

Bradley Hills Village

May 2023 Newsletter

There are so many things to celebrate these days with Bradley Hills Village. Last month, Bradley Hills Village was awarded the Founders Award of Excellence by Washington Area Village Exchange (WAVE). This award was in recognition of our "Everything Green" initiative that combined leadership and volunteer efforts from the Environmental Interest Group, the Triangle Garden Clean Up Group, the Garden Club, the Book Club, and the Walking Group. All leaders and volunteers will be thanked at a Luncheon in May as we celebrate what a community can do when we join forces around activities out of doors. Right now is a perfect time to join our village and get involved in a program. Members who host events or lend a hand report feeling closer to the community and thrive as they make new friendships. Our website is getting updated and we hope you visit it to learn about how we are growing and making more connections. Join us!

May Events:

May 3, 4:30 - 6:00 PM - Happy Hour at Gringos & Mariachis
May 6, 9:00 - 11:00 AM - Triangle Garden work day
May 8, 7:00 - 8:00 PM - Environmental Group discusses Biodiversity
May 11, 12:30 - 3:00 PM - Field Trip American University - Katzen Art Gallery
May 17, 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Walking Group meets at Triangle Garden
May 17, 7:30 - 9:00 PM - Book Club *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak
May 20, 11:00 - 1:00 PM - Garden Group hosts Neighborhood Tour
May 24, 9:15 - 10:15 AM - Walking Group meets at Triangle Garden
May 25, 2:30 - 3:30 PM - Coffee and Conversation - TBA location/Zoom
May 27, 9:00 - 11:00 AM - Triangle Garden work day

Happy Hour at Gringos and Mariachis - May 3, 4:30 - 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join us for a BHV Happy Hour in Bethesda! Come nibble on delicious tacos, chips and salsa and meet neighbors and friends. Gringos and Mariachis, 4928 Cordell Avenue in Bethesda. Lovely patio and public parking next door. Heat lamps on the patio if spring is slow to come. RSVP to Betsy Carrier betsycarrier1@gmail.com. Carpool available upon request.

Triangle Garden Work Days - May 6 and 27, 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Bring your garden gloves, some bug repellent, something to kneel on, and hand tools if you have them. We always have fun, meeting new folks and old friends; learning how to identify weeds, seeds, and birds; and rejoicing in the "before" and "after" conditions of the beds. See photos and updates in the Stories from Last Month section (below). Contact: Caryn Musil, cmusil@outlook.com

"Declining Biodiversity - A Global Environmental Crisis" - May 8, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

From the smallest living things to larger species - has a critical impact on the planet's health. Join us to watch an engaging video presented by Delaware Professor Doug Tallamy - on how we can take action to safeguard and co-exist with Nature. The video will be followed by group discussion. Join the group. Click here for [Zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 815 8515 9050, Passcode: 937783

Field Trip to Katzen Art Gallery Tour w/ coffee afterwards - May 11, 12:30 - 3:00 PM - Join Bradley Hills Village members on a trip to visit the Katzen Museum at American University for a

special docent led tour of Australian Aboriginal Art. This outstanding museum show is closing soon. Please RSVP to betsycarrier1@gmail.com by May 5. Please note: Katzen Gallery requests proof of vaccination, but masks are optional.



Book Group - May 17, 7:30-9:00 PM. Join our discussion *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak, a haunting, moving novel of forbidden love and loss in a time of war in Cyprus. The main character in this mesmerizing narrative is a tree. Contact Caryn Musil, cmusil@outlook.com

Neighborhood Garden Tour - May 20, 11:00 - 1:00 PM. Back by popular demand, the garden group has organized another neighborhood garden tour. Please join us as we tour four beautiful neighborhood gardens. We will stop for around 20 minutes at each garden to hear a little about the owners' gardens. After the tour, we will gather in Gail Douglas's backyard and enjoy refreshments. RSVP to Maggie Dittmore, Dittmorem19@gmail.com. Details provided to those who register.

Coffee and Conversation - May 25, 2:30 - 3:30 PM - TBA location/Zoom. Coffee and Conversation hopes to move in person monthly. Please contact Kate Smith if you would like to be added to the list. We are a casual group of people who have lived in the area for a while and have a variety of interests. We enjoy conversations about movies, books, food, and interesting articles. We also support one another by sharing resources and we generate topics where professionals are invited to come in and address our questions and needs. To learn more about the group and join, email Kate Smith, ksmithBHV@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT JUNE AND JULY EVENTS:

Celebrate on June 17TH!!! Come to Bradley Hills Village Summer Gathering: Mark Your Calendar! Come see friends and neighbors—on **June 17**, from 3-5. Come have fun... music, food, and activities for kids. To be held on Hartsdale Avenue, between Madison and Hempstead. Held in conjunction with Bradmoor Neighborhood Association.

Raskin joins the book club, June 21. Congressman Jamie Raskin has agreed to come to Bradley Hills Village to discuss his searing, important book, *The Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy*. We are identifying a larger public space to accommodate all in Bradley Hills Village who might want to hear and pose questions to Representative Raskin. Stay tuned and start reading! We are a lively, inquisitive group and invite you to consider dropping in to one of our monthly meetings to discuss a book that interests you. We meet in person and rotate as discussion leaders and hosts. In the queue for **July 19** is Marie Benedict's and Victoria Christopher's compelling book, *The Personal Librarian*, based on Belle da Costa Greene, who oversaw J.P. Morgan's collection and passed as white to have

opportunities otherwise denied her. For more information, email Caryn McTighe Musil, cmusil@outlook.com.

Stories from Last Month



Triangle Garden Update -

The season is off to a fast start at the Triangle Garden. Thanks to our volunteer mowers, edgers, and weeders, we have neatened up the beds and encouraged all the little pollinators who were living in last year's dried plant stems to head out into the yummy world of early bloomers.

Kids are always welcome. We'll have some get-to-know-the-garden activities for them, and we truly appreciate their help on some easy (supervised) tasks. (We're looking at you, Mighty JJ :-). And -- wait for it -- there will be snacks!



And if you happen to be strolling by or walking the pup during a Work Crew session, please don't hide behind some nearby azaleas -- come on over and say hi! We'd love to meet you. The garden is for you.



Walking Tour Around the world in 2000 Steps

(Pictured here) was very successful. A hungry group walked around Bethesda and stopped in small grocery stores and shops. The owners were eager to share information about products and samples. The walkers raved about how fun it was to get to know one another and were eager to learn new spots for shopping right

around the corner from where they live. Along the way BHV walkers nibbled sushi, samosas, cheese, grape leaves, lots of chocolate and more!

Live music in the backyard! On Saturday, April 29 the rain stopped for a wonderful backyard concert. First a brass quintet from NIH played several lively pieces. Then a rocking jazz band—piano, bass, drums, trombone, and guitar played some favorites to a standing room crowd. We were excited to see a group of toddlers and parents stop by and join the fun. We all agreed that we would like an encore soon.

