



The Mapleleaf

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Knights of Columbus/Rock Creek Mansion

5417 W. Cedar Ln.

Bethesda, MD 20814

AGENDA

Call To Order

Presentation and Q&A Session by Captain David Falcinelli, Bethesda District Commander, Montgomery County Police (45 minutes)

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Report on Marriot Property Zoning and Development Project (10 minutes)

Report on Route 355 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Citizens Advisory Committee (10 minutes)

Maplewood Village Update (10 minutes)

Adjourn

MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to welcome residents to a new Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) membership year. I look forward to your support of MCA with your membership and I hope to see you at the MCA general meeting at the Knights of Columbus (5417 W. Cedar Lane) on Wednesday, September 17th.

This year, we are pleased to welcome two new officers. Mary Jo Deering is the new MCA Vice President and Jo Batky is the new MCA Secretary. In continuing the custom of offering new MCA officers the opportunity to introduce themselves, we get to know Mary Jo below and will hear from Jo in the November issue of the newsletter.

Allen

I am glad to be joining the MCA board. Having lived in Bethesda since 1970 and in Maplewood since 1990 it has been a great place to raise kids. My two oldest grandkids, 10 and 8, live on a working farm in Carroll County and often visit the YMCA in Maplewood and enjoy its summer day camps. My youngest grandson, 8 months old, is currently in Vienna, Austria where his parents are on assignment with the U.S. Department of Energy. As a graduate of Smith College with a PhD from the

University of Geneva, Switzerland, I worked for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for 26 years, moving from the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to the National Cancer Institute Center for Biomedical Informatics and finally in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT doing policy work. My passion all along has been developing and promoting technologies to help consumers, patients and caregivers stay healthy, manage health issues and partner with their providers. I continue to consult on these issues and other aspects of health system improvement. As for Maplewood I am leading a group of volunteers exploring the concept of a "village" for Maplewood. Villages are volunteer-driven, bottom-up initiatives as part of the "aging in place" movement that build a sense of community and develop a network of neighbors helping neighbors with small services that can enable people to stay in their homes as long as possible. Please read the Village Update in this issue and look for future activities!

Mary Jo Deering, Vice President

A VERY WARM WELCOME

to our new Maplewood residents who moved in over the summer representing embassies, international organizations, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Naval Support Activity Bethesda/Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (NSAB/WRNMMC) and all others! Maplewood is comprised of 952 households within the boundaries of Old Georgetown Rd, W. Cedar Lane, Rt. 355/Rockville Pike and Pooks Hill Rd. Please call the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) hotline at 301-530-6080 if MCA can be of any assistance.





Montgomery County Police Bethesda District Commander

Guest Speaker – September 17

Captain David Falcinelli will be the guest speaker at the September 17, 2014 MCA general meeting. He will address the recent home invasion bill passed by the Maryland State Assembly, criminal activity in the Bethesda area, tips on Halloween safety for children and the safety of school children as the days get shorter. A question-and-answer period will follow Captain Falcinelli's remarks.

Maplewood Village Update

Our **Walking Groups** are striding ahead, They start and end at the entrance to Maplewood Park on Alta Vista Rd at Balfour Dr.:

- Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

- **We need your input** on adding/changing days/times for the evening walks. (We know that walks in the dark require special planning.) Here are some ideas: any weekday at 5, 6, 7, or 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. Please let us know what might work for you! Reply to Mary Jo Deering at 301-530-4987 or mdeering@starpower.net by September 16th.

Dessert Party: Sunday, September 28, 3 – 5 p.m. 5411 Linden Court. Children welcome. Dessert contributions welcome but not required. Please RSVP to Ruth Sachs by September 24th at 301-466-0800 or sachsm11@yahoo.com.

Wine & cheese/beer & chips. Friday October 7, 5 – 8 p.m., 9611 Page Avenue. Non-alcoholic beverages served too. Children welcome. Food and beverage contributions welcome but not required. Please RSVP to Margaret Human by October 4 at 301-530-5170 or mhmargarethhuman@gmail.com.

Board & card game night. We are going to start one! If you are interested in participating in or helping with a game night, please contact Elissa Fisher by September 16 at 301-493-4479 or elissa.fisher@comcast.net.

If you would like to learn more or get involved in planning Village activities, please contact Mary Jo Deering at 301 530-4987 or mdeering@starpower.net. This is YOUR village! We use the Maplewood listserv for our main communications; to join, send an e-mail to maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

ARE YOU INTERESTED
IN HELPING DELIVER
THE MAPLELEAF?

IF SO, EMAIL

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Join the MCA Listserv

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

Pooks Hill Marriott Property Redevelopment

As part of the comprehensive re-write of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, the Pooks Hill Marriott property was changed from Hotel – Motel (H-M) to Commercial Residential (C-R). The Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) and the Board of Directors of The Promenade (apartment/condominium complex) brought to the attention of the County Council members a discrepancy in the re-write that would have significantly affected this property and the amount of development that could take place on it under the new zone.

Under the present H-M Zone, the Marriott property has only about one third as much development on it as

that zone permits. Because of the efforts of MCA and The Promenade, the amount of development on the property under the new zone will be the same as under the old, only the type of development will not be restricted to a hotel or motel. Also, where the C-R zone has only a 10% green space requirement, the H-M 45% green space requirement will be retained on the Marriott site.

The Board of Directors of The Promenade signed an agreement with the developer of the Pooks Hill property, Quadrangle, under which the Quadrangle will construct two fifteen-story apartment buildings on the existing surface parking lots. These buildings will be up to 160' in height and have an

approximate total of 600 units. Quadrangle's original proposal was for three seventeen-story buildings and approximately 800 units. Moreover, Quadrangle agrees to respect the 45% green space requirement on the property and not to seek additional density development on the site for twenty-five years.

It is expected that Quadrangle will soon begin the process of obtaining the necessary County approvals for its project from the Planning Board. MCA will provide residents the dates for any public hearings that will be held as part of this process and it will closely monitor the new development for its impact on our neighborhood.

**UNSURE if you ARE
CURRENT ON YOUR
MCA**

MEMBERSHIP DUES?

SEND AN EMAIL TO

treasurer@

maplewoodcitizens.org

**OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT
THE MCA HOTLINE**

301-530-6080

NEW MCA MEMBERSHIP YEAR

September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015

Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) dues are still only \$25 a year per household... which is less than 7 cents a day! MCA is a volunteer run organization but your dues support MCA activities including *The Mapleleaf Newsletter*, social activities and efforts to maintain Maplewood's livability amidst the onslaught of development and traffic/transportation challenges. Dues payment options include:

- Pay by cash or check at the MCA general meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2014;
- Mail check with Membership Form (back page of this newsletter) per form instructions;
- Pay via PayPal at www.maplewoodcitizens.org

Questions? Send an email to: treasurer@maplewoodcitizens.org or leave a message on the MCA Hotline number, 301-530-6080.

Maplewood Residents Can Donate Blood at NIH

As an integral part of Bethesda's health care community, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Blood Bank provides a lifesaving service by collecting blood and blood products needed in the treatment of its patients. It relies on volunteer donors and is located on the main campus of NIH just across W. Cedar Lane from Maplewood! The Blood Bank oper-



ates on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with free parking available. Please call 301-496-1048 to schedule an appointment or visit the website at bloodbank.nih.gov for additional information. Blood Bank donors are eligible for an NIH Extended Visitor ID that allows easy access from all entrances for up to three years.



I WANT YOU

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, 2014 - August 31, 2015 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

GO TO WWW.MAPLEWOODCITIZENS.ORG TO PAY YOUR DUES VIA **PayPAL**.

SEPTEMBER 2014 Maplewood's Neighborhood Helpers List

Please keep this list handy! The Maplewood students (age 12 and up) on this list look forward to helping fellow Maplewood residents with the tasks listed.

This list is updated and published each September and March with the respective newsletters. Please refer to the list for deadline/contact information for the March 2015 list.

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Plans Progress

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the State Highway Administration (SHA) continue to plan for BRT in Montgomery County along several routes including Rt. 355/Rockville Pike/ Wisconsin Avenue. A Rapid Transit Steering Committee is comprised of State and County officials as well as organizations that support transit.

As part of the BRT Master Plan, the County Council required that Citizens Advisory Committees (CAC's) should be established for each route. MCA and other civic organizations throughout the County have been working with MDOT to determine the membership composition of these committees. The civic organizations strongly believe that the "stakeholders," i.e. residents and businesses along the routes should be represented on the committees and that special interest groups (such as developers) should not be

part of a CAC as they have other avenues in which to make their opinions and concerns known to MDOT and SHA.

As MCA anticipates being able to nominate a representative to the Rt. 355 CAC, any Maplewood resident interested in this community liaison opportunity can make note of their interest by leaving a message at the MCA hotline, 301-530-6080.

