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Potomac Interceptor

By Randall Ingate

Most of us don't spend much time thinking about the integrity or funding for the underground infrastructure that deals with our sewage but that should now take up more space and time in our thoughts. On January 19th, a catastrophic overflow of raw sewage poured into the Potomac River after a section of the Potomac Interceptor, a 65-year-old sewer line which runs from Dulles International Airport all the way to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant in Washington, DC (which is managed by the public utility, DC Water), collapsed near the intersection of Clara Barton Parkway with I-495. Much of the damage is on C&O Canal National Historical Park property.

At least 240 million gallons of raw sewage, possibly more, found a low spot and formed a creek that went directly into the Potomac River. The stream of sewage continued over a five-day period before it was diverted into a contained segment of the C&O Canal and was then redirected into an intact section of the Interceptor.

Additional sewage overflows occurred on February 8th when multiple pumps were out of service for required cleaning and maintenance after becoming clogged by non-disposable wipes and other materials that were flushed into the system during a Superbowl surge. Repair of the system is more complex than originally thought as video inspections of the pipeline's interior revealed a "rock dam blockage" which requires heavy machinery, manual labor, and specialized equipment shipped in from Florida and Texas.

DC Water outlined a Capital Improvement Plan in a hearing with the Maryland House of Delegates in a session briefing with the Environment and Transportation Committee on February 13th, outlining



Sign created by Burr Gray, a co-founder of Friends of Cabin John Creek and the former President of the Cabin John Citizens Association, where the sewage flowed into the Potomac.

improvements and expected expenditures over the next four years. Details about this and the hearing are available [here](#). Updates on the repair and ongoing water testing are also available to the public on DC Water's website, [dcwater.com](#). There is no reported environmental restoration plan or timeline at this time though DC Water has committed to environmental remediation in coordination with state and federal agencies.

The Potomac sewage disaster, covered on multiple news sites and in publications as wide ranging as the *Bethesda Beat*, and the BBC, is now un-

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Mark Your Calendar *

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 11.

Sat 3/7 – Newcomers' Dinner 6-9 PM. For decades, the Bannockburn Community has celebrated this annual potluck dinner to welcome new arrivals with a proper introduction to Bannockburn life. See page 14 for more information.

* Events in bold held at the Clubhouse.

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Sewage flowing into the Potomac on January 21st immediately downstream from the spill.

derstood as one of the largest sewage spills in US history. The first and most visible advocates for a response to the disaster were regional environmental groups like the [Potomac Riverkeeper Network](#) and the [Potomac Conservancy](#). Disappointingly, the spill was not mentioned in the *Washington Post* for almost a week though area residents reached out to the paper. Although the site of the spill is on federal land there was initially little visible response from the Environmental Protection Agency according to the Potomac Riverkeeper Network. The Maryland House of Delegates Utilities Subcommittee of the House Environment and Transportation Committee held on February 13th included a presentation and updates by the CFO and Chief Engineer of DC Water though the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declined to attend.

DC Water has stated that it has been in consistent contact with the EPA since the first days of the spill and will continue to coordinate with them. The Maryland Department of the Environment has also been in contact and plans coordination with the EPA for long-term environmental restoration.

On February 16th, in what seemed to be political theater, President Trump on his Truth Social

site began to attack Maryland Governor Wes Moore and Democratic leaders for “gross mismanagement” of the disaster stating the federal government would need to step in. Governor Moore in turn criticized the President for being misinformed and misrepresenting Maryland’s response to the disaster. Other puzzling and frustrating responses to the disaster included the delay in local public health warnings from authorities in Virginia and DC.

Although the spill occurred on federal property on the Maryland side of the Potomac and Maryland owns the entirety of the river, the water itself does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries. Finally, almost a

month after the sewage overflow there are now public health advisories online and in the media to avoid the river shoreline and contact with the water in the C&O Canal from the American Legion Bridge down to Georgetown.

On February 18th, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser made an emergency declaration and requested that President Trump issue a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration which would “direct FEMA to establish a regulatory interagency coordination among federal agencies, affected states and the District of Columbia to maintain situational awareness and align federal assistance.”

As of February 18th, water quality sampling results from several sources, including DC Water, Potomac Riverkeeper Network, and the University of Maryland continued to indicate very high levels of E. coli around the spill site though levels decreased downstream. According to Rachel Rosenberg Goldstein, PhD, MPH of the University of Maryland School of Public Health, samples collected in January and February indicated high concentrations of E. coli, a fecal indicator bacteria; the presence

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Public health messaging posted by the National Park Service and DC Water near the spill site in late January. More widespread messaging about the hazards didn't happen until almost a month later.

of *Staphylococcus aureus*, which apparently can survive freezing temperatures; as well as Methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (more commonly known as MRSA). Fish kills have been reported in proximity to the spill site and the Maryland Department of the Environment has issued precautions on shellfish harvesting as far as 70 miles downstream as of this writing.

Recreational and commercial fishing may be affected as water testing for the presence of harmful bacteria like *E. coli* will continue to be necessary to ascertain that consumption is safe. The long-term harm to the fish, birds, shellfish, other wildlife, plants, and insects that make up the Potomac River ecosystem will only be known as times passes. The Potomac Conservancy, a regional and land and water conservation organization, submitted a letter to DC Water in mid-February signed by more than 2,000 community members (including some from Bannockburn) requesting "immediate and short-term actions; investigation and accountability; restoration, mitigation and long-term prevention to address ecological harm to the C&O Canal and the Potomac River."

Commenting on the spill in *The Washington Post*, author Charlotte Taylor Fryar, a Glen Echo resident, wrote about the remarkable biodiversity

and beauty of the Potomac River but noted that the area's "connection to the Potomac River is only as resilient as its infrastructure." To paraphrase less eloquently, the area's commitment to the health of the Potomac River is only as firm as its commitment to the resilience, modernization, and regional coordination of its wastewater infrastructure.

Finally, while the environmental and possible economic damage continues to unfold it is a little unnerving to note that the Little Falls pumping station, downstream from the spillage site, was online and necessary in the Summer of 2023 when the flow of water in the Potomac River was low due to drought conditions. That pumping station is now offline and unusable as a result of the sewage spill but it is not clear what might have happened if the spillage was not between the two pumping stations but rather above or below them. To be clear our drinking water has not been impacted as the area's water is drawn from the Great Falls pumping station, upstream/above the spillage site. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC,) has provided a video on its [website](#) to emphasize the distance from the pumping station and the spillage site.

Ingate, of Rannoch Road, is Secretary of the Bannockburn Civic Association and also co-chairs its

Get to Know the Spring Show Band: Phil Satlof, Bass Guitar



Spring Show 69 Band (l to r) Fred Vinson, Aaron Zitner, Phil Satlof, and Joe Link.



Satlof jamming with daughter Parker.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I've lived on lower Braeburn Place since 2010, with my wife Erika, my two kids Parker (a junior at Whitman) and Nate (freshman at Whitman), and our cat MewMew. Before that we were in Cabin John and before that DC.

How did you get started with music?

My mom signed me up for piano lessons at age seven. In third grade, the music teacher at Eric G. Norfeldt Elementary School in West Hartford, CT,

where I was born and raised, gave us all index cards to list our top three instrument choices. I chose drums, trumpet and, as a gag to get everyone at my table to laugh, tuba. The music teacher tracked me down and said I was the only student in years that chose tuba and basically drafted me on the spot. So, I played the tuba and sousaphone until I graduated from high school. At school I played with a few musicians (notably [Brad Mehldau](#) and [Joel Frahm](#)) who went on to become internationally famous jazz musicians!

When I went to college at George Washington University I didn't pack my tuba, but early on I saw a guy with cool hair wearing a black leather jacket with a Fender guitar case in one hand and a beautiful lady on his other arm walking across campus, so I knew I had to switch to the electric bass. Just after graduating in 1992 with a degree in geography and remote sensing, a friend from school started an indie rock band and asked me to play bass in it.

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I was doing that thing that many grads in DC (used?) to do – applying for jobs with the Federal Government. I had a promising interview with the DOJ – helping to transition the work of reviewing voting district maps by states subject to the Voting Rights Act from paper to these new “computer” thingies. I was super excited about that prospect... but in the meantime the band, now called “Tuscadero,” had gotten a record deal with a local independent label, and shortly after that, attracted interest from several major labels. By the time I heard back from the DOJ I was under contract to the Elektra Records label of Warner Brothers!

Tuscadero became our full-time gig and we recorded two full-length albums, many singles, had videos on MTV, and toured constantly. One of our



Playing with Tuscadero at the WHFestival at RFK Stadium.

biggest honors was getting to play at RFK stadium for the 1994 and 1998 WHFestival for our home town crowd!

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What do you do these days?

After five years of being on the road, Tuscadero decided it was time to join the real world, so we put the band on "hiatus." (We still get together and play occasionally so keep an eye out!)

I went right back to my original plan, working in the mapping industry, and have had a variety of roles in that industry. Currently, I'm a program manager at a small consultancy working with organizations like The Jane Goodall Institute, UNFPA, DC Central Kitchen, and even the Quaker Church to help them visualize their spatial data on compelling and informative maps for many purposes.

What do you like most about the Spring Show?

Last year was my first one in the cast. I've always loved going to the show and am amazed at the talent we have here in the neighborhood. For me the best part is getting to know my neighbors and community members and bonding with them – maybe people I've seen walking their dog for years but have never actually met, or old friends from our kid's kindergarten class – and experiencing the camaraderie and joy of building something together. It takes a lot of work to put on the Show! And, even better, the band is like a group within a group – so we have our own kinship within the larger production. Being in the Spring Show band has been one of the most fun and rewarding musical endeavors of my life and I hope to continue with it as long as they'll have me.



Playing the tuba in elementary school.

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Democracy Doesn't Defend Itself

By Terri Payne

In the freezing cold of early January, I was stuck on the sofa letting my recently-reconstructed ACL heal and passing the time re-reading the Harry Potter series. Alternating between the story of a majoritarian group of seemingly-overpowered idealists banding together to confront an existential threat to the collective liberty of free people and the news from Minneapolis, I couldn't help but see the parallels between the fantasy story and our current unfathomable American reality.

Like most of you, I'm not a partisan or an extremist. I was hired to serve in the Executive Office of the President by George W. Bush and did so proudly for a dozen years under presidents of both parties. The current threats to the very foundations of our liberal democracy are too profound to be written off as "political differences" that the privileged can conveniently ignore from the sidelines. The principled conservatives I knew, respected, and often agreed with prior to 2021 have all been Imperiused or banished to Azkaban now. Didn't the Malfoys teach us that enabling the efforts of the powerful to divide and dismantle society will end with the powerful turning against us, too?

My friend Dominique is what I call an Improv Friend. Any idea I pitch to her – no matter how much work or expense it involves – always comes back with an enthusiastic "Yes! And..." reply. And that's exactly how she responded to my text from the sofa in early January asking what if we made some yard signs to remind people going about their daily lives that democracy is under attack and no one is coming to save us? "Yes! And...what if they included a QR code linking to a regularly-updated resource list of some kind?"

In *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, Hermione Granger bewitches some fake galleon coins to call the members of the resistance group Dumbledore's Army to impromptu meetings. A QR code linked to a document that communicates currently-relevant information to neighbors and passersby committed to the defense of our democracy?



Payne created this yard sign with a friend.

Hermione-level brilliance from Dominique.

Opening Canva to design a sign, I was forced to confront my longstanding discomfort with yard signs as a means of political action. Aren't they a form of virtue signalling without real commitment to building dialogue, bridging divides, and breaking down barriers? But this time and this sign feel different to me.

In this moment, we need to know that our neighbors are standing up and speaking out against the Administration's unconstitutional and immoral actions. *It gives us courage to know we stand together.*

We need concrete, actionable steps we can take together to register our rejection of competitive authoritarianism, the perfidious hold of which could take generations to break. *It reduces our psychic overwhelm to have a task laid out before us.*

We need bite-sized civics education to recover our knowledge of America's founding principles and how the rule of law has bent the arc of American history progressively toward justice for nearly

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250 years. *It boosts our confidence in the rightness of the rule of law when we understand the logic of those who designed and have defended it.*

And if a yard sign turns out to be a convenient delivery mechanism for all that, then I can get over my hang-up and stick one in the grass.

Harry Potter reminds us that greed, self-interest, and a thirst for power are always in search of weaknesses in systems that serve the common good, and that good always sustains losses when battling evil. But I have hope that our democracy will be restored and even strengthened, because I know you neighbors – I've seen you come to the aid of community members impacted by the pandemic and personal tragedies and segregationist policies in Glen Echo Park, and I believe that when you decide you will not stand for authoritarian rule and you resolve to take peaceful and powerful actions of resistance, you will drive those forces of greed and self-interest back into the recesses of society where they can no longer present a daily threat to

life and liberty. And you'll do a better job than your parents did of teaching your children and grandchildren always, always to be on guard against their return (even if they end up marrying into the Malfoy family).

If you'd like a sign for your own yard, please reach out. Dominique and I are covering the \$15 cost of the sign and only ask that you make a donation in any amount you can afford to an organization actively working to defend democracy and protect our most vulnerable law-abiding neighbors.

Payne, of Benalder Drive, is an author of the legendary Spring Show number (nominally) about Wordle and a forthcoming fan fiction novella "Hotflasha Kedavra" in which Hermione Granger-Weasley becomes a hero to muggle women by using magic to eradicate the scourge of perimenopause.

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).

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BCI owns the Clubhouse and adjoining property as well as the two properties in the Valley. BCI has an agreement with BCC (Bannockburn Community Club) to manage the Clubhouse property. It also cooperates with BCC, BCA, and NAN.

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.

Shaping a Plan for Glen Echo Park's Future NPS Requests Public Input

By Mike Zangwill

Bannockburn has helped guide and support Glen Echo Park to what it has become today and is a stakeholder in what it can become tomorrow. The Park has tremendous potential and is what helps make Bannockburn a great place to live. The National Park Service (NPS) is asking the public's opinion on their recent study, "The Glen Echo Management Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment," which identifies needed improvements at the Park. This Plan/EA is the first step towards implementing and funding. One of the greatest needs is creating maxed out programming capacity. The plan looks at areas like the maintenance yard and the Crystal Pool grounds, both underutilized areas that should be improved.

The goals of the plan are to increase capacity for arts and cultural programming, special events, and future programming related to the history and environment while committing to protect Glen Echo Park's historic character and natural environment and improving the overall visitor experience.

This [link](#) takes you to a National Park Service webpage that seeks public input on the plan. The proposed plan changes include: future development, removal of existing structures, natural/cultural resources, accessibility improvements, and stormwater management. **The comment period will be open through March 16th.**

Zangwill, of Brigadoon Drive, is President of the Bannockburn Civic Association, and represents the Bannockburn Community on the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Board.



Crystal Pool



Yurt village



Playground



Maintenance yard

Bannockburn Civic Association Presents

Town Hall Meeting

With Candidates for County Council and Circuit Court Judges

2-4 PM March 1st

Bannockburn Clubhouse

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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.

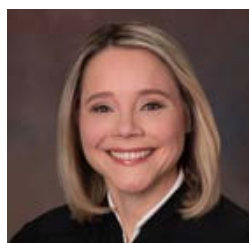
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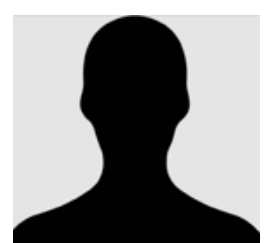
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The townhall will conclude with meeting the five non-partisan candidates who have filed for Judicial Circuit 6, Montgomery County. This session will start with a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of a Circuit Court Judge, and how many 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.

Love Your Neighbor

Abolish Medical Debt in Montgomery County

A Campaign of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer

By Cathy Baker



Did you know that millions of dollars of unaffordable medical debt are owed by your neighbors here in Montgomery County, Maryland?

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer is working with the nonprofit Undue Medical Debt on a campaign to unburden our neighbors of more than \$1.8 million in medical debt. The goal is to raise \$15,000, which will be used to erase medical debts owed by people in our county, freeing them of bills they can't afford.

"With our neighbors here in Bannockburn, we seek to help neighbors throughout our county," says Rev. Chris Phillips. "Many of us have had unexpected illnesses or accidents, surprise medical bills, or steep deductibles that drain our finances. The burden of medical debt is something many of us can relate to."

Undue Medical Debt, which has a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, buys medical debt in large, bundled portfolios from providers like hospitals and physician groups, as well as from collection agencies and debt buyers. They buy millions of dollars at a time for a fraction of the face value.

The organization only buys debt that meets at least one of two qualifications for relief: (1) the individual being billed earns no more than four times the federal poverty level and (2) their medical debt is 5% or more of their annual income.

The Montgomery County resident whose debts are relieved by the LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR campaign will receive a letter informing them that Redeemer and the Bannockburn Community have paid their debt.

In addition to its work relieving people of unaffordable medical debt, Undue Medical Debt also advocates for:

- Affordable, comprehensive, and easy-to-understand health coverage
- Fair and simple medical billing practices
- The banning of extraordinary collection actions and monitoring of medical debt through data collection

Redeemer has already raised \$5,000 toward its \$15,000 goal. You can join the campaign by donating via the campaign's website: <https://unduemedicaldebt.org/campaign/love-your-neighbor/> or by sending a check to The Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Drive, Bethesda, MD 20816 (make the check out to Undue Medical Debt).

Baker, of Dunrobbin Drive, is Redeemer's coordinator for the LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR campaign.



Rev. Chris Phillips and Catherine Baker, Redeemer's coordinator for the LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR campaign.

Bannockburn in Action



Brothers James (left) and Liam Kress of Brigadoon Drive, like a few other Bannockburn kids, shoveled up some cash shoveling snow after the big snowstorm in January. Here they are taking care of Bob and Aimee Nover's driveway on Brigadoon Drive.



Beth Rogers (left) and Mike Zangwill discovered that Karen Severy, formerly of Wagner Lane, would be within 12 kilometers of them when they were visiting Sri Lanka in February. They all met in Galle and spent an afternoon catching up and exploring the old fort area. Severy was spending three weeks in Galle, following a month spent in Penang, Malaysia. Her next stops include Cyprus and Albania.



Jeanine Greene (right) of West Halbert Road, flew to Thailand to travel around with good friend Tanya Sisler, formerly of East Halbert Road. Sisler's World Bank job has taken her to Bangkok.



The world can feel like a very small place. On the first morning in Muscat, Oman, Mike Zangwill of Brigadoon Drive checked out the hotel pool. This English mother and daughter asked Zangwill if he was from Bethesda when they spotted his T-shirt. One would think that Scotland and the Battle of Bannockburn would come to mind first, but the family had lived in Somerset when they were stationed in Washington with the World Bank and the daughter had attended Whitman and was a swimmer with the Somerset Dolphins.

Newcomers' Dinner March 7th

Welcome all Bannockburn Newcomers! You are invited to the Newcomers' Dinner in the Clubhouse on **Saturday, March 7th from 6-9 PM**. For decades, the Bannockburn Community has celebrated this annual potluck dinner to welcome new arrivals into the fold of our cooperative community. It is a beloved tradition, full of the spirit of joyful connections, music, and laughter. If you've moved to Bannockburn in the last two to three years and haven't attended the Newcomers' Dinner yet, consider yourself a Newcomer!

The Newcomers' Dinner offers new community members the benefits of three events in one:

1. Meet your neighbors! This is an event for the whole geographic Bannockburn community, and the whole community is represented. You'll mingle with folks who've lived on your street for months, years, and decades; who grew up here and stayed to raise their own families or moved in recently for the schools; who are active in mahjong, or tennis, or gardening circles. If you're searching for a pool, a soccer team, a book club, or a spiritual home, we have recommendations for you! And because this is an adults-only event, parents of young children will actually retain some of this information thanks to uninterrupted adult conversations.
2. Learn about your new community! Leaders from each of Bannockburn's primary community organizations provides a brief description of who they are, what they do, and how you can get involved with them. Did you know we're a very musical community? You'll get a taste of that, too, during the event.
3. Eat dinner! You have to eat, right? Might as well let our generous and culinarily-diverse Oldtimers feed you! The BCC provides wine, beer, and soft drinks for the event, so Newcomers should just bring themselves.

Are you an Oldtimer trying to remember how the alphabet potluck works? It's simple: based on the first letter of your last name, you're asked to bring a dish to feed 12-15 adults. Two last names in the family? You choose which one to use!

Last names A-G bring a dessert;
H - P bring a main dish;
Q - Z bring a side dish or salad.



Room-temperature dishes work best, but we do have a few wall plugs available for those who bring a crockpot to keep something warm. The Clubhouse has a hodgepodge of platters and serving utensils, but it's easiest if you can bring your dish ready-to-serve. Put your name on all your dishes and utensils if you want them back; Sharpie on painter's tape comes off cleanly but will last through the washing up our volunteers inevitably do at the end of the evening. Store-bought prepared foods are absolutely fine if you don't have time or skills to cook. All foods should be labeled so diners know what they are. We'll have tent cards and markers available in case you need those. If your dish contains any common allergens – peanuts, tree nuts, gluten, or dairy – please note that on your label for the benefit of neighbors with food sensitivities. If your food is fine sitting out for a few hours, you're welcome to drop it in the Grillroom between 4-6 PM on Saturday, March 7th. Otherwise, please bring it with you to the event at 6 PM.

Attire for Newcomers' Dinner is cocktail casual (Google it). Presentations and entertainment will begin promptly at 7 PM so that our neighbors with babysitters can get home on time. We started a new tradition last year: all Newcomers who sign in at the door will be eligible to win a four-hour free Clubhouse rental for use in 2026! Our emcee will draw names from a hat at the end of the evening.

If you have a new neighbor on your street, please reach out to them with a personal invitation and encouragement to attend! We hope to see lots of Oldtimers, too. After all, YOU are what makes Bannockburn so special.