



Manor Lake Civic Association

May 2013

Next General Meeting September 25

The next general meeting of the Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, September 25, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the all purpose room at the Bel Pre Elementary School, (the holding school at 15101 Bauer Drive). Come meet your elected board members. Discuss your concerns. Let them know your ideas or suggestions for improvements to our community.

Tentative Agenda:

Approval of minutes from last meeting, Treasurers report, budget overview, membership/dues update, old business, new business: Garden tour and National Night Out update, new member benefit, community phone directory, email sign-up campaign, PayPal, any other new business items raised.



Manor Lake Civic Association Board

Front Row L-R: John Collich, Treasurer; Matt Brown, Vice President; Phil Broadbent, Secretary. Second row: Linda Hansen, board member at large; Michelle Bean, President; Phyllis Taylor, Pat Wallace, Rae Kordel; Deb Halpern (not pictured), board members at large.

Letter from the President



I hope this edition of the MLCA newsletter finds you well after a nice relaxing summer despite the dreadful tornado that came through our neighborhood in early June.

We have some exciting new things to share with everyone. First you can now pay for your membership dues online using the new PayPal online service. Just log into the community's website at www.manorlake.org and you will see the PayPal easy to follow instructions. It's convenient and easy to do! In addition, for all current members this year we will have a free curbside bulk item collection. This event is being planned for the 2nd Saturday of December (12/14/13). This is a member's only perk so please make sure you remember to renew your dues for the upcoming year.

And lastly, thank you to the Social committee for putting on another great National Night Out event. It is always a great honor to have not only the County Executive stop by but the Chief of Police and States' Attorney as well. We had a very good turnout and the event was enjoyed by many.

I look forward to seeing you at the next General meeting which will take place on Wednesday, September 25th at the Bel Pre Elementary School beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

Although this information may be repetitious to many of you I feel it is a good reminder and perhaps new information for our new neighbors. This is also the information given by the police department.

- KEEP:**
- 1) your doors locked even when you are home
 - 2) your garage doors closed as many of them have doors that lead inside
 - 3) your windows locked even when you are home
 - 4) car doors locked and windows closed
 - 5) all valuable equipment in cars should be out of sight. These include GPS, phones, money, cameras, computers and packages
 - 6) packages on the porch as well as clothing from a cleaner is a sure sign no one is home. Ask a neighbor to bring them in for you. This is especially important during holidays.

If you are mailing bill payments or celebratory cards with checks or cash, please do not put them in the mailbox until the day of mail pick up. There have been people going through mailboxes at night.

When you go out leave a light and radio on as burglars do not want to enter if anyone is home.

Have GOOD door locks as the older locks can be opened with a credit card.

If you have a security system do not have a sign out in your lawn as burglars know how to break in to all systems.

Do not let solicitors in your home as they can quickly see what you have and ways to enter.

Be aware of unfamiliar faces and cars.

When you go away, ask a neighbor to take in your newspapers, mail and packages.

Most burglaries occur in the daytime while you are working and kids are in school.

The Neighborhood Watch is valuable to our community. Volunteers cover mostly every day-sometimes in the daytime and other times at night. You will recognize them with the decals and flashing yellow light on the car.

If you would like to help, please call Al and Rae Kordell at 301-871-6733.

Being involved requires one hour once a month. This is little to ask for a safe neighborhood. Some of our patrollers have been doing this for many years.

We are most grateful for their service to our community.

New Community Directory

Based on feedback from the last general meeting, we would like to produce a new community directory for the 2014 budget year. We are looking for a chair (or two co-chairs) to help gather the necessary information from the community to create the directory. If interested, please contact Michelle Bean at 240-876-8280 or via email at mbeanx44@verizon.net.

Photos from the National Night Out Social, August 6, 2013



WARNING: Toxic Algae in Water at Lake Frank

From MCPPC Montgomery Parks (<http://www.montgomeryparks.org/>)

Visitors Urged to Use Caution and Avoid Ingesting Water at Lake Needwood and Lake Frank Due to Elevated Microcystin Levels.

UPDATE: Microcystin, a toxic substance produced by blue-green algae (cyanobacteria), has been detected in Lake Needwood and in Lake Frank. Water that contains microcystin can cause severe liver damage if ingested. Please avoid all contact with the lake water, and do not allow dogs or other pets to swim in or drink from the lake. Swimming is prohibited at all times in Lake Needwood and Lake Frank. Fishing is allowed, but visitors are urged to use good hand cleaning practices prior to eating, drinking, or smoking. If eating fish caught from Lake Needwood or Lake Frank, visitors should eat only muscle meat and ensure that the fish is cooked properly.

For more information, please call 301-495-2595

or for more information

Rockville Patch:

<http://rockville.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/warning-lake-bernard-frank-is-contaminated>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Fact Sheet:

<http://www.cdc.gov/hab/cyanobacteria/pdfs/facts.pdf>



Did Your Dog Leave Something Behind?

Animal waste left in public areas and in neighborhood yards is a familiar complaint. And, while your neighbors might enjoy seeing your dog, they do not enjoy seeing what he leaves behind. Citizens must also maintain animal areas in a sanitary manner regularly and as often as necessary to prevent odor, or health and sanitation problems. Please consider this a friendly reminder that you are responsible for picking up any waste left behind by your pet.



Join Our Website Email List!

Manor Lake Civic Association will be going green and sending newsletters, event updates and information of interest to the community by email.



Register on our Web site or otherwise provide us your email address to be entered to win a \$50 Gift Card! *

3 Ways to Register:

- 1) Visit www.manorlake.org
 - a. Select “Join our website email list”
 - b. Complete the fields
 - c. Check the box for “newsletter and important information”
- 2) Email ManorLakeCivicA@aol.com
 - a. Subject line: Manor Lake’s Email List
 - b. Provide your name and email address
- 3) Scan the QR Code with your smartphone
 - a. Select “Join our website email list”
 - b. Complete the fields
 - c. Check the box for “newsletter and important information”



* Only residents of Manor Lake subdivision/community are permitted to enter. Only one entry permitted per person. The winning entry subject to validation by the MLCA Board prior to awarding the gift certificate. For your privacy - All email addresses will only be used by MLCA for the distributions of newsletters or other communications from the Manor Lake Civic Association.

Good Neighbors

We are all invested in making Manor Lake a wonderful safe neighborhood in which to live and raise our families. Neighbors are an integral part of making our community what it is. Good neighbors have played the most important role in this effort. The three basic qualities of a good neighbor are: caring, respectfulness and friendliness.

We all need to strive to be friendly and helpful to our neighbors. A good neighbor is always willing to do something to improve her/his community and takes part whenever she/he can.

We have many volunteers involved with the Manor Lake Civic Association who have made Manor Lake such a wonderful neighborhood, but we need to foster a sense of community in which, whether we are involved in the Association or not, we look out for those who may be in need of looking after. We know everyone cannot afford the time and effort to be a part of structured organization, but if we take the time to look at those who live closest to us who may need our help at any given time we will be "Good Neighbors".

Good neighbors also need to assume the responsibility to be respectful of the property in which we have invested and share the respect for our property by maintaining their property so that we all may continue and thrive in our surroundings. This should not be a great task, but a labor of love and coming together in a "Neighborly Fashion".

Now Pay Your Annual Dues Online

You can now pay your annual dues online using a credit card, debit card, or a PayPal account. You do not have to be a PayPal member or have a PayPal account to use any of these methods. Simply go to our website, www.ManorLake.org and look in the Documents and Pages section of the home page and open the "Pay Your MLCA Dues Online" document. When you click on the "Buy Now" button, you will be directed to PayPal and given the choice to pay with a PayPal account or to choose "Don't have a PayPal Account" which will allow you to pay as a guest with your credit or debit card. In all cases, you will get a receipt from PayPal and your credit or debit card statement will show the payment with the description MANORLAKECA.

September Manor Lake Newsletter Membership Drive Article It's Time to Join the Manor Lake Civic Association

The Manor Lake Civic Association fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th; therefore, it's time to kick-off the 2013-2014 annual membership drive.

NEW BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS:

Residents who join or renew their membership by November 30th, are eligible for a FREE CURBSIDE BULK ITEM COLLECTION. This event is being planned for the 2nd Saturday of December (12/14/13) – just in time to clear out your home to make room for those holiday parties and guests. Another collection will be scheduled for members in April [NOTE: members may use this service only one time during the membership year]. To take advantage of this offer, pay your dues and send your address with the subject: Bulk Item Collection to Phyllis Taylor (email: ptmlboard@gmail.com) or call 301-460-5581. This is a members' only benefit.

Your Civic Association Board makes dues dollars stretch a long way, but resident participation is necessary. For less than the cost of filling up your gas tank, you can help your neighbors keep the Manor Lake community one of the most sought after addresses in the area.

Civic Association dues cover a myriad of things:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Seasonal landscaping of the two entrances
- Insurance for our entrances and common areas
- Solar lighting costs at each entrance
- Capital improvements
- Facility rental costs for general meetings
- Newsletter printing and mailing costs
- Manor Lake Social Activities
- National Night Out Activities & Ice Cream Social
- Bi-Annual Meet 'n Greet
- Neighborhood Yard Sale
- Manor Lake Garden Tour
- Signage for meetings and social events
- New resident welcome
- And more

Please complete the membership form and send in today – or NEW SERVICE TO RESIDENTS – log onto www.manorlake.org and submit your payment via PayPal.

2013 - 2014
Manor Lake Civic Association Membership Application
Directory Information and Dues Form

MLCA Membership dues are collected on a fiscal year schedule (October 1 – September 30). As prescribed in the Manor Lake Civic Association By-Laws, dues payment is required for full participation in the Civic Association, including voting privileges and certain other benefits. Please complete the form below and mail it with your payment to the address below.

Manor Lake Civic Association
P.O. Box 768
Rockville, MD 20851

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Indicate whether New, Changed or Add'l: _____

By default, your e-mail address will NOT be included in the directory and will be only used for e-mail news and information from MLCA. Initial here if it is OK to include your email address in the directory. _____

Please exclude from future directories: My name _____ My phone number _____

How do you prefer the quarterly or semi-annual newsletters be delivered? E-mail _____ U.S. Mail _____ Both _____

Members only benefit: Free Curbside Bulk Item Collection: December 14, 2013 **or** April 19, 2014. For details, click [here](#). To participate, pay your dues and send your name, street address and desired date with subject: Bulk Item Collection, to Phyllis Taylor, email: ptmlboard@gmail.com, or call 301-460-5581, by November 29, 2013 or April 4, 2014

I am interested in volunteering for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Block Captains/Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Roads/Pedestrian Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Zoning/Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Distribution Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

I would like to advise on: _____ Information Technology _____ Political Liaison _____ Other _____

I am interested in the following club(s):

_____ Book _____ Card/Bridge _____ Gardening _____ Other: _____
(please describe)

My family can offer these services:

Family Member's name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service: _____
(Examples: Babysitting, Pet sitting, Lawn mowing, Snow shoveling, Tutoring, etc.)

Dues Payment

Annual Dues.....\$ **40.00** + additional contribution..... \$ _____ = **Total Remitted \$** _____

Checks should be made payable to Manor Lake Civic Association. Or, to use our secure online payment service, click [here](#), or go to www.ManorLake.org and click "[Pay Your MLCA Membership Dues Online](#)."

Thank you for your support



PO Box 768
Rockville, MD 20851

MANOR LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Family Members Providing Services - 2013

- Norene Yuska.....301-460-3856.....Piano lessons
- Robert Benor301-460-4425.....Recording life stories
- Anna Schilling301-871-0034.....Pet sitting
- Sara Bensimhon301-942-0090.....Certified babysitter
- Bridget Cooke301-603-8176.....Tutoring
- Ryan, Evan, Cameron Hoppman301-871-4677.....3 Boys: yard work, pet care & house sitting
- Nicole Hoppman301-871-4677.....Tutoring K-5th grade
- Tamah Graber301-871-3133.....Tutoring
- Mary Francis Allman.....301-460-5379.....Baby sitting and pet sitting
- Ryan Kelly301-460-8859.....Lawn mowing
- Beth Frentrup301-460-2255.....Tutoring - elementary