



The Mapleleaf

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

American College
of Cardiology
9111 Old Georgetown Rd

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Presentation by Streetscape Partners on
Heart House Development (45 minutes)

BUSINESS MEETING:

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

MCA Elections for 2013 – 2014

Establish Dues for 2013 - 2014

New Website

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MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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P.O. Box 2483
Kensington, MD 20891-2483

Hotline: 301-530-6080

Website: www.maplewoodcitizens.org
(Under Construction)

President: Allen Myers

Vice President: Ralph Schofer

Secretary: Barbara Harrison

Treasurer: Hugh Barteman

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our May 15th meeting, in addition to being our final meeting of the year, marks the end of an era for the Maplewood Citizens Association. This will be our last meeting in Heart House. The Montgomery County Planning Board has approved the development plan for the site (see page 3). By our September 2013 meeting the building will have been demolished. The developer, Streetscape Partners, will be at the May 15 meeting to explain their plans and take questions.



I am looking for replacement neighborhood locations for MCA meetings. Two leading candidates are the Knights of Columbus building on West Cedar Lane and the auditorium at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) on Rockville Pike just south of Pooks Hill Rd. At the May 15th meeting, I will survey the preferences of the members present. The September 2013 issue of *The Mapleleaf* will prominently announce our new location.

The close of the 2012-13 membership year is a fitting time for me, on behalf of our community, to thank the individuals who have volunteered time and thought on behalf of MCA and the Maplewood-Alta Vista community. **Ralph Schofer**, as vice president, has provided invaluable assistance to me. **Barbara Harrison**, MCA secretary, has done a

superb job of taking accurate minutes of both the executive committee and the general membership meetings. **Hugh Barteman**, MCA Treasurer, has ably handled our budget and kept a membership list. **Helen Strang**, a former MCA president, has served as newsletter editor and met the deadlines for getting the copy to **Christine Maalouf** to do the layout. Christine has also assumed the responsibility of serving as MCA webmaster; the MCA website is currently under construction. **Jo Batky** and **Lynne Joseloff** organize the newsletter distribution. For each issue that is hand delivered to the community's 952 homes, Jo and Lynne line up more than a dozen volunteers to ensure the newsletter delivery. Jo has also served as chair of the nominations and elections committee. Our thanks go to **Richard Kanehl** for enthusiastically assuming the responsibilities of the Maplewood Neighborhood Watch program.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our May 15th meeting. Have a pleasant and fun-filled summer and join us in the fall—in our new meeting location.

Allen

MCA Dues

The MCA bylaws require us to establish the dues for the coming year at the May meeting which is considered the Association's "annual meeting." The executive committee recommends that yearly dues continue to be \$25.00.

**ARE YOU
INTERESTED IN
HELPING DELIVER
THE MAPLELEAF?**

**IF SO, EMAIL
LYNNE JOSELOFF**

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OR**

JO BATKY

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

The Montgomery County police know that as days become warmer and longer all kinds of people start roaming neighborhoods for a variety of purposes. When "visitors" come calling, remembering a couple of facts can help you deal with the situation.

1. If an unknown or unexpected solicitor knocks at your door, engage the person in whatever manner is most comfortable for you. Responding, even to a potential burglar, lets the solicitor know that the home is occupied. Even talking through the door will likely cause the solicitor to move elsewhere. If you are not comfortable talking with strangers, stand behind the door saying: "Whatever you're selling or offering, no thanks; I'm not interested." The vast majority of solicitors will look elsewhere.
2. If the solicitor persists, the police suggest your next comment should be: "The police have been contacted and will be here shortly to help you!" 301-279-8000 is Montgomery County's non-emergency number for such incidents. Officer Dana Stroman, Maplewood's police liaison, encourages residents to use that number to report anyone acting suspiciously. Montgomery County police want to learn who may be "casing out" neighborhoods. Furthermore, the police don't mind responding to aggressive solicitors who inevitably are breaking the law by not having complied with the requirements of the County's Office of Permitting Services.



Richard Kanehl has kindly accepted the duties of Maplewood's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. Richard is seeking volunteer block captains to assist with disseminating occasional safety and security information of possible interest to the approximately ten nearby residents on their block. Please contact him at Kanehl@verizon.net if you would like to be a block captain.

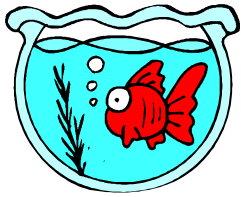
Join the MCA Listserv!

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

Pets of Maplewood



A new feature on the Maplewood Citizens Association website, which is under construction, will be "Pets of Maplewood." Submit your pet's photo and a short description/history about him or her. We welcome photos of any pet. Send photos to maplewoodcitizens@gmail.com.



**UNSURE if YOU ARE
CURRENT ON YOUR MCA
MEMBERSHIP dues?
LEAVE A
MESSAGE AT THE MCA
HOTLINE AT
301-530-6080.**

HEART HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

On April 11, 2013, the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the development plan to construct twenty-nine single-family houses and five Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs) on the Heart House property (formerly known as the American College of Cardiology). Destruction of the existing building will begin soon, followed by clearing the land. The property developer will attend the May 15th meeting to

detail the development time line and to answer questions from residents about the impact of these activities on the surrounding area.

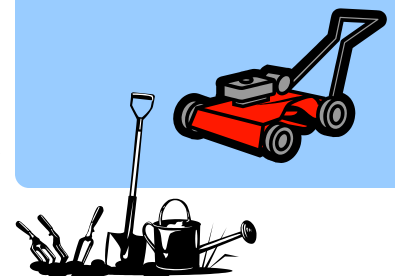


September 2013 Neighborhood Helpers List

The next list will be included in the September 2013 *Mapleleaf* newsletter. The young Maplewood residents age 12 and older on the list are available for one or more of the following jobs in Maplewood: Dog Walking, Babysit, Pet Sit, House Sit, Mow Lawns, Rake Leaves/Shovel Snow, Homework Help, Gardening and Computer Help.

Any young resident who would like to be added to the September 2013 list should leave a message on the MCA hotline 301-530-6080 anytime until 15 August 2013. Please leave your name, street name and contact number and we will call you.

This very popular list provides Maplewood youth with an opportunity to make some money.



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 _____

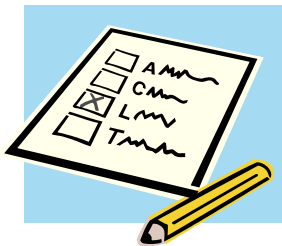
Today's Date _____

Dues are \$25 for one year, September 1, 2012 - August 31, 2013 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



Check the Maplewood website (www.maplewoodcitizens.org) for the possibility of paying for your MCA membership via PayPal which we are attempting to arrange.

MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS



To all dues paying members: You are cordially urged to attend the May 15th meeting to vote for officers for 2013-14.

The MCA bylaws require holding this election at the May annual meeting. Officers include President or Co-Presidents, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Nominations have been requested and submitted. Also, the floor will be open for additional nominations and for discussion.

A successful civic association requires committed and responsible leadership. MCA has been fortunate to have a devoted group of volunteers including MCA officers, committee chairpersons and liaison committee representatives. During

the past year, the Association has focused on issues of land development, traffic, utilities and safety and has hosted several informative guest speakers. The membership is grateful to the MCA officers for their time and effort in planning these meetings and addressing the many issues affecting our community. In the upcoming year, these issues and others will continue to be important to our neighborhood.

There is always room for a new volunteer – our president, Allen Myers, has been in office for ten years! Do you want to get more involved with your association? Leave your name and contact information at the MCA hotline 301-530-6080 if you are interested in helping.