



# The Mapleleaf

Meeting:

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion

5417 W. Cedar Ln.

Bethesda, MD 20814

## AGENDA

### **CALL TO ORDER**

**Presentation:** Donna Mason and Kathleen Stobie from the Montgomery County Vital Living Network (45 minutes)

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**Secretary's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Neighborhood Watch Update** – Allison Peppelman (5 minutes)

**Approval of Budget For April 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Social Event** (5 minutes)

**Creation of A Dog Park at Maplewood – Alta Vista Park** (15 minutes)

**Maplewood Village Report** – Mary Jo Deering (5 minutes)

### **ADJOURN**

#### **MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Although it has been a very mild winter, as the days lengthen and we return to Daylight Savings Time, the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) is gearing up for our spring activities. First and foremost will be our annual "Spring Social" on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. An afternoon of fun-filled activities for young and old has been planned by our Social Committee and co-chaired once again by Chip and Sherry Brennan.

At its May meeting, MCA will elect officers for the 2017 – 2018 membership year. I have asked Barbara Harrison to chair the Nominations and Elections Committee. Nominations for Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see separate announcement on page 2 for details.

The St. Jane de Chantal Home and School Association has scheduled its biennial run/walk through Maplewood on

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The race will start at 8:00 a.m. and affect several roads in Maplewood. See page 2 for details.

A resident of Maplewood has requested that MCA explore the idea of a **dog park at the Maplewood – Alta Vista Park**. This matter is on the agenda for discussion at the March 15<sup>th</sup> MCA general meeting which is open to all. Please see below for additional details.

Representatives from the Montgomery County Vital Living Network will provide information on Montgomery County resources available to people over the age of 50. Please refer to page 4 for details on this presentation.

Welcome to spring! I look forward to seeing many of you at the general meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. All residents are invited to attend!

Allen

## **DOG PARK ON ALTA VISTA ROAD?**

A member of the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) has requested MCA to consider asking the Department of Parks to create a dog park on a portion of the Maplewood – Alta Vista Park. This would be a fenced area where dogs would be permitted to run free off of their leashes. A possible location for the park would be along the sidewalk on Alta Vista Road between the road and the hillside of the Maplewood – Alta Vista playing field. The first step in considering this idea will be a discussion at the March 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting. All Maplewood residents who have an interest in this subject are urged to attend the discussion and to voice their opinions. If you are unable to attend and wish to register your viewpoint, please leave your name, contact information and a message on the MCA hotline, 301-530-6080 no later than March 31, 2017.

### **SPEAKING OF DOGS.....**

#### **Good Neighbor Policy**

Discarded poop bags have been seen on the streets of Maplewood. Please be aware of your dog's "activities" on a walk (no "distracted talking" with neighbors) and please take the "memento" home for disposal.

Your dog's poop is your property to be disposed of at your house and not in your neighbor's garbage can.

Be it known that Maplewood loves its canine residents (and cats, too, for that matter)!





## ***The Mapleleaf is looking for a new editor!***

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/PUBLICATION COORDINATOR

Do you like: communicating...coordinating... editing ... writing....meeting deadlines?

You are needed! This is a great position to add to your resume and perhaps learn a new skill.

The current editor is "retiring" from the position and would love to see a new volunteer assume responsibility for this MCA publication beginning with the May or September issue. The newsletter is published in September, November, January, March and May.

Please contact Janet Maalouf at [janet.maalouf@verizon.net](mailto:janet.maalouf@verizon.net) if interested.



## **De Chantal Race/Walk on April 8, 2017**

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m., the St. Jane de Chantal Home and School Association will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> De Chantal Dash through Maplewood. Streets on which the race/walk will be held are Forest Road, Beech Avenue, Linden Avenue, Kingsley Avenue, Fresno Road, Benton Avenue, Chandler Street, Acacia Avenue, Locust Avenue, Alta Vista Road, Montgomery Drive, Forest Road and Forest Place as well as portion of the Bethesda Trolley Trail. Volunteers will direct traffic at intersections affected by the race, so stay alert.

## **DIGITAL RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT: THE LATEST INFO**

On January 19, 2017, the Montgomery County Council's Transportation and Environment Committee listened to Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) proposed tweaks to the digital residential permit parking system. Councilmembers in attendance were Roger Berliner, Nancy Floreen and Tom Hucker. Councilmember Berliner invited Allen Myers and Janet Maalouf to address the issue and to comment on the MCDOT tweaks. The Councilmembers clearly understood the frustration many Montgomery County residents are experiencing with the digital system and requested MCDOT to revisit the system and provide the County Council with its financial details.

As of February 24, 2017 the Division of Parking Management at MCDOT reports that discussions are still continuing between MCDOT and the offices of Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Tom Hucker on the digital residential parking permit system. It was agreed to allow the digital permit program to complete its transition in all 50 of the residential parking permit areas prior to making any changes. The final three neighborhoods that have yet to transition to the digital system are White Flint and Woodside Park (to convert at the end of March) and Seven Oaks (to convert at the end of April). So this issue is still a work in progress.

## **MCA ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Election of MCA officers for 2017 – 2018 is scheduled for the May MCA membership meeting. MCA bylaws require the MCA president to appoint a Nominations and Elections Committee in March. Please submit any nominations for MCA president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer to the Chair of the Committee, Barbara Harrison, via email to [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com) (subject line "Nominations and Elections Committee") or mail to Maplewood Citizens Association, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, Maryland 20891 no later than Monday, May 1, 2017. Please confirm that your nominee(s) is/are willing to serve prior to submitting the nomination(s).

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

**IF SO, LEAVE A  
MESSAGE ON THE  
MCA HOTLINE**

301-530-6080

## **Join the MCA Listserv**

**Send an email to [maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
and be sure to include your name and street address.**

## IS THE TRAFFIC FLOW BETTER NOW??

### BRAC RELATED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS STATUS

The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed construction on a \$16.1 million intersection improvement project on MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at Cedar Lane/West Cedar Lane.

"Thanks to area commuters, residents and businesses for their patience during construction," said SHA Administrator Gregory Johnson, P.E. More than 62,000 vehicles travel this section of Rockville Pike daily. This project was part of area Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) improvements near military installations and for neighboring communities. Crews will complete off-road fence installation work in the next few months. The contractor will landscape the area this spring."

The following is a February 27, 2017 response from the SHA Assistant District Engineer, Anyesha Mookherjee, regarding some intersection refinements raised by MCA at the January 10, 2017 BRAC Implementation Committee meeting:

"A Design Request requesting the modification of the north and southbound left turn phasing along MD 355 at Cedar Lane has been submitted to our Office of Traffic and Safety (OOTS) for their review and approval. We are requesting that it operate in flashing red phase during the off peak hours. Once it is approved, a timeline for designing and installing the modification will be established. I expect to hear back from OOTS very soon and will let you know accordingly.

Similarly, a Design Request requesting that one of the "left turn" signal heads be removed for the southbound left turn movement at MD 355 at Jones Bridge Road has also been submitted to OOTS and we are waiting to hear back from them.

I will need to follow up with the project manager for MD 187 at W. Cedar Lane regarding the need for additional lighting during the construction phase. "

Please send any comments/concerns on nearby intersection improvements to [janet.maalouf@verizon.net](mailto:janet.maalouf@verizon.net).

### MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE UPDATE

The Village is exploring the possibility of offering aging in place services such as transportation and meal delivery to our other activities. If you would like to help us look into these services, please contact Narda Ehrlich at 301-530-0412.

Join us to celebrate the early spring warmth with renewed energy! Our Garden and Plant Share Group will emerge from hibernation soon—contact Barbara Harrison at 301-896-0106 or [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com). The Walking Groups start at the entrance to Maplewood Alta Vista Park (Alta Vista Rd and Balfour Dr) at 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Kids and dogs welcome!

Just like the daffodils, "For Sale" signs are popping up all over. In 2016, Maplewood Visitors team members welcomed 67 new families to Maplewood sharing valuable information about the Village, MCA, and other neighborhood activities. If you would like to join the welcoming team, please contact Elissa Fisher at [Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net](mailto:Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net).

Silent Reading and Social Night. Bring that book or other reading material you have not had time to read. Socialize before and after the hour of quiet reading. Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Jo Deering, 9604 Page Ave. Please RSVP by March 26th to [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net) or 301-530-4987.

Knitting Group. If you would like to bring your project to the group's next gathering (TBD), please contact Sandi Komarow at [skomarow@covad.net](mailto:skomarow@covad.net).

Cookie/soup swaps, game parties, wine & cheese, other gatherings and groups. Please contact [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net) to be notified as plans develop or to suggest an event!

Get involved! 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, you are encouraged to sign up at [Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Please include your name and address. See photos on our Facebook page and "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/MaplewoodVillageBethesda/>



## MCA Annual SPRING SOCIAL

Sunday, April 30, 2017

It is that time of year again: the Maplewood Spring Social is scheduled for April 30, 2017 from 1-4 pm at The Rock Creek Knights of Columbus mansion on West Cedar Lane. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors, enjoy good food, listen to wonderful music & let the kids have a great time! Please refer to the flier in this newsletter for event details. A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus & the Estridge Group for their neighborly support.

## MCA WELCOMES SUGGESTIONS FOR TOPICS OF INTEREST AT ITS GENERAL MEETINGS.

Leave a message on the MCA hotline at 301-530-6080 or email  
Allen Myers at [almyers@starpower.net](mailto:almyers@starpower.net) with your suggestions.

## Neighborhood Watch

Volunteers are still needed for the Maplewood's Neighborhood Watch program! You likely have heard on our listserv that there was recently a break-in on Acacia Avenue. Thankfully, these types of crimes are infrequent in our neighborhood, but an active Neighborhood Watch program is an important tool when they do occur.



The Neighborhood Watch program is a network of neighbors looking out for each other—if someone notices something that seems strange, suspicious, or otherwise concerning, we can bring it to the attention of the police and share any pertinent information with each other—just as we often already do on our listserv, albeit in a slightly more organized form. The Neighborhood Watch program does NOT in any way ask any volunteers to “patrol” the neighborhood, confront a suspicious activity, etc— this is absolutely discouraged and is NOT at all part of the program.

In particular, volunteers are needed to be Neighborhood Watch liaisons (“Block Captains”). Block Captains share their contact information (name, phone number, email address) with a predetermined number (e.g. 10) of neighbors on their street/in close vicinity. If anyone experiences anything that would warrant a call to the police (a vehicle break-in, for example), they would also contact their Block Captain to share the information (after having called the police). When a Block Captain learns of something, they would pass that information along to the neighbors on their street and the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, and/or post it on the list-serve so that the community can be aware. The Neighborhood Watch Coordinator also works with a community liaison officer in the police department to keep track of any incidents and also to share any information from the police department with the neighborhood.

If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions about the program or volunteering, please contact Allison Peppelman at [aepelman@gmail.com](mailto:aepelman@gmail.com).

## Life Begins At 50!

### Montgomery County Vital Living Network Representatives

Presentation at March 15, 2017 MCA general meeting, Rock Creek Mansion/Knights of Columbus, 5417 W. Cedar Lane

The Vital Living Network is a voluntary group composed of professionals and others with an interest in aging. Its mission is to initiate, advocate for and support opportunities that engage and energize Montgomery County's 50+ populations. Donna Mason and Kathleen Stobie, representatives of this voluntary group, will provide information on resources available for the 50+ Generation including programs and services (most are free) in the areas of transitions, fitness and recreation, employment, meaningful volunteerism and lifelong learning. Montgomery County would like to be “A Community for a Lifetime”! For more information visit: [https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/Resources/Files/Vital-Living-Networker\\_2015.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/senior/Resources/Files/Vital-Living-Networker_2015.pdf).

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dues are \$25 for one year, September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017 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 OR through PayPal at [maplewoodcitizens.org](http://maplewoodcitizens.org).