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## Meeting:

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017  
7:30 p.m.**

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

## Agenda

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

1. Presentation By Carla Larrick, Vice President of Operations, YMCA (15 Minutes)

2. Presentation by Joe Corona, Community Outreach Coordinator, Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (60 minutes)

Adjourn

## MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 membership year of The Maplewood Citizens Association. I hope that residents had a thoroughly enjoyable summer.

While it has been a quiet summer for MCA, your Association now faces a crisis and one that only its residents can remedy. While I, as president, am willing to remain in office for membership year 2018 – 2019 to mentor my successor, the remaining officers and staff positions (see below) all of whom have served many years have stated that they will not be able to serve beyond this 2017-2018 membership year. **Unless other residents are willing to step up and replace these dedicated individuals, MCA will cease to exist at the conclusion of this membership year on August 31, 2018.**

MCA has worked diligently over the years to ensure Maplewood retains its quality of life and that any proposed projects in or near the neighborhood do not adversely impact that quality of life where possible. For example, MCA has focused on:

- the proposed development of two high rise apartment buildings on the land next to the Pooks Hill Marriott Hotel;
- BRAC intersection improvements (Base Realignment and Closure/ September 2011 move of Walter Reed in the District of Columbia to the Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, all of which is now known as Walter Reed National Military Medical Center) which are ongoing. Now construction of the high speed elevators and the Rt 355 underground tunnel near the Medical Center metro stop have commenced in earnest.

**Note: Implementation of the flashing red arrow which will allow left hand turns both north and south bound on Rt. 355 on to W. Cedar Lane/Cedar Lane during non-rush hours is anticipated within the next month. This has required coordination with both Maryland State Highway (SHA) and Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT).**

-Resident Digital Permit Parking issue for those streets in Maplewood that are subject to the permit requirement.

**Note: Montgomery County is making modifications to the digital residential parking permit system as a result of issues raised by MCA and other neighborhood associations.**

While election of officers for membership year 2018 – 2019 will take place, I am asking residents to contact me now and anytime during this membership year (September 2017-August 2018), at [almyers@starpower.net](mailto:almyers@starpower.net), to let me know how you are willing to serve or if you have questions about the duties. I will forward the names of individuals who volunteer to the Nominations and Elections Committee that I will appoint in March 2018.

OPENINGS: Serving as an officer in MCA typically involves attending 5 executive committee meetings and 5 general meetings each year. **Openings include:**  
- **officer positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer; (elected)**

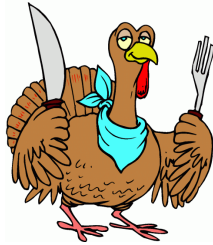
- **The Mapleleaf Newsletter editor; typically 5 newsletters: September, November, January, March and May; (Note: position available immediately)**

- **The Mapleleaf Newsletter layout coordinator; typically 5 newsletters as noted above; (Note: Position available immediately)**

- **Refreshment coordinator for MCA general meetings (typically, 5). (Note: Position available immediately).**

MCA has been a vital and important part of this neighborhood for many years. Please volunteer a little of your time so that MCA may continue to serve for the years to come. If you value Maplewood and all that it has to offer, I hope you will take the opportunity, as all members of our current and previous teams did in years past, to step up and help out. MCA exists because of volunteers.

Thank you,  
Allen, [almyers@starpower.net](mailto:almyers@starpower.net)



## **35th Annual Turkey Chase** **Thanksgiving Day – November 23, 2017** [www.turkeychase.com](http://www.turkeychase.com)

*This is advance notice of a very popular morning fundraising event for the Rotary Club and our neighbourhood YMCA. You have time to prepare for the race. Check out the above website for important details.*

### **Annual Maplewood Halloween Family**

#### **Costume Party and Parade**

Join us for the annual Maplewood Halloween costume party and parade! We will meet Sunday, October 29 at 4:30pm at Maplewood Alta-Vista Park. After a short parade down the sidewalk we'll reconvene at the park for pizza, generously donated by the Maplewood Village. Bring your own beverages and any candy you would like to share. All ages welcome!

To RSVP: <http://tinyurl.com/MaplewoodParade>



### **NEW FRENCH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PLANS**

Just as this issue of *The Mapleleaf* was going to press, MCA president, Allen Myers, was informed by the French International School (FIS)/Lycee Rochambeau legal counsel that FIS has abandoned its plans to construct and operate a new elementary school on Old Georgetown Road just south of Beech Dr. The elementary school is presently located in the Rollingwood neighborhood Chevy Chase, MD.

The FIS bid for the property of the Federation of American Societies For Experimental Biology

(FASEB) at [9650 Rockville Pike](#), which is along Rt. 355 just south of Pooks Hill Rd. and adjacent to homes on Alta Vista Rd and Alta Vista Terrace, has been accepted. MCA had not been informed that the FASEB property had even been for sale.

There will be a lengthy process to convert the current Conditional Use of the property from FASEB to FIS. At this time, MCA expects the FIS to present its plans for the new school to the Maplewood community at the January 2018 MCA meeting.

### **YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase Renovation Plan Update**

After 53 years of making a difference in Montgomery County by being a beacon of hope, safe refuge and a gathering place for all residents, the YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase is embarking upon a major renovation project in 2018. Carla Larrick, our neighbor and Vice President of Operations of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington will update MCA at the September 27th meeting on the changes since she last briefed MCA in May 2017. Ms. Larrick will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Maplewood Representative to NIH Community Liaison Committee**

#### **Vacancy**

MCA is seeking a Maplewood resident to serve on the National Institutes of Health Community Liaison Committee which meets every other month or approximately six meetings a year at NIH. If you are interested, please contact MCA president, Allen Myers at [almyers@starpower.net](mailto:almyers@starpower.net).



**Join the MCA Listserv**

Send an email to [maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## Maplewood's Happy Hour

October 11, November 8 and December 13, 2017 6:00-8:00PM

Knights of Columbus Lounge at Rock Creek Mansion

5417 W. Cedar Lane

Do you want to meet your neighbors in a casual and friendly atmosphere and enjoy a drink or snack at the same time? Or watch news or sports on TV? And make new friends?

The Maplewood Village invites you to the second year of monthly "Wonderful Wednesday Happy Hours" in the Knights of Columbus Lounge (bar entrance is from the back parking lot of the Rock Creek Mansion). You are invited to bring snacks.

Happy hours are the second Wednesday of every month.



## Navigating Hospital Culture

Maplewood Village, together with other villages in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area, is co-sponsoring an important presentation on navigating hospital culture. Each of us is likely to experience a hospitalization at some point in our lives, for ourselves or a loved one. Hospitals can be a source of trepidation and apprehension for the patient and loved ones. Patients are at the mercy of busy doctors, overworked nurses, regulations and bureaucracy. Patients are frequently in no position to advocate for themselves.

Bonnie Friedman brings passion and personal experience to her presentation. She is the author

of "Hospital Warrior: How to Get the Best Care for Your Loved One". Over a 24-year period, her husband Bob was hospitalized 14 times with serious and sometimes life-threatening conditions. Bonnie learned how to work with doctors and nurses and find ways to ensure that her husband received the best care. He is now doing well and Bonnie will share her hard-won knowledge to help others.

Sunday, September 24, 2017

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Bannockburn Club House

6315 Bannockburn Drive, Bethesda 20817

## The latest from Maplewood's Village.....

Maplewood Village, an informal volunteer initiative, offers a variety of opportunities for you to meet your neighbors and enjoy what the neighborhood has to offer.

Get energized at our Village Coffee Hour (sometimes longer than an hour!) the first Friday of each month, at 10 a.m. at the Pooks Hill Marriott Cooper Mill Restaurant.

Share your "green thumb" gardening knowledge or challenges with the Garden and Plant Share Group. Contact Barbara Harrison at 301- 896-0106 or [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com) for the next meeting date and place.

Get moving with any of our Walking Groups. They start at the entrance to Maplewood-Alta Vista Park at 5209 Alta Vista Rd. at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. A Tuesday evening walk previously held at 7:30 p.m. may be moved up to 6 p.m. The new time will be announced on the listserv. Kids and dogs welcome!

Extend a warm welcome to newcomers. The Maplewood Visitors visit new residents to welcome them and deliver helpful information. If you would like to be a Maplewood Visitor or if you know of a new neighbor, please contact Elissa Fisher at [Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net](mailto:Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net).

Bring your next project to the Knitting Group. The next meeting is September 26th at 7:30 pm. New members are always welcome! Contact Sandi Komarow at [skomarow@gmail.com](mailto:skomarow@gmail.com) for the location.

New activities being considered:

A cycling group or groups. Serious cyclists and those who appreciate more leisurely rides should contact Karen Bedell ([kbedell9401@yahoo.com](mailto:kbedell9401@yahoo.com)).

An October Fest. Please contact [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net) to help out. Details will be posted on the listserv.

Offering Aging in Place Services, such as transportation and meal delivery, build 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.

Get involved! This is YOUR Village! Contact Mary Jo Deering with questions or suggestions about Maplewood Village at [mdeering@starpower.net](mailto:mdeering@starpower.net). Because we rely on the MCA listserv to communicate, please sign up per instructions on page 2 and include your name and address.

See photos on our Facebook page and "like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/MaplewoodVillageBethesda/>

**September begins a new membership year. Thanks for supporting MCA!**

**The membership form is on page 4.**

**Unsure if you are current on your MCA membership dues?**

**Send an email to**

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

**[maplewoodcitizens.org](mailto:maplewoodcitizens.org)**

**or leave a message on the MCA hotline**

**301-530-6080**

## ***"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"***

According to [ampleharvest.org](http://ampleharvest.org): "While more than 50 million Americans live in food insecure homes (including a quarter of all children under the age of six), more than 42 million Americans grow fruit, vegetables herbs and nuts in home gardens – often more than they can use, preserve or give to friends. The rest adds up to more than 11 billion pounds of wasted food – enough to feed 28 million hungry Americans."

Check out <http://ampleharvest.org/home-gardeners/>.

**FOOD WASTE:** have you thought about how much YOU contribute to this unfortunate reality? Several years ago Maplewood residents were offered an opportunity to recycle their food waste by paying a minimal monthly fee to the Compost Crew ([www.compostcrew.com](http://www.compostcrew.com)) for a weekly pickup of food waste. No doubt you have seen their green and white buckets curbside on Fridays. The Compost Crew was started in 2011 by two local young entrepreneurs (graduates of Walt Whitman High School). The business has now grown to the point where they actually produce their own compost product. What a great way to "give back" to the planet. **Check out their story at <http://compostcrew.com/story/>.**

Please remember it is a Montgomery County law that dogs be on leashes at all times except at County dog parks and please pick up your dog's poop –it is the neighborly thing to do!

Visible and large residence house numbers are critical in emergencies.

Please insure that storm drains and roads in your vicinity are clear of vines, overgrowth, tree limbs etc. to avoid street flooding in rain events; street signs should always be visible. Other drivers and pedestrians will thank you for keeping intersections free from overgrowth that limits the visibility of drivers.

### **September Is National Preparedness Month**

**Representative of Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to speak at MCA meeting**

**September 27, 2017 7:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion**



Our guest speaker for the September 27<sup>th</sup> MCA general meeting will be Mr. Joe Corona, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida clearly demonstrate the importance for emergency preparedness. And those of us who have lived here a while know the Washington area is subject to extreme weather conditions and is a potential terrorist target. While federal, state, and local governments have plans for emergencies, there is also a need for individual families to have their own plans and to make preparations for natural disasters and other emergencies. Mr. Corona will discuss some of the major hazards that Montgomery County faces and some specific steps you can take to prepare for them along with information on how to write a plan and build a kit that will help you and your family prepare for an emergency.

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, 2017 - August 31, 2018 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)**