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Meeting:

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion

5417 W. Cedar Ln.

Bethesda, MD 20814



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Presentation by Jordan P. Cooper (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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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the leaves are falling, Maplewood is showing its true beautiful colors! And as the colors slowly disappear our attention is turned to brown tap water that has occurred throughout Maplewood in recent months. The MCA November general meeting will feature guest speaker Jordan P. Cooper who will address this issue and others. Please see page 3 for details.

As this will be the last issue of *The Mapleleaf* for 2016, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all residents of Maplewood a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year!
Cheers, Allen



MAPLEWOOD DIGITAL RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM

Some streets in Maplewood require a residential parking permit Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm. to insure that resident parking is available in areas near National Institutes of Health, Naval Support Activity Bethesda (Walter Reed), YMCA, etc.

Beginning 1 September 2015, Maplewood was connected to the Montgomery County digital residential parking permit (RPP) which replaced the paper permit system. In response to other County resident feedback and a significant effort on the part of Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) to highlight actual use issues, Montgomery County Dept of Transportation and the Montgomery County Council Transportation and Education Committee are now addressing ways to improve the digital RPP. Before changes can be made, the MCDOT recommendations must be considered and presented to the County Executive and the County Council for review and approval since the RPP program is part of an Executive Regulation.

These are the recommendations that MCDOT is working on as of November 2016:

- Add another transferable visitor permit per an eligible address or allow a total of two transferable permits per eligible address;
- Extend the duration of the transferable visitor permit to longer than one week to be more flexible;
- Create a special needs/care permit to facilitate parking for residents with caregivers for the elderly, people with disabilities, and those chronically and terminally ill;
- Extend the duration of the temporary visitor permits to longer than one week, also to be more flexible;
- Streamline and facilitate a more easy way to navigate the digital permit website;
- Market and promote the assistance to residents that do not have computer or internet access and are technology challenged. Emphasize "Calling" for assistance;
- Train and improve customer service representatives (CSR's) to identify, address and efficiently respond to different permit requests;
- Better clarify and describe the different types of permits that can be used and show examples;
- Send out announcements two months in advance to new areas converting to digital and provide tutorials. Send out letters one month out to new areas converting explaining the process to register for permit;
- Provide digital permit access to County Police to respond to enforcement requests in RPP areas that are 24/7 permit required.

Maplewood residents are welcome to send comments/concerns on the RPP program to janet.maalouf@verizon.net. Janet is working with Eduardo Mondonedo, Chief/Parking Operations Section, Division of Parking Management at MCDOT.

NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION ZONE ORANGE BARRELS IN VICINITY OF MAPLEWOOD

State Highway Administration (SHA) requests that orange barrels in nearby intersection improvement construction zones NOT be moved to insure project integrity and passerby safety.



Road Improvements Updates

New pedestrian crossing lights have been installed at the intersection of Alta Vista Road and Rockville Pike. The rush hour left turn prohibition from Alta Vista Road onto northbound Rockville Pike has now been eliminated. Final road resurfacing of the intersection of Rockville Pike and West Cedar Lane is in the

final phases. Upon completion, the left turn from northbound Rockville Pike onto West Cedar Lane will be restored.

BRAC-related improvements to the intersection of West Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Road are now about 39% complete. The new estimated completion date is fall 2017.

Maplewood Village News

The Village was happy to support the marvelous Halloween Parade and party! Congratulations to the energetic organizers! Join us at other upcoming activities to get to know your neighbors and expand your horizons.

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. This gathering is for Monday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at home of Mary Jo Deering, 9604 Page Ave. RSVP to mdeering@starpower.net or 301 530-4987.

Presentation by Montgomery County Vital Living Network and co-sponsored with Wyngate Village:

Subject: resources for our 50+ Generation covering transitions, fitness and recreation, employment, meaningful volunteerism and lifelong learning.

Wednesday, December 14, 7 PM – 8 PM, with time for Q & A afterwards.

All-Purpose Room at Wyngate Elementary School, 9300 Wadsworth Drive.

Walking Groups start at the entrance to Maplewood-Alta Vista Park on Alta Vista Road at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Kids and dogs welcome! Street parking is restricted for the morning walks during the week.

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.

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

The Maplewood Visitors are meeting newcomers with valuable information about our Village, MCA, and other neighborhood activities. If you would like to be a Maplewood Visitor, please contact Elissa Fisher at Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net

Get involved! Contact Mary Jo Deering with questions or suggestions about Maplewood Village at mdeering@starpower.net. Because we rely on the Maplewood listserv to communicate, you are encouraged to sign up at 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/>

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BROWN TAP WATER?? WHY AND WHAT TO DO!

WSSC Rate Structure (and Bethesda Sector Plan – not directly related to brown tap water, but a hot topic!)

The guest speaker at the November 16th, MCA meeting will be Mr. Jordan P. Cooper who serves on the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Customer Advisory Board. Mr. Cooper works on Health IT and Health Information Exchange implementing Obamacare for the District of Columbia's Department of Health Care Finance. He ran as a Democratic Candidate for State Delegate in the 2014 election cycle, served as the President of the Luxmanor Citizens Association (2013-2014) and currently serves on the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board, the White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee and the Rockville Selective Service Board. He is an Area Coordinator in District 16 for the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, is a member of the District 16 Democratic Board, and is the Founder and CEO of Rotunda, a social media platform for increasing informed voter turnout. Jordan has a master's degree in health policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a bachelor's degree in political science from Vassar College. Jordan was born and raised in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. Cooper will address brown tap water issues, upcoming changes to the WSSC rate structure and will discuss the relatively recent communications Maplewood residents received from a company offering insurance on pipes leading to their homes. In his capacity as a residential representative on the Western Montgomery County Citizens Advisory Board, Mr. Cooper will also discuss Bethesda Sector Plan issues that have arisen during the current revision to this Plan.

MAPLEWOOD'S GHOSTS, GOBLINS, PRINCESSES, PIRATES...

AND MORE! LOTS OF HALLOWEEN FUN!

Kudos to a group of energetic young Maplewood parents who planned and organized the Family Halloween Costume Party and Parade on Sunday, October 30, at Maplewood-Alta Vista Park. Fifty five adorable kids and 63 parents and grandparents showed off their costumes as they paraded down Alta Vista Road before returning to the park. Festivities continued with pizza provided by the Maplewood Village and a well-stocked candy table courtesy of family donations. As an extra

treat, the Rock Creek Dance Academy opened its doors for a dance party. By wide acclaim, the success of this event bodes well for it becoming an annual event as was the tradition in years past. We are so lucky to live in such a welcoming community! To connect with other Maplewood parents and learn about family events, please check out our "Maplewood Area Parents" page on Facebook.

GET YOUR FEATHERS MOVING!

34th Annual Turkey Chase on Thanksgiving Day – November 24, 2015

www.turkeychase.com

The Turkey Chase is the largest 10K race in Montgomery County and the largest fundraiser for the YMCA and the Bethesda Chevy Chase Rotary with proceeds benefitting youth and families in the County through YMCA programs and local Rotary charities. The event, held in Bethesda since 1982, features a 2 mile fun run/walk (9:00 am start), a USATF-certified 10K race (8:30am start), a 50 meter Tot Trot (9:45am) where kids 9 years old and younger chase the elusive mascot and new this year, a 1K fun run (9:55am).

Online registration at www.turkeychase.com ends November 22nd.

If you are planning to participate in this year's Turkey Chase, please consider casting your "vote" for the Principal's Prize for our neighborhood public high school, Walter Johnson High School (WJHS) and our neighborhood private high school, Lycee Rochambeau. If you are already registered for the race and did not "vote" for a school, please e-mail tracy.miller@ymcadc.org.

Event organizers will post signs along those Maplewood streets on the race routes several days before race day. Residents can help with the safety of the participants by parking your cars in your driveways where possible or on streets not on the route if possible.

Pooks Hill Marriott Update

The Planning Board of the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Site Plan for this project on September 22, 2016. The Planning Board found the Site Plan to be in compliance with all appropriate zoning and traffic mitigation requirements. However, an issue arose over the Plan's failure to comply with the on-site forestation requirements. It involves a small area of

land, the site of an unused tennis court, that is currently owned by Marriott and not the developer. The developer has asked the Planning Board to defer a decision on the Site Plan until it can resolve the on-site forestation issue through discussions with Marriott. As of news-letter press time, the Planning Board has not scheduled the Site Plan for further hearing.

**UNSURE if YOU ARE
CURRENT ON YOUR
MCA**

MEMBERSHIP DUES?

SEND AN EMAIL TO

treasurer@

maplewoodcitizens.org

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

301-530-6080



Mindy's Apple Crisp

Editor's Note: Mindy Kalman graduated from Walter Johnson High School and the Culinary Institute of America located in New York's Hudson Valley. Mindy shares her very own recipe for a traditional American dessert using apples which are the best at this time of year.

"During the fall season most people think of apples as a main ingredient in recipes. There are so many varieties of apples and many different and unique ways of cooking and baking with them. One of my favorite recipes to make at this time of year is a warm apple crisp."

Ingredients:

6-8 McIntosh apples (large size), cored, peeled and large diced

2 T (tablespoons) freshly squeezed lemon juice

½ C (cup) granulated sugar

½ C light brown sugar, packed

1 tsp (teaspoon) ground cinnamon

Topping:

1 ½ C all-purpose Flour

¾ C granulated Sugar

¾ C light or dark brown sugar, packed; (I prefer dark for the topping as it gives a richer color and flavor)

½ tsp (teaspoon) Iodized salt

1 ½ C regular old-fashioned oatmeal

1 C unsalted butter (2 sticks), cold and diced



Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2) Grease an oval or rectangular baking dish (can use a cooking spray or butter)
- 3) Combine the apples with the lemon juice, both sugars, and cinnamon in a bowl.
- 4) Make the topping by combining the flour, both sugars, salt, oatmeal and cold butter in the bowl of a powered mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on a low to medium speed until the mixture is a crumbly texture and the butter is about the size of a pea.
- 5) Place the apple mixture in the prepared dish.
- 6) Add the topping over the apples making sure it is distributed evenly. Use all of the topping on the apples so it creates a thick crust.
- 7) Place the baking pan on top of a sheet pan covered with foil. This will help when apples bake and bubble and creates easy cleanup.
- 8) Bake for one hour or until the topping is golden brown and the apple mixture is bubbling and apples are soft.
- 9) Serve warm and enjoy!

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, 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**