



# The Mapleleaf

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## Meeting:

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**7:30 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion  
5417 W. Cedar Ln.  
Bethesda, MD 20814

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Presentation by Mr. Joe Corona, Outreach Coordinator for the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security (45 minutes)

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Pooks Hill Marriott Development Update (5 minutes)

Maplewood Village Update (5 minutes)

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## MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to begin by wishing all residents of Maplewood a healthy and prosperous 2016!

January finds us with an important task of finding two replacements for key Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) communications volunteer positions: **Delivery Coordinator** for our Mapleleaf Newsletter and a **Webmaster** for the MCA website. See below for details.

Lynne Joseloff has done an outstanding job for the past two years as delivery coordinator of the newsletter. This position needs to be filled in time for the March 2016 hand delivered issue.

Christine Maalouf has served as the webmaster for the MCA website for the last three years having recreated it and updated it. This position is open immediately.

The duties of both volunteer positions could be fulfilled by other means. We could mail the newsletter five times a year instead of just

once. But the neighborliness of having fellow residents hand-deliver the newsletter would be lost. In addition, MCA would have to absorb the cost of postage for each of the 954 newsletters that would have to be mailed.

Similarly, we could "contract out" the website. But this again would involve the expenditure of funds for this service and we might not have as much control over the website and the update of its content.

While the weather this winter so far has been mild and no snowstorms are yet predicted, it is always wise to be prepared. Our guest speaker at the January 20<sup>th</sup> MCA meeting will be Mr. Joe Corona from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. I hope that many of you will attend the meeting.

Allen



## SEARCH IS ON FOR TWO MCA VOLUNTEERS

**MAPLELEAF NEWSLETTER DELIVERY COORDINATOR:** Lynne Joseloff, the current delivery coordinator, e-mails her list of volunteer deliverers and assigns routes with route maps for the hand delivery of the September, November, March and May issues. The January issue is typically mailed to all residents due to anticipated winter weather. If you are interested in this volunteer position or have questions, please e-mail Lynne at [ljoseloff@yahoo.com](mailto:ljoseloff@yahoo.com) as soon as possible.

**MCA WEBSITE WEBMASTER:** Duties for the new webmaster would include uploading minutes of MCA meetings sent to the webmaster by MCA officers and updating meeting announcements. The webmaster would have carte blanche to revamp the website as necessary for communication purposes. Please e-mail Christine at [maplewoodcitizens@gmail.com](mailto:maplewoodcitizens@gmail.com) if you are willing to fill the webmaster volunteer position or if you would like additional information.



## APRIL 2016 "SPRING FLING"

The MCA's 2016 'Spring Fling', is scheduled to be held from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Sunday, April 24th, at The Rock Creek Knights of Columbus mansion on West Cedar Lane in Bethesda.

The MCA's Social Committee will convene for the first of two or three meetings, on Saturday, January 30th, at Chip and Sherry Brennan's home at 9321 Corsica Drive. All present and past Committee members are welcome. Any MCA resident who would like to help plan the event is also encouraged to attend. The Committee welcomes your ideas, suggestions, input, critiques and advice. Please RSVP to Chip at [etbrennanjr@hotmail.com](mailto:etbrennanjr@hotmail.com) if you are able to attend this first planning session.

From *The Mapleleaf*  
Archives of 1955:

### MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

For new residents of Maplewood it may be well to consider what the Maplewood Citizens' Association is, and what it has accomplished.

Our Association was born in 1949, as result of the necessity for protecting our property from the encroachment of apartments. Since that time there have been eleven specific instances in which our Association has participated in defeating proposals which would have permitted apartments in or near Maplewood. Four times the property known as the Parker Tract at Wisconsin Avenue and Cedar Lane has been the subject of rezoning (five times if you count the recent petition for reconsideration). Because of our type of presentation, the full support of all the people in Maplewood, and the cooperation of our neighboring Associations, we have been successful, - but the fight is not yet over, we fear.

The Association meets only four times a year, - the third Wednesday in September, November and March, and the first Wednesday in May. The annual dues are \$1.00 per household.

Through the efforts of the Association 90 pink dogwood trees have been planted to further beautify our landscape. A large portion of the ground was treated with spore powder to kill beetles. We have participated in the Civil Defense Program of the County. On occasion we have queried candidates for the County Council on subjects which were of peculiar interest to our neighborhood.

The black-top walk from the end of Kingsley Avenue to the Alta Vista School was installed due to the efforts of our Association.

We have been active in endeavoring to get a recreation center for this area, - a project we hope to see completed shortly.

Busses were prevented from running on Locust Avenue and thereby creating a traffic hazard.

Poor electric power service (long power failures) has been brought vigorously to the attention of the company, and at least partially corrected.

On Christmas Eve we meet to sing carols throughout the neighborhood, a custom which has grown in popularity with the passing years.

Through our membership in the Montgomery Civic Federation and our delegates thereto, we keep informed on the latest developments in the County.

What do we ask of the new residents, as well as the old, in Maplewood? (1) an intelligent and abiding interest in your community; (2) active participation in the affairs of the Association and other civic organizations; (3) attendance at our meetings, where you may get to know and enjoy the fellowship of your neighbors.

8/10/55



### "All Hands on Deck" March 2016 Neighborhood Helpers List

Our popular Helpers List will be published with the March 2016 Mapleleaf newsletter. Maplewood students age 12 and up who would like to be included on the updated list are requested to contact Susan Chacko no later than 28 February 2016. The preferred method to contact Susan is via email at [susan.chacko@gmail.com](mailto:susan.chacko@gmail.com); her telephone number is 301 -530-8601. Thanks to Susan for volunteering to be in charge of the list; she knows the benefit of it as her children were on the list in years past.

## Maplewood Village Update—January 2016

Maplewood neighbors are getting to know each other through a wide range of activities. We started a Village Welcome program to meet new arrivals and share information about our neighborhood and the MCA.

Here are a couple of January activities:

Silent Reading and Social Night. Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at Mary Jo Deering’s house, 9604 Page Ave. Thirty minutes of socializing, then a “quiet hour” for reading whatever you’ve brought along, then a bit more social time. RSVP by 1/17 to: [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net) or 301-530-4987.

“Soup Swap,” Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> 4 – 6 p.m., at Mary Jo Deering’s home, 9604 Page Ave. If you’d like to bring a big batch of your favorite soup (and its recipe) to share and exchange, please RSVP to ([mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net); or 301 530-4987) by 1/27. You can just come at the beginning to take home some soup for your family’s Sunday supper, or stay and make a meal with us.

Contact information for ongoing activities are given below.

Knitting Group. The neighborhood knitting group just met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you’d like to bring your project to the group’s next gathering (TBD), please contact Sandi Komarow at [skomarow@covad.net](mailto:skomarow@covad.net).

Walking Groups start at the entrance to Maplewood Park on Alta Vista Rd at 9 a.m. Mondays and 9 a.m. Wednesdays. A Friday walking group meets at 9 a.m. the home of Marion Zatz, who lives at 5208 Camberley Ave. Street parking is restricted.

Game parties, pot lucks, other gatherings. Please contact [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net).

Garden & Plant Sharing Group. This group just met on January 9<sup>th</sup>. If you’d like join them next time (TBD), please contact Barbara Harrison at [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com).

Working Artists Group. Please contact Kathy Wiley at [kathypaints@verizon.net](mailto:kathypaints@verizon.net) or 301-493-4721.

Book Swap. Please contact Bob Meck at [mecks4@aol.com](mailto:mecks4@aol.com)

Feel free to contact Mary Jo Deering with questions or suggestions about Maplewood Village at [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net). Because we rely on the Maplewood listserv to communicate, we encourage you to sign up at [Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Please include your name and address.

### Emergency Preparedness for Your Home



The guest speaker at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Maplewood Citizens Association meeting will be Mr. Joe Corona, Outreach Coordinator for the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. This office plans, prevents, prepares and protects against major threats that may harm, disrupt or destroy our communities, commerce and institutions. Its mission is to effectively manage and coordinate the County’s unified response, mitigation, and recovery from the consequences of such disasters or events should they occur. It also serves as a resource to County residents on emergency preparedness for all hazards.

Mr. Corona will discuss the role of his office during an emergency and steps that you can take to ensure your family is better prepared should a disaster occur. He will also cover the four tenets of personal preparedness: Getting Informed, Making a Plan, Building a Kit, and Getting Involved.

**UNSURE if you ARE  
CURRENT ON YOUR  
MCA  
MEMBERSHIP DUES?**

**SEND AN EMAIL TO**

[treasurer@](mailto:treasurer@maplewoodcitizens.org)

[maplewoodcitizens.org](http://maplewoodcitizens.org)

**OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT  
THE MCA HOTLINE**

301-530-6080

**ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN HELPING DELIVER  
THE MAPLELEAF?**

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The Maplewood Citizens Association has been around for more than half a century. It provides a public forum to discuss neighborhood concerns, solve problems, and promote community.

Make Maplewood a better place to live — become a member or renew your membership today!

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM — Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE: New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$25 for one year, **September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016** payable by check to "MCA". Please send your completed membership form and check to: **Hugh Barteman, Treasurer, MCA, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, MD 20891-2483**

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