



Meeting:

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

### AGENDA

#### Call To Order

- Presentation by the French International School (FIS) for a Proposed New Elementary School (30 minutes)
- Discussion/Vote on MCA testimony on proposed new FIS school (45 minutes)

#### Business Meeting

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Establish Dues For 2018 – 2019 Membership Year
- Approval of Expense For 2018 Spring Social
- Approval of \$200.00 Donation to Walter Johnson After Prom Breakfast
- Election of Officers For 2018 – 2019 Membership Year
- Maplewood Village Report

#### Adjourn

**Next Meeting: May 23, 2018**

### AGENDA

#### Call To Order

- Presentation by Bradley Bernstein for 17 new single-family homes between Linden and Page Avenues (30 minutes)
- Presentation by Federation for The Advancement of Education In The Sciences (FAES) for 7 new single-family homes on Cypress and Acacia Avenues (30 minutes)
- Discussion/Vote on testimony for the two single-family project proposals (45 minutes)

#### Adjourn

# The Mapleleaf

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our May meeting of the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) is, according to our bylaws, the "annual meeting." It is one in which we conduct a number of business matters such as establishing dues and electing officers for the next membership year which begins September 1, 2018. Starting in September, we will have new people serving in officer capacities. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers: Vice President Mary Jo Deering, Secretary Jo Batky and Treasurer Hugh Barteman for their outstanding dedication and service to the MCA.

A rare mid-March snowstorm caused cancellation of the March 2018 MCA general meeting. With three development projects in Maplewood to consider and on which to prepare testimony to Montgomery County agencies over the summer, there will be more business to conduct than can be accomplished at the May 16<sup>th</sup> "annual"

meeting. Therefore, I have scheduled a special meeting of the MCA for Wednesday, May 23, 2018. The agendas for each meeting are shown on the far left of this page.

If MCA's testimony is to reflect the entire Maplewood community, it is important for our residents to attend these meetings to make their views known. Any resident who wishes to comment on these projects is welcome to speak. However, MCA bylaws stipulate that only members of MCA may vote on the testimony that MCA will present to the Montgomery County authorities. MCA membership dues may be paid in cash or check at each meeting or paid online at the MCA website, [www.maplewoodcitizens.org](http://www.maplewoodcitizens.org) via the link to PayPal.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!  
Allen

## Nominations for MCA Officers for 2018 – 2019

The nominating committee (Barbara Harrison, Dan Pierce and Marion Zatz) is pleased to present a full slate for 2018-2019 MCA membership year. MCA members will vote on the slate at the May 16<sup>th</sup> "annual" MCA meeting.

**President:** Allen Myers has agreed to continue as President since no other volunteers came forward for this position.

**Vice-President:** Bob Fisher is a native of Bethesda and has lived in Maplewood with his wife, Elissa, for almost 35 years. He has a degree in business management and is a Certified Public Accountant who recently retired from his government position as Assistant Inspector General for Management & Administration at the Small Business Administration. He also has served in the past as president and as treasurer of the Bethesda Court Condominium Association. Bob and Elissa, who live on Viking Road, have coordinated the Mapleleaf Newsletter distribution in recent years. Bob says that he is "very interested in ensuring that the Maplewood Citizens Association remains an active and influential community organization."

**Treasurer:** Alan Goldhammer has lived on Holland Court for 33 years. Alan came to Bethesda in 1978 to work at NIH for five years and later in the biopharmaceutical industry. He retired in 2010 as Vice President for Scientific and Regulatory Affairs at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). He promises to be a responsible steward of MCA funds.

**Secretary:** Jason Pagett is a relative newcomer having moved to Elsmere Court about 3 years ago from New York to work as a lawyer for the Department of Defense. Jason and his wife have a 4-year-old son and infant daughter. They love Maplewood and intend to raise their family here. In the past, Jason has been treasurer or president for 2 different non-profit groups. He is interested in getting involved in Maplewood and feels that the organization serves an important role in the community.



### Maplewood Spring Social

#### Weather was Breezy and Cool but spirits were not dampened!

Despite unseasonably cold weather on April 29th that forced many of the planned activities to be held inside the Knights of Columbus, approximately 100 adults and children attended the annual Maplewood Spring Social. Highlights of the event included musical entertainment, a magician, face painting, ice cream sundaes and demonstrations by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad and Bethesda Fire Department. Leftover ice cream will be available at the May 16th MCA "annual" meeting so get there early!

Thanks to Chip and Sherry Brennan for taking charge of the event organization.

## New French International Elementary School

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[The French International School](#)

The French International School (FIS/Rochambeau) intended to submit an application to the Montgomery County Board of Appeals by the end of March for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a nursery and an elementary school on property currently owned and utilized under a Conditional Permit by the Federations of Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) which is on Rockville Pike just south of Pooks Hill Rd. FIS believes the Conditional Permit will be approved in time for it to close on its purchase of the property on September 29th, 2018. FIS currently operates a nursery school and elementary school at other locations and desires to consolidate these facilities in the Lee Building, which is one of two buildings on the FASEB site. The 5th grade students currently at the FIS campus on Forest Avenue in Maplewood will also be relocated to the new facility. The total enrollment of the new school is expected to be 700 children. The second building, the East Building, will continue to be occupied by FASEB, under lease, for at least one year after the sale of the property. The building will be leased to other tenants after FASEB vacates it.

pus and the new facility. However, this shuttle will not travel on Alta Vista Road. Since the new site must be approached from the north, shuttles between Forest Road and the proposed new campus will be along Beech Avenue to Linden Avenue, then via Pooks Hill Road to Rockville Pike, southbound. Traffic from the new proposed site to Forest Road will be via Rockville Pike, West Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Road to Beech Avenue and Forest Road.

The new school will operate between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. with some before and after school activities taking place. All activities on the site will be over by 7:00 p.m. A new fence and gates similar to those in place on Forest Road campus will be installed and the gates will only be open during the school day. FIS desires to store its fleet of 14 buses in the evening on the new school site.

Helene Legal-Fabre (FIS Chief Operating Officer), Jody Kline (legal counsel for FIS) and Bob Waechter, (Project Manager) will present the FIS plans in detail at the May 16th MCA meeting. All residents interested in this proposed project are urged to attend. After the presentation, MCA will discuss proposed testimony before a Hearing Examiner, the Board of Appeals and the Montgomery County Planning Board.

FIS expects that 50% of its students will arrive by bus and that all buses as well as parental drop off will be via two separate entrances on Rt. 355/Rockville Pike. There will be some shuttling of students between the Forest Road cam-

### Montgomery County Public Schools Seeks Site For New Elementary School In Walter Johnson High School Cluster

MCPS has begun the process to select a site for a new elementary school in the Walter Johnson High School cluster. While there are private sites under consideration, MCPS has expressed a desire to use one of the following parks: Ayr lawn, Stratton, or Maplewood – AltaVista. Allison Pospelman has agreed to serve as MCA's representative on the site selection committee. MCA will update residents as this process proceeds.

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

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

**301-530-6080**



**DEVELOPMENT OF FAES PROPERTY  
West Cedar Lane, Cypress and Acacia Avenues**

At an October 2017 community meeting, residents living near these streets were informed by the Federation for the Advancement of Education in the Sciences (FAES) of its desire to construct single-family detached homes to serve as residences for post doctorate fellows at the National Institutes of Health. At that meeting FAES stated that it did not have sufficient funds at that time to construct the homes. FAES now has received funding to construct two homes on its vacant West Cedar Lane property between Carriage Hill Rehabilitation Center and Cypress Avenue. These two lots are currently approved for single-family housing and can be built as soon as FAES secures the necessary building permits. To construct seven additional single-family detached homes on the remaining vacant land bordered by Cypress and Acacia Avenues, FAES has filed a subdivision plan with the Montgomery County Planning Board which will meet on June 5th, 2018 to discuss this plan. FAES will present its plan to MCA residents at a special MCA meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

**MCA Dues For 2018 – 2019**

In accordance with MCA bylaws, members will vote on the dues for the next membership year (September 1, 2018- August 31, 2019) at the May 18th meeting. The MCA Executive Committee has recommended that dues remain at the current \$25.00 per household.

**New Single Family, Detached Homes Proposed Near Beech Avenue**

A developer has purchased a vacant 5-acre tract of land located between Linden and Page Avenues along Beech Ave. At a fall 2017 community meeting for residents near the property, the developer presented plans for 19 new homes. However, as a result of Montgomery County requiring the developer to have two entrances to the new development the proposal now is for 17 new homes. Entrances to new development will be via a new County road off of Beech Avenue as well as the extension of Nelson Road into the property. The developer will present his final plans to MCA at the Special Meeting of the Association on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

**MAPLEWOOD VILLAGE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**



Maplewood Village, an informal volunteer initiative, offers a variety of opportunities for you to meet your neighbors.

- Happy Hour the second Wednesday of each month, 6 - 8 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus, 5417 W. Cedar Lane. Contact Jo Batky at [pacujo@aol.com](mailto:pacujo@aol.com) for information.
- Garden and Plant Share Group: Contact Barbara Harrison at 301-896-0106 or [lakestargirl@gmail.com](mailto:lakestargirl@gmail.com).
- Walking Groups: Meet at the entrance to Maplewood-Alta Vista Park on Alta Vista Rd at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- The Maplewood Visitors: Welcome new residents to the neighborhood and deliver helpful information. If you would like to join the team or if you know of a new neighbor, please contact Elissa Fisher at [Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net](mailto:Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net).
- Knitting Group. Contact Sandi Komarow at [skomarow@gmail.com](mailto:skomarow@gmail.com) for the next date/location.



**NEW: Organic CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) in Maplewood**

At least twenty-five of your fellow neighbors are participating in Bending Bridge Farm's organic CSA. Weekly Wednesday deliveries of organic fresh produce from May 30-September 26, 2018 will have pick up hours from 4-8pm. For further information/sign up, go to [www.bendingbridgefarm.com](http://www.bendingbridgefarm.com). Benton Ave is the pickup site in Maplewood. Support the new generation of young farmers and healthy eating!

**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.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

HEARTFELT THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING MAPLEWOOD RESIDENTS WHO HAVE PITCHED IN TO HELP HAND DELIVER THE MAPLELEAF NEWSLETTER THROUGHOUT THIS MCA MEMBERSHIP YEAR! YOU ARE A VITAL LINK IN MCA'S ABILITY TO KEEP MAPLEWOOD "IN THE KNOW"!

Nancy Abeles	Neil Green	Melanie LaCount	Mercedes Tibbits
Victoria Barrero	Sarah Guymont	Allen Myers	Michael Tobias
Jo Batky,	Bill Hagan	Joan Nally	Amy Trenkle
Karen Bedel	Barbara Harrison & Dan Pierce	Katee Neal	Becky Umhofer
Bill Davis	Bill and Jean Ho	Phil Ordway	Vicky Woods
Bonnie Chamberlain	Linda Hubbard	Lisa Reff	
Mary Jo Deering	Lynne Joseloff	Ann Rossilli	
Christina Gorski	Ester Kurz (Scheibel)	Christina Slack	

### CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS

Please be a good neighbor - - pick up after your dog and take it home for disposal! While it may be tempting to drop the poop in the nearest garbage can, please take it home! Frankly, it is discourteous to leave your dog's poop in the yard of a fellow neighbor or even in the street (yes, poop has been reported in the street). Bethesda Country Day School (Forest Rd) has reported dog poop in the children's play area as well. **Paying attention to what your dog is doing on the walk is good for the dog and good for the neighborhood!**

### Mapleleaf Newsletter Advertisers Wanted!

The paid flyer advertisements in the Mapleleaf newsletters help defray the cost of printing the newsletters five times per membership year and the cost of mailing it in January when fair weather for hand delivery cannot be assured. MCA greatly appreciates the longtime support of the YMCA and Bethesda Country Day School with their flyer ads. MCA takes great pride in its advertisers so if anyone has a reliable and worthy recommendation, please contact the Mapleleaf Newsletter editor, Janet Maalouf, at [janetmaalouf97@gmail.com](mailto:janetmaalouf97@gmail.com).

### "Let's Get to Work" Neighborhood Helpers List

The next issue of The List will be published in September 2018. Any student in Maplewood age 12 and up can be listed on this popular resource of youth available for hire. Please contact Susan Chacko at [susan.chacko@gmail.com](mailto:susan.chacko@gmail.com) or at 301-530-8601 by August 31, 2018.

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) .**