



Nominee for Bradmoor Neighborhood Association
At-Large Position: Gwenn Klingler

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My husband Jerry and I lived on McKinley Street in the late 70's and early 80's when he was a Research Associate in the cancer institute at NIH. We rented our house from Suburban Hospital! Our daughter was born at Suburban Hospital and our son was later born at Navy Medical. They went to Bradley Elementary through 3rd and 2nd grade, respectively. While they were there I became actively involved in the effort to keep Bradley School open, because the school superintendent said there was "no choice except to close Bradley." I remember going up to Rockville for school board meetings with other parents, and we successfully won! After that the school was renamed Bradley Hills.

We moved away in 1981 when my husband accepted a dermatology position in Springfield, IL. We kept our house in case we didn't like the move, but we ended up renting it for over 30 years! In Springfield, I was elected to the school board, and later to city council. Many of the issues I see in the Bradmoor Neighborhood Association I also saw as an alderman. Later I served four terms as a state representative.

About three years ago, Jerry decided to retire from his active solo dermatology practice and he wanted to move back to Bethesda. Now he is working just two days a week at Fort Meade. We began a remodeling project so that we would have room for our children and five grandchildren when they come to visit. We have been back for two years, and I am eager to be more involved in our community