



The Mapleleaf

Meeting: **7:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

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

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

NIH Children's Day Triathlon (15 minutes)

Presentation on Maplewood Village Concept
(1 Hour)

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Spring Social Event 2014 and Approval of
Budget (10 minutes)

Procedures for Election of Officers for 2014 –
2015 (5 minutes)

Purchase of Laptop Computer for MCA Vote
(15 minutes)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I was younger, becoming "elderly" seemed a long way off. As I approach my 70th birthday, I begin to think that the term applies to me! Things that I could do easily are now more difficult – if not impossible.

I am also aware of Maplewood residents who are considerably older than I am. All of us share two things in common: the desire to remain independent for as long as possible and to have reliable and readily available assistance when needed.

Around the country—and in Montgomery County—"villages" have been established to address issues involving an aging population. These are not municipalities

but nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organizations that provide goods and services to elderly residents in a specific geographic area.

A group of Maplewood residents, led by Mary Jo Deering, are interested in establishing such a village within Maplewood or in conjunction with other nearby neighborhoods. Please see below for an update on this initiative. The majority of our March 19th MCA meeting will be devoted to a presentation and a question and answer session on this subject. I urge all Maplewood residents, young and old, to attend this important meeting.

Allen

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE..."

Thirteen people gathered March 4th, 2014 to learn about the concept of a "village" for Maplewood. Miriam Kelty, President of the Washington Area Village Exchanges (also president of Bannockburn Neighbors Assisting Neighbors) generated a lot of enthusiasm and questions by describing the wide variety of approaches. In short, no one size fits all, and villages grow organically out of the needs and interests of the community. Maplewood resident, Mary Jo Deering, who is leading the Maplewood exploration of the "village" concept has slides from Miriam's presentation and is happy to answer questions.

The next steps include a presentation to the MCA general meeting on March 19th (see Agenda) when we will be joined by Pazit Aviv, the new Montgomery County Village Coordinator. There will also be a table and information about "villages" at the Maplewood Citizens Association "Spring Fling" social on April 27th at the Rock Creek Mansion/Knights of Columbus. In the meantime, the "exploratory group" will meet again later this month (TBD) to continue the conversation about how to "grow" a village in Maplewood.

Contact Mary Jo at mdeering@starpower.net or 301-530-4987 if you would like to join the conversation or are interested in the slides.



“SPRING FLING” SOCIAL EVENT – April 27

On Sunday April 27, 2014 from 12-4 pm at the Rock Creek Mansion/Knights of Columbus property on Cedar Lane Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) will host a “Spring Fling”. There will be food, games and lots of fun for all ages! The event will be free to members of the MCA. A modest fee will be charged for nonmembers.

Mark your calendars now and watch for more information on this fabulous gathering with your neighbors!

If you would like to volunteer or have some good ideas to include in the festivities, please call Chip Brennan at 301-801-3539 or Sherry Brennan at 240-876-1677.

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

IF SO, EMAIL

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BRAC/WALTER REED TRAFFIC UPDATE

The following are highlights from the February 18, 2014 meeting of the Walter Reed BRAC Integration Committee meeting:

- Cedar Lane east of Rt. 355/Rockville Pike will be closed completely from mid-June through late August 2014 (during Montgomery County schools summer vacation) to allow Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) work on the culvert. Detour information will be forthcoming from SHA.



- a new traffic signal is planned at Cedar Lane and Elmhirst Parkway; Stone Ridge School will redirect its exit at that light. Actual construction and signal operations have yet to be determined.
- Utility relocation for W. Cedar Lane and Rt. 187/Old Georgetown Rd should begin later this spring, weather permitting.
- SHA is working on a retaining wall along Rt. 355 at Wilson Lane which has necessitated the closure into April of the (NIH) pedestrian path between Wilson Lane and Medical Center Metro.
- “Dynamic lane” signaling will be implemented in the coming weeks southbound on Rt. 355 just north of Jones Bridge Rd. The signal arms have been installed. The “dynamic lane” signaling is aimed at reducing congestion on Rt. 355 for southbound traffic turning left in the afternoon rush hour onto eastbound Jones Bridge Rd.

The next Walter Reed BRAC Integration Committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2014 at 7pm at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Service Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda.

Please send any Maplewood commuter feedback/issues to janet.maalouf@verizon.net. The Montgomery County BRAC website is a wealth of information and can be accessed at: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BRAC.



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Join the MCA Listserv

Send an email to maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and be sure to include your name and street address.

MCA ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of MCA officers for 2014-2015 will occur at the May membership meeting. MCA bylaws require the president to appoint a Nominations and Elections Committee in March. Barbara Harrison will be the Chair of the Committee this year. Barbara has served for 6 years as MCA Secretary, but is unable to continue with these duties next year.

On the basis of her experience as Secretary, she makes the following comments about being an MCA officer:

“I have been taking minutes for Maplewood meetings for six years now. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot about things that are going on in Maplewood and Bethesda, as well as to get to know some very dedicated neighbors. However, I am not able to continue next year. Minutes do not have to be as detailed as those I have taken. Basically a list of discussion topics and any decision or actions taken is sufficient.

The overall time burden is limited. Each year there are usually five general membership meetings and five executive committee meetings (held about three weeks before the general meeting). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions (301-896-0106).”

Nominations for all the officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer should be sent **before** April 28, 2014 to

Nominations and Elections Committee
 Maplewood Citizens Association
 P.O. Box 2483,
 Kensington, Maryland 20891-2483.

Before submitting a nomination, please verify that the nominee(s) is/are willing to serve.

Proposal to Purchase Laptop

The Executive Committee proposes that MCA purchase a laptop computer for the Treasurer’s use. Currently, he is using a 10 year old personally owned desktop model. Since he is running financial software on it and keeps track of the Membership Listing, a newer laptop dedicated to the Treasurer’s responsibilities would streamline the duties in a more secure and portable fashion. The laptop would be owned by the MCA and passed on to any future treasurer. The cost is anticipated to be less than \$400. We will be voting on this proposal at the March General Meeting.

NIH CHARITY EVENT: CHILDREN’S DAY TRIATHLON

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Recreation and Welfare Office is planning a triathlon for about 300 children ages 7 to 12 on Sunday June 8, 2014 in observance of National Children’s Day. The event will raise funds for NIH charities including the Children’s Inn.

The swimming and track events will take place at the YMCA. The planners propose a 2.5-mile bicycle course through portions of Maplewood. Streets currently proposed for the bicycle race are Beech, Kingsley, and Locust Avenues and

Alta Vista Road between Locust Avenue and Old Georgetown Road. However, the actual route may change. A representative from NIH will be at the March 19th MCA meeting to explain the event and hear any resident’s concerns.

**UNSURE if YOU ARE
 CURRENT ON YOUR MCA
 MEMBERSHIP DUES?
 SEND AN EMAIL TO
 treasurer@
 maplewoodcitizens.org
 OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT
 THE MCA HOTLINE
 301-530-6080**



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!

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, 2013 - August 31, 2014 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

GO TO WWW.MAPLEWOODCITIZENS.ORG TO PAY YOUR DUES VIA **PayPAL**.

"Grown At Home" in Maplewood

Would you like to have your own backyard edible garden?? The Compost Crew's new partner company, **Grown At Home**, is a full service vegetable garden installation and maintenance company. The Compost Crew's compost will be used by Grown At Home to help grow vegetables, fruits and herbs right at the customer's home. Check out Grown At Home at www.grownathomegardens.com or call 240-838-4717. All Maplewood "crew members" will receive a \$50 discount on Grown At Home installation fees.

Thirty two Maplewood "crew member" households are now participating in the 3 month food-waste recycling pilot program offered by The **Compost Crew**. We remember to leave our special bins out each Wednesday morning on average 90-95% of the time! Residents have been highly impressed with the reliability of the curb side pickup service despite this snowy winter. Any Maplewood household can become a "crew member" for \$16/month and will have will have the option of signing up for one year at \$176 which includes one free month. Contact Brian Flores at brian@thecompostcrew.com for further details; www.compostcrew.com. Additional compost is available for purchase above and beyond the free compost that comes with being a "crew member".

Neighborhood Watch

Make the Call! Emergency: 911 or Police non-emergency: 301-279-8000 in your area.

REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND/OR VEHICLES TO POLICE IMMEDIATELY.

Get to know your neighbors and share suspicious activity information.

Report anyone looking into residences or parked vehicles.

Do not open your door to anyone you do not know.

Register with Alert Montgomery to be notified of incidents

Secure your residence: lock all exterior doors and all windows; have adequate lighting at night; trim bushes, trees, or shrubbery near windows and doors; make sure house numbers are visible from the street; if you have a house alarm, use it.

To schedule a FREE home security survey of your residence, call or email your Community Services Officer Dana Stroman (240-876-1277) or dana.stroman@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Secure your vehicle: lock the doors; remove all valuables; do not leave cash or change visible in vehicle; do not leave the spare keys to other vehicles parked at residence in vehicle.