

WELCOME TO BROOKDALE



Brookdale is the neighborhood of houses belonging to the Brookdale Citizens' Association, about 365 homes of some 1000 residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. The neighborhood, which straddles historic River Road, extends from Western Avenue (the District of Columbia line) north and west into Maryland. A map is viewable in the "Directory" and on our website as below.

The **Brookdale Citizens' Association** (BCA) is an association of residents, not necessarily home owners. It exists to promote the general interests of its members. Specific activities have included distributing the Directory, a compilation of resident names, addresses, and phone numbers; maintaining a website; publishing a newsletter, the *Bugle*, three times a year; monitoring and responding to development issues; and sponsoring a number of social events each year, for example, at Halloween. The Association holds an annual meeting in the spring and meets more often as needed. To be in good standing, residents pay annual dues; these are now \$20 per household and should be mailed to the Treasurer as below. BCA relies on volunteers, and we hope that you will consider assisting after you feel oriented.

Voting and governmental districts: Our County Council District is 1. School Board District is 3. State Legislative District is 16. Congressional District is 8. Most residents of Brookdale vote at Westbrook Elementary School (Precinct 07-07), 5110 Allan Terrace, west of Brookdale; but homes southeast of Park Avenue are in Precinct 07-27, voting at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church at 5450 Massachusetts Avenue.

Recyclables and trash are collected from the "curb" every Friday. Use the County's blue bins for recycling. Aluminum and "tin" cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles with necks are collected in one bin. All forms of paper or cardboard (without metal attached) should be in a separate bin. "Lawn trimmings" including tree cuttings can be put in paper bags or trash cans. Branches can be tied in a bundle. Each fall the County vacuums leaves swept to the "curb." Do not use plastic bags for recycling; they will not be picked up. For the pick-up of items too large for the usual containers, you may request a special collection by calling 240-777-6410. For more details, see the link on our website.

There are two **parks** within Brookdale: "Brookdale Park," on Dalton Road off Westport, has play equipment in addition to space for picnics. "Boundary Park" at Western Avenue and River Road is maintained as a conservation space. An additional playground is found on River Road just north of Willard Ave. Some Brookdale residents also use parks within DC, e.g., Ft. Bayard across Western Ave. from our Boundary Park and a playground on Western Avenue at Livingston.

The nearest branch in the public **library** system is *Little Falls*, 5501 Massachusetts Ave., northwest of Little Falls Parkway. (You may request books from other branches to be held there for you to pick up.) The *Bethesda Library*, a major location open Sunday afternoons during September to May, is at 7400 Arlington Rd.

Grocery shopping is possible at the *Giant* in Chevy Chase Center (east of Wisconsin Avenue on Western) and a *Whole Foods* in the development of Wisconsin Place (just beyond Friendship Blvd. on Willard). There are also limited selections at the *Western Market*, 4840 Western Ave., and *Rodman's*, Wisconsin Ave. at Garrison. A short drive away are the *Giant* at Westbard Shopping Center (off River Rd.), *Whole Foods* in its shopping center on River Rd., *Safeway* off Ellicott near Wisconsin Ave., and *Super Fresh* at 4330 48th St., DC. Two nearby **CVS pharmacies open 24 hours** are on Arlington Rd. at Bradley Blvd. and 4555 Wisconsin (at Brandywine). Many of us do daily shopping on Arlington Rd. near Bradley; stores include, for example, *Strosniders hardware* and *Bruce's "Variety."*

Questions? Ask a neighbor or check our website, <http://www.capaccess.org/brookdale/>.

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