



# The Mapleleaf

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**Meeting:** 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 19th, 2010**

**American College  
of Cardiology  
9111 Old Georgetown Rd**

## AGENDA

Call To Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

DOT Presentation by Randy Paugh on Road Resurfacing (45-minutes)

Election of Officers for 2010-2011 (15 min)

Establish MCA Dues for 2010-2011 (5 min)

FAES Rezoning Report & Status of Legal Fund (10 min)

Spring Social Event Report (10 min)

Maplewood Meeting Signs (5 min)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the weather forecast and clouds looked ominous. But around noon the clouds parted; the sun came out; and over 300 Maplewood residents had a spectacular spring social event! My thanks go to Spring Social organizer, DeeDee Smart Lynch, and her "army" of volunteers. The ladder truck bucket rides thrilled those that wanted a bird's eye view! We much appreciate the participation of the NIH firefighters and the trucks. Please see page 3 for details on the Spring Social. A slideshow of photographs taken by Linda Hubbard and me will be available for viewing both before and after our general membership meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

I am pleased to inform you that starting in summer 2010 and continuing into next year, roads in Maplewood will be resurfaced. Our featured speaker at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be from the County's Department of Transportation and he will explain the process and take questions from residents.

In accordance with MCA bylaws, our May meeting is considered our "annual meeting" and concludes our regularly scheduled MCA meetings for the membership year (Sept 2009-August 2010). Our new membership year begins in September 2010 and we look forward to your membership in the fall. Your membership and participation is crucial to a viable Maplewood! I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Allen

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## MAPLEWOOD-ALTA VISTA PARK RENOVATION

We have a fabulous design for a new playground at Maplewood-Alta Vista Park. The new playground will include two large climbing structures, one of which is designed for toddlers, swings, and several additional features. The new equipment has been ordered by the County Parks Department and was expected to be installed this spring. Unfortunately, the Parks Department recently notified us that construction cannot begin

without a permit. Prior to this year, the Parks Commission was not aware that it needed a permit to renovate existing playgrounds. Because this is a new process for the Parks Department, it is unclear exactly how long it will take to get the permit. Hopefully we'll have a new playground in the next few months. Watch the neighborhood association web site ([www.maplewoodcitizens.org](http://www.maplewoodcitizens.org)) for updates.

## Join the MCA Listserv!

Send a message to [maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoo.com)  
and be sure to include your name and address.

## MAPLEWOOD STREETS SCHEDULED FOR RESURFACING



Despite the County's budget shortfall, the streets in Maplewood are scheduled to be resurfaced beginning in the County's 2011 fiscal year (July 2010-

June 2011) which commences in July 2010. Roads from West Cedar Lane north to Alta Vista Road

are to be done in fiscal year 2011. Alta Vista Road and streets north of it are to be resurfaced in fiscal year 2012 (July 2011- June 2012), subject to budgetary considerations. Before the resurfacing begins, residents on those streets to be resurfaced this fiscal year will receive a brochure in the mail that will explain the road-resurfacing project. MCA has invited Mr. Randy Paugh, Chief, Pavement

Management Department of the Department of Transportation's Division of Highway Services to be our guest speaker at the May 19<sup>th</sup> MCA meeting. We thank Mr Paugh for offering Maplewood residents this briefing and an opportunity to ask questions regarding this important project in Maplewood.

## FAES WITHDRAWS REZONING APPLICATION

As indicated in the March edition of *The Mapleleaf*, a hearing examiner issued a report to the County Council recommending that the application by the Foundation For Advanced Education in The Sciences (FAES) for rezoning the property bordered by West Cedar Lane, Cypress Avenue and Acacia Avenue be rejected. Faced with possible denial of its application by the County Council, FAES requested the Council to dismiss its application "without prejudice." MCA submitted a document to the Council stating that we believed the application should be dismissed "with prejudice" because of the considerable time and effort expended by MCA, the Planning Staff & the Planning Board, as well as the hearing examiner. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Council, by a vote of 5 to 4,



dismissed the application "without prejudice." The effect of this action permits FAES to seek rezoning of its property at any time. Had the application been dismissed "with prejudice," FAES would have had to wait a minimum of 18 months before applying again for rezoning. Those Council members who voted to dismiss the application "without prejudice" were Nancy Floreen, Valerie Ervin,

George Leventhal, Mike Knapp, and Nancy Navarro. The Council members who were in favor of dismissing the application "with prejudice" were Phil Andrews, Roger Berliner, Marc Elrich, and Duchy Tractenberg.

MCA has accumulated voluntary contributions of \$940.00 in a legal fund to fight the FAES rezoning. No money from the legal fund has been used to date in fighting the FAES application. It was the intention of the membership to return any unused money to its donors at the completion of the FAES proceeding. However, the manner in which the FAES application was dismissed raises a question as to whether MCA should retain the legal fund or return the money. The membership will be asked to consider this matter at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.



The Maplewood Spring Social on Sunday, April 25th somehow dodged the thunder and rain storms and provided an afternoon of fun and activity for over 300 Maplewood neighbors. Moon bounces, face painting, balloon animals, a decorate your own cupcake walk, a decorate your pot/plant your seed craft activity and plenty of cold drinks and more than 30 pizzas offered fun for everyone. The exciting "high" light was the NIH fire trucks staffed with firefighters who gave tree line rides in the ladder truck bucket.



## SPRING SOCIAL LARGEST EVER!

**Special thanks** to those on the Planning Committee:

*Katee Neal designed an amazing flyer announcement and coordinated the cupcake walk and bakers, Becky Umhofer organized the seed craft activity, Sarah Gilligan handled building arrangements, Linda Hubbard coordinated the Fire Department visit and photographer.*

**Thanks** to those who delivered Spring Social reminder flyers to all Maplewood residents:

*Mercedes Tibbits, Melanie LaCount, Mike Lynch, Lynne Joseloff, Lisa Reff, Katee Neal, and Ugo D'Agnese.*



**Thanks** to those who worked so hard at the Social:

*Marie Coleman, Jeanne Levin, Ester and Matthew Scheibel, David Seid, Monica Martinez, Dan Pierce, Alyson Abramson, Karen Schneider, Melinie LaCount, Julie Barrios, Jessica Collins, Mike Simpson, Shawn Selby.*

**Thanks** to the Face Painters:

*Mike Lynch and Nancy Abeles.*

**Thanks** to the Registration Table workers:

*Treasurer Hugh Barteman and Secretary Barbara Harrison (they never even came up for air - great problem to have!)*



**Thanks** to those who made cupcakes:

*Lori Cooper, Julie Feldman, Monica Martinez; Mary Minshew, Katee Neal, Eleni Pavlou, Martha Salamanca, Jerilyn Schweitzer, Wendy Tannebaum.*

**Special thanks** to the students who helped - they were great!!

*Ella DeBoer, Yapheth Norris, Jordan Cooper, Yuumi Ikeuchi, (there were 2 other girls who helped but we missed their names).*

**Thanks** to Allen Myers for all his help and support in organizing the Spring Social and for being the official photographer.

**A very special thanks** to Clifton Poodry, a Maplewood resident, who donated his special cedarwood creations (made from our own cedars in Maplewood - he uses other neighborhood woods as well) as door prizes;

**And thanks to you who attended the Spring Social!**

## MCA DUES FOR 2010–2011

MCA bylaws require the membership, at the May “annual” meeting, to establish dues for the next membership year. The MCA executive committee

recommends that the dues be retained at their current level of \$25.00 per member household.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**Volunteer Coordinator** needed for delivery of *The Mapleleaf*

newsletter (5 issues/membership year; January issue often mailed due to win-

ter weather). Routes/maps established and great team of neighbors ready to assist (although more always welcome!). Please call Janet Maalouf at 240 694-0204 for further information.

**Advertising Manager** needed to identify potential advertisers (flyers) in *The Mapleleaf* which helps defray newsletter publication expenses.

Please call Janet or send e-mail to Janet.Maalouf@verizon.net

*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**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:** *New Member* \_\_\_\_\_ *Renewal* \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are \$25 for one year, payable by check to “Maplewood Citizens Association”. (Dues paid now will provide membership until September 2010.) Please send your completed membership form and check to: Hugh Barteman, Treasurer, MCA, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, MD 20891-2483**

