



Manor Lake Civic Association

May 2014

WELCOME SPRING!

I think we can all agree that winter has over-stayed its welcome and we are all looking forward to some nice weather. Since spring has always brought to mind a "New Beginning," it would be a great time for some of our residents to become involved in our Civic Association. Every organization needs new ideas and we would love to have some input from our residents and a commitment to serve as an Officer or Board Member. If we all took a turn it would bring new life and a different perspective to the Association and its goals. We need you to continue to maintain the wonderful community we are privileged to live in. Even if you do not feel comfortable in taking an official position, there are so many ways in which you can be a part of continuing to make Manor Lake a great place to call home.

Get out and meet your neighbors and renew old friendships. Start looking out for others who may need your help or just need to see a smiling face and hear a cheery hello. Our community can only be as good as we are willing to make it. There are so many ways in which we can participate playing a large or small role.

We are still in need of Block Captains who are our life-line to the many residents of Manor Lake. Although there are many times we feel we are not in control of our surroundings, tight-knit communities are a wonderful way of keeping that hometown feeling.

Please join us this spring to see the great activities that the Manor Lake Civic Association is planning for this new season. The next one is our Neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday, May 31st.

Letter from the President

Greeting Friends and Neighbors,

I hope this edition of the Manor Lake Civic Association newsletter finds you well.

On May 21st we will have our election for the 2014-2015 Manor Lake Civic Association Board and a newly elected set of volunteers will begin their service to our community. This year Lorraine Lorek headed our Nominating Committee. Many thanks to her for the great deal of effort she and her committee have put into preparing a ballot for our upcoming election. They have reached out to our community and brought in many new faces to volunteer this year. Please come out and vote on May 21st.

Just a quick reminder to everyone, that in order to participate in the upcoming elections your dues must be current. Please check our MLCA website www.manorlake.org to see if you are up to date. If you need to pay your dues you can do so on the website using our secure PayPal online service. Easy to follow directions can be found on the website.

A big thank you to our board member, Phyllis Taylor, for another successful Bulk Item Pickup event. We had over 30 residents participate last month.

And lastly don't forget to sign up on the MLCA website. All residents have been offered a chance to win a \$50 gift card just for registering on the website or providing their email address. Registering your email will help to get important information regarding our community out via a group email blast when appropriate. And now we are also including those who have paid or pay their dues online via the website through May 20th. The drawing for the gift card will be held at the upcoming general meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the next General meeting which will take place on Wednesday, May 21st at the Bel Pre Elementary school (holding school in our community on Bauer Dr.) beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come out and vote!

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean



Second MLCA Bulk Item Pick-Up Event A Resounding Success!

On April 19, 2014, more than 30 families participated in Manor Lake's second Civic Association Member Bulk-Item Pick-Up. Several families joined the MLCA specifically to participate in this event. On that Saturday morning, items left at the bottom of the driveways of participating homes were picked up and recycled / trashed as appropriate. Comments from residents included:

- Great spring cleaning event.
- The drivers were extremely helpful and friendly.
- Great idea!
- Love that this includes recycling.



As a reminder, the Bulk Item Pick-Up is a service for families who join the Manor Lake Civic

Association. The event will take place twice each membership year*, and each family can participate in **one** of the pick-up days. AA Refuse, the bulk pick up service provider, actually helped several residents get their items to the curb, and picked up all the trash and recycling with smiles and thank yous to the residents they spoke with.

We hope those families who participated this year saved a few treasures to sell at the 2014 Manor Lake Yard Sale scheduled for May 31st. Participants pay just \$10 for a spot. Please see the flyer on the cover of this newsletter for details. This popular event is now in its third year.



The next bulk item pick-up will be scheduled for early December – after the Thanksgiving holiday when guests are gone! If you would like to participate in the next pick-up, pay your dues for the 2014-2015 membership year – October 1 through September 30 – and **sign up for the pick-up** when it is announced in the fall.

Acceptable items include furniture, appliances, potted plants, televisions, CPUs, mattresses, mowers drained of gas, doors, bathroom fixtures,

clothing (bagged or boxed and marked), car batteries, carpeting, and more.



Save time and save money and contribute to your residential Civic Association which does so much to keep your community neat, well-lit, and safe. Don't miss this opportunity to clean unused items out of your home. Be sure to join the MLCA right away if you are not already a member; and make sure you renew your membership after September to take advantage of the next Bulk Item Pick-Up.

Important – Please note that paying your dues does NOT AUTOMATICALLY sign you up for the bulk collection; you MUST SIGN UP SEPARATELY for the event.

Anyone wishing to discuss trash service with AA Refuse can contact them at aarefuse@yahoo.com.

* The Manor Lake Civic Association 2015 membership year is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Next General Meeting and Annual Election of Officers and Board

The meeting will take place on Wednesday May 21, beginning at 7:30 PM at the Bel Pre Elementary School, 15101 Bauer Drive, in the all purpose room. It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting, meet the nominees and vote. Remember that the by-laws require that you must have paid your \$40 dues for the membership year, Oct. 2013 through Sept 2014, in order to vote. If you are not sure if you have paid, John Collich, our treasurer, will have the latest list of those who have, and will accept payments from those wishing to pay at that time. You may also check the list and pay your dues online on our website at any time before the meeting.

Candidates for Election

The following ballot for the 2014-2015 Manor Lake Civic Association Edward Milenky Executive Board will be voted upon at the May 21st General Meeting:

President - Michelle Bean
Vice President - Phyllis Taylor
Secretary - Rae Kordell
Treasurer - Susanne Mehlman

At Large (Five Positions):

Bill Barrett
Diane Blais
Jim Brown
Don Seifert
Jeff Seifert
(Jeff and Don are not related.)

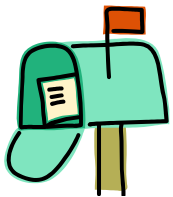
Each candidate has furnished a short statement/biography which we have posted on our website www.ManorLake.org.

You must be registered and sign-in to view them. If you have not already registered, please click the "Register on Our Website..." link above the photo on the home page. This will also enter you in the drawing for the \$50 gift certificate. Please see the article titled "Registering on the Website" on page 7 of this newsletter for additional information.

Holding School Update

We are trying to get a representative from Montgomery County to attend the May 21 General Meeting to give us an update on the status of planned construction on the holding school and answer your questions. If not possible at this time, we will try to have an update that we can pass on with any new information that may be available.

Stolen Mail



Since an article on this topic appeared in our February newsletter and March email blast, we have received several additional emails from residents who have had both outgoing mail and incoming packages stolen from their mailbox or front porch. At least one resident had to pay a fine or penalty because her check was not received due to stolen mail.

Please see below for some ways to hopefully protect us all from this type of theft.

~ Contact your local law enforcement agency if the stolen mail contains valuable contents ~

- Do not leave outgoing mail in your unlocked mailbox.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box or inside your local post office. Don't leave mail in a collection box that is full.
- Make sure your home mailbox is in good condition. Mail that is exposed can be damaged by bad weather and is visible to thieves.
- Promptly pick up your incoming mail after it is delivered.

- Arrange with a neighbor to pick up mail and packages that may be delivered while you are not home.
- Purchase a locked mailbox or convert your unlocked box to the lockable type. Make sure the mail slot is large enough for the letter carrier to insert your mail. The letter carrier cannot pick up mail from this type of box.
- Promptly contact the senders if you do not receive credit cards, checks, or other valuable mail.
- Notify the post office and mailers if you change your address. When going on vacation, have the post office hold your mail or have a trusted friend or neighbor pick up your mail after delivery.
- Be observant of activities on your street, including those near your letter carrier, the postal vehicle, residential mailboxes, and collection boxes.
- If you see suspicious persons or activity, call 911 while the suspects are still present.

By following these tips, you can lessen your chances of being a victim of mail theft and possible identity theft.

Mid-County Newsletter Links on Our Website

We have been putting links on our website to the weekly newsletter published by the Mid-County Services Center. This newsletter covers items of interest to Aspen Hill, Bell Pre, Brookville, Glenmont, Kemp Mill, Kensington, Olney, Sandy Spring, Upper Rock Creek and Wheaton. Topics include county announcements, notice of informational meetings, mid-county board and committee meetings, job & fellowship opportunities, awards & scholarships available, public activities and events taking place in May. A few titles from this issue include: Second Annual Veteran Resource and Community Volunteer Fair, Makeover Montgomery 2 | Moving Forward Montgomery (MM2), AARP Smart Driver Course and Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board meeting. Also there are "Getting Involved" links where the County Executive is looking for individuals to serve on various county advisory boards, committees and commissions.

Below is a sample of one article from last Friday's newsletter. We encourage you to check the "Pages & Links" section of our website regularly to see new information.

Leggett Announces ePlans and ePermits; Online System Will Save Residents and Businesses Money, Time, Energy and Paper

Thanks to innovative initiatives in Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services (DPS), County residents and businesses can now use "ePlans" and "ePermits" to apply online and electronically file plans to obtain electrical, deck, new home and right-of-way permits. Customers can do this from the comfort of their own home or business - saving significant time, money, fuel and paper. Later this year, home additions and commercial plans and permits will be added. For more information about the Department of Permitting Services, call 311 or visit the website. [The link is also on MLCA website.]

Jane Dobridge

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Zoning Update – Review the Map Now – Before it is Final.

The following is from Meredith Wellington of Neighborhood Montgomery. We are passing it along for your information. You will find links to Neighborhood Montgomery as well as other links with Zoning information on our website, www.ManorLake.org

Dear Neighbors,

As you know, the Council approved the revised zoning code (ZTA 13-04) on March 4, 2014, to become effective on October 30, 2014.

What has not been finished is the application of the new zones to existing properties, because the Council deferred action on the district map amendment (DMA G-956). The Planning Board is now in the process of holding open houses and meeting with property owners and stakeholders about the new code and DMA G-956. <http://montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/>

The PHED committee will hold work sessions later this year on the district map amendment, before it goes to the whole Council for approval.

Now is the time for property owners and stakeholders to review the proposed zoning map—DMA G-956—to see if the heights, densities, and combinations of residential and commercial development comport with the current zones and also with any recommendations in the applicable master plans.

On April 18th, the Planning Board posted a revised DMA G-956 with an interactive map that contains all of the changes that have been made since May 2, 2013. Here is the link: <http://montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/background.shtm#DMA> >

In addition to the interactive map, there are explanatory documents that review all changes that have been made since May 2, 2013. One of these documents is of particular interest, the document called “April 19, 2014”. This document reviews all of the changes that the Planning Board has made since the Council enacted the new code—from March 7, 2014 to mid-April of this year. To read this document, go to the above link, and then click on “April 19, 2014.”

As explained in the document, changes were made to correct errors (various changes are called Staff errors or Staff recommendations), and, when requested by a property owner, to reflect an approved plan. **In order to avoid inadvertent factual errors and errors in interpretation with respect to newly imposed zones, it is important that everyone review the revised DMA G-956 now—when it can be more easily corrected.**

This is the last step in a long process. Thank you for your efforts.

Meredith

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

There will be another GROW IT EAT IT open house on July 26, 2014, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Montgomery County Extension Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20853. Come view the demonstration garden in full production. There will be many demos in the garden. There will be classes about pests and disease and fall and winter vegetable gardening. See the link in the Calendar on the MLCA Website for more details.

Last Chance to Win \$50

The Manor Lake Civic Association has been publicizing its new web site for quite some time. It is an excellent source of news on our neighborhood and the greater community of Rockville as well. News about Rock Creek Park, the “hiker/biker” trail, changes to Montgomery County School plans, master plans, and more have been discussed and posted to the site.



As part of the marketing of the MLCA web site, residents have been offered residents a chance to win a \$50 gift card by “registering” on the web site. Information pertinent to the safety and well-being of our community can be sent via blast email if there is an emergency or timely issue, and the Manor Lake Newsletter is posted there as well. In addition, you can enter a conversation, see the MLCA advertisers, pay your dues, learn about social and other activities, print coupons for local retailers and restaurants, and more.

At the Manor Lake General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the winner will be drawn from those who have provided their email address, registered on our web site or paid their dues on our website during the time of the promotion – that is between May 2013 and May 21 of this year.

Now 4 Ways to Enter*:

1. Visit www.manorlake.org
 - a. Select “Register on Our Website and Join our 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 “Register on Our Website and Join our email list...”
 - b. Complete the fields
 - c. Check the box for “newsletter and important information”
4. Pay your dues via our website:
 - a. Select “Pay MLCA Dues Online”
 - b. Click on the “Buy Now” button



Registering on the Website

Registering does not require payment of any kind and is not tied to the MLCA membership dues. It allows us to know you are a resident so we may grant you full access to all areas and features of the website; including the “private -for residents only” material and all “Discussions.” Others will know you by the “Username” you choose. It is shown in the “Our Neighbors” and “Discussion” sections of the website. Your email address will only be seen by the website administrators.

* Only residents of Manor Lake subdivision/community are permitted to enter. Only one entry permitted per person. The winning entry is 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.

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: The next collections are planned for December 2014 and April 2015. Members may choose to participate in only one and must pay their 2015 dues before the collection of choice. Watch for details in the fall.

I am interested in volunteering for:

_____ Neighborhood Watch	_____ Block Captains/Membership	_____ Social
_____ Traffic/Roads/Pedestrian Safety	_____ Environmental/Zoning/Health	_____ Landscaping
_____ Newsletter/Communications	_____ Distribution Team	_____ 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](#)."

Not yet registered on www.manorlake.org? Register and be automatically entered in a \$50 gift card drawing.

Thank you for your support

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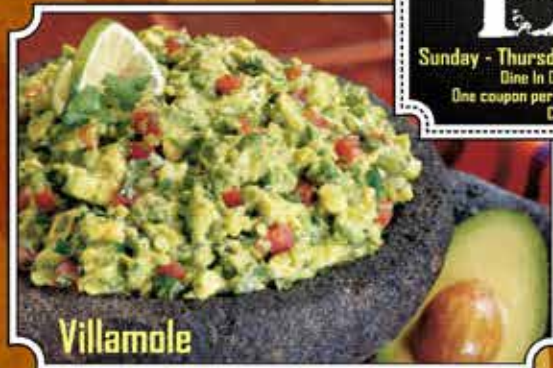


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Manor Lake Community 2014 Neighborhood Yard Sale!



Saturday, May 31th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The event will be held in the parking lot of

Bel Pre Elementary School

(holding school at 15101 Bauer Drive)



- ❖ Parking spaces are \$10/space (you will need to supply your own table.)
- ❖ Note: No Rain Date
- ❖ All reservations must be prepaid. Please RSVP & send payment to:
 - JoEllen Hayes 301/460-7763 or 240/888-1001, jolhayes@comcast.net,
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