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Meeting:

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

Establish Dues for 2016 – 2017 (5 minutes)

Election of Officers for 2016 – 2017 (10 minutes)

Discussion on "Do Not Enter" signs on Linden Avenue (10 minutes)

Pooks Hill Marriott Development Update (5 minutes)

Maplewood Village Report (5 minutes)

Presentation by Abbe Milstein on power choices, costs and Pepco-Exelon merger (30 minutes)

Adjourn

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our May 18th meeting will be the final meeting of the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) until the fall. This "annual meeting" of The Association must address certain business items to include the election of officers for 2016 – 2017 and establishment of dues for that membership year. Please see page 2 for additional information.

It has been a pleasure to serve as MCA president this year. I wish to thank

- our Vice President, Mary Jo Deering who handles the MCA website and chairs our socially active Maplewood Village Committee.

- our secretary, Jo Batky, whose note taking skills are amazing as are her organizing talents which led to the first Maplewood Happy Hour at the Knights of Columbus in April. Interesting combination of talents!

-our treasurer, Hugh Barteman, who has not only kept impeccable MCA financial records, but has been instrumental in computerizing them as well. He keeps track of MCA memberships and is the archivist for MCA. Many thanks to Hugh's technological skills!

-the reliable, dedicated newsletter distribution team including the organizers, Lynne Joseloff and her replacement Elissa Fisher and the delivery team who

personally deliver the newsletter to your doors: Nancy Abeles, Alex Amdur, Victoria Barrero, Jo Batky, Karen Bedell, Bonnie Chamberlain, Bill Davis, Mary Jo Deering, Christina Gorski, Neil Greene, Sarah Guymount, Bill Hagan, Barbara Harrison, Bill & Jean Ho, Linda Hubbard, Lynne Joseloff, Melanie LaCount, Jeanne Levin, Katee Neal, Cindy Onder, Phil Ordway, Dan Pierce, Phillippe Pradel, Lisa Reff, Ann Rossilli, Christina Slack, Andy & Emma Thoma, Mercedes Tibbits, Michael Tobias, Amy Trenkle, Becky Umhofer, and Vicky Wood.

- Ralph Schofer, MCA's representative to both the NIH Community Liaison Committee and the Montgomery County's Bus Rapid Transit Community Liaison Committee.

-the organizational work of Chip and Sherry Brennan and the Social Committee members that made for a very successful MCA annual Spring Social event in April. The weather was perfect and the event activities delighted both "young and old".

Finally, while MCA will not meet again until September, there are a number of issues to keep an eye on over the summer that will affect Maplewood. They are the subject of articles in this issue of *The Mapleleaf*.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Allen



Why Are Our Electric Bills Rising & What Can We Do About It?

Abbe Milstein, who created "Power Up Montgomery County" as an information source about power reliability, sustainability, and affordability, will give a presentation, at the May 18th MCA meeting, about power issues that affect all Maplewood residents. Ms. Milstein, President of Luxmanor Civic Association, has been recognized for her depth of understanding of these complex issues. She will describe the overall context, including the choices available to homeowners for their power sources, and discuss the essential components of the recent PEPCO-Exelon merger and its implications for homeowners.



Maplewood Happy Hour!!

Did you miss the first Maplewood Happy Hour? Don't miss anymore of these fun social gatherings!

The first Maplewood Monthly Hump-Day Happy Hour took place on April 13th at the Knights of Columbus (KOC). Approximately thirty Maplewood neighbors showed up to meet, chat, nosh, drink and catch-up on neighborhood activities. KOC provided free popcorn. A good time was had by all!

The Maplewood Village invites all neighbors to these monthly gatherings every second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm at the KOC downstairs lounge. Inexpensive pizza and drinks are available for purchase and we can bring additional snacks. Come to meet your neighbors, play pool or shuffleboard, watch sports or news on TV and indulge in lively conversation with your new friends! We would like to thank Knight Chip Brennan for inviting us. KOC is at 5417 W. Cedar Lane. Next Happy Hour June 8th. See you there! For further information please contact Jo Batky at pacujo@aol.com.

MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PUT YOUR TALENTS TO WORK OR DEVELOP NEW TALENTS!

Editor and/or layout of *The Mapleleaf*: Contact janet.maalouf@verizon.net

Newsletter deliverers: Contact Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net

Maplewood Village activities: mdeering@starpower.net

MCA officer positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer for 2016-2017: Contact Barbara Harrison at lakestargirl@gmail.com immediately.

Bethesda Country Day School Community Liaison Committee (volunteer must reside near the school): BCDS CLC meets quarterly at 6:30pm at the school to address school operations that impact homes in the vicinity. Contact Almyers@starpower.net



MCA Dues and Officer Elections 2016-2017



The MCA Bylaws require the membership to establish the Association's **membership dues** at the May annual meeting for the succeeding year. The Executive Committee has recommended that the dues remain at \$25.00 per household. This will be treated as a motion to be voted upon by the membership in attendance on May 18th.

Officers for the 2016 – 2017 membership year will be elected at the May 18th MCA general membership meeting. Positions to be filled are president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The Nominations and Elections Committee will present its recommended slate of officers. Nominations from the floor and self-nominations will be accepted. If you plan to nominate someone to serve, please ensure that they will accept the nomination.

Join the MCA Listserv

Send an email to maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
and be sure to include your name and street address.

MAPLEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD HELPERS LIST SEPTEMBER 2016

Students for Hire

Any student resident of Maplewood age 12 and older is invited to have their name included in the Maplewood Neighborhood Helpers List to be published with the September 2016 issue of the MCA neighborhood newsletter, *The Mapleleaf*.

The Neighborhood Helpers List is a popular publication for Maplewood residents who would like to hire assistance in the categories listed below. If you have neighbors who have children age 12 and older whose families may not be on this listserve, please let them know of this opportunity.

For security reasons, this list is available only in print and is published with the September and March issues of *The Mapleleaf*.

Please provide the following information to Susan Chacko at susan.chacko@gmail.com or 301-530-8601.

Name

Age

Phone number

Name of street student lives on

Specific jobs for which student is available: Dog walking, Baby sitting, Pet sitting, House sitting, Mow Lawns, Rake leaves/Shovel Snow, Homework Help, Gardening, Computer Help.



Two Intersection Improvements Expected Over The Summer

The Maryland State Highway Administration is expected to install a pedestrian crosswalk across Rockville Pike at Alta Vista Road. When implemented, the currently prohibited left turn from Alta Vista onto Rockville Pike during rush hours will be eliminated.

The Montgomery Department of Transportation is scheduled to make improvements to the intersection of Alta Vista Road at Old Georgetown Road to improve the visibility of Bethesda Trolley Trail users on the sidewalk portion near the intersection. The expected

design will be similar to what was presented at an MCA meeting earlier this year and will include a "bump-out" of the sidewalk on the North side of Alta Vista Road. However, the improvements will not include a pedestrian crosswalk across Old Georgetown Rd at Alta Vista Rd or a traffic signal at the intersection as requested by Maplewood residents. MCA will continue to lobby the appropriate State and County officials for these improvements.

POOKS HILL MARRIOTT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The developer submitted its site plan for the 650 apartment project in December 2015. A hearing before the Montgomery County Planning Board is expected to be held in late June or early July. The site plan does not appear to reflect any traffic mitigation efforts by the developer for this project. Therefore, it will be up to the Planning Staff, if it desires, to recommend to the Planning Board any mitigation that the developer must make. To show the planning Board how important Maplewood views traffic mitigation, it is important that a large number of Maplewood residents attend the hearing regardless of whether they register to speak. An announcement of the hearing date will be posted to the Maplewood listserv. For instructions on how to join the listserv please see page 2.

Additional Traffic-Calming Signs on Linden Avenue

Residents living near the intersection of Linden Avenue and Pooks Hill Road report that a large number of drivers are ignoring the turning restrictions onto Linden Avenue from Pooks Hill Road during rush hours. This intersection is a major school bus pick-up and discharge stop for children and the violators

pose a risk to the children. At the May 18th MCA meeting, residents will be asked if they would like to request "Do Not Enter" signs with the same hours as the turn restrictions on Linden Avenue. This signage may reduce the number of violators.

**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



Maplewood Village Update

Maplewood neighbors are getting to know each other through a wide range of activities.

The Maplewood Visitors are welcoming newcomers to Maplewood with information about our Village, MCA, and other neighborhood activities. If you'd like to join the team, please contact Elissa Fisher at Elissa.Fisher@comcast.net.

Garden & Plant Sharing Group. This congenial group of neighbors visits a group member's garden every month or two during the growing season to discuss garden topics over coffee. The next meeting will be in late May or early June. Please contact Barbara Harrison at lakestargirl@gmail.com if you would like to be notified about the group's meetings.

Walking Groups start at the entrance to Maplewood Park on Alta Vista Rd at 9 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. A Friday walking group meets at 9 a.m. the home of Marion Zatz, 5208 Camberley Ave where street parking is restricted.

Knitting Group. Please contact Sandi Komarow at skomarow@covad.net.

Game parties, pot lucks, other gatherings. Please contact mdeering@starpower.net

Get involved! Contact Mary Jo Deering with questions or suggestions about Maplewood Village at mdeering@starpower.net. We rely on the Maplewood listserv to communicate. Instructions to sign up are on page 2.

WAVE: Washington Area Villages Exchange

Maplewood Village is part of an expanding network of neighborhood groups in the Washington area and nationwide. On April 25 the Washington, DC metropolitan villages (48 and growing) met to share their grass roots experience of community building through services and activities for neighbors, young and old. A Technology Committee reported that progress is being made in creating a database to coordinate these services and improve village administration. This project is part of a regional effort to take a census of villages for the purpose of comparing organizational structures, services, fees and volunteers. WAVE meetings are an opportunity to exchange ideas. There are different models with most charging fees for membership. (Maplewood does not have membership fees but relies on the "neighbors getting to know and help neighbors" model.) For more information about WAVE, visit wavevillages.org.

Maplewood Artists

The **Foundry Gallery** at 2118 8th St NW, Washington, DC is displaying paintings and collages by Maplewood resident **Kathryn Wiley** through Sunday, May 29. The gallery is open from Wednesday through Sunday 1-7pm. Additional information is at www.foundrygallery.org.



Ann Rossilli is a member of **Seven Palettes** which has been selected by the City of Gaithersburg to exhibit their latest paintings at the **Kentlands Mansion**, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, from June 21 to September 5, 2016. An artists' reception is tentatively scheduled for June 21. See <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/about-gaithersburg/city-facilities/kentlands-mansion> or contact Ann at rossilli@rcn.com.

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, 2015 - August 31, 2016** 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