



The Mapleleaf

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MEETING; next meeting
March 19, 2014**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! It's been a long time since we've had such a cold New Year. The cold will probably make us more appreciative of the spring weather when it comes.

I personally appreciate the Maplewood residents who volunteer time and effort without compensation to make the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) the success that it is. We are once again able to reinstitute the Spring Social thanks to the Knights of Columbus for offering their site and thanks to Ed & Sherry Brennan who have offered to co-chair the Social Committee. Please see a related article below.

Barbara Harrison, who for nearly six years has done an outstanding job as the MCA Secretary has informed me that because of time constraints she will need to leave that position at the end of the membership year. The Secretary's duties involve the recording of minutes for the meetings of the Executive Board and the General Membership – a total of eleven meetings. Barbara's departure creates an opportunity for another resident of Maplewood to step into a leadership position. In March, I will appoint a Nominations and Elections Committee to prepare a slate of officers for the 2014 – 2015. Please consider volunteering for any of the officer positions by letting the Committee know of your interest.

Finally, we will not have an MCA Membership meeting in January. Our next MCA meeting is planned for March 19th, 2014 and will be devoted to the "village concept" initiative which focuses on "aging in place". Please refer to page 2 for additional information on this concept aimed at allowing senior citizens to remain in their homes as they age.

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A Spring Social Event Is Being Planned

In years past, several hundred residents of Maplewood enjoyed each spring social event at the Maplewood – Alta Vista Park. Alas, when Montgomery County budgetary constraints led to the closure of the Maplewood – Alta Vista Recreation Center, MCA lost the venue for such events. However, the Knights of Columbus on West Cedar Lane, where the MCA now holds its membership meetings, has offered us the use of their facility for our social events. MCA is planning a social event for this spring and possibly another event for the fall. The March issue of *The Mapleleaf* will contain specifics about the spring event. If you are interested in helping to plan or participate in the spring event, please contact Ed (Chip) and Sherry Brennan by phone at (301) 801-3539 or by e-mail at etbrennanjr@hotmail.com.



The Compost Crew Pilot Program Update

In late December 2013, 24 Maplewood households began a 3 month pilot program of food-waste recycling with Wednesday curbside pick up by the Compost Crew. The 3 month pilot program fee was \$35. The 24 households represent Acacia Ave, Alta Vista Ct, Alta Vista Rd, Alta Vista Terrace, Bardon Rd, Benton Ave, Chandler St, Corsica Dr, Cypress Ave, Danbury Ct, Elsmere Ave, Holland Ave, Linden Ave, Locust Ave, Milroy Pl, Page Ave, Wickett Terrace and Wildoak Dr.

Maplewood's initial pilot program registration was similar to that of other Bethesda neighborhoods including The Town of Chevy Chase which finally reached upwards of 50 households. The Compost Crew food waste composting service is now included in the city services that The Town of Chevy Chase provides for all its residents.

With Maplewood's pilot program ending approximately March 18, 2014 Maplewood pilot program participants are set to continue to receive the Compost Crew services at a 50% discount off its regular charge of \$32 per month which will be \$16 per month.

At Maplewood's request, the Compost Crew has agreed to allow residents not already signed up for Maplewood's pilot program to sign up for the time remaining for \$25. Participation in the pilot program ensures a 50% discounted monthly fee of \$16 after the pilot program ends; for Maplewood residents not participating in the pilot program the monthly fee will be the regular \$32 per month fee.

To register for the Compost Crew pilot program, go to www.compostcrew.com/maplewood. Click on the Register Now button and you will see the \$25 setup fee. The deadline for adding your household to the pilot program is Friday, January 31, 2014.



**UNSURE if YOU ARE
CURRENT ON YOUR MCA
MEMBERSHIP dues?**

SEND AN EMAIL TO
treasurer@maplewoodcitizens.org

Aging in Place Program

MCA is interested in exploring the concept of a neighborhood "Village" to support aging in place. Villages are membership-driven, grass-roots organizations that, through both volunteers and paid staff, coordinate access to affordable services including transportation, health and wellness programs, home repairs, social and educational activities, and other day-to-day needs enabling individuals to remain connected to their community throughout the aging process. They are also good ways for younger people to connect to their community by volunteering for helpful tasks like transportation. There is a growing national movement (visit vtvnetwork.org), and a widening group of villages in the metro DC area

(visit wavevillages.org). There are several not far from us. One village is forming in metro Bethesda, tentatively bounded by Old Georgetown, Greentree, Bradley and Arlington.

Mary Jo Deering has agreed to lead our exploration of possibly establishing a Village in Maplewood, or perhaps in collaboration with a neighboring area. If you're interested or have questions, please contact her directly at mdeering@starpower.net or 301-530-4987. She will lead a discussion about the Village concept at our next meeting on March 19, 2014.

Join the MCA Listserv!

**Send a message to maplewood-citizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
and be sure to include your name and address.**

GOLDEN GLOBES AWARD WINNER GREW UP IN MAPLEWOOD!

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association held its 71st Golden Globes 2014 Awards on January 13, 2014 to honor the best performances in film and television. The Golden Globes is the first big event of the year in Hollywood's award season which will culminate with the Oscars in March 2014.

Among the honorees, "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" won a Golden Globe for the Best Television Series (musical or comedy). This comedy series was co-created in 2013 by Dan Goor. Dan grew up on Cedarcrest Dr in Maplewood where his parents still reside. Andy Samberg who plays Jake Peralta in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" won Best Actor in a television series (musical or comedy).

Dan attended Wyngate Elementary

School, Tilden Middle School and Walter Johnson High School. He graduated from Harvard in biochemistry. While at Harvard he did a lot of theater and "improv" (improvisational comedy). After graduation, he worked as a comedy writer on The Daily Show for which he won 2 Emmys and subsequently wrote comedy for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien". He then became a writer and executive producer for "Parks and Recreation", a comedy series. "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" which Dan co-created in 2013 airs on Fox Channel 5 on Tuesdays at 8:30pm.

Our congratulations go to Dan and his very proud parents, Ron and Nancy Goor!



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"BE THE REASON
SOMEONE SMILES."

MCA Creates An Additional Listserv – "Nextdoor"

MCA has established a **Nextdoor** listserv to complement our MCA listserv (Maplewood-citizens@yahoogroups.com). There are similarities and differences between the two.

Once you verify your address and sign up for the site using your real name, you have access to a neighborhood directory, map, events, marketplace ("buy," "sell," and "free") and local service recommendations like "great babysitter" or nearby resources such as veterinarians, dentists, schools, country clubs, and churches. **Nextdoor** can also serve as an area "blotter" to report and share news about break-ins or suspicious activity.

You can choose how much information you want to disclose on your personal profile (e-mail address, work and/or home phone, or street name instead of exact address.) Members may also be contacted through private messages via their profile pages. Personal e-mail addresses do not have to be revealed. You may also choose whether to receive information from other nearby communities that have **Nextdoor** listservs such as Wyngate.

Nextdoor has several ways to verify that new members actually live in the Maplewood. A postcard may be sent to a new member's address with a special code to be plugged into Nextdoor.com. Once you've logged in, you will be asked to confirm your account. Signing up with a home phone number or credit card linked to a home address also works as verification. Alternatively, verified neighbors can invite other neighbors to join by sending an official postcard or flyer from Nextdoor.

For further information or to join **Nextdoor** go to Nextdoor.com.

The Purple Line

The 16 mile Purple Line timetable proceeds with the approval of Maryland's Governor, Montgomery and Prince Georges County Executives and their County Councils. The Purple Line is the only east-west rapid transit line that will connect Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince Georges County. The Purple Line connects METRO's Red, Green, Or-

ange and Blue lines as well the MARC lines to Baltimore with 21 stations. The Maryland Transportation Authority expects the Purple Line to carry some 76,000 riders a day making stops at new stations in Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, College Park and New Carrollton with three stops at the University of Maryland. The Purple Line trains will carry up to 200 passengers in streamline

cars with emphasis on passenger comfort, convenience and access. Currently, after reviewing dozens of proposals, the State of Maryland is down to choosing one of four public-private consortiums to design, build, operate, maintain and help finance construction of the \$2.2 billion light rail project.



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IN HELPING DELIVER
THE MAPLELEAF?

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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, 2013 - August 31, 2014 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**.

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