were unique nameless eggs hidden that resulted in a special prize for the kids who discovered those three special eggs.

Once again, we continued the donation drive, and following the egg hunt, we donated several bags of baking items and canned goods to the Latin American Community Center in Wilmington. Thank you to all the neighbors that contributed!



Thank you to the BHCA for funding the event and to the Egg Hunt organizers – the Narvaez Family, the Wieand/Silvestri Family, and the Heckles Family – for coordinating the activities.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood!



## Earth Day Matson Run Clean-up

The Brandywine Hills community was well represented during Wilmington's citywide neighborhood clean-up event, as more than 20 neighbors gathered to remove debris from Matson Run. It's one of the largest turnouts for our community clean-up in recent memory. Steve Anzulewicz and Todd Lionberger managed the event, provided the refreshments, and distributed City-issued clean-up gloves, bags and trash pickers. Steve reports that lots of golf balls were found and the young folks retrieved a tire. Thank you to the participants and thank you Steve and Todd for organizing again this year!





## **Brandywine Hills Tidbits**

### **Welcome Committee**

Effective January 1, 2023, **Bill Collins** and **Priscilla Goldsmith** volunteered to represent the neighborhood as a welcoming committee. If you have new neighbors, please contact Bill and Priscilla (psyllable@aol.com) with names and the address, if possible.

The Welcome Committee is dependent on the residents of Brandywine Hills for your help in locating newcomers; there is no central registry. So, if you are a newcomer or know one, please contact Priscilla Goldsmith, on her landline, at 302-762-6270.

Special thanks to Janet Conaway for her help in locating new families.

### **New and "Sorta New" Neighbors**

Since you were introduced to the Giampietros, of Emerson Road, in the last newsletter, three more families have moved into Brandywine Hills in 2023:

- Mark Lane and Marco Roman moved into 303 Irving Drive. Stop by and ask them how they turned a one-story house into a two-story in the middle of a pandemic!
- Tom Wilson moved into 811 Lea Boulevard just two months ago.
- Our newest addition, Jan Waldauer, moved from Media to 4305 Marlowe Road, on April 11.

Let's also offer introductions to the residents who arrived in 2022:

- The year started with the arrival of Sunny and Randolph Ruffin, at 4401 Washington Boulevard.
- Lori and Jason Omara have also moved to Washington Boulevard. They are at 4301.
- Qiong Wang and Weiqing Zeng have been at 603 Milton Drive for a little over a year.
- David Popp and Joseph Csira moved into 602 Rockwood Road about eight months ago.
- At about that same time, Bethany Canver and Jeff Deeney moved into 4401 Lowell Road.
- Just down the street are Bob and Bonnie Kiszka, at 4400 Lowell.
- The Carey family--Roderick, Maisha, and Claire -- is now in 605 Coverly Road, just off Lea Boulevard.
- Javetta and Lavel Walker have been at 813 Lea

Boulevard since November.

- Alexandra (Alex) Coppadge and Jarrod Wright moved into 407 Irving Drive. This is Alex's second time in Brandywine Hills, having grown up at 4501 Channing.
- Larry and Ann Rosenzweig are now at 4009 Byron Road and would like to meet some neighbors who could use some firewood!
- Channing Road has two new families: Royal Savage and David Wolfe live in 4300, while Asheena Jackson and Rob Perryman are at 4405.

The medians along Washington Boulevard are a source of pride for many BH residents. This is a gateway to the City and to our community. BHCA has signed a median maintenance contract with Charae Landscaping Company, on Miller Road, to maintain and keep the medians looking beautiful. We are also excited about using a local company that is essentially headquartered in our community. Charae is equally excited to be serving Brandywine Hills residents.

How frequent and consistent is mail delivery on your street? The BHCA receives varying comments about mail delivery. The BHCA would like to thank our neighbor, U.S. Senator Tom Carper, who sits on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, for his role in the recently completed audit of the United States Postal Service (USPS). Hopefully, the audit findings (which the BHCA shared with everyone a few weeks ago) leads to a more efficient USPS.

### ***Snowy Egret In Matson Run Park***



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