

# BBHCA

Spring 2024

## **BROOKLAND - BUSH HILL NEWS**

A newsletter for the Residents of Brookland-Bush Hill and Gunnell Estates in Alexandria, VA.



# DEAR NEIGHBORS



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW BBHCA PRESIDENT

In January we turned the page on a new year and with it a new BBHCA Board of Directors. It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new BBHCA President and present the 2024 board members. My husband and I have lived in the Brookland, Bush Hill, and Gunnell Estates community for more than 20 years and I've had the privilege of previously serving on the BBHCA Board for 6 years as Vice President of Membership. Those of us who have called this area home for many years have experienced a lot of change. While we have welcomed many wonderful new families to the community and seen local services expand, we have also encountered the challenges that growth brings from lagging infrastructure improvements to the increase in traffic congestion.

Behind the scenes, the BBHCA Board and volunteers are working with the County government, police, land use committees, and other organizations; all to represent the 800+ families who live in our area. Our continued mission is to advocate for responsible growth, voice resident opinions on local government plans that impact our neighborhoods, help to preserve quality of life and home values, and educate members on a wide range of available programs and services.

The Board is currently working on many important issues that will have a positive impact on our community this year, including expanding the neighborhood watch and training more volunteers develop the government center on Franconia Road, Top



Golf, and the Rose Hill Shopping Center.

We continue pushing out timely messages through the quarterly newsletter and via email to keep residents updated as well as holding quarterly meetings to bring in speakers to educate residents on available county resources and discuss important issues.

We also plan to expand opportunities to build community and have fun such as the successful Night Out in 2023. Planning a volunteer fair to bring opportunities to those interested in giving back. All of this takes a lot of work, and I am excited to introduce the members of the 2024 Board—all of whom are committed to sharing their time and talents in support of our community.

As president, I am thrilled to partner with this dynamic team to support the needs of the Brookland, Bush Hill, and Gunnell Estates community. We know there are many opportunities and challenges ahead of us, and I hope you will consider joining your neighbors and getting involved. If you aren't already a member, now is the perfect time to join. If you are an existing member, don't forget to renew for 2024. I encourage you to read through this newsletter to learn more about the valuable services the civic association provides. Please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of the board members, if you have questions or want to talk about how to get involved. Working together we can continue to improve this incredible community that we are fortunate to call home.

- Elise Swinehart, President

## STRONGER TOGETHER

Meet your new members of the BBHCA board!

Carol Alim is Committee Chair of the Land Use & Zoning Committee: our eyes, ears, and strong voice to make sure our interests are heard on land use projects and development. She attends official meetings and speaks on our behalf to county officials advocating for smart decisions on key development plans.

Carla Murillo-Gonzalez, our Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Committee, heads our Neighborhood Watch and serves as the liaison to the police and keeps track of crime trends that affect our community. She has worked hard to restart the Neighborhood Watch program; the first group of volunteers is already trained!

Raquel Gutierrez serves as our Vice President of Membership and is focused on ensuring we have a vibrant and strong member base which is critical to advocating for our area's priorities.

Kate Zickel is our VP of Communications and responsible for the newsletter which is full of important reports and interesting articles about what's going on in the community.

Finally, Katie Mitchell is our Treasurer and oversees all financial transactions, reporting, and budgeting.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

The BBHCA annual community meeting was held on December 5, 2023. What follows is a summary of the fiscally-related topics discussed at that meeting.]

- 2023 financial audit
- 2024 budget
- Giving Tools
- Newsletter

## **2023 Financial Audit**

On November 28, 2023, the BBHCA Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee (Committee), conducted a 10-month (January 2023-October 2023) audit of the books and records of the Association's Treasurer, based on a request from the BBHCA President. The Committee also reviewed the proposed 2024 BBHCA budget. The Committee consists of Clem Bezold, Sharon Swan, and the BBHCA Treasurer, Katie Mitchell.

The Committee made the following recommendations for the Officers and Executive Committee as a result of the 10-month audit:

- The current use of Giving Tools and Stripe provide insufficient documentation receipts and thus, no audit trail. The management of these tools needs to be enhanced such that the Treasurer has access to all features of these systems to provide the receipts and audit trail for all incoming BBHCA member receipts, ad receipts, and Stripe fees.
- All Stripe proceeds need to flow into the BBHCA checking account.
- The Treasurer must have the authority and unimpeded access to the BBHCA bank accounts, money market account, Giving Tools, and Stripe. We recommend that the VP Membership work with the Treasurer and work out the documentation trail for member dues, donations, and advertising revenue via Giving Tools and Stripe. Further, the VP Membership and Treasurer should determine whether use of Giving Tools and Stripe can be used effectively and provide an adequate audit trail for BBHCA.
- For the membership systems, where a BBHCA member household has two individuals as members, the relevant systems should be able to identify each for effective communication.
- By January 15, 2024, the outgoing President, incoming President, and Treasurer go the Burke & Herbert Bank, update the BBHCA records at the bank providing full access to the Treasurer, and change the flow of credit card payments to the BBHCA checking account, rather than the money market account.
- All BBHCA revenues (payment of dues, donations, ad revenues, etc.) and invoices for BBHCA expenditures should go directly to the BBHCA Treasurer.
- Given that the newsletter will move to online PDF in 2024, we recommend that the Board develop a written policy for free or reduced advertising fees, along with an appropriate 2024 Ad Fees. Any comp or reduced fee ads should be discussed in advance and approved by the Board.
- The annual BBHCA audit should be for the entire year and conducted after the close of each year on December 31. The annual audit for 2023 (January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023) will need to be completed, considering November and December in early 2024. The results of the annual audit should be presented at the first BBHCA Meeting following its completion

## **Audit Findings**

This is a partial year audit, January 1 – October 31, 2023, and we have audited the books and records of BBHCA. We find BBHCA financially healthy, with expenditures and receipts accounted except for shortcomings in recently adopted financial systems (Giving Tools and related Stripe payment system) and bank account authorizations. We've made recommendations (above) for their adjustment as well as other financially related reporting and processes. In particular, it is imperative that the VP Membership and Treasurer work out the documentation trail for Giving Tools and Stripe moving forward.

## **2024 Annual Budget**

The 2024 annual budget for the BBHCA was adopted by the members at December 2023 annual meeting. The budget adopted was in the amount of \$6016.00. The budget was based on continuing almost all activities of the previous year with no changes to the membership dues or the advertising rates. However, that budget did not include the quarterly newsletter (hard copy), instead relying on the BBHCA website and Facebook site to be the primary vehicles for communicating information to the membership.

The 2024 BBHCA Board of Directors recognize the popularity of the newsletter and have decided to continue with its production in hard copy. BBHCA has the assets to make this change. As the year progresses, a mid-year review of the financial status of BBHCA will be conducted to make any required adjustments to the budget. The Treasurer will provide a report on the review after it is conducted.

**Giving Tools**

In 2023, the Board began using a member and donation tracking tool called Giving Tools. This tool was implemented to facilitate membership record-keeping and initiate online dues payment. For many years, the BBHCA membership and fiscal year have been January 1 to December 31. In spite of this, there is always some confusion about when dues are due. Giving Tools provides the ability to switch to a membership year that expires on the anniversary of dues payment.

However, Giving Tools is designed for organizations with significantly more members than the approximately 800 homes that BBHCA represents. For this reason, the implementation of this tool has been difficult. In lieu of some of these difficulties, the 2024 BBHCA Board decided not to change the membership year to one that expires on the anniversary of the previous year’s payment of dues. The membership and fiscal years will continue to be January 1 to December 31.

We hear you when you tell us you are having difficulties making online payments. Please continue to let us know what your experiences are using this tool so we can evaluate whether to continue its use.

**Newsletter**

More than 80% of the annual BBHCA budget is spent on the production, printing, and mailing of the newsletter and insurance required by the school. Please do not let any issues you have making online payments deter you from paying your BBHCA dues. It is a great investment in our neighborhood and we work hard to keep you informed on issues around us that may affect our quality of life and property values.

Don’t forget you can buy advertising space in our newsletter! Please consider placing an advertisement for your business or donating the advertising cost so a local community service can place an advertisement in the newsletter. If you have an enterprising youngster who may be starting a business, this is the place to advertise! Ad spaces start at business card size on up to a full page.

**Volunteer Opportunities for All**

We have volunteer opportunities for everyone who is interested. Additionally, we can provide work for students who have community service requirements as a part of their school curriculum. Please contact Katie at treasurer@bbhca.net if you would like to volunteer. Additionally, if you have any questions related to this report or would like to see a full copy of the 2023 audit (10 months), please feel free to send an email to treasurer@BBHC.net.



**BBHCA**  
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SPRING MEETING**

<p><b>16 APRIL 2024   7:30PM</b></p> <p>BUSH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA 5927 WESTCHESTER STREET</p>	<p><b>FEATURED SPEAKER:</b></p> <p>JULIE MARGOLIS, COORDINATOR, FRANCONIA REC CENTER</p>
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*We look forward to seeing you there*



# LAND USE & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATES

## Neighborhood Watch

Carla Murillo-Gonzalez, Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Committee

We are excited to report that our Neighborhood Watch group has grown from 7 volunteers to 13! Time commitment is low—training is one hour by Zoom video call, and teaches you what to look for during routine activities. Cohort 2 was trained on February 8th, 2024, by the Fairfax Police Crime Prevention Office. If you would like to be part of the Cohort 3 and be trained later this year, please email [murillocarla@me.com](mailto:murillocarla@me.com) or [bbhca2022@gmail.com](mailto:bbhca2022@gmail.com).

In the training we learned what to observe, what to note, and how to report it. Highlights of our training are the following:

1. The crime triangle consists of opportunity, desire, and ability. We can tackle the opportunity by being observant and reporting suspicious activity.
2. The Neighborhood Watch volunteer's job is to observe and report to the police any unusual activity during their walks in the neighborhood. We are not the police, and we do not engage in any confrontation. Neighborhood Watch members are not allowed to carry weapons when patrolling.
3. Franconia police offer FREE home safety surveys. They come to your home for free with professional safety pointers that are specific to your home. Call the Franconia Police non-emergency number to schedule an appointment 703-691-2131.
4. We can now text 911! Please tell people about this!
5. When reporting suspicious people and/

## Discovering Nearby Parks This Spring

*Shannon Wask*

Last year I wrote "A Peaceful Getaway Around the Corner", a brief BBHCA write-up to describe Huntley Meadows Park. Though nestled close to the busy Route 1, Huntley is serenely quiet with open walking paths and a half-mile boardwalk, perfect for immersing yourself in the beauty of nature up close.

With the arrival of spring and warmer temperatures, now is a perfect time to venture out and explore Huntley and other local parks. Not far from Huntley, south of Old Town on the west bank of the Potomac River, is another visit-worthy park, Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. This location is a haven for bird enthusiasts, with frequent sightings of barred and great horned owls, as well as the majestic presence of bald eagles. At just three-quarters of a mile long, the gravel and boardwalk trail is flat and accessible. Not a birder? This is a popular jogging trail and dog walking spot offering beautiful waterfront views.

Looking for a less well-known spot? Try Monticello Park at 320 Beverly Drive in Alexandria, just a few minutes from Del Ray. This pocket park is frequented by dog walkers, photographers, birders, and local families. The canopy trees provide ample shade for a peaceful picnic table lunch and for children to play along the tiny stream. As a birder, it would be remiss of me to leave out the park's offering of bird sightings. The placement of this park offers a perfect resting spot for migratory birds creating a springtime warbler hot spot!

Of course, taking a stroll through our neighborhood is always a convenient way to enjoy the outdoors. See you outside before the summer humidity sets in!



or vehicles take notes of the obvious, i.e. car plate, color of the car, brand of car, gender, race, age. The police can be much more effective when you collect and provide the right information at the time of the call. We are a caring group. We value the health and safety of our community. If you do too, please join us!

**Land Use Update**

Carol Alim, Land Use Committee

In November 2023, the Land use Committee began review of the SSPA Applications, in Franconia District, that were accepted as Tier 1 projects earlier in the year. Three applications were presented for information purposes.

**Springfield Boulevard, 2023-IV-65 & Amherst Avenue, 2023-IV-75:** These two applications were presented together, since they may be consolidated. These parcels are currently a mix of commercial uses with some vacant businesses. The application is to change the Comprehensive Plan language, and later the zoning, to allow multifamily residential. The Springfield Blvd only option would have 604 dwelling units and 9,000 square feet of retail. If the parcels are combined, the request would be for 726 dwelling units and 9,000 square feet of retail space.

**Frontier Drive, 2023-IV-85:** This parcel, across the street from Springfield Mall, is currently zoned commercial. Businesses located here are: Best Buy, Bertucci's, Pet Smart, others. Proposing a development complementary to Springfield Town Center with mixed use in three buildings: 625 dwelling units, 16,000 square feet

of retail/restaurant/entertainment; parking mostly underground, heights, 12 feet, tapering down toward adjacent residential; landscape buffers. The major discussion point was the height of 12 stories along Frontier Drive. Developer is considering constructing concrete buildings, which would allow this height. Even with Springfield Town Center across the street, the Committee believed this to be too high, concrete or no, for the surrounding communities.

**Top Golf: PA 2015-IV-RH1** Three meetings in three months on this application to change the CompPlan and Zoning to allow higher density residential. This property is zoned residential, with a Special Exception to permit the commercial use. This property is zoned R1 and planned 3-4 dwellings per acre, like nearby Kingstowne. Because of the significant amount of open space set aside by Kingstowne it was able to develop clusters at much higher density, 10-12 units per acre. Top Golf wants to use the Kingstowne higher density with a small park that does not support the higher density. Primary concerns by the Committee are increased traffic, inconsistency with surrounding communities (which support the application), impact on schools, parks, storm water and other infrastructure. At its first meeting the committee voted 9/13 to not recommend the application. Supervisor Lusk requested an in-person meeting with the Committee, Staff and Developer to gain understanding as to why the Committee voted to not approve, when a few years earlier, they recommended approval of a higher density proposal.

**Calling All Households- Your Action Needed on Franconia Government Center**

What should happen to the Government Center? More housing? A community center? In February, several of the local Civic Associations signed a letter to Franconia District Supervisor Rodney Lusk about the final disposition of the Government Center.

The letter expressed concerns about the lack of resident input and requested community engagements led by Mr. Lusk, not the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA). It also requested exploration of all development options for the Franconia Governmental Center. We requested that Mr. Lusk work with the Fairfax County Health Director and Chief Equity Officer to conduct a full health impact assessment to be shared with County residents considering some concerning past news about the site as well as guidance from the CDC website.

The Civic Associations expressed our belief that health and safety concerns should be thoroughly studied before he explored the possibilities for potential development options with the District.

As a result of this intervention, community meetings have been scheduled prior to the May 21st Board of Supervisors meeting to decide on the transfer. The meetings will be held at John Lewis High School on the following dates:

- Saturday, April 13th from 12 to 2:00pm (receive input from the community)
- Monday, April 22nd from 6-to 8:00 pm (receive input from the community)
- Monday, May 6th from 6 to 8:00 pm (report back to the community)

It is important for BBHCA to express our voice about what should be done with the Government Center. Please plan to attend one or more of these sessions and voice your opinion. If you cannot attend, email and/or call Rodney Lusk's office to express your opinion.

There is strength in numbers.

Please join us in advocating for the benefit of the BBHCA residents.

**Koinonia Foundation: Helping our Neighbors in Need**  
Lara Walt, Chair: Koinonia Foundation Board of Directors

When we think of people in need of basic necessities like food, clothing, and financial assistance for housing, we often think of helping others outside of our community. But there are still many of our neighbors in Kingstowne and Franconia who have those same needs. Covid-19 has hurt many of our neighbors, who lost jobs at the beginning of the pandemic and are still trying to recover from the economic hardships caused by illness and job loss.

The Koinonia Foundation was founded by many local churches almost 55 years ago to help our neighbors in Franconia and later, Kingstowne, by providing access to food, clothing, and emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, and limited medical expenses during times of need. In addition to year-long support, Koinonia has special programs like August Angels (backpacks for school), Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, Christmas Wishes (Christmas gifts), and Hopper's Birthday Bicycles for children.

Koinonia also provides financial counseling to clients to help them regain financial stability. Koinonia's work is accomplished by a small, resourceful staff and a large network of volunteers, many of whom work in Koinonia's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet. Many other community members donate food, personal hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, clothing, and financial support on a regular basis. Koinonia also partners with local businesses, organizations, and Fairfax County government to leverage additional resources. For example, the food collected by the Boy Scouts every November fills the Koinonia Food Pantry.

I started volunteering with Koinonia several years ago because I wanted to help our local neighbors. It has been a wonderful experience helping with the large number of projects that Koinonia sponsors and meeting many others in the community who want to help our local neighbors. I really appreciate the fact that my own neighborhood has been and continues to be so supportive of Koinonia's efforts. If you want to help Koinonia right now, we have just started to collect spring and summer clothing for our Clothing Closet. We also constantly update our Food Pantry needs on our website ([koinoniacares.org](https://koinoniacares.org)). Monetary donations to provide financial assistance and pay our hardworking staff are always helpful, too.

Koinonia's address is 6037 Franconia Road, which is next to the United Methodist Church. In the long term, Koinonia's vision is to expand client services, to provide guidance and classes on financial literacy, digital literacy, and English literacy. To provide these services, Koinonia will need additional space and funding.

I have really enjoyed helping our neighbors through working with Koinonia and hope that you will be able to support our efforts in the future. I look forward to seeing you at some of our community events soon!

<https://koinoniacares.org/>

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024

Tuesday, August 6th



Join the BBHCA community for an evening of family fun and entertainment at our second annual National Night out!

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## CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN 2024?

Whether you are looking to buy, sell, downsize or get more space.

This real estate market can be difficult to navigate without a trusted advisor to lead the way. The 2024 market is already vastly different than it was a month ago. If you have any real estate goals that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to reach out to devise a plan of action together.



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## Teaching English to Adult Immigrants and Refugees

By Rob Simmons, [go.blue.simmons@gmail.com](mailto:go.blue.simmons@gmail.com)

Many people who come to the United States speak little to no English. By improving their English skills, these individuals can live safer and healthier lives and can more easily and productively participate in our society. Fortunately, classes are available in our area for immigrants and refugees to help them.

These English classes are often called ESL or ESOL classes. ESL refers to English as a Second Language and ESOL refers to English for Speakers of Other Languages. Other terms are also used.

Here in the Franconia area, programs are available that offer an affordable and friendly way for students to gain confidence and a desire to continue to learn English. For example, I teach in the English program hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church ([www.sjlc.com/esl](http://www.sjlc.com/esl)). We teach more than 150 adult English language learners each fall and spring session. Our 33 volunteer teachers include members of several Franconia-area churches and other caring individuals from the community. Additionally, John Marshall Library offers English conversation sessions. Finally, English as a Second Language and Immigrant Ministries ([www.eslim.org](http://www.eslim.org)) is an organization that promotes and supports St. John's and numerous other church-based programs that help adult immigrants in Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia. Some of our students go on to classes offered by the Fairfax County Adult Education program or Northern Virginia Community College.

### Volunteer to Teach

There is a great need for volunteers to help teach English to our immigrant neighbors. The only necessary skill is to be fluent in English—and a desire to help people from other countries. I'm a computer engineer, and I've taught classes with lawyers, scientists, college students, office workers, and retirees. No teaching experience is necessary, and training is provided.

Teaching English to adult immigrants and refugees can be challenging, but I've found it to be a fun and rewarding experience. I've been teaching English for 20 years, and I enjoy helping my students learn and move up to the next skill level. We are always looking for new teachers. If you think you might enjoy teaching English or helping an experienced teacher, consider volunteering. Learn more about the ESL program sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church at [www.sjlc.com/serve/esl-volunteers](http://www.sjlc.com/serve/esl-volunteers) or e-mail [esl@sjlc.com](mailto:esl@sjlc.com).

## LOCK IT DOWN: FCPD TIPS TO DRIVE AWAY VEHICLE THEFTS AND BREAK INS

Fairfax County VA Police— As car owners, we often invest significant time and money into our vehicles. FCPD wants to help keep you and your vehicle safe. It is crucial to take proactive measures to safeguard our vehicles. Here are some safety tips reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim:

**Lock It Up:** This may seem obvious, but many thefts occur due to unlocked cars. Always double-check that your vehicle is securely locked, even if you're just stepping away for a moment.  
**Park Wisely:** Park in well-lit areas whenever possible, especially at night. Avoid secluded spots where thieves can operate undetected. If you have a garage, use it.

**Install an Alarm System:** Consider investing in an alarm system or an immobilizer for your vehicle. These devices can deter thieves and alert you and others if there's unauthorized access to your car.

**Use a Steering Wheel Lock:** Steering wheel locks add an extra layer of security, making it difficult for thieves to drive your car even if they manage to break in.

**Keep Valuables Out of Sight:** Don't tempt thieves by leaving valuable items visible in your car. Stow away electronics, bags, and any other valuable possessions in the trunk or out of sight.

**Be Mindful of Key Security:** Never leave your keys in the car, whether you're running a quick errand or warming up the vehicle on a cold morning. Also, avoid leaving spare keys inside or near the car.

**Consider GPS Tracking:** Installing a GPS tracking device can help authorities locate your vehicle if it's stolen. Some modern cars come equipped with built-in tracking features, but after-market options are available too.

**Stay Vigilant:** Be aware of your surroundings, especially in unfamiliar or high-crime areas. Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately.

**Keep Records:** Record your vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number), make, model, and license plate number. This information can be invaluable for law enforcement in the case of theft.

**Stay Informed:** Stay updated on local crime trends and auto theft statistics. Knowledge is power, and being aware of potential risks can help you take appropriate precautions.

By following these tips, you can significantly reduce the risk of auto theft and keep your vehicle safe and secure. Remember, a little precaution goes a long way.

This type of crime is considered a crime of opportunity, and FCPD is dedicated to equipping our community with all the essential tools to prevent becoming a victim to this crime.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association**

Membership Year: January 1–December 31

**Join us—for the good of *your* community**

BBHCA provides many opportunities for you to take an active role in decisions that affect your quality of life and property values as well as make a difference in your community. BBHCA prints a newsletter, maintains a website and Facebook page, and e-mails community updates and alert notices. Only members have a vote at BBHCA meetings on decisions that affect the community and the governance of BBHCA. Join today and support your civic association’s efforts to keep our neighborhood a great place to call home. For current information on BBHCA activities, please go to [www.bbhca.net](http://www.bbhca.net)

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**Enclosed are my member dues:**  \$20.00 (household)  \$10.00 (individual)

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY** The information provided here will be considered confidential and used only for BBHCA communications and membership verification. Dues are applied to the year in which they are received.

NAME: (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL(S): \_\_\_\_\_

(required for e-mail communications and community alerts; see below)

**E-mail Communications**

**Please notify me by e-mail** of community concerns deemed important by BBHCA. I may request that e-mail communications be discontinued at any time. Your e-mail will be used only by BBHCA.

**Request for Donation**

Your donation will be used to help offset the cost of printing and mailing the BBHCA print newsletter, the website, and other member-approved services. Thank you!

I would like to make a donation to BBHCA for  \$10  \$20  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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BBHCA Membership Dues  
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Alexandria, VA 22310

**Questions?**

E-mail: [membership@bbhca.net](mailto:membership@bbhca.net)

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