

# The Mapleleaf

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

**Wednesday, September 29, 2010**

**American College  
of Cardiology  
9111 Old Georgetown Rd  
Bethesda, MD 20814**

## AGENDA

Call To Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Presentation by Mr. Thomas Dagley, Montgomery County Inspector General (45-minutes)

Election of Vice President for 2010-2011 (15 min)

Expenditure of Funds to Apply for Tax-exempt Status (10 min)

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



Welcome to the 2010 - 2011 MCA membership year! I hope everyone had a peaceful and restful summer. Other than the June/July Phase I road resurfacing in Maplewood which appeared to go very well overall, the neighborhood was very quiet. Also, many of the issues in which MCA has been involved have either been resolved or are on hold. One thing that has not changed, however, is the shortage of volunteers we have to run this organization. I am hopeful that you will seriously consider what you can do as a volunteer with MCA to help make Maplewood an even better neighborhood than it already is lucky to be. A great neighborhood needs attention from all of its residents, long-term and short-term, permanent and temporary. We need you to join MCA (September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 is the membership year; membership form is on the back of this newsletter). We need you to volunteer! The-

se are just a sample of opportunities:

- Vice President vacancy
  - Mapleleaf Newsletter editor (reviewing articles, working with copy layout volunteer; and printing newsletter)
  - Mapleleaf Newsletter distribution manager (coordinating volunteer delivery of Mapleleaf; maps and established routes already prepared)
  - Volunteers to deliver Mapleleaf Newsletter in Sept, Nov, Jan (usually mailed), March, May;
  - Mapleleaf Advertising Manager (arrange for advertisers for 5 newsletters)
  - Cookie Recipe Exchange coordinator (new idea!)
  - Spring Social Coordinator and volunteer staff
  - MCA Membership Chairman
- Any other volunteer idea! We are open to suggestions!

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## **MCA GUEST SPEAKER SEPTEMBER 29**

Because of the current Montgomery County budget shortfall, the role of the Inspector General has taken on renewed importance in making sure that County revenue is spent appropriately. Our guest speaker for the September meeting will be Montgomery County Inspector General, Mr. Thomas Dagley. Mr. Dagley has over 30 years experience as an investigator and auditor at both the federal and state levels of government. He serves on the Executive Guidance Board for the Maryland Performance Excellence Awards program, Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute, University of Maryland.

Although appointed by the County Council, the Inspector General is solely responsible for choosing topics for review after carefully considering available resources and the mission of the Office. The mission is stated in three goals set forth in the enabling legislation: (1) Prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse in government activities, (2) propose ways to increase the legal, fiscal, and ethical accountability of County government departments and County-funded agencies, and (3) review efficiency and effectiveness of programs and operation of County government and independent County-funded agencies.

Please attend what will be a very interesting and timely presentation.

## Join the MCA Listserv!

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

## MCA TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

The Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) is incorporated within the State of Maryland as a non-profit organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the IRS regulations that applies to Civic Leagues and Social Welfare organizations; MCA member dues are not deductible from federal and state income taxes with this status.

As a non-profit entity, MCA is allowed to file with the Internal Revenue Service for tax-exempt status. For example, the Mapleleaf Newsletter printing (published September, November, January, March and May), the MCA telephone hot line and purchases related to association activities such as the Spring Social and

business operations would not be subject to taxes with tax exempt status.

MCA has never submitted an application to the Internal Revenue Service for tax exempt status. IRS charges a one-time \$400.00 application processing fee. While MCA would be required on an annual basis to renew (no fee) its 501(c)(4) status with the IRS, there would be no additional fees associated with the tax exempt status.

At the September 29, 2010 MCA general membership meeting members will be asked to approve or reject the \$400.00 expenditure for the tax exempt status application.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: The MCA membership year is September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. Only current members will have a vote.**



## BRAC UPDATE

We are into the final year countdown to September 15, 2011, the deadline for the completed move of Walter Reed Army Medical Center to National Naval Medical Center. State and local agencies continue traffic mitigation planning at 4 nearby intersections and improvements to pedestrian and biker paths in the surrounding area. Funding issues seem as elusive as a moving target shooting range at a county fair. A \$300 million Congressional appropriation earlier in the year slipped away due to the fact that it (in simplified language) was attached to an incorrect bill and as such the funds could not be distributed to Virginia/Ft. Belvoir and Bethesda. Another effort at securing the \$300 million is in the works, but should it be-

come a reality it is unclear what percentage of that total amount Bethesda would receive. Stay tuned for further developments as funding availability and state and local pressure to implement short-term solutions will drive the improvements to be made and the time frame in which they will be completed.

On September 16, the National Capital Park and Planning Commission held a Mandatory Referral Hearing on an 8' wide West Cedar Lane shared-use (pedestrian/biker) path. Because of the constraints caused by telephone polls and the NIH fence near Cypress Avenue, the Planning Staff proposed two options. One would have eliminated parking on the South side of W. Cedar Lane to prevent the risk of bicyclists being hit by open doors from parked cars. The second was to move the curb out 6 ft to widen the sidewalk, but retain parking along the south side. This would have resulting in shifting the road lanes by six feet to the North, and would have required eliminating parking on the North side of West Cedar Lane. A letter from NIH cited their opposition to eliminating parking on the south side and indi-

cated NIH was unwilling to cede any land along West Cedar Lane.

After hearing from parties concerned with this issue, which included testimony by MCA President Allen Myers (testimony can be read at [www.maplewoodcitizens.org](http://www.maplewoodcitizens.org)), and citing financial constraints and that the improvement would not warrant the cost, the Planning Board rejected the lane shifting option. The Board, however, voted to support a "minor improvement alternative" which retains parking on the south side and widens the existing south side sidewalk to 8 feet with a 3 foot green space between the path and the curb, where feasible, (telephone poles and the NIH fence will prevent the construction of a green space in certain spots). A representative from the Department of Transportation will present the design of the shared-use path to Maplewood residents at the November MCA meeting.

BRAC developments can be followed at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BRAC](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/BRAC).



## MCA MEETING NOTICE SIGNS

Earlier this year, the MCA membership authorized the purchase of six additional signs that are displayed to notify resident of upcoming MCA meetings. The signs have been purchased. Meeting notice signs are an important means of reminding residents of membership meetings. If you would be willing to place a sign in your yard prior to MCA meetings in September, November, January,

March, and May, please contact the MCA president, Allen Myers, via the MCA website ([www.maplewoodcitizens.org](http://www.maplewoodcitizens.org)) or the MCA phone hotline, (301) 530-6080. Sign locations in the general vicinity of Alta Vista Road and Linden Avenue near Beech Ave, as well as on Elsmere Avenue are areas where signs would be of greatest value. Also, MCA would like to ascertain where the existing MCA signs are located. If you have a sign, or know someone

who has, and if you have not previously responded to Allen's listserv e-mail on this subject, please contact MCA through one of the two methods described above. Once MCA has the locations for all the signs, the MCA secretary will compile a list and send an e-mail notice of an upcoming MCA meeting to those residents who have the signs.

## THE GOOD LIFE IN MAPLEWOOD... EXTENDS TO MONTANA!



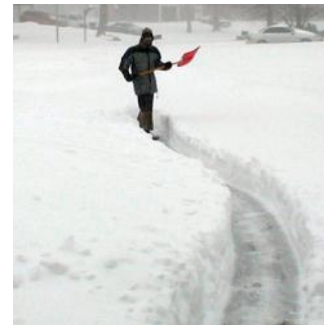
Maplewood residents (left to right) Van & Nancy Osborne (Benton Avenue), Matthias Machner & Melanie Barzik (Chandler Street), and Andy Thoma & Emma Kurnat-Thoma (Fresno Road) spent a week together this summer hiking in the mountains of Montana. Not pictured: Andy and Emma's two dogs who accompanied them!

## HEAR YE! READ ALL ABOUT IT! NEED SOME HELP?

**SEPTEMBER 2010 NEIGHBORHOOD HELPERS LIST is in this issue!**

Please be sure to retain this popular list of Maplewood youth (12 years old and older) interested in helping neighbors with the tasks listed. Our next Neighborhood Helpers List will be in-

cluded in the March 2011 Mapleleaf Newsletter. For any updates or new helpers that would like to be included in the next issue, please send an e-mail to [editor@maplewoodcitizens.org](mailto:editor@maplewoodcitizens.org) or leave a message on the MCA hotline at 301-530-6080.



## ADVERTISERS NEEDED

If you have dealt with a business that offered great service/product/food we would be happy to contact them to see if they might be interested in having an advertising flyer in a future Mapleleaf Newsletter for a fee. Please send leads to [editor@maplewoodcitizens.org](mailto:editor@maplewoodcitizens.org) or leave a message on the MCA hotline at 301-530-6080.

## HOT SCOOP OF THE MONTH



Fresh mozzarella cheese can be found at Manoli Canoli, 8540 Connecticut Ave just south of Jones Bridge Rd, Chevy Chase!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued from page 1)**

Please contact me at [allenm@maplewoodcitizens.org](mailto:allenm@maplewoodcitizens.org) or leave a message at 301-530-6080.

I would also like to report the passing of long-time Maplewood resident and active MCA member, Fred Rabel. Fred passed away in December 2009. His family requested we not acknowledge Fred's passing until his estate could be settled. Despite his advancing years and later physical

limitations. Fred managed to attend most of our MCA meetings, including the meeting held the month before he died. An accountant by profession, he willingly gave of his time to annually audit our MCA finances. At one of his final meetings with us, MCA members approved his motion that our financial records only be audited when the treasurer position changed. This streamlined accounting practice certainly made my job as presi-

dent a lot easier. I will miss Fred and I am sure that many of our residents who knew Fred feel the same way.

I look forward to seeing you at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, September 29th. If you are new to Maplewood, we encourage you to come meet your fellow neighbors over coffee and cookies!

Allen

**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE RESCUE SQUAD OPEN HOUSE**

In conjunction with the Taste of Bethesda, The B-CC Rescue Squad will hold an open house, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will feature tours of the squad's station, demonstrations of emergency medical, rescue and firefighting equipment as well as a close-up view of a medevac heli-

copter and the opportunity to meet the flight medics. Since on-site parking will not be available, visitors are encouraged to use nearby County parking garages. Further information on the event is available at [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org) or by calling (301) 652-0077.



**COMMON AREAS OF BETHESDA CRES ARE NOT PARKLAND**

Bethesda Crest is a private townhouse development located within Maplewood and bordered by Rockville Pike (Rt. 355) just north of the Marriott Boy Scouts Center. At the time Bethesda Crest was constructed, County planners required that the Bethesda Crest roads and sidewalks be integrated into Maplewood Community for

public egress-ingress purposes. Recently, non-residents of Bethesda Crest have been observed utilizing the Bethesda Crest's common grounds and amenities located on them, such as lawn furniture and the children's playground. Unlike the roads and sidewalks which are

for public use (but privately owned and maintained), please understand that Bethesda Crest's common grounds and their amenities are dedicated solely for use by Bethesda Crest homeowners. Signs indicating the private nature of these facilities will be posted in the very near future.

*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**

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". Membership year is September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. Please send your completed membership form and check to: Hugh Barteman, Treasurer, MCA, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, MD 20891-2483**

