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Pong & Pajamas for Glen Echo Park

On December 28th, Barbara Martin of Dunrobbin Drive and Erin McCahill of West Halbert Road were joined by Heather Golde of Bannockburn Estates to host 50 neighbors and friends for Pong & Pajamas, a mahjong pajama party fundraiser for Glen Echo Park.

Hosted at [The Brand Guild's](#) Georgetown headquarters (Martin is the co-founder and co-CEO), the day featured mahjong lessons on [Oh My Mahjong](#) sets from renowned teachers Molly Hugo of [Moco Mahjong](#) and Mary Minshew (East Halbert Road), mini facials from Glowbar, a brunch catered by Levain Bakery, a park-themed raffle, and carousel cookies for all. The event raised \$3100 for the park's year-end campaign.



Photo by Joy Asico

Heather Golde, Barbara Martin (center), and Erin McCahill hosted the fundraiser for Glen Echo Park. The sign was made by Jim Bell of Dunrobbin Drive.

Bannockburn Wins Battle of the Neighborhoods for Glen Echo Park

By Mike Zangwill



The Bannockburn Community raised \$9120 for Glen Echo Park's Year End Appeal Battle of the Neighborhoods 2025. As your community representative serving on the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Board (GEPPAC), I want to thank all of those who generously gave donations to the Park helping Bannockburn win first place for the third time. The Town of Glen Echo came in second raising \$7786. A total of \$162,500 was raised. Roughly \$22,500 will go to fund repairs for the neon sign at the front entrance.

Fifteen communities competed to raise the most funds from Giving Tuesday through December 31st. We thank Erin McCahill of West Halbert Road and Barbara Martin of Dunrobbin Drive for helping with raising funds from the Bannockburn community. Martin, a fellow GEPPAC Board member, organized the competition, hosted a Mahjong pajama party, and got *Bethesda Magazine* to promote the battle of the neighborhoods with a [feature article](#).

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 Pamela Toole, Randall Ingate, Environment Co-Chairs
 Beth Rogers, Newcomers' Greeter
 At Large: Nancy Roche, Laura Chavez, Brian Moore,
 Ross Hurt, Emily Shaw
 Katy Levine and David Hecht, Woodlands Stewards

Back9 Production Team

Beth Rogers – Writer/Editor
 Mike Zangwill – Design/Layout

Back9 Contributors

Randall Ingate
 Mike Zangwill

Mark Your Calendar *

Sun 2/1 – Bannockburn Spring Show Cast Call 7 PM. Anyone can join the cast for the Spring Show's 70th season. Rehearsals will take place in the Bannockburn Clubhouse starting on February 15th. For more information, see page 7.

Sun 3/1 – Townhall Meeting 2-4 PM. Candidates running for County Council District One (Drew Morrison, Debbie Spielberg, and Julie Yang) will outline their positions and be available to answer questions. Candidates running for Circuit Court Judge, Judicial Circuit 6 will also be present. For more information, see page 6.

* Events in bold held at the Clubhouse.

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BCA Board Meeting, January 6th

By Randall Ingate, BCA Board Secretary

The first meeting of 2026 for the Bannockburn Civic Association (BCA) took place on January 6th. In attendance were Beth Rogers, Mike Zangwill, Patty Howie, Laura Chavez, David Hecht, Steven Solomon, Katy Levine, Randall Ingate, and Nancy Forden.

The meeting started with an update of Bannockburn events. BCA Board President Mike Zangwill reported on a documentary that is being made about the annual Spring Show, now going into its 70th year. Beth Rogers organized a Town Hall at the Clubhouse on March 1st [see flyer on page 6] to showcase candidates running for County Council District One to replace Andrew Friedson who is running for County Executive as well as candidates running for Circuit Court Judge.

David Hecht, one of the leads of the BCA's Woodlands Stewardship Group (WSG), reported on three woodlands stewards workdays held at Merrimack Pool, Bannockburn Elementary School (BES), and Bannockburn Pool. Currently the WSG is holding workdays twice a month. Hecht and fellow WSG lead Katy Levine will meet with BES and provide community input for a tree planting effort between MCPS and [Tree Montgomery](#); he estimates 12 to 20 trees may be planted on the school grounds. A brief discussion was held about organizing a neighborhood walk to highlight the WSG's environmental efforts which would be initiated by the BCA Environmental Committee.

At 8 PM Zangwill introduced Mona Kishore, President of the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) Board. A Town of Glen Echo resident for the past ten years and with two children at Bannockburn Elementary School (BES), Kishore has served on numerous boards and in non-profits. In addition to her work at GEPPAC, she chairs Governor Wes Moore's Commission on Middle-Eastern American Affairs. Kishore's husband, Ayan, is Chair of the Washington Folk Festival. (The [2026 Folk Festival](#) will be held on August 23rd.)

Kishore shared that she gets many questions about how changes happening at the federal level affect the Park. She claimed that all of the programming that was available before the current Trump administration remains even though DEI language has been removed. Signage about the civil rights movement remains throughout the Park. Beth Rogers asked that if it were to be removed, she wants



GEPPAC Board president, Mona Kishore (sitting on the left) joined the January BCA Board meeting.

the plaque commemorating Bannockburn's role in supporting those who helped desegregate the Park (across from the carousel) to be given to the Bannockburn Clubhouse.

GEPPAC, in an agreement with the National Park Service, oversees the arts programs and the physical facilities, many of which are historical buildings such as the Spanish Ballroom, the stone tower, and the carousel. Repair and maintenance costs are quite high. Currently the iconic Glen Echo neon sign needs repair. These ongoing expenses highlight why so much of the funds raised for GEPPAC are earmarked for repairs. GEPPAC relies on donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. It is possible to direct donations towards specific projects or buildings in GEPPAC.

Kishore noted that there is a general effort to make the Park's indoor and outdoor spaces more appealing. There are plans in the works to designate part of the Park as an arboretum and design a tree walk and sculpture garden using some of the work of the late [Raya Bodnarchuk](#), an artist who lived in the town of Glen Echo.

Kishore would like to increase earned income from rentals and this year there are already many commitments. While the Park doesn't advertise its venues heavily, Kishore praised the existing online catalog, glenechopark.org, which provides detail on all of the programs and rental spaces. Kishore

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spoke to the need for a master plan for expanding programs and using space more effectively. The Spanish Ballroom needs an HVAC system and other repairs to expand its use. Renovations to the Ballroom alone are anticipated to cost approximately \$8 million.

Kishore mentioned that the Park will host [two screenings](#) on February 7th of "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round," the documentary about the civil rights protests at the Park in the early 1960s in which the Bannockburn neighborhood is prominently featured.

Katy Levine observed that it would be helpful if the Park expanded its programming so that the Park became a three-to-four-hour destination for young families. Levine also said that there was a dearth of timely information about summer programming for families attempting to schedule/structure activities, leading many area families to treat Park summer programs as fillers.

Kishore responded that GEPPAC is not able to expand activities as they are understaffed and currently stressed as a result. The cooperators (or-

ganizations such as the Aquarium and Washington Conservatory) are still recovering from the financial impact of the pandemic. On the plus side, there are efforts to centralize cooperators into one box office so that visitors don't need to go to separate places for tickets to events. Kishore reminded everyone that many Student Service Learning hours opportunities are available at the Park.

Lastly, Kishore praised the members of the GEP-PAC Board, including Mike Zangwill who has been a GEPPAC Board member for many years; the ongoing support of the Bannockburn Civic Association, which buys a table each year at the Gala, the Park's largest fundraiser; and the Bannockburn neighborhood which again raised more money this year in the end-of-year fund drive than any of the other local neighborhoods, thanks in large part to the efforts of board member Barbara Martin of Dunrobbin Drive. [see article page 1] Finally, added Kishore, GEPPAC Board meetings are open to the public.

The next BCA Board meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

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Glen Echo Park *from page 1*

The award for the win is a "Day at Glen Echo Park" that will be shared by both Bannockburn and the Town of Glen Echo residents. The day will include free carousel rides, pizza, refreshments, art demonstrations, and a walking tour of the Park guided by a National Park Service Ranger. (The date for this event has yet to be announced.)

We are so fortunate to have Glen Echo Park in our own backyard. Its what helps make Bannockburn a great place to live.

Zangwill, of Brigadoon Drive, represents the Bannockburn community on the GEPPAC Board.



Photo by Joy Asico

Mary Minshew of East Halbert Road (standing at left) teaches Mahjong to Glen Echo Park donors.

Bannockburn Day at Glen Echo Park 2025



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Bannockburn Civic Association Presents

Town Hall Meeting

With Candidates for County Council and Circuit Court Judges

2-4 PM March 1st

Bannockburn Clubhouse

6314 Bannockburn Drive • Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Montgomery County Council District One Candidates



Drew Morrison



Debbie Spielberg



Julie Yang

Sponsored by the Bannockburn Civic Association, this non-partisan meeting starts with the three candidates (shown above) who have filed for Montgomery County Council District One. They will be given a brief amount of time to outline their vision regarding why they are the best choice to represent this district. There will be ample time for questions.

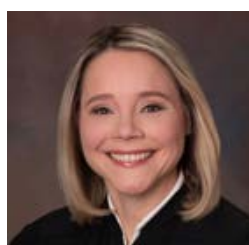
Maryland Circuit Court Judges, Judicial Circuit 6



Sharon Burrell



James Dietrich



Catherine McQueen



Marylin Pierre



TBA

The townhall will conclude with meeting the five non-partisan candidates who have filed for Judicial Circuit 6, Montgomery County. This session will start with a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of a Circuit Court Judge, and how many judges you can vote for on your ballot. The candidates will be given a brief amount of time to introduce themselves and their view of Maryland law. There will be ample time for questions.

Bannockburn Spring Show 2026 News Update

By Mike Zangwill

This year Bannockburn celebrates a milestone with the 70th Bannockburn Spring Show. Eric Nichols (Crathie Lane) is returning for his second year as director. Six performances are scheduled for April 24-26 and May 1-3. The first cast call will be held at the Clubhouse at 7 PM Sunday, February 1st. Rehearsals will take place in the Bannockburn Clubhouse starting on Sunday, February 15th at 7 PM.

Production Team 2026

Eric Nichols – Director
 Terri Payne – Executive Producer
 Kathryn Tolbert – Producer
 Aaron Hirsch – Producer
 Brad Kelly – Lead Writer
 Angela Hirsch – Lead Writer
 Fred Vinson – Music Director
 Aaron Payne – Assistant Music Director



On January 4th Angela Hirsch (front row at left) hosted the Spring Show 70 writers' group.

Do you have a clever lyric rattling around in your head? A parody song begging to be sung? Please submit your song or idea to the lead writers
 Brad Kelly Bkelly@bkellylaw.com
 Angela Hirsch Angela.h.hirsch@gmail.com

Zangwill, of Brigadoon Drive, is the President of the Bannockburn Civic Association (BCA). He has been a cast member of the Bannockburn Spring Show for 23 years.



"Are You Gonna Let Me Merge?" Spring Show 69

Bannockburn Community Club (BCC)

The BCC is the 501(c)(3) organization that manages the clubhouse and grounds on behalf of the BCI. As a result of this designation, any donations to BCC are tax deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

BCC promotes, supports, and sponsors educational and cultural activities at the Bannockburn Community Clubhouse, including a nursery school, a children's summer camp, theater (including the Spring Show), art, music, dance, forums, lectures, and discussion groups.

Membership:

Area residents, former area residents, and friends of Bannockburn.

Annual Dues:

Set by elected Board of Directors (currently \$250 for sponsors, \$50 for families and \$35 for single heads of households).

President: Terri Payne

Vice President: Brenda Hanning

Treasurer: Greg Sherrard

Secretary: Cris Weals

Contact: contact-bcc@bannockburncommunity.org

Bannockburn in Action



From left to right: Bannockburn residents Kathryn Tolbert and Bob Dohner (Kenhowe Drive) with Susan Wexler and Hans Engler (East Halbert Road) at the Chemung County Historical Society in Elmira, NY, which is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibition *Japanese War Brides, Across a Wide Divide*. Tolbert was part of the curatorial team and gave several presentations in January. The exhibition is in Elmira until the end of February and then goes to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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BCI has shareholders. Residents become shareholders of BCI either by transfer from the previous owner of their house or by paying a one-time \$10 fee. Shareholders can participate in major decisions regarding BCI property. If you have received a notice of eligibility or would like to check your shareholder status, please contact Patty Howie, pbhowie@verizon.net.



Maryland State Delegates Teresa Woorman, Sarah Wolek, and Marc Korman with Maryland State Senator Sara Love (standing) at the District 16 Send Off at the Bannockburn Clubhouse on January 10th.



The BCA Woodlands Stewardship Group worked on the woods behind BES on January 18th. Clockwise from top left: Bill Murad and Steven Solomon; Andrew Shipman; Fred Ruckdeschel; and Randall Ingate and Katy Levine.