

Brandywine Hills Gazette

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BHCA Dues for 2024

A new year means renewing your membership to BHCA, which allows you to vote for officers and on vital neighborhood decisions. A membership form is included with the newsletter. Dues are \$65. The Board of Advisors voted in 2021 to begin increasing the dues.

Dues cover various expenses including purchasing insurance for the association and its elected officers, upholding the BHCA Deed Restrictions, maintenance and beautification of the medians along Washington Boulevard, a gateway to our City and community, the annual community picnic and the annual holiday egg hunt.

Zelle and PayPal are options using the target email address of brandywinehillsde@gmail.com.

Checks can be made out to BHCA and mailed or dropped off at 601 E. Matson Run.

Donations of any amount are always welcome.

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BHCA General Meeting is Online
February 1, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

BHCA 1st Quarterly Meeting 2024

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 247 177 739 686

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Topics for discussion:

- * Water Service Line - Identifying Lead Pipes
- * Update - Ornamental Street Lights
- * Neighborhood Communications
- * WPD Report
- * State Senator Sarah McBride
- * State Representative Nnamdi Chukwuocha

Please join us and invite a neighbor or two who perhaps have not attended one of our previous meetings.

BHCA Executive Committee

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Ellen Casson, Newsletter Editor (ellenc4000@cs.com)

Informal Neighborhood Survey

Our BHCA leaders would like to hear from you. Periodically, the subject of communication comes up in our neighborhood. Many of us are hit from all sides with a whirlwind of emails, text messages, FaceBook posts, old fashioned phone calls, tweets, and much more. Those who work fulltime, have families, and perhaps also have volunteer gigs, are often stretched to the limit. With that in mind, questions come up about how to communicate within the neighborhood in a way that is as inclusive as possible, without being a nuisance.

Recently, the BHCA Board of Advisors and Executive Committee decided to eliminate the printed newsletter, a logical step in reducing paper for those who receive the newsletter online. There are a few block captains, who know their areas well, and asked for printed newsletters to deliver to their streets, because of the number of residents who are not on email and are more isolated. We are working with them individually.

More recently, a question about eliminating the City announcements has come up. Individuals can subscribe to the City news releases and follow on FaceBook and Twitter. You can subscribe by going here:

<https://www.wilmingtonde.gov/about-us/sign-up-for-city-enews>

We are also concerned that folks will miss important news, so we would like to get more feedback from you. Please send your thoughts/ideas about communications to ellenc4000@cs.com. We will also discuss this at our quarterly meeting.

The City of Wilmington needs your help!

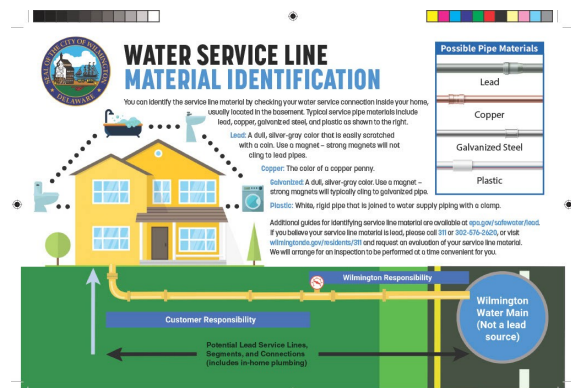
For the first time, water utilities nationwide must find out what material makes up the water line that is either on your private property or in your home. While these lines are your responsibility, water utilities like Wilmington must report what the lines are made of to the EPA by October of this year.

The information then will be used by Wilmington - not the EPA - to determine what we will do if service lines made of lead are found. (It is important to note Wilmington's treatment process protects our customers from lead exposure.)

Last November, you should have received a flyer in the mail informing you about the required work and asking you to help us identify your line through an online survey. We respectfully ask you again for your help at your earliest convenience. The survey below is designed to be as easy as possible. It provides you with step-by-step instructions to find and identify your service line and a secure pathway to submit your results.

One of our neighbors, Martha Narvaez, is working with the City on this project. Please reach out to Ellen Casson, if you have questions. We thank you for your consideration and help.

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/c807894a91214a668b1cdcb45920042e>



Brandywine Hills Tidbits

Our neighborhood **Welcome Committee** needs a new leader. **Priscilla Goldsmith** is no longer able to lead this important initiative. We thank Priscilla for her efforts to reawaken the important responsibility we have to welcome our new residents and help them feel a part of this wonderful community. We are seeking a volunteer or volunteers. Please reach out to Ellen Casson, if interested, or if you want more information about what it involves.

In anticipation of St Valentine's Day, our neighbor, David P. Kozinski, will present a program titled "Love - it's joys, heartaches and complications." It will be on Sat. Feb. 10 @ 1 p.m. at the Rockwood Park and Museum. David will read and talk about great love poems from Sappho to Shakespeare and include some of his own. Audience members will be invited to read a short poem during an open mic session, following the program. Admission is \$8 for New Castle County residents, \$10 for non-residents. To register, go to Rockwood.org or call (302) 395-2849 or (302) 761-4340.

Question from our neighborhood working group interested in preserving the native habitat in Matson Run Park: **Is anyone involved in scouting in Brandywine Hills?** One of our volunteers suggested that working on preservation of the native habitat in Matson Run would be a really worthwhile Eagle Scout project. Please reach out to ecasson4000@cs.com or kashsrinivasan@yahoo.com.

The amazing picture of the sunset over Matson Run came from Patti Allis Mengers. She took the photo on January 16th. I don't know how many of you were in a position to gaze at the sunset in the late afternoon on that date, but it was absolutely awesome. I was not in Brandywine Hills at the time, but I was in a good spot to enjoy the beauty of the sunset. I also was in touch with a couple of very special friends to find out if they were also able to see it from wherever they were. They were enjoying it too, and I was struck by the fact that the sky is something we can share with friends and loved ones, even when we are not together.



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Learn how to
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Virtual Workshop
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7pm - 8pm

Help the White Clay Creek
and beautify your yard



- Reduce flooding by capturing more rain.
- Reduce summer drought effects and lower water bills.
- Shade your house for cooler summer temps - plant trees.
- Grow native plants that feed pollinators and songbirds.
- Shrink your lawn and reduce your chemical & fertilizer use.
- Increase the value of your home as plantings mature.
- Filter pollutants before they flow into our creeks.

Come learn how to be a part of the solution!



Scan QR code to register
whiteclay.org/new-events

Advertising space can be purchased by organizations, businesses, and contractors recommended by residents, for \$100 for a full page ad, \$50 for a half page, and \$25 for a business card size.

Ads requested by neighborhood children, lost and found, or announcements about neighborhood activities are included at no cost.

The ad below,
which is an in between,
Size is \$30.



BHCA

Hanover Church

presents an exciting free event!

Gospel Vespers

Sunday, January 28, 2024

3PM

Featuring:

The HildaMan Choral

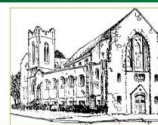
The Twin Poets

Melodic Movements

Gus Mercante

and others

**Come and enjoy music, dance,
rap poetry, and community!**



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