

June 2016

**Message to Broad Creek Conservancy Members from Michael Leventhal, President**

Your Conservancy's accomplishments have been many and significant over the last three years; yet, much remains to be done. Please renew your 2016-2017 memberships now and recruit new members so we can continue with the progress we have made.

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- At the end of 2013 we were given a 72 acre parcel, once known as the Fennell Tract, and now known as Broad Creek Woods. This parcel is a forested area between Livingston Road and Indian Head Highway and is across Livingston Road from St. John's Church. This tract of land goes all the way to Indian Head Highway.
- Once the Conservancy received the deed, we immediately placed liability insurance on the land and posted it.
- We then asked the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to undertake a Forest Stewardship Plan, which was completed and then adopted by the Conservancy's Trustees. We are now committed to implement the recommendations within that document as funds allow.
- We successfully petitioned the State and Prince George's County to reduce property taxes based on our non-profit status.
- We also successfully petitioned the County to expand the Broad Creek Historic District to cover all of Broad Creek Woods.
- The Trustees just concluded an arrangement with the Maryland Environmental Trust, which will hold a conservation easement on Broad Creek Woods, thereby insuring its protection and its visual character in perpetuity.
- Modest signs will identify Broad Creek Woods.

Other accomplishments/efforts have been made.

- The Conservancy made sure that a small amount of funding was included within the larger effort on road work along Oxon Hill Road for a small gate and fence at the head of the former access road off Oxon Hill Road to St. John's church.
- In a less successful effort, we have tried in vain to contact owners of the Kaydot property, to see if they would be interested in a protective scenic easement. Owners are the Parx Casino group out of Philadelphia.
- We have continued to talk to the National Park Service, urging better stewardship and maintenance for Harmony Hall House and the remains of Want Water.

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- We have requested that the University of Maryland Graduate Program in Historic Preservation Studies use the Broad Creek Historic District as a class project.
- We undertake the hosting of at least one educational event each year for our members and the general community. In November of 2014 we hosted a program on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century religious postures and attitudes of Native Americans at St. John's Church. Last October we held an event at the home of Frank and Shirley Nicolai, where the Conservancy and its goals were discussed. This past May we held a program on Native Americans of our area, including the role of women, at the home of Susan and Tom Gage.

Looking ahead, the Conservancy will make a major outreach effort to property owners within the Broad Creek Historic District to discuss how a protective easement can be beneficial to their interests.

All of our efforts are volunteer ones. Petitioning, calling, testifying, negotiating, event planning, securing legal help etc. all take much time and effort. We have no paid staff. If you have not paid dues for the coming year (June 1-May 31), please mail them now. Please also ask your friends to join this worthy organization. Membership Chairman Shirley Nicolai ([shirleynicolai@verizon.net](mailto:shirleynicolai@verizon.net) or 301-292-3667) will gladly email or mail invitations to potential new members. Our website at [www.theconservancyofbroadcreek.org](http://www.theconservancyofbroadcreek.org) also has a printable membership application.

Former Trustee Sarah Cavitt reports that Trustee Dawn Davit would welcome cards from Conservancy members. Her address is Assisted Living Well, 271 West Pasadena Road, Millersville, MD 21108. She is in Building 3, Room 3. She does not wish to have visitors.

Sarah also reports that MGM is currently scheduled to open on December 8th.

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**The Conservancy of Broad Creek Membership Application**

To become a member or renew, please complete the following. Mail with appropriate amount to:  
 The Conservancy of Broad Creek, P.O. Box 44167, Fort Washington, MD 20749.

NAME/S \_\_\_\_\_  
 MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREFERRED TELEPHONE CONTACT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Categories: Family/Household (1 vote) \$50.00; Organization \$150.00; Life Member \$1,000.00

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering. Please have someone contact me. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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 We respect the privacy of our membership; we will not make available nor sell our membership list/contact information.*