



# TRIENNIAL REPORT

**Fall 2020 – Fall 2023**



Burning Tree Village (BTV) is your neighborhood's non-profit organization whose goal is to foster a caring, supportive, and friendly atmosphere in our community (comprised of approximately 700 households). We do this by helping our senior residents "age in place", helping all neighbors who may need extra assistance, and sponsoring annual activities, community programs, educational seminars and events, and interest groups and clubs.

BTV began operations in 2008 as the first incorporated Village in Montgomery County and was the model for other neighborhood villages in the area. Our Board continues to grow and to add new members. We welcome volunteers to join the Board; form and lead interest groups and clubs; or help us plan programs, seminars, events, and services.

Burning Tree Village does not charge dues because we do not want resource constraints to be a barrier to your participation. We depend greatly on voluntary contributions and appreciate your help with our expenses, such as the production of this Report. All donations to BTV are tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

**You can use a credit card or debit card to donate online through the secure link we have created on this website. Go to the homepage and then to the "Donate" tab.**

You can also mail donations to Burning Tree Village, Inc., P.O. Box 449, Cabin John, MD 20818-0449. Please add the memo "Triennial Report" on your check to help us track your donation to this effort.

Or you can drop off donations at our corporate office at 8404 Beech Tree Road, Bethesda, MD, c/o Amy Rider.

## MESSAGES FROM THE PAST and CURRENT PRESIDENTS

### Amy Rider, Past President 2021 – 2023

It truly has been an honor to serve as President these last two years. With Judy Levy at my side as Vice President, and with the help of the executive committee, the members of the Board, the chairs of various programs and events, and all the many volunteers, I have been fortunate. I am sure with Judy and our Board's leadership that we will continue to be that bright light that shines on our community.

### Judy Levy, BTV President

As I begin my term as President of Burning Tree Village (BTV) I think about the past leadership and how successfully it has led this organization. Imagine being the first Village in Montgomery County. Many of the programs our early leaders initially started are still successfully running. What is impressive regarding the Villages is that each has its own personality based on where it is in Montgomery County and the greater Washington Area. No organization should remain static, and I am looking forward to working with the Board to make positive changes that reflect best practices developed by other villages while maintaining BTV's core values.

Being President is an obvious role for me: I have worked for 50 years in the field of aging and disability focused on home and community-based services. I hope I can use some of this experience in guiding BTV. I believe Montgomery County offers many programs and services for older populations, and we should take advantage of them. But programs and services come at a price, and it will be up to us to advocate for expanded funding and improved programming as needed. I hope that the BTV community will feel free to reach out to me with both new ideas and issues we can address.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers

<b>President:</b>	<b>Judith Levy</b> , Winterberry Pl (2023-2026; Bd member since 2020)
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Mark Steinbach</b> , Thoreau Drive (2023 –2026; Bd member since 2022)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>JJ Gruehl</b> , Thoreau Dr (2020-present; Bd member since 2020)
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Rick Rider</b> , Beech Tree Rd (2022-present; Bd member since 2022)

## **Directors**

**Jane Meleney Coe**, Pawtucket Rd (Secy 2016-2019; original Bd member since 2007)

**Kathleen Donahoe**, (2023 – 2026; Bd member since 2023)

**Liane Dorsey**, (2023 – 2026; Bd member since 2023)

**Elise Browne Hughes**, (2023 – 2026; Bd member since 2023)

**Greg Robison**, Sebago Road (2023 – 2026; Bd member since 2023)

**Paul Skrabut**, Amy Lane (2023 – 2026; Bd member since 2023)

**Wendy Williams**, Beech Tree Rd (original Bd member since 2007)

**Director Emeritus Odile Jennings**, Beech Tree Rd. (original Bd member since 2007)

## **PREVIOUS BOARD MEMBERS**

Nancy Aronson, Winterberry Place	2008 – 2023 (Pres 2016 – 2017; VP 2020-2021)
Rhoda Barish, Sebago Road	2015-2022 (Pres 2017-19; VP 2016-17)
Kevin Barry, Cayuga Avenue	2018-2020 (VP 2019-20)
Jay Bedell, Beech Tree Road	2022
Ed Berger, Thoreau Drive	2020-2023
Joanne Brainard, Thoreau Drive	2011-2023
Tom Dahl, Beech Tree Road	2010-2015
Barbara Filner, Richard Drive	2007-2009 (Founding Bd member)
Rich Frisch, Thoreau Drive	2017-2020 (Secy 2019-20)
Anne Golightly, Winterberry Lane	2009-2016 (Pres 2014-16)
Katy Greenberg, Beech Tree Road	2014-2016
Naomi Greenwood, Beech Tree Road	2010-2015
Beth Isen, Cayuga Avenue	2010-2011
Leslie Kessler, Deep Creek Court	2007-2015 (Founding Pres 2007-12)
Iris Kesterman, Winterberry Court	2013-2014 (Secy 2013-14)
Maryim Mujahid, Beech Tree Road	2017-2019 (Treas 2017-19)
Marli Pasternak, Burning Tree Rd	2016-2022 (Pres 2019-21; VP 2017-19)
Amy Rider, Burning Tree Rd	2007-2023 (Pres 2021-2023; Sec 2020-2021, Treas 2007-2017; orig Bd member)
Harry Rosenberg, Richard Drive	2007-2010 (Founding VP 2007)
Lisa Sams, Honesty Drive	2013-2015 (VP 2014)
Virginia Strasser, Beech Tree Road	2013-2016 (Secy 2014-16)
Allan Williams, Beech Tree Road	2007-2010 (orig Bd member)

**We are grateful for the services of our previous Board members.**

## OUR MISSION

Burning Tree Village is a charitable organization created primarily to provide support for our older neighbors who'd like to remain in their homes as long as possible. The Village also supports those adults who may be in a temporarily precarious position due to illness or accident. We also welcome new neighbors and offer a way for them to become actively involved in community activities.

Our Motto is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." We accomplish our goals through volunteer activities, educational and social programs, and partnerships with other individuals and organizations that complement our volunteer activities. By engaging all residents in these activities, BTV enhances the quality of life of the entire community across all age groups.

## OUR BOUNDARIES

Burning Tree Village currently includes the approximately 700 homes in the area delimited by River Road, Wilson Lane, Springer Road, Thoreau Drive up to Woodhaven Blvd., the six houses on Woodhaven up to Melody Lane, Melody Lane, Burning Tree Road to the bridge, and Beech Tree Road up to River Road. The neighborhoods are sometimes known as Burning Tree Valley, Cohasset, Maryknoll, and Frenchman's Creek.

The streets included, in addition to the ones listed above, are Algonquin Avenue, Amy Lane, Arnet Lane, Cayuga Avenue, Deep Creek Court, Fulbright Court, Honesty Drive, Honesty Way, Kenfield Court, Loring Court, Loring Drive, Maryknoll Avenue, Massena Road, Meadowlark Lane, Melody Court, Paloma Court, Pawtucket Road, Richard Drive, Sebago Road, Summer Mill Court, Wahly Drive, and Winterberry Court, Lane, and Place.





## ANNUAL EVENTS

**Memorial Day Walk:** One of the most successful events each year has been the Memorial Day Walk in memory of those who have died while serving in our military. The Walk is



advertised by flyers, e-mail announcements, and street signs posted at various street corners in the neighborhood. Neighbors gather in front of Burning Tree Elementary School and participate in either a short walk or long walk, including babies in strollers and dogs on leashes. Afterwards, participants socialize while enjoying refreshments. After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was especially meaningful to be able to participate in this event again in 2022, and it was even better attended in 2023.



**Fourth of July Parade:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, a longstanding neighborhood tradition, is always great fun. In the past, we had a parade from Winterberry Court to Burning Tree Park led by the Rescue Squad. Due to the extreme heat and humidity at that time of year, in recent years we have met at Burning Tree Park with a parade



around the BT Elementary School circle. After a two-year hiatus, everyone was happy to participate once again in this event in the summer of 2022. About 40 neighbors of all ages (and their pets) celebrate together with appetizers, refreshments, desserts, and games. The Rescue Squad Emergency Vehicles and Firetrucks continue to join us, and as a special treat the Rescue Squad allows children to board vehicles and learn about rescue work.





### **Halloween Parade:**

Since traditional Trick or Treating was upended by the pandemic, in October 2020, several neighbors organized a neighborhood Halloween parade where children dressed in costumes marched together through the neighborhood, accompanied by their parents. Neighbors greeted them with tables on their lawns filled with candy and treats. The event was so successful that it took place again in 2021 and everyone agreed it should become an annual event even in the absence of a pandemic! BTV happily co-sponsors this event because it brings joy not just to the children, but all neighbors watching them parade in costume.



## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Burning Tree Village residents show their care and concern for the community by spearheading or participating in community projects. During the past year we have restarted or supported several community projects, including:

**Transportation – Village Rides:** BTV has restarted a volunteer ride coordination system in villages across our County that provides escorted, door-to-door transportation seven days a week when rides are needed, and volunteers are available. The program provides a centralized process to match volunteer drivers with transportation requests. Volunteer drivers with vetted driving records provide rides to older residents or other adults who need assistance to be able to get to medical appointments, shopping, etc. Mark Steinbach (Thoreau) coordinates the Village Rides program for BTV.





**Tech Coaching:** A grant program from DOROT enabled BTV to begin providing free tech coaching to our senior neighbors. Tech Coaches are trained and paired with “Late Technology Adopters” to address technical questions and hands-on practice using various computer skills and cell phone applications. Alison Frich (Thoreau Drive) coordinates this program and matches up Tech Coaches with Late Technology Adopters.



**Village Care Manager:** This recent position is a Montgomery County Pilot program that aims to Help Older Adults Live Safely at Home. The Village Care Manager is a social worker who will visit to identify care needs. It is free for residents who live in a county village. For more information go to the home page of this website. Contact Amy Rider (Beech Tree Road) if you would like a referral or have any questions. Your privacy will be protected.

**SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Front Yard Fridays:** These neighborhood gatherings began in the Spring of 2018. Front Yard Fridays are a casual gathering of neighbors young and old on summer Friday evenings and a great way to see old friends and meet new. Our hosts offer their front yard, a few chairs, and some snacks and beverages. Guests drop by bringing conversation, bikes, toys, or games, and perhaps another chair. Additional snacks and drinks are



welcome. Dates are circulated each Spring and volunteer hosts are always needed. This event was enthusiastically welcomed back in June 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Please contact [board@burningtreevillage.org](mailto:board@burningtreevillage.org) to sign up as a host and be sure to stop by to meet your neighbors.



**Garden Club Wine, Cheese & Cider Party:** Held in October each year, the neighborhood Garden Club kicks off Fall with this wonderful annual party mutually supported by BTV. Everyone in the neighborhood is invited to attend. 50 BTV residents attended this year's party, which was held in Norma Bell and John Greuhl's back yard (Thoreau Drive).





**Jamie Raskin Book Signing:** On Wednesday, May 25, 2023, BTV hosted a book-signing event with U.S. House of Representatives Congressman Jamie Raskin featuring his latest book, Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth, and the Trials of American Democracy. Congressman Raskin talked about his book, followed by a meet & greet book-signing. The event took place in the backyard of Burning Tree Village residents who kindly hosted the event. Congressman Raskin represents our 8th District in the U.S. Congress, served on the House Special Committee to Investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol, and is a professor emeritus of constitutional law at American University.



**Holiday Market:** Last November BTV partnered with Brenda Lanham West (Winterberry Place) to host a community event at which 42 local vendors offered holiday-related items, jewelry, clothing, food, and other products for sale.





**Scouting Against Global Hunger:** Arun Acharya (Winterberry Road), a junior at Walt Whitman High School, asked BTV to support his project to meet qualifications for becoming an Eagle Scout. BTV joined other charitable organizations to *“Donate to help refugees coming to the United States from various places like Central America, Afghanistan, and Myanmar. Most refugees don’t have homes or resources to survive. ... contributions could help a family...who took refuge in America.”* The scouts placed boxes at nine BTV collection sites, which collected 1,015 pounds of food, 1,145 items of clothing, 64 pairs of shoes, 65 toys, 50 small appliances, and 25 pieces of furniture. All items were assembled centrally, sorted by Arun’s Troop, and distributed by Arun and his father to more than 75 refuge families. Partially due to this very successful project Arun was awarded his Eagle Scout badge in October.



## **EDUCATIONAL EVENTS AND SERVICES**

**Unresolved Financial Decisions:** On Sunday, September 26, 2021, BTV sponsored a zoom presentation by Barbara Multz, VP and Senior Trust Officer at Sandy Spring Trust and an attorney with extensive experience in elder law, especially in senior financial issues. She discussed organizing important details and documents family members need both while their seniors are still here and after they have passed.

**Medicare Open Enrollment:** On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, BTV sponsored a Zoom presentation by Rafael Espinoza, Director of the Montgomery County State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Mr. Espinoza reviewed annual Medicare Plan and Plan D changes, including Premium changes, and dropped and added medications. Each year from October 15 – December 7 Medicare recipients can join, switch, or drop their Part C or Part D plan. He covered Open Enrollment, how to compare plans, and other information needed by enrollees, their families, and their caregivers.

**Keeping Seniors Safe: Scams, Fraud, and Financial Exploitation:** On Sunday, January 9, 2022, BTV sponsored a Zoom presentation by Sally Pessin, a member of the Montgomery County Police Department Volunteer Services Section’s Keeping Seniors Safe (KSS) Team. Her presentation covered how to be more aware of safety issues and provided resources

regarding these issues. It focused on how to avoid becoming victims of scams and fraud from phone calls, door-to-door solicitations, the internet, snail mail, email, and other sources.

**Medicare: Who, What, When, and How:** On Thursday, February 17, 2022, BTV sponsored a second Medicare-related Zoom presentation by Rafael Espinoza. Mr. Espinoza discussed what Medicare covers, how enrollment periods work, eligibility requirements, costs, and additional coverage options, and detailed the services SHIP offers to Montgomery County residents and the Medicare savings programs available to residents with limited income and resources.

**Financial Decisions:** On Sunday, October 2, 2022, BTV sponsored a second Zoom presentation by Barbara Mulitz, who led a discussion about retirement income sources including annuities, bond ladders, social security, IRAs, and total return withdrawals.

**Aging Solo Seminars:** On Thursday, October 20, 2022, Judy Levy held the first Zoom session of Iona Senior Service's Aging Solo Program. This program defines people who are "aging solo" as "Individuals who, by choice or circumstance, function without the support system traditionally provided by family...Aging Solo is not about the absence of friends or family, but about the availability and quality of support when needs arise related to health crises and end-of-life decisions." Through six sessions this program helps seniors build social and support networks, face challenges in later life, and make informed health care decisions and end of life choices. Judy has since facilitated two additional Aging Solo Seminars. During the latest program Jim Resnick, Retired Battalion Chief and member of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services' Community Risk Reduction staff, discussed Fire Prevention and File of Life preparation.

**Kazakhstan and it's Central Role in Eurasian History:** On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, BTV supported the Cohasset Home and Garden Club's Zoom presentation by Raju Kocharekar of the key role Kazakhstan has played historically and geographically as an important nation along the Silk Road at the center of Eurasia. Mr. Kocharekar has traveled the world to study many cultures after retiring from the World Bank.

**10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia:** On Sunday, February 26, 2023, BTV arranged for a community educator with the Alzheimer's Association to present information on Alzheimer's and other cognitive issues. This Zoom presentation covered common warning signs, the benefits of early detection/diagnosis, and community resources. Visit [www.alz.org/CRE](http://www.alz.org/CRE) to explore related educational programs.

**How to Buy a Car or Truck for a Fair Price (While Avoiding Dealer Traps and Tricks):** On

April 30, 2023, BTV Vice President Mark Steinbach, a consumer attorney, offered a well-attended presentation via Zoom on how to be a smart car buyer. Price increases for both new and used vehicles – as well as rising interest rates – have made it difficult for many consumers to find a vehicle they can afford. Mark offered tips on how to avoid dealer traps and



tricks, how to obtain favorable auto financing, how to handle dealers who add various inflated charges for highly profitable products that consumers haven't requested, pros and cons of traditional internal combustion engines versus electric vehicles, of leasing versus buying a vehicle, and other important car buying issues.

**INTEREST GROUPS AND CLUBS**

During the pandemic BTV continued to support community interest groups and clubs via Zoom. After a two-year hiatus we are thrilled to once again be able to conduct these events in person. Both Zoom and in-person events are announced via MailChimp, alerts on our website, and as items in the weekly BTV newsletter.

**Lunch Bunch:** One of our most successful clubs usually meets on the first Friday of each month. Participants meet at a different local restaurant; rides to the restaurants are provided if needed. Everyone pays their own bill. Sandra Valderrama (Beech Tree Road) oversees this club and coordinates the arrangements.





**Ukulele Group:** Started in 2018 by Amy Rider (Beech Tree Road), who grew up in Hawaii, the Ukulele Group is for beginners and intermediate players who want to play this very popular instrument in a group. Group members learn basic ukulele strumming and chord patterns and sing songs together. The group continued to



meet virtually during the pandemic and met outside when feasible. It is once again meeting in person at Amy's house three Tuesdays a month, and a singalong has now been added on the first and third Wednesdays. A few loaner ukes are available. Performances are held at gatherings such as the Garden Club Holiday Potluck, and at birthday celebrations for BTV neighbors who have reached the milestone age of 90 or more. Contact: Amy Rider (Beech Tree Road).

**Knitting Group:** The Knitting Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at the home of one of the participants. Up to 10 participants bring their knitting, crocheting or embroidery and work at their hobby while chatting and trading the news of the day. Individual knitting projects have ranged from simple scarves and baby blankets to complex balaclavas and sweaters. Contact: Kathy Peterson (Thoreau Drive).



**Spanish Conversation**

**Group:** This group is for beginning, intermediate, and advanced speakers interested in reading books and conversing in Spanish. Two native speakers living in our BTV neighborhood – Emma Carrizosa (from Columbia) and Paula Litvak (from Chile) - welcome and assist beginning and intermediate speakers as the group practices the language, expands their Spanish vocabulary, and



better understands grammar and expressions. Contacts: Emma Carrizosa (Beech Tree Road) and Paula Litvak (Thoreau Drive).

**Garden Club:** BTV also supports the oldest club in the neighborhood, founded in 1968, long before Burning Tree Village was formed. Its formal name is the Cohasset Home and Garden Club as the founders lived in the Cohasset area (Sebago, Cayuga et al.) In those days, the members, all women, were listed by their married names with first names in parentheses. (Perhaps they also wore white gloves when going out!) They wrote a formal constitution in 1977. The club's first Wine and



Cheese neighborhood party was held on October 13, 1979, at the end of Cayuga, and except during the COVID years has been held annually ever since. This year, for the first time, the party moved from the Cayuga cul-de-sac to Norma Bell and John Greuhl's backyard on Thoreau. At recent club meetings guest speakers have talked about frogs and toads, beekeeping, and garden and plant care. Members have enjoyed field trips to Hillwood and will once again have a holiday potluck. Contact: Wendy Williams (Beech Tree Rd).



**Hospitality/Sunshine Committee.** Committee members visit neighbors who have recently undergone medical operations or are recovering from recent illness to “spread sunshine” by dropping off a small houseplant and get-well card. It also coordinates with the Ukulele Group to assemble at the homes of neighbors turning 90 or more years old to sing Happy Birthday. Contact: Wendy Williams (Beech Tree Road).



## **VOUNTEER SERVICES**

**Our Volunteers:** We have approximately 100 volunteers in the neighborhood. Some are more active than others, but all feel the spirit of helping their neighbors and supporting the village idea of participating in the community in which we live. Some volunteers help by distributing BTV materials on their streets. Others offer their homes to host our social events, club meetings, or seminars. Volunteers may serve on our Board and committees, drive our neighbors to medical appointments or to the grocery stores, visit the elderly or sick or check on them by telephone or e-mail, and aid with computers, paperwork, or medical claims. They might help with light household chores, such as replacing lightbulbs and shoveling the snow and ice off the sidewalks of our elderly neighbors.

**Neighbor Net:** Since the fall of 2012, Burning Tree Village has supported the creation of local Neighbor Nets - groups of two or three immediate neighbors who are being especially mindful of a nearby older person or neighbor recovering from an injury, surgery or desiring other types of informal assistance. The intent is to be friendly visitors or callers rather than providing regular services, and to check on neighbors when there are storms, power outages, or other urgent situations. Having such a supportive group can be a great relief to an older person’s adult children, who may or may not live nearby. It can also be a great relief to neighbors who care and are concerned about someone but do not realize that there are others willing to be supportive. The point is to be caring and unintrusive. Sometimes the support is for a short time to help with recovery and/or transitions; other times it is longer term.



Over the years, these Neighbor Nets in our area have learned to tap into existing more informal arrangements and letting people know who may be willing and able to be supportive. As of September 2023, there are about 85 households with residents over 70 years of age in our Village. Many seem to be doing just fine on their own. There are currently 12 people Neighborhood Nets are paying special attention to, and 54 families they are mindful of. BTV encourages all long term and newly arrived BTV residents to participate in a Neighbor Net, either on the receiving or on the giving end. Contact; Jane Coe (Pawtucket Road).

## **COMMUNICATION SERVICES**

**The Newsletter:** The **Burning Tree Village Services Exchange** is one way we share community concerns and resources, announce upcoming events, and make recommendations or requests about various services. It is sent every Wednesday via email to all residents, except for a few who prefer to receive it monthly in print. The purpose is to enhance our neighborliness and sense of community by increasing our awareness of resources in the neighborhood, to enable us to use the services provided or recommended by neighbors, to enjoy hobbies together, and to be helpful and supportive of one another as the need, occasion, or opportunity arises. The newsletter also lists the young people in the neighborhood who offer baby-sitting, pet care or plant care services, leaf-raking, and snow shoveling. To put an announcement or recommendation in the Services Exchange, contact Jane Coe (Pawtucket Road).

**The Neighborhood Directory and Directory of Services:** Every three years in the past we have prepared a new Directory of the BTV residents. It is very useful to be able to look up the telephone number of any neighbor in the neighborhood, by name or by street. Some of our volunteers help check new residents moving into the neighborhood to correct old listings. Contact Jane Coe (Pawtucket Road). Every three years we have also published a directory of previous recommendations for a whole range of local services, so that if you need a plumber, or a roofer, or a handyman or a lawn care provider, you can get a list of people others in the neighborhood recommend. It includes lists of many other services, including doctors, dentists, lawyers, beauty salons, exercise and fitness classes, nutritionists, pet care, dressmakers, therapists, and tutors.

***One note of caution:*** The Directories are prepared as a convenience for BTV residents. They should not be used for any form of solicitation or marketing. Doing so could threaten our 501(c)(3) charitable organization tax status. They should also not be shared with anyone outside BTV.

**On-Line Directories.** BTV is currently researching options for continuing to print a limited number of directories for those who still want them while moving to a secure, protected on-line directory that can be updated in real-time. The online directories would be accessible only to neighbors who request access and have been verified as BTV residents.

## OUR WEBSITE

BTV's website was started and maintained for years by our first webmaster, Wendy Williams's then 12-year-old granddaughter Ana Williams-Bergen. Ana (photo) has now graduated from Queen's College in Kingston, Ontario, and is working as an interviewer on Northland Public Radio. Rhoda Barish took over as webmaster after Ana, followed by Elise Browne Hughes. The website was updated in 2020 to a new platform. Current research is underway to expand the website to provide secure online access to future publications and data in addition to paper copy, and to enable searching for Neighborhood and Services Directory information online.



Please use [www.burningtreevillage.org](http://www.burningtreevillage.org) to find information about BTV, or learn about upcoming events and meeting, or make an online donation.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As of the end of September, 2023 BTV, Inc, a no-dues organization, had a checking account balance of \$12,592.74. In the past three years, total income from October 2020 to September 2023 was \$13,448.74 and listed expenses were \$13,260.28, a modest surplus of actual cleared expenses of \$188.46 during the past three years. Except for various donations including a small amount of Amazon Charity distributions and the fee we received from sponsoring the Holiday Market in 2022, the distribution of our publications which included a request for donations generated 86% of BTV's income these past three years.

## **OUR EXPENSES**

Burning Tree Village services are free to all. We have no dues because we do not want resource constraints to be a barrier to participating or receiving services. However, we do have expenses which sometimes recur every year including:

- Printing costs for publications, directories, signs, flyers, and annual reports.
- Insurance for our volunteers and directors.
- Events costs (rent, speaker fees, refreshments, signs, paper plates & cups).
- Website expenses – design and maintenance.
- Zoom expenses for online meetings, seminars, and gatherings best done remotely.
- Dues for our membership in umbrella or sister associations: Village to Village Network and Washington Area Villages (WAVE).
- Postage and office supplies

***BTV depends on voluntary contributions to pay our expenses.***

***Thank you to all our wonderful neighbors, friends, businesses, and organizations who have donated money or in-kind products or services. We are grateful to you who continue to support our mission through your donations and volunteerism.***

***We are a 501(c)3 corporation and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.***

***To donate by credit or debit card via our secure link, go to the homepage at this website, then to the DONATE tab.***

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P.O. Box 449  
Cabin John, MD 20818-0449***

***Or hand deliver your check or cash to our corporate office at:***

***Burning Tree Village, Inc.  
c/o Amy Rider  
8404 Beech Tree Road  
Bethesda, MD 20817.***





## ***Neighbors Helping Neighbors***

**You are part of Burning Tree Village, a non-profit organization whose goal is to foster a caring, supportive, and friendly atmosphere in our community.**

**Contact us to join our activities, request services, or volunteer to help.**

**We look forward to your participation!**

**Burning Tree Village, Inc.**

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