



# The BANNOCKBURN *Back 9*

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## Spring Show Raises \$22,014 for the Clubhouse

By Mike Zangwill



Closing song, Spring Show 70.

The Bannockburn Spring Show celebrated its 70th year. Six shows were performed at the Clubhouse including two matinees. Six hundred eighty-four tickets were purchased raising \$22,014 for the Bannockburn

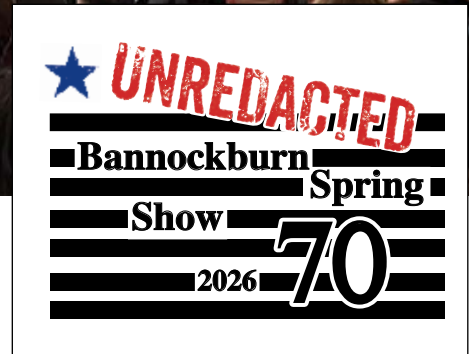
Clubhouse – a record at our home venue. Audiences loved the performance, with many claiming it was the best Show ever. All of the performances were sold out. Congratulations to Director Eric Nichols of Crathie Lane on his second successful show.

The Spring Show has long fostered Bannock-

burn's community spirit. This year's show's cast of 56

included performers ranging in age from eight to 80-something. Seventeen writers wrote 30 songs accompanied by a four-piece live band. The show recognizes the dozens of volunteers including nine students earning SSL hours who helped with tasks like lighting and stage management; and those who helped with videography and with the complementary happy hour. We thank realtor Gitika Kaul for sponsoring the program printing. It all adds up to one unique neighborhood!

Zangwill, of Brigadoon Drive, has been performing in the Spring Show for 23 years.



Director Eric Nichols displays showposter signed by the cast.

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Beth Rogers, Newcomers' Greeter  
At Large: Nancy Roche, Laura Chavez, Brian Moore,  
Ross Hurt, Emily Shaw  
Katy Levine and David Hecht, Woodlands Stewards

**Mark Your Calendar \***

**Sun 6/7– Annual Joint Meeting, 4:30 PM.**

Come to the Clubhouse and listen to the heads of Bannockburn's organizations – BCA, BCC, BCI, and NAN – provide their annual reports and updates about the neighborhood. Sat 7/19 – Bannockburn Day at the Park (time to be determined). Bannockburn residents get to enjoy a special day at Glen Echo Park with free carousel rides, pizza, refreshments, face painting, arts and crafts, and a civil rights walking tour.

\* Events in bold held at the Clubhouse.

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Mike Zangwill

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## BCA Board Meeting, May 12<sup>th</sup>

By Randall Ingate, BCA Board Secretary

The Bannockburn Civic Association (BCA) Board met on May 12<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Beth Rogers, Emily Shaw, Patty Howie, Randall Ingate, Mike Zangwill, David Hecht, Steven Solomon, Nancy Forden, and Nancy Roche.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Spring Show raised more than \$22,000 for the Bannockburn Community Clubhouse and all shows were sold out. Show veteran and BCA Board President Mike Zangwill will plan a movie night at the Clubhouse after he edits Spring Show video footage.

The Glen Echo Gala in the Park will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Nine board members will attend.

Bannockburn Day in the Park will be held at Glen Echo Park on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Bannockburn Community raised the most money, again, for the Glen Echo Park appeal. This year the Day in the Park will be shared with the Town of Glen Echo. The event will include carousel rides, food, and a tour of the Park.

On June 7<sup>th</sup> a joint meeting will be held at the Clubhouse [see calendar on page 2]. Zangwill will present BCA's accomplishments over the last year and vote on a slate of officers for the Board. To date all current BCA Board members will remain on the Board.

A discussion was held regarding recruiting new members to the Board. Nancy Roche suggested including information regarding joining the Board on the listserv as well as in the *Back 9* newsletter.

Patty Howie pointed out that the Board can have 12 voting members as well as additional members who are non-voting.

Mike Zangwill and Beth Rogers will host a barbecue on June 27<sup>th</sup> for BCA Board members.

Zangwill met with Sam Johnston, longtime Bannockburn resident, who gathered and documented the history of Bannockburn Elementary School (BES). BES opened in 1957 and hired the first Black principal, Margaret Jones, in Montgomery County. Principal Jones was advocated for by the residents; this effort is reflective of the progressive history of the neighborhood. There was some discussion about whether Johnston might want to

put together a larger presentation at the Clubhouse. David Hecht asked who was responsible for maintaining the history of the neighborhood and suggested that this lies with BCA as the local civic association.

BCA Treasurer Steven Solomon will present the Treasurer's report at the June Joint Meeting.

Beth Rogers, who has edited the *Back 9* newsletter for eight years, spoke about the future of the monthly publication and expressed frustration about the lack of articles submitted. She suggested that going forward the newsletter may be produced on an intermittent basis. Emily Shaw suggested that a Walt Whitman High School journalism student might be able to assist with the *Back 9* though SSL hours would not be available. Rogers noticed that having the publication published inconsistently would mean there would be little to no advertising revenue unless someone made the effort to call advertisers in advance of each publication.

The status of the community garden at the corner of Bannockburn Drive and MacArthur Boulevard was also raised by Rogers. Starting from early June, when Rogers no longer does it herself, the BCA pays to have the garden weeded every two weeks. She thought that with the drought and more plant cover maybe the weeding schedule could be cut

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*A patch of milkweed sprouting in the woods at BES that was rescued from porcelainberry.*

# BCA President's Annual Report 2025-26

By Mike Zangwill

The Bannockburn Civic Association (BCA) represents the community before local government and civic bodies on things such as zoning, roads, and schools; publishes the *Bannockburn Back 9* newsletter and *Bannockburn Community Directory*; and sponsors the community website, [www.bannockburncommunity.org](http://www.bannockburncommunity.org). We also welcome newcomers who move into the neighborhood.

This year the BCA continued to focus on improving safety for our neighbors, protecting our trees and green spaces, and fostering relationships with our community resources and local representatives.

Our big BCA project this year was publishing the 2025 Bannockburn community directory distributed to BCA members in October. If you want a copy please contact [mikezangwill@gmail.com](mailto:mikezangwill@gmail.com).

We are proud to announce that all the current BCA Board members have agreed to return next year to serve the community.

### BCA Slate of Officers for 2026-27:

- Mike Zangwill, President
- Elizabeth Kellar, Vice President
- Randall Ingate, Secretary, Environment Co-Chair
- Steven Solomon, Treasurer
- Beth Rogers, Newsletter Editor and Newcomers' Chair
- Patty Howie, Historian
- Pam Toole, Environment Co-Chair
- Nancy Forden, Ombudswoman
- David Hecht and Katy Levine, Woodlands Stewards Subcommittee
- Nancy Roche, Safety Chair

### At Large:

- Brian Moore
- Ross Hurt
- Laura Chavez
- Emily Shaw

### BCA 2025-26 highlights

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, MCPS School Board President Julie Yang joined the BCA Board meeting to discuss the school boundary study to address overcrowding with certain schools well exceeding capacity. Fortunately, Bannockburn school boundaries will not be affected. Yang is now running for County Council, District 1 which represents Bannockburn. She

would be replacing current councilmember Andrew Friedson, who is running for County Executive. Yang wanted to get our input on a variety of issues she is championing with the County.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> the Board was joined by Marc Korman, Maryland State Delegate, District 16. Korman, a Bethesda resident who was profiled in the November 2025 issue of the *Back 9*, has served in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2015 and in 2023 became the chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee. Korman discussed many issues including speed cameras, ICE in Maryland, and actions towards removing invasive plants in public spaces. For more information see the December issue of the *Back 9*.

On January 6<sup>th</sup> the BCA Board was joined by Mona Kishore, President of the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) Board. Kishore noted the greatest challenge is that the Park is already over capacity which makes it tough to expand programming. She noted the recent addition of a central ticket box office, started so that

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A little Bannockburn insider access ☺☺  
We have three beautiful upcoming listings in Bannockburn, and if you know someone hoping to make a move into the neighborhood, this could be the perfect opportunity to see them before the rest of the market does. Sometimes being local really does make a difference.

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one can find most event tickets in one place. She noted the Park is in the process of becoming an accredited arboretum which will also feature sculptures by [Raya Bodnarchuk](#), who used to live directly across the street from the post office in Glen Echo. Kishore thanked the Bannockburn Community for its continued support and noted that Bannockburn won the Glen Echo Park Year End appeal fundraising competition amongst neighborhoods. The award for winning is Bannockburn's Day at the Park, this year to be shared with the Town of Glen Echo, which is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the February issue of the *Back 9*.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> BCA sponsored a Town Hall meeting at the Bannockburn Community Clubhouse (BCC) for three candidates – Drew Morrison, Julie Yang, and Debbie Spielberg – running for Montgomery County Council District 1 as well as the four sitting Circuit Court Judges and one additional candidate for Circuit Court Judge. On June 23<sup>rd</sup> we remind everyone to vote in the Maryland midterm primaries. For more information see the April issue of the *Back 9*.

At the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the BCA Board met with [Josie Caballero](#), a candidate for Montgomery County Council at-large. She is one of a field of 19 at-large candidates, which will include current County executive Marc Elrich, who is term limited. BCA Board member Emily Shaw has been canvassing for Caballero. A Navy veteran who then pursued a career in public service, Caballero came out as a trans woman in 2020 and helped found the DNC Trans Advisory Committee. In 2023 Governor Wes Moore appointed her to his LGBTQIA+ Affairs Commission. For more information see the May issue of the *Back 9*.

The BCA Environmental Committee is now doing more to protect our communal green spaces. The mission is to protect our tree canopy from further decline and preserve natural beauty. A nature walk is being planned to review the evolution of tree growth in Bannockburn going back

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back. She noted that she had been in contact with adjacent property owner Stefan Alexander to use his water [rains starting on May 20 eliminated the immediate need for watering].

David Hecht, who along with Katy Levine heads the BCA Woodlands Stewardship Group (WSG), reported on the installation of 16 of the 18 trees planted at BES. The mural is not yet finished. A patch of milkweed, a native pollinator and essential food for monarch butterflies, has sprouted on the woodland edge near the mural and Hecht has roped this area off to protect it from landscaping, mowing, and weed whacking. A workday was held at BES on May 9<sup>th</sup>; the next workday will be on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The WSG signed a memorandum of understanding BCI (Bannockburn Cooperators, Inc.) which owns two naturalized parcels in the Valley and this area will be targeted for future workdays starting in July. Hecht also reported that the promised sidewalk sealing of sidewalks on Kenhowe Drive from Montgomery County has not yet happened and he will follow up with Montgomery County on this issue. He also provided an update on the dilapidated bridge near the Bannockburn Pool. The bridge is partially on pool property and its replacement will require the approval of the Bannockburn Pool Board. A design has been completed but Hecht is not aware if it has been submitted to Montgomery County for approval.

As this was the last meeting before the summer break, the Board brainstormed future areas of focus including advocating for a sidewalk on Selkirk Drive which would involve surveying the neighborhood and obtaining letters of support; developing a best practices list for mosquito management without the use of pesticides; organizing a neighborhood walk to engage neighbors interest in our natural spaces; and advocating for a crosswalk at the intersection of Goldsboro Road and Rannoch Road. BCA Board Vice President Elizabeth Kellar, who also serves as the Board's Safety Chair, will be consulted on efforts to improve pedestrian safety.

The next BCA meeting will be held in late August or September.

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70 years from when it was a golf course, point out challenges our green spaces face, and let the community know these public green spaces are there for all to enjoy.

Our investment in the beautification project, the welcome sign and garden at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Bannockburn Drive, has come to fruition. The garden of native plants was damaged in the spring of 2024 when an electrical contractor dumped dirt on it, but was partially replanted and is now established and flourishing (see photo below).

The BCA Woodlands Stewardship Group, led by master gardeners, David Hecht and Katy Levine, set up agreements with the Bannockburn Pool, Merrimack Pool, and Bannockburn Elementary School. The community is invited to join a work party and learn more about protecting our green spaces. Due to their good work a thicket of vines and invasives in the woods adjacent to the BES sports field was cleared out and a nature trail was created at BES for all to enjoy.

The BCA thanks all our members who continue to patronize local businesses and generously donate to community resources including the Bannockburn Clubhouse, NAN, Glen Echo Park, and Clara Barton Community Center. They help make Bannockburn a great place to live.



*Your BCA dues helped pay for this garden and welcome sign at the corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Bannockburn Drive.*

**Bannockburn Spring Show 70** from page 1



"Mar-a-La-go Face"

**Song Award Winners**

- Best Song - Mar-a-Lago Face
- Funniest Song - People in Your Neighborhood
- Best Staging - Friend of the 'Burn
- Best Costumes - Shower Act
- Best Props - Wrecking Ball
- Best Singing - Oligarch
- Best Kids Song - Drive me
- Best Dancing - Time Warp
- Best Lyrics - We Couldn't Make This Stuff Up



"Drive Me"



"People In Your Neighborhood"



"Shower Act"



"Backed Up Crap"

# The History of Bannockburn Elementary School

By Sam Johnston



program whereby select students from DC's Meyer Elementary School were bussed to Bannockburn each day for three years?

Last fall, as I was organizing a reunion of my BES classmates, I put together a slideshow consisting of vintage newspaper articles and cool old photos which showed not only the birth of the school, but also its storied and sometimes controversial evolution, much of which took place while my classmates and I were pupils. The slideshow is entitled, "Bannockburn Elementary School – In News and Photos – 1949 to 1972" and it

Title page to Sam Johnston's slide show project available online at this [link](#).

If you live in Bannockburn, chances are you drive or walk by our school several times a week, if not each day. Believe it or not, Bannockburn Elementary School (BES) has been educating children for almost 70 years! Did you ever wonder how it got there, and what was there before? Did you know that BES originally only had eight classrooms, and opened without a kitchen, library or finished playground? What did the classrooms and playground look like back then? Were you aware that BES was the first predominantly White school in Montgomery County to have an African-American principal? [Make sure to check out an interview of [Margaret Taylor Jones](#) conducted in 1971.] Did you know that BES was also involved in an experimental educational

can be found at this [link](#). Due to the relatively small

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Mrs. Zucker's 1969 first grade class photo. Sam Johnston is in the back row in the striped shirt.

**History of BES** *from page 8*



*Principal Margaret Jones, the first Black woman to head a predominantly white school in Montgomery County.*



*Aerial photo of Bannockburn, 1957.*

newsprint, be sure to access the document using the largest screen available. Unless you're a masochist, don't even bother using your phone.

Even if you're not a research geek like me, I guarantee you'll at least be amazed by the photos and you might even learn a few interesting things about some special people who lived on the same land you do now, if not the same house.

*Johnston lives on Bannockburn Drive. He notes, "This June marks 60 years since my family moved to Bannockburn. In addition to attending BES, my younger brother and I also attended Bannockburn Nursery School and swam for the Bannockburn Dolphins. I purchased my home in 1996."*

**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

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At Large: Patty Howie, Ava Hillman, Amy Tenney Curren, Kelly Collins Choi, Michael Schwartz

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, [pb-howie@verizon.net](mailto:pb-howie@verizon.net).

## Meet Spring Show Band Members Joe Link and Aaron Zitner

By Phil Satlof



Joe Link, Drummer



Aaron Zitner, Keyboards

**Phil Satlof: Tell us a little bit about yourself. Where did you come from? How long have you been here?**

Joe Link: I was born in Washington, DC, and lived pretty much all over the world. I lived in Brazil, Africa, Europe, and New Zealand. And I went to Berklee College of Music and the New England Conservatory.

**PS: When you were a kid, how did you get started with music?**

JL: I loved music. My dad got me playing drums, snare drum. And then we moved to Brazil, so I started playing guitar. Music is in our family, so it just kept going.

**PS: Has music always been your career or have you had other jobs?**

JL: I had other jobs until I went to Berklee College of Music when I just decided music is my thing and I've been teaching it and playing it ever since.

**PS: How did you get started with the Spring Show?**

JL: One of the cast members knew that the show needed a drummer and he called a friend of mine. That friend called me and I said yes.

**PS: How long ago was that?**

JL: I think it was three or four years ago, when the Show was held at Glen Echo Park.

**PS: What is your favorite thing about the Spring Show?**

JL: The people I work with and the music that they use. It's all classic rock and jazz, and that's my favorite stuff.

**Phil Satlof: Aaron, tell us a little bit about yourself. Do you have any children?**

Aaron Zitner: Yeah, I do. I do have two children. They're grown and flown.

**PS: How long have you lived in the Bannockburn neighborhood?**

AZ: We moved in when my daughter was in second grade at Bannockburn, and now she's 27 years old.

**PS: So how did you get started with music?**

AZ: I started as an adult, pretty much. Playing some piano. And then, you know, everyone around here plays guitar, but that means every band needs a bass. You know the joke. The kid starts taking bass lessons and he comes home and his dad says, "What did you learn today?" And the kid says, "Well, I learned the E string." Then he goes to a second lesson and comes home and the dad says, "Well, what did you learn today?" He says, "Well, I learned the A string." And then the kid goes to his third lesson and comes home and his dad says, "Well, what did you learn today?" And he says, "Nothing. I got a gig." I can vouch for that.

**PS: All right, and did you take lessons as an adult, or you taught yourself?**

AZ: I take piano lessons – jazz piano – and I enjoy it very much and playing in the Spring Show band is the most amazing thing, because if you're in the band for a while you see different groups come through. You see the third graders come through and like, where did they come from? I've never seen them before. And then... different groups of adults

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**Meet the Band** *from page 10*

come through and you forget everyone's name because you haven't seen them in a year and you have to acquaint yourself. You see all the cliques, you see the moms doing their thing and the retirees, and they all cycle through one group after another, and you get to sit here and watch them come through.

**PS: How did you get started with the Spring Show?**

AZ: I started on bass. I don't know why they could not find a bass player. Can you imagine? No bass player. Nobody wanted to play the bass. I think this is this might be my fifth spring show. I think I did two on bass, and this is my third on keys under the tutelage, I have to say, the guidance, tutelage, support, and educational benefit provided by Fred Vinson. It's all positive, except for one thing. Fred never shares his ice cream.

**PS: Had you ever seen the Show before you were in it?**

AZ: Yes, I saw it and I remember highlights as "Blackberry ringing in the dead of night." And instead of [U2's] "where the streets have no name," it was "I'm always late because the bridge has no lane." .... It is fun to make fun of politicians, but I think numbers that find the humor in the local stuff are great.

**PS: Any favorite Spring Show memories?**

AZ: Well they are all great, you know. It's kind of sad when the kids grow up because then the parents don't feel the same pressure to participate, and some of them have been great hams and real naturals on the stage. But we're lucky to have Eric [Nichols, of Crathie Lane, the director for the past two shows]. You know, how many things do you get to do in your life that are group problem solving? [The show involves a lot of] group problem solving. It's semi-hierarchical. We tell Eric that he's the authority here, but we all know that it's a semi-hierarchical collective of personalities who come together. And then there's the amount of creativity that goes into every part of the Show: the lyrics are clever, the costumes are clever, and if the lyrics aren't clever, it doesn't matter because the costumes are going to steal the show. For example, remember when...everyone was all worked up about the Chinese spying on us through weather balloons? Someone wrote a

song to "Up, Up and Away" (in my beautiful balloon) which is sung by the Fifth Dimension, which has Marilyn McCoo singing high soprano and the bass players singing low. That song has not one but two key changes. It's in three different keys. And the singers could not get it. And we would sit there and go over it. But once the costumes came in, it didn't matter. The costumes of them being in their big weather balloon spheres, just that was the whole act right there....There's so much creativity with the Spring Show....And there's another group that supports and sells the tickets and does all the publicity. Just the amount of work that goes into this is incredible. How many times in your life do you get to be in a creative endeavor with this many people coming together and bringing their creativity and laughing the whole time? I always say it's like walking into a Christopher Guest movie and ending up in an Alan Sherman song. But, if truth be told, I'm really only in it for the cast party.

**PS: And so what do you do these days?**

AZ: I'm a reporter and editor for the *Wall Street Journal*, which means that no matter what you think of the Spring Show I'm a purely nonpartisan person registered as an independent, who favors neither political party and is happy to make fun of them both.

*Satlof, the bass player for the Spring Show Band, lives on Braeburn Place.*



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## Trivia Night Recap

By Terri Payne

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Bannockburn Community Club (BCC) hosted its first Bannockburn Trivia Night at the Clubhouse. Twenty-eight neighbors gathered for two hours of question-and-answer fun led by a professional host from Pour House Trivia. To build community, ticket holders drew random team assignments from a hat upon arrival. The winning team had the advantage of 1.75 more members than the others, but it was generally agreed that their one-point victory over the second-place team was won fair and square. Winners received special limited-edition blue t-shirts emblazoned with a stylized drawing of the Clubhouse and the words "Famous in Bannockburn." In addition to building community, the event raised approximately \$400 for the Clubhouse. BCC plans to host more trivia nights in the future.



The winning team, pictured left to right: Michael and Kate Griffin (East Halbert Road), Tom Kodiak (Wilson Lane), Caroline Sherrard (Dunrobbin Drive), Mika Morse (Dunrobbin Drive), Josh Goodman (Vorlich Lane).

## Bannockburn's High School Graduates



Daniela Ibrahim



James Martin



Maxwell Minshew



Katie O'Connor



Melissa Solomon

**Daniela (Dani) Grace Ibrahim** of Heatherhill Road is graduating from Walt Whitman High School. She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall and her major is undecided. She played softball at Whitman for three years, tutored for Bethesda Scholars, and was a leader of the Whitman chapter of Manos Unidas, a nonprofit organization that helps communities that may face language and other barriers move forward into futures with hope and dignity.

**James Martin** of Dunrobbin Drive is graduating from the Katharine Thomas School. He will be attending Montgomery College while pursuing a career in fire/EMS.

**Maxwell Minshew** of East Halbert Road will be attending the University of Maryland as a pre-med, biology major after graduating from Walt Whitman High School. Whether he was keeping the beat on the drumline, channeling his creativity into playing the guitar, or giving his all on the basketball court, he always found a way to stand out and bring

people together. Maxwell also achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout—a testament to his hard work, resilience, and commitment to serving his community.

**Katie O'Connor** of Marjorie Lane graduated from Holy Child School and will be attending Wake Forest University. Katie has performed in the Bannockburn Spring Show and worked summers at the Merrimack Pool. She plans to attend law school after college.

**Melissa "MJ" Solomon** of Owen Place, Bannockburn born and raised, will be attending Kutztown University of Pennsylvania in the fall after graduating from Whitman (starting at BES in kindergarten). MJ was admitted to Kutztown's art education program, guiding our next generation of educators to teach art at the K-12 level. MJ's love of art, along with passion for teaching, extends from her volunteering at the Glen Echo Aquarium for years, along with her experience as a camper and, later, a counselor, at Holton Arm's Creative Summer program.

## Carousel Day Brunch at Glen Echo Park

The first-ever Carousel Brunch kicked off carousel season at Glen Echo Park on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event, held in the historic Bumper Car Pavilion, featured mimosas, mahjong tables and instructors, a silent auction, a paint-your-own-carousel-horse station, and the kickoff of the Park's new Art of the Park auction. The event host committee included Bannockburnians Michelle Jaconi (Rannoch Road), Barbara Martin (Dunrobbin Drive), Erin McCahill (West Halbert Road), and Abbie Meador (Kenhowe Drive), as well as a number of other women from surrounding neighborhoods. The morning raised \$12,500 for the Park's grounds and gardens, including Beeler Fountain at the back of the Park.



From left to right: Michelle Jaconi, Barbara Martin, and Erin McCahill.



Mahjong in the Bumper Car Pavilion.



Paint-your-own-carousel horse.

## BCA Table at the Glen Echo Gala, May 16<sup>th</sup>



The Bannockburn Civic Association sponsored a table. Members of the BCA who attended (left to right sitting): Brad Kelly, Nancy Forden, Ken and Beth Kellar, Brian Moore, and Rachel Stender. Standing: Beth Rogers, Mike Zangwill, and Patty Howie.



Laurie-Anne Sayles (far right), Montgomery County Council At-Large Member, joined the BCA table.