



# The Mapleleaf

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## Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion

5417 W. Cedar Ln.

Bethesda, MD 20814

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

Presentation by Carla Larrick, Director, Bethesda YMCA- Capital Improvement Project (10 minutes)

Presentation by Beth Kane Davidson, Director of Johns Hopkins/Suburban Hospital Addiction Treatment Center (45 minutes)

### BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Establish Dues For The 2017 – 2018 Membership Year (5 minutes)

Election of Officers For The 2017 – 2018 Membership Year (10 minutes)

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NEXT MCA MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has come and summer will soon be upon us. But before Maplewood residents depart on their summer vacations, they have one important task to perform for their citizens association – election of officers. You will see the recommended slate of officers for 2017 – 2018 on page 2. You will also note that this is the same group of officers who have been serving MCA for many years. While all of us appreciate the opportunity to serve Maplewood and we enjoy the work, we would also like to share these experiences with fellow neighbors. Officer positions provide an excellent opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills. These skills also can benefit you professionally as

well as make our neighborhood a great place in which to live. My personal plans currently include a possible relocation to Florida in a few years. I would like to know that if I leave that I have left the MCA presidency in capable hands. Over the next year, please consider becoming an officer for 2018 - 2019.

May 17<sup>th</sup> will be our last scheduled meeting in this membership calendar year. September 27, 2017 will be the first meeting of the 2017-2018 calendar year. I want to wish all Maplewood residents a very pleasant and safe summer.

Allen

## MARYLAND GOVERNOR HOGAN DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR OPIOID CRISIS

MCA General Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:30pm at Rock Creek Mansion, 5417 W. Cedar Ln

Speaker: Beth Kane Davidson

Director of the Johns Hopkins/Suburban Hospital

Addiction Treatment Center

Beth Kane Davidson, Director of the Johns Hopkins/Suburban Hospital Addiction Treatment Center (301-896-6608), will be providing an overview of the world of alcohol and drug misuse and disorders that have led to what the U.S. Surgeon General has reported as "one of the most pressing public health crises of our time." Maryland Governor Hogan has declared a state of emergency for the opioid crisis in our state. Beth will describe the local alcohol and drug scene that our teens are up against, the opioid epidemic, the signs of substance abuse problems and what to do as parents, families and communities.

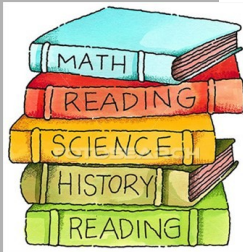
Beth has more than 35 years of experience in the addiction treatment field. She holds a Master's Degree in Education and an Advanced Graduate Studies Certificate in Addictions from Johns Hopkins University. She is a licensed professional counselor, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor and a Master's certified addiction counselor. Beth is well known throughout the region for her expertise in alcohol and substance abuse disorder treatment and her leadership in prevention education. She has been an expert guest on CNN, National Public Radio (frequently on the former Diane Rehm Show) and Washington metro area TV and radio. She is often interviewed for articles in The Washington Post, USA Today, US News & World Report, Washingtonian Magazine and many other local and national publications.

### MCA Officers and Dues For 2017 – 2018

Election of MCA officers for the next year will occur at the May general meeting. The Nominations and Elections Committee has proposed the following slate of officers: President, Allen Myers; Vice President, Mary Jo Deering; Secretary, Jo Batky; and Treasurer, Hugh Barteman. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

MCA bylaws require the membership to approve dues for the next membership year at its May meeting. The MCA Executive Committee is recommending that dues remain at their current \$25.00 per household. Members in attendance at the May general meeting will be asked to vote on this recommendation.

### French International School to Construct New Elementary School On Old Georgetown Road



The French International School (FIS), also known as Lycée Rochambeau, has purchased property at 9300 Old Georgetown Road and has entered into sales agreements for two additional properties at 9312 and 9320 Old Georgetown Road for the purpose of constructing a new elementary school. These properties are located in the Wyngate neighborhood. Security concerns, the cost of maintaining an aging building and the fact that Montgomery County Public Schools can reclaim the leased Rollingwood Elementary School building for its use have prompted FIS to make these plans to move its elementary school.

The new elementary school will have an enrollment of 550 students all of whom will be bused to

the new location. Parents will not be allowed to drop off or pick up children with two exceptions: medical emergency or if a student runs late and misses the bus. Currently, buses drop off students first at the Forest Road high school campus before proceeding to Rollingwood. Once the new elementary school is open, students will be first delivered to the Forest Rd campus followed by a stop at the Old Georgetown Rd campus. There will be one entrance/exit for the new school on Old Georgetown Road with a one-way traffic pattern. In the afternoon, students will first be picked up at the Forest Road campus followed by a stop at the Old Georgetown Road campus. FIS anticipates construction of the new school to begin in January 2020 and the school will be ready for students in the fall of 2021.

DEADLINE for September 2017 issue of NEIGHBORHOOD HELPERS LIST (for Maplewood students age 12 and up) is AUGUST 31. Please contact Susan Chacko at [Susan.chacko@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.chacko@gmail.com)

### Maplewood Dog Park Update

At the March 2017 MCA meeting, residents in attendance discussed the proposal by a fellow resident to establish a dog park at the Maplewood – Alta Vista Park. The membership deferred a vote on a specific dog park proposal pending a further review of possible alternative locations and to determine what position the Montgomery County Department of Parks and Recreation might take on the dog park idea. A meeting with the Department of Parks and Recreation has been requested to discuss the idea. A report on established County dog parks in our area will be posted to the MCA listserv in the near future.



### 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.

## NOTICE

### St. Jane de Chantal Church

For safety related issues caused by significant cut-through traffic, St. Jane de Chantal Church will be periodically closing its back entrance accessed via Forest Place.

## YMCA in Silent Phase of Capital Campaign

The YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase has been in the community on Old Georgetown Road since 1964 having started in East West Highway in 1944. In the 53 years on Old Georgetown Road, it has served individuals and families by teaching children to swim, providing safe summer camps, offering healthy living programs for adults and seniors plus a variety of other enrichment classes.

The building has aged and requires improved handicap accessibility. In 2015, the U.S. Census reported that 23% of our Montgomery County residents reported at least one disability. Steep stairs, narrow

hallways and small bathroom stalls are some challenges that affect mobility in the facilities.

In addition to its amenities that support active lifestyles, the YMCA is a place that offers a sense of community. To strengthen this commitment to community, the YMCA is currently in the silent phase of a capital campaign, assessing the current situation and pursuing a way to update its facilities and open its doors to everyone regardless of their physical abilities. Carla Larrick, Director of the Bethesda YMCA will make a brief presentation about their plans at the MCA May 17 general meeting.

## Pooks Hill Marriott Development Project

MCA has been informed that the project will soon be brought back before the Planning Board for consideration. Since any action will likely occur over the MCA summer hiatus, all updates on this project will be posted to the MCA listserv. Please refer to page 2 for instructions on how to join the listserv.

## Lots of Fun and Giggles at Annual Spring Social!

The Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) hosted its annual Spring Social on Sunday, April 30, at the Knights of Columbus. Mother Nature provided us with beautiful spring weather and adults enjoyed sitting outside listening to live music as the children played in the moon bounce and ran around the newly landscaped grounds. The magician had everyone laughing and entertained with his tricks. Children delighted in participating in some of the magic tricks. Hopefully, the magician did not leave his white bunny behind as Maplewood has plenty of its own. The face painter was popular and artistic! There was even a friendly visit by the fire department!

The Maplewood Village sold baked treats and provided information on county and neighborhood activities, aging in place and the "History of Maplewood."

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting and catering the event and to the Estridge Group for their \$250 donation. Thanks to the Spring Social planning committee and all the volunteers for making this yearly event possible. Your feedback on this event and ideas for next year's event are important. Please leave your name and telephone number on the MCA Hotline 301-530-6080 and we will get in touch.



**UNSURE if you ARE**

**CURRENT ON YOUR  
MCA**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES?**

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## Village Update May 2017

**What is the latest news in and around Bethesda?** Maplewood village is co-sponsoring a discussion Monday, May 22, 7 p.m., with Ken Hartman, Director, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. Ken is also County Executive Ike Leggett's representative for our area. Ken strives to connect the residential, commercial, non-profit and local government communities to each other. He knows just about everything that is happening in Bethesda (and beyond), especially in terms of development and transportation, and what is on the horizon. RSVP to [BMAVillage@gmail.com](mailto:BMAVillage@gmail.com). The discussion will be held at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Rooms A & B, 4805 Edgemoor Lane. Parking is available in the garage directly underneath the building (\$1/hour), with entrances on Edgemoor Lane and Woodmont Ave.

The Village is exploring adding aging in place services, such as transportation and meal delivery, to our other activities, building on our theme of neighbors getting to know AND HELP neighbors. If you would like to work on these opportunities, please contact Narda Ehrlich at 301 530 0412.



Our Garden and Plant Share Group is gathering monthly—contact Barbara Harrison at 301 896 0106 or [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com).

The Walking Groups start at the entrance to Maplewood Park on Alta Vista at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Kids and dogs welcome!

The Maplewood Visitors hosted newcomers at a brunch on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 30 people, including 5 children, got to know each other and learned about our community. If you would like to be a Maplewood Visitor, please contact Elissa Fisher at [Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net](mailto:Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net)



### Knitting Group

Knitting Group. If you would like to bring your project to the group's next gathering, 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, we encourage you to sign up at [Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and please include your name and address.

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)

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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)