



Manor Lake Civic Association

September 2015

2015 Drug Take-Back Day



The DEA has announced that the 10th National Drug Take-Back will

take place across the U.S. on Sept. 26 (except for PA and DE). In Maryland drop-off locations will operate from 10:00am-2:00pm on that day. The DEA, is encouraging people to clean out their medicine cabinets to make sure their home is safe from drug theft, misuse, and abuse of unwanted, expired, or unnecessary medicines. In the previous nine events, 2,411 tons of drugs were collected.

Sites will be set up nationwide to turn in Rx or over-the-counter drugs for safe disposal. Local collection can be found at www.dea.gov, or see "Calendar" or "Documents" sections of www.manorlake.org.

Montgomery County locations will **not** accept liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps or syringes as part of this program.

Buried in Paper?

Montgomery County hosts several drive-through paper shredding events during the year. For safety reasons, you must remain in your car and cannot watch your paper being shredded. No charge for County residents (no businesses). This link includes where and when, and details of what is, and is not, acceptable material.
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/resources/files/paper-shredding.pdf>.

President's Message



It's hard to believe that summer has already been here and gone. I hope everyone had an opportunity to take a break and enjoy the warm weather!

I'd like to welcome our new 2015-2016 Manor Lake Executive Board members: Bill Barrett, Jim Brown, Kevin Gormley, Cindy Lakas, Susanne Mehlman, Don Seifert and Phyllis Taylor. We have already held meetings and are looking forward to a great year with a few new events for our community.

One item that we are looking forward to is putting together a new community directory. There has recently been a lot of turnover so we would like to create a new directory that is up to date. In addition, we would like to increase our membership for our association so please look forward to one of our new Neighbor Coordinators visiting you to update our information.

As a reminder, don't forget to regularly visit Manor Lake's Civic Association website at www.manorlake.org for upcoming events and exciting neighborhood news. We also have a Facebook page to "like" as well!

Lastly, I'd like to invite all residents to attend the fall General Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, in the All-Purpose Room of Flower Valley Elementary School.

As always, please feel free to send me any suggestions or feedback to help keep Manor Lake a vibrant community. Manor Lake is a great neighborhood and I'm glad to be a part of it!

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

September Manor Lake General Meeting

The fall General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room at Flower Valley Elementary School. All residents are invited to attend and learn about what is going on in Manor Lake. This is *your* community – come out and participate.

Special Presentation(s): We've invited a color expert to offer tips on using color to make your home look terrific inside, and to maximize curb appeal. In addition, an invitation has been sent out to the WSSC to discuss the status of the pipe relining project that's been taking place off of Baltimore Road and our own Lake Terrace. Join us on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Our Own Earth Day

Following the last General Meeting in May, a group of Manor Lake residents donned rubber gloves and the requisite reflective vests and cleaned up an area of Manor Lake bordering Norbeck Rd. Many thanks to residents Adrienne and Xavier Flynn, Jack Wallace, Wendy Hoffman, and Don Seifert for their efforts.

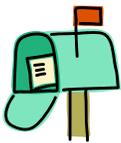
Fall cleanup anyone?. If you are willing to spend time to help keep our neighborhood clean, please send an email with your name and phone number to ManorLakeCivicA@aol.com. This is an excellent opportunity for kids to learn about civic responsibility and earn service hours at the same time.

Welcome New Neighbors



Welcome to Manor Lake! The Lakes (Court, Drive and Terrace) upheld a long tradition of welcoming new neighbors with a party on Sunday, September 6. A big welcome to the neighborhood to the Meisch and Davenport families.

REMINDER: Mail Fraud & Property Theft



We receive occasional notices from residents regarding theft of mail/packages, or items from property and cars. A few suggestions for residents:

- Do not leave important outgoing mail in your mailbox, or raise the flag to indicate outgoing mail.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box or inside your local post office.
- Promptly pick up your mail after it is delivered.
- Be observant of activities on your street
- Keep your homes and cars locked and valuables out of sight.

If you see suspicious persons or activity, call 911 while the suspects are still present.

Manor Lake Bulk Item Pick-up Scheduled



Two years ago, your Manor Lake Civic Association began organizing a twice-a-year bulk item pick-up service, **free for MLCA members**. This event has become an

eagerly awaited method to dispose of items that have outlived their usefulness or aren't easily recycled.

Two trucks come through Manor Lake; one for trash and the other for recyclable material. MLCA members may participate **once** during the year **for free**. Due to popular demand, residents who have already used their free pick-up may participate a second time for the nominal fee of \$5 per house.

The next pick-up will be Dec. 12, after your Thanksgiving guests have left, and in time to make room for your winter holiday guests! To participate, **pay your dues** and notify Phyllis Taylor at ptmlboard@gmail.com or 301-460-5581.

Safety First

Under the heading of safety first, the following are some links that are of interest as we move into the fall foliage and back-to-school season; some may be second nature, but bear repeating. Montgomery County's Summer Safety series, see "links" on manorlake.org.

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/>

- **Back to School Safety:** <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/back-to-school.html> Includes an intro with links for more general info, tips for drivers, walkers, bikers, bus riders, and educators.
- **Home alone safety:** http://montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/Resources/Files/Home_Alone_Safety.pdf
- **Stranger Danger: IMPORTANT REMINDER** <https://www.kidpower.org/stranger-safety/>

Note: This hit close to home recently for one of our residents' grandchildren. Tell your children that if they feel uncomfortable in any situation, call 911 FIRST; police may be in the area and the operator may stay on the line to keep your child calm until help can arrive.

- **Fall outdoor activities:**
 - **Snake Safety:**
http://montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/Resources/Files/Park_safety_snakes3.pdf
and
http://dnr2.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/vsnakes.aspx
 - **Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac Information Center:** <http://poisonivy.aesir.com/view> and http://montgomerycountymd.gov/summersafety/Resources/Files/Poisonous_plants3.pdf
 - **MoCo Parks Trail User Info and Safety Tips:** http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkTrails/trail_symbols_files/trail_symbols.shtm

Manor Lake National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 4, between rain showers, Manor Lake hosted a terrific National Night Out (NNO), complete with a huge moon bounce, DJ, dancing, ice cream, and camaraderie! This nationwide annual event is designed to raise awareness, develop community and police partnerships, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity. Manor Lake has been hosting NNO with the Flower Valley Civic Association for several years, and it has brought these two vibrant communities closer together.



Several 19th District elected officials were in attendance. Pictured, from left: Phyllis Taylor (MLCA Vice President), Lawanda Edwards and Sigourney Okpara (office of State Senator Roger Manno), State Senator Roger Manno (D), MLCA Board members Don Siefert and Cindy Lakas, Maryland State Delegate Maricé Morales (D), Michelle Bean (MCLA President), and Kevin Gormley (MLCA Board Member) [not pictured: Maryland State Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D).]

More than 125 Manor Lake and Flower Valley residents enjoyed an evening of fun and community fellowship. A special thank you to our Manor Lake Social Committee: Phyllis and Bob Taylor, Christine and Kevin Gormley, Paula and Jim Marple, Laura and Chris Samford, Don Seifert, and Brenda Rose for helping in the overall successful of this event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

MLCA Membership and Newsletter Updates

The 2016 MLCA membership drive begins NOW! In response to the community about membership dues time frame, the Board has voted to *change the fiscal year* from Oct. 1 – Sept. 30, to the standard calendar year of Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 (while the fiscal year is not included in the MLCA bylaws and therefore not subject to community vote to change, discussion time will be allowed at the September general meeting). Membership for Q4 2015 will *be included* in the 2016 membership dues.

Dues may be paid via PayPal account or credit card by visiting the MLCA website (www.manorlake.org). You may also use the membership form in this newsletter and pay by check. All those paying their dues by December 31, 2015, will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card (to be awarded at the May General Meeting).

Note: the MLCA newsletter is emailed to a majority of residents, and is also available at www.manorlake.org. Therefore in order to **save more than \$1,500 per year**, the newsletter will no longer be sent by U.S. mail to Manor Lake residents for whom we do not have an email address. If you are a *paid member* of the Manor Lake Civic Association, do not have access to email, and want to receive a paper copy, contact Don Seifert at 301-871-1033/don@manorlake.org. Otherwise, this is the last issue of the Manor Lake Newsletter that will be mailed to you. If you do not have Internet access, please notify one of the MLCA Board members and they will arrange to get a paper copy of the newsletter to you. Visit www.manorlake.org to register on the website and provide your email.

Doggie Doos and Don'ts

We continue to hear remarks from residents about neighborhood pets; therefore, we will continue to print a few reminders to Manor Lake dog owners. Be a good neighbor while walking your dog: Adhere to leash laws; keep pets off others' property whenever possible. Although the street-side of your property belongs to the county as access, owners must still mow the lawn and it is not nice to be stepping in doggie doo so if your dog "doos," please pick it up. Remember that dog feces are an attraction to rats, so remove them from your yard as it could pose a health hazard.

2016 Manor Lake Civic Association Membership Application, Directory Information and Dues Form

MLCA Membership dues are collected on the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). 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; check here if you want your email INCLUDED in the directory _____ and used for all news and information from MLCA.

Please **exclude** from the Manor Lake directory: My name _____ My phone number _____ My e-mail address _____

Members-only benefit - Free Curbside Bulk-Item Collection: Planned for December & April each year. To participate, make sure your dues are current and send your name, street address and desired date with subject: Bulk Item Collection, to Phyllis Taylor at ptmlboard@gmail.com, or call 301-460-5581

I am interested in volunteering for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Block Captains/Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Social
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Earth Day/Neighborhood clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> New Directory Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ + _____

I would like to advise on (as needed): ITechnology Political Liaison Other _____

I am interested in the following club(s): [this information will be published on www.manorlake.org in the members' only section]

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

My family can offer these services:

Family Member's name: _____ Phone or email: _____

Service: _____

(Examples: Babysitting, Pet sitting, Lawn mowing, Snow shoveling, Tutoring, sports coaching, 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? Registration is free and separate from MLCA membership.

Thank you for your support

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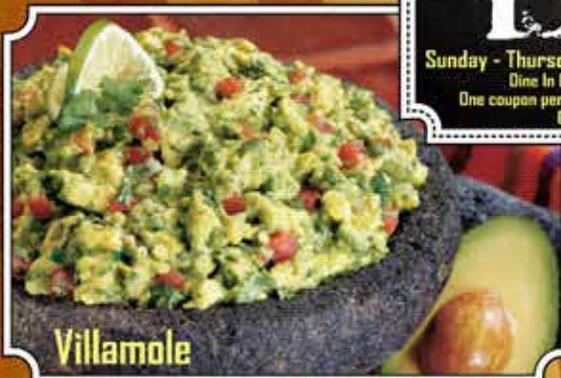


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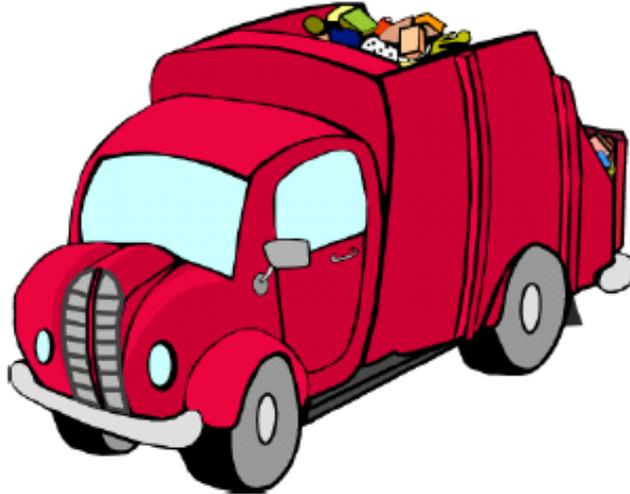
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