



Manor Lake Civic Association September 2019

Manor Lake Community General Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Bauer Drive Community Center, in the **Art Room**. It is important that as many members – and residents – as possible attend this meeting to learn about important issues affecting our community. We have invited a guest speaker from Montgomery County to discuss having trash pickup by the County, composting and rainscaping. Officer Kathryn Beard will also be present to share tips on home security.

You do not need to be a member of MLCA to attend but we hope all residents will attend and help MLCA continue to represent your interests in Montgomery County, and in the Manor Lake area. MLCA Board members work hard on behalf of our community and we welcome ideas and participation of all residents. In fact, we hope that participation at these Community General Meetings will inspire residents to volunteer to serve on the board.

Reminder: the community elected in 2015 to revise our membership year to follow the calendar year so dues cover the period of January 1 through December 31. You may pay your dues at the meeting or use the membership form included in this newsletter. Alternatively, you may utilize this [Pay MLCA Dues Online link](#) and save time and postage.



Look what we have planned for the Fall in Manor Lake!

Mark your calendars now.

Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Block Parties	Saturday, September 28 th
Bulk Item Pick Up	Saturday, October 12 th
General Meeting & Elections	Tuesday, October 15 th
Turkey Trot	Thursday, November 28 th

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events please reach out to us at ManorLakeCivica@aol.com

Manor Lake Website Support Requested

We're looking for volunteers to help with the Manor Lake website and email box. It's helpful for volunteers to have some knowledge of website design or html code, but not required. Interested residents should send a note to manorlakecivica@aol.com or call Don at 301-871-1033 for more information, to volunteer, or discuss other ideas.



Greeting Friends & Neighbors!

Welcome Fall! I hope everyone had a nice relaxing and enjoyable summer. Our Manor Lake Board elections will be taking place at our next General meeting on Tuesday, October 15th. We have some new candidates for the Board and we are all looking forward to serving the community for the upcoming year. We also have an open position of Treasurer and Secretary that we need to fill. Please come out to vote and participate at our next meeting.

Upcoming this Fall – Block Parties! We are having several block parties throughout the community all on Saturday, September 28th. Check the Manor Lake website for your area party location. We will also be holding the Manor Lake Turkey Trot event again this year on Thanksgiving morning. Look for your registration email which will be sent in early to mid-October. We hope you will join us in “Running the race before you stuff your face”.

Supporting the Manor Lake Civic Association as President in the continuing effort to keep Manor Lake a safe and caring community is something I look forward to in the upcoming year. Please feel free to send me any feedback, comments or suggestions in keeping our neighborhood a community. Manor Lake is a great neighborhood to be in and I'm glad to be part of it.

Our next General meeting on Tuesday, October 15th at Bauer Drive Recreation Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you there!

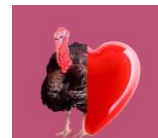
Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

Fun Fact – Did you know Turkeys can **Blush??**

When turkeys are scared or excited—like when the males see a female they're interested in—the pale skin on their head and neck **turns bright red, blue, or white**. The flap of skin over their beaks, called a “snood,” also reddens.



MANOR LAKE EVENTS

National Night Out

Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate with us this year and we were rained out! Big thank you goes out to all our volunteers who came out and gave it their best effort. We will try again next year.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Come out and meet your neighbors and kick off the Fall with the Manor Lake Block Party. Manor Lake neighborhood has been split into 4 areas for a community neighborhood block party. Festivities will “kick off” at the holding school at 3pm with a contest and a few words from our board. Then disperse to your block party at 3:30. Not sure where to go or what to

bring?

[Area 1 – Meet at Lake Court Gazebo](#)

West of Bauer

Lakes (terrace, court, drive)
Waterway (court, drive, terrace)
Norbeck (Bauer to the park)
Bauer (west side, Norbeck to Waterway)

[Area 2 – Meet at Marlin Street](#)

East of Bauer

Marlin (street, court, terrace)
Waterway
Norbeck (between Bauer & Rocking Spring)
Bauer (east side, Norbeck to Waterway
and both sides from Waterway to Rocking Spring)

[Area 3 – Meet at Clavel Terrace](#)

East side of Bauer

Rocking Spring
Clavel (street & terrace), Trailway
Bauer & Norbeck (between Rocking Spr & Emory)

[Area 4 – Meet at Manor Lake Court](#)

West of Bauer

Manor Lake (drive & court)
Rocking Spring & Trailway
Bauer (Rocking Spring to Manor Lake Dr)

Go to manorlake.org for more information or contact Lupe Rohrer (bnlrohrrer@yahoo.com or 301-938-2499) to sign up for potluck items or volunteer! You may also sign up by clicking on the appropriate Area title for your street and section (east or west of Bauer).



Manor Lake Bulk Item Pickup Scheduled for Saturday, October 12

Manor Lake residents who are current on their Civic Association dues are eligible for a free bulk item pick-up **once** during the membership year (MLCA membership year follows the calendar year). Two pick-ups are scheduled each calendar year and MLCA members may participate in one at no charge. You must be a paid-in-full member of MLCA to participate. There is a nominal charge of \$5 to participate in the bulk pick-up a second time in one year. If you want to participate in this event, and you haven't already paid your 2019 dues, you may do it [here](#), or with a check and the Membership Form in this newsletter. You may check to see if your dues are paid at

ManorLake.org or [here](#).

If this is your second pick-up this year, you may pay your \$5 [here](#) or by check to the address on the Membership Form.

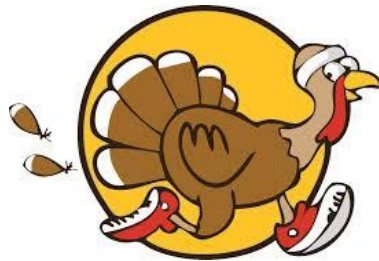
Note: Paying your dues or \$5 does not automatically sign you up.

To participate in this event, make sure your 2019 dues are paid and send your name and street address with Subject: Bulk Item Collection, to Don@ManorLake.org; all sign-ups must be done by email - no "reservations" will be accepted by phone. Be sure to include your name, street address, phone number, and email address. Confirmations and information about acceptable and unacceptable materials will be sent by email, but you may see a list on the Bulk Item Pickup flyer at the end of this newsletter.

As many of you know, AA Refuse, our provider for the bulk pick-up in previous years, has closed their doors. AA Refuse customers were transferred to the Triple-R company, who is our new bulk pick-up provider. We look forward to working with Triple-R on this twice-annual event for members of the Manor Lake Civic Association. For more information about Triple-R's services, call 301-990-3533 or go to <https://www.refuseremovalresults.com>.

The first bulk item pick-up event for next year is planned for April 11, 2020.

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TURKEY TROT

Thursday, November 28th - Mark your calendars, and set your alarm clocks, to join your Manor Lake neighbors and friends – and friends-of-friends – for the 2019 Manor Lake Turkey Trot! This 5K run, 1-mile walk, will start from the holding school (now Maryvale Elementary School) on Bauer Dr. and follow a pre-set course that includes much of Manor Lake and several streets into Flower Valley. This year's run will be free for Manor Lake Civic Association member households; there will be a nominal \$5 per person charge for non-member residents and participants from surrounding communities, with a maximum of \$20 per non-member household. Watch your email and our website, www.ManorLake.org, for more information about volunteering to help, registration and ordering T-shirts in the coming weeks.

A Turkey Trot Tee-Shirt will again be available with names of sponsors, and we've already secured sponsorships from the following neighboring businesses:

Eyes On Norbeck
Fitzgerald Financial Group
Kelly Hass, Realtor – Keller Williams Capital Properties
Lupe Rohrer, Realtor - Long & Foster Companies
Moko Sushi
Safeway
Villa Maya

If you'd like to sponsor or volunteer to help, or if you have, or know of a business that would like to help sponsor this event, please send an email to TurkeyTrot@manorlake.org.

MANOR LAKE IN ACTION

Neighborhood Safety

Manor Lake is one of the safest communities with one of the lowest crime rates in Montgomery County, according to statistics from county police Community Outreach Officer Katie Beard, but we can't forget we live in a busy, urban area where crimes, large and small, are common.

Our neighborhood did have a recent spate of thefts from vehicles. The perpetrators walked through the area testing car doors and ransacking those that were left unlocked. Investigating officers said that in these types of crimes, thieves often make off with vehicles as well when owners also leave a spare key or fob in an unlocked car. Fortunately, that wasn't the case this time, but small items and change were stolen.

To keep our record of low crime intact, please help your Neighborhood Watch organization by adhering to the following safety tips:

1. Lock your vehicles and remove valuables from them.
2. Keep garage doors closed and locked when not in use.
3. Make your home look occupied when away: Have a neighbor park in your driveway; stop newspapers and mail; put lights on timers.
4. Trim landscaping around doors and windows to limit hiding places.
5. Consider a video doorbell – county police have come to depend on this technology to help solve crimes.

And if you'd like to help keep Manor Lake shipshape and safe, please contact me to join the Neighborhood Watch. Ours is one of the longest-running watches in the county. You'd be called upon to patrol by car, bicycle, on foot or whatever suits you with a friend, family member or neighbor once per month, for about an hour: NW Coordinator Adrienne Flynn, adriannemflynn@gmail.com

Neighborhood Watch Volunteers Needed

The Neighborhood Watch program needs additional volunteers. During the past year or so we have lost several volunteers due to residents moving out, illness, or deaths. Participation only requires about an hour of your time, once a month. A schedule is sent monthly, and you may request specific dates, or change your dates as necessary. Volunteers patrol in two-person teams and may patrol at any time of day on their scheduled date. About half our volunteers are married couple teams. Others are neighbors who have gotten together to form a team. If you would like us to pair you with someone specific, please let us know. Since many burglaries and break-ins occur during the day, it would be nice if we had more volunteers who are home during the day, who work from home, or otherwise have flexible work hours which allow them to patrol during the daytime. But don't let that deter you from signing up. Some patrollers use bicycles in good weather! To sign up, please email [Adrienne Flynn \(adriannemflynn@gmail.com\)](mailto:Adrienne Flynn (adriannemflynn@gmail.com)).

Please Slow Down

There have been concerns of neighborhood safety and speeding cars through the neighborhood. We are working with local police to assist with cut through traffic and increased speeding. Parents please remind young drivers to abide by the speed laws and traffic stops while in the neighborhood – as Fall approaches it will get dark earlier and there are many neighbors walking, children getting on and off of buses and playing in the streets.

Communications with county officials for additional sidewalks and speed bumps are underway.

Keep Manor Lake Clean

Our main entryway island on Bauer has had trash and debris left behind almost daily over the past few months. **Please** encourage all to use trash bins and dispose of waste properly. If you see anyone littering please contact us to follow up and keep our streets, entrance and Manor Lake community clean.

What ever happened to “curb appeal” - literally? - by Bret Lyhus

Anyone notice lately the condition of our the concrete curbs / gutters along many of our Manor Lake streets, such as on Marlin Street, Rocking Spring, Clavel, and Trailway Drive, and associated cul-de-sacs – all the sections south of Bauer Drive? Many of these curbs / gutters have cracked or crumbled over the decades, and the joint seams are gone in many places, making a cozy bed for weeds to take root and thrive. And the worst part of it, is that we have all grown accustomed to it! By July and August of each year, the weeds from these curb joints grow thick and several inches high, and leaves us with that ‘abandoned ghost town’ motif. Are Manor Lake residents really ok with this theme?

Many homeowners near these eye sores will pay a lawn service to neatly manicure and edge their lawns, without asking that same service to cut back the summer’s growth of weeds from the curbs right in front of their beautifully edged line. It’s as if those curb weeds are invisible, and don’t detract from the pleasant appearance of the front yard. Other homeowners who maintain their own yards, work hard to pick the weeds from their lawns, while serenely overlooking the small jungle that grows from the curbs in front of them... wait, what?? It’s neither hard nor time consuming to knock out those curb weeds for the summer season, with a weed whacker and eye protection. Or, use an herbicide - either the commercially available type, or preferably the less toxic home brews that you can learn of online. Either way, it’s not hard for individual homeowners to eliminate these curb weeds.

But might there be a bigger and better fix? Several years ago, I submitted a service request with Montgomery County, asking that our concrete curbs and gutters be inspected, and replaced where most necessary. The response I received at that time was that there was neither a program nor budget to repair or replace these old curbs. Perhaps I was mis-informed or mis-understood, but I now see the same kind of concrete curbs / gutters being replaced routinely in other parts of Montgomery County. It’s been done a lot lately over in Aspen Hill. So, we are investigating the opportunity further, but it appears that our neighborhood needs to get in line for the following program:

<https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/BASISCAPITAL/Common/Project.aspx?ID=P508182>

A sentence on this web page reads “The March 2016 Report of the Infrastructure Maintenance Task Force identified an annual replacement program level of effort based on a 30-year life for curbs and gutters.” As far as I know, the concrete curbs and gutters in Manor Lake have not been replaced in the 50 year history of our neighborhood. So, the MLCA will work to get us in the pipeline for widespread curb replacements. In the meantime, we can either live with the summer curb weeds, and the degraded, cheapened look they bring to Manor Lake, or we can choose to knock them down with a weed whacker or natural herbicide. It all depends on your definition of “curb appeal,” and the appearance we are each willing to accept in front of our homes.

Entranceway solar light fixtures to be replaced this fall - by Bret Lyhus

Our Manor Lake entrance way solar light systems have been in place since September of 2011, and they are due for new LED light fixtures. The existing fixtures have LED nodes that have degraded considerably in brightness, particularly at the Rocking Spring entrance. The Edward Milenky memorial light fixture is fine, and does not need to be replaced. One of the fixtures at the Bauer Drive entrance has several LED nodes that have burned out. In any case, all of these existing sign wall LED fixtures are eight years old, and due for replacement.

We are researching for a cost effective and reliable replacement fixture, and should have it selected soon. Replacement should be completed before the upcoming holiday season, thereby providing bright light to each Manor Lake sign wall at both entrances by then. Separately, each site has a pair of deep cycle batteries that deliver power to the light fixtures at night. These batteries are charged daily from the solar panels, by way of a voltage regulating charge device. So far, since 2011, both batteries at each site have been replaced once. The latest batteries should be good for another couple of years, before needing replacement again. Part of your MLCA annual membership fees are applied to these solar light maintenance expenses, along with landscaping service for the entrance way islands. Thank you!

Let's talk Trash. – by Garrett Fields

This past spring, the MLCA board invited the community to participate in an interest survey. One of the questions asked about switching to county provided trash service. Over 70% of the respondents were interested. At the spring general meeting, a presentation was made outlining the benefits, drawbacks, and procedure to proceed. For those who couldn't attend, here is a brief overview.

For \$95/year, added to the property tax bill, Montgomery county contracts with a collector to provide one day a week trash collection service, and 5 yearly bulk pickups. This is an additional service beyond the recycling and yard waste service they already provide our area. Flower Valley, Manor Woods, and most of the southern non-municipal county areas have opted for this service. Instead of the 5+ garbage trucks that can have infrequent stops, which allows them to reach high speeds and create a lot of noise throughout the entire day, a single truck would progress house to house. Additionally, as a community, our environmental footprint would be improved with the more efficient usage of the trucks. Some, however, would be affected by the single day a week service and the requirement of curbside (not house-side) pickup.

The process for the conversion to county service includes a petition by 25% of the residents requesting the service, an informational hearing, and a mailed ballot that must be approved by 50% of the addresses. The petitions have already started to circulate and will be available at the block parties at the end of the month. The hardest obstacle will be the mail ballot. If this is an initiative you support, it is essential you respond in order to meet the 50% affirmative response requirement.

Visit <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/> for general information about county refuse service or <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/trash/petition.html> for specific information about the petition process

MCLA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive continues. Some who have been members in the past have not yet renewed and we have others who just keep putting it off or may be new to the community and may not be aware that they have a Civic Association watching out for the wellbeing of their neighborhood. We need your help to keep Manor Lake the vibrant community it is by becoming members. Also, by talking to your neighbors, *especially* if they're new to the neighborhood, to invite them to join MLCA and participate in community events.

Member dues – only \$40 per year – go to, among other things:

- Seasonal landscaping/maintenance at both the Bauer Dr. and Rocking Spring Dr. entrances;
- Maintenance of entry way lighting;
- Insurance costs for Manor Lake entrances and common areas;
- Neighborhood Watch supplies;
- Fire Hydrant reflectors to make them visible during winter snowfall;
- Facility costs for general meetings and social events, such as:
 - National Night Out;
 - Neighborhood Yard Sale;
 - Periodic Meet 'n Greet for residents with County Council Members and other local officials and businesses;
 - Volunteer appreciation night; and
 - Turkey Trot
- Advocacy efforts which benefit the community, e.g., advocating against the MCPS 400+ bus depot which was proposed for Avery Rd., for improvements in traffic light timing, speed control, stop-sign road signs and other traffic safety issues, highway and environmental noise conditions, etc.;
- Signage for meetings, social events, neighborhood yard sale, etc.
- Bulk item pick-up costs;
- More.

Annual dues are only \$40 which is *less than 11 cents per day*. Please make your payment today before you forget. A membership form is included with this newsletter, which residents may also use to volunteer or express their interest in neighborhood activities; you may pay by check sent with the form via USPS, or you may pay online with a credit or debit card or via PayPal at our website by clicking "[Pay MLCA Dues Online](#)" or this link www.ManorLake.org/pages/510392.

Use the "To Volunteer" link on the Manor Lake website (manorlake.org) home page or [this link](#) to provide a service such as baby-sitting, tutoring, snow-shoveling, or to volunteer for a community activity such as Neighborhood Watch.

Remember that only **paid members of MLCA may vote for officers and on issues before the community**, e.g., capital improvement items, etc.

Please note that payment of your dues **DOES NOT automatically sign you up for the Bulk Item Pick-Up** – you MUST register for that event as discussed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, please visit our www.manorlake.org and click "Add Yourself" to the right of the photo to register on the website. Registration on the Manor Lake website is free and *does not constitute Civic Association membership*. But it does give you full access to the site, including material marked for Manor Lake residents only and the "Discussions" section where residents can view, create, follow and participate in discussions with other website members or post items of interest. While you do not need to pay dues to register on the website, we sincerely hope that residents will do both.

Note: the MLCA newsletter is emailed to most Manor Lake residents and is also available at www.manorlake.org. We save more than \$1,500 a year by NOT mailing the newsletter. However, if you are a *paid member* of the Manor Lake Civic Association and do not have access to email or to the community website, or know of a neighbor in this situation, who wants to receive a paper copy, please contact Don Seifert at 301-871-1033 or by email at Don@ManorLake.org.

MLCA BOARD ELECTIONS

The following information is provided in accordance with the Manor Lake Civic Association By-Laws. The Nominating Committee has obtained the following statements / biographies from persons nominated to fill officer and executive board positions of the association. This information has been provided to the Secretary who has furnished it for publication and notification to each member of the association. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the General Meeting.

Nominated for President: Michelle Miller Bean

I have served as the President of the Manor Lake Civic Association for the past six years and as an At Large member for two prior years, in addition to a year as Secretary. My husband, Michael, and I have lived in Manor Lake since 1998. We have two children, our daughter a University of Maryland graduate, and our son who is in his senior year at Salisbury University. In my professional life I am the System Administrator for the ActiveMONTGOMERY software for Montgomery County.

Fourteen years ago, I founded a Manor Lake-based women's group where a small number of residents gather monthly. This group not only has formed deep and lasting friendships but is also a group of neighbors that have mutual interests for a safe, friendly neighborhood that we call home.

As MLCA President, I would like to continue to promote fellowship in the community, to increase the membership, and work closely with our local and community elected officials to enhance the welfare and partnership in safeguarding our neighborhood.

Nominated for Vice President: Lupe Rohrer

I moved to Manor Lake in 2015 with my husband (Bob), daughter (Alison), and 3 beagles. Originally from California, we moved to Maryland 17 years ago – on a 1 year detail in Bethesda. We decided to make this our home when we fell in love with the changing seasons, diversity, and community. Once our youngest graduated from Walt Whitman HS and headed to Towson, we found a wonderful house on Marlin Street. We bought from an original homeowner, and have been renovating to make it our home. While we thought of downsizing, the reality is our family continues to grow. Our oldest daughter, Britni and her husband Sam, live in Asheville, NC. They just welcomed our second grandson this past summer. Alison is now off to Florida to start her career with Air Force (civilian). Our beagles keep us active, and those who walk down Marlin know our friendly (and crazy) cat Kaylee. And as those of you with older kids may know, when the holidays come around, the rooms fill up quickly!

We chose Manor Lake for the community, and when I was asked to join the board as Vice President, I gladly accepted. Bob works for the government, and I am your neighborhood Realtor. I've been with Long & Foster for 16 years, and am licensed in Maryland, DC and Virginia. Being a realtor has always been my passion. Assisting people with the biggest financial decision in their lives, whether buying or selling, is so rewarding. With our kids out of the house, it is comforting to help and see the neighborhood welcome young families, while caring for our original homeowners. I regularly host meet-and-greets for our new neighbors, and encourage us all to participate in spring cleaning with a Community Shred Event in May. For this Fall, I have been working with members to bring back the block party on Marlin, and this year we are expanding the Manor Lake Block Party to all residents. I hope to continue on to bring the community together, keep our streets safe for our residents and pedestrians, and work with the board to ensure the welfare of our residents.

Nominated for Treasurer: OPEN POSITION

per the bylaws:

Section D: It shall be the duty of the treasurer to collect all monies due the association and to deposit the same in a depository approved by the executive board. The treasurer shall also keep a current membership list and certify to the president and the association such list of fully paid up members who are eligible to vote at any meeting. The treasurer, or in his/her absence, the president, shall disburse the funds of the association only by the direction of the association, or the executive board. All checks dispersing funds must be countersigned by

another officer. The treasurer shall make a report at each regular meeting and when called upon by the president. The accounts of the treasurer shall be audited prior to the fall general meeting by a committee of two qualified persons from the community selected by the president and approved by the executive board.

Nominated for Secretary: OPEN POSITION

per the bylaws:

Section C: It shall be the duty of the secretary to record the minutes of all meetings, to read the minutes of the previous meeting for approval unless such reading is waived, to keep the official correct copy of the by-laws as part of the association's record, and write such correspondence as may be deemed necessary by the president.

Nominated for Board Members At-Large:

Bret Lyhus

My family moved to Marlin Terrace in 1999. My wife, Janet, and I have three children - ages 22, 19, and 13, all of whom attend(ed) our terrific nearby public schools. After living in several different countries overseas in my earliest years, I attended middle and high school in Montgomery County. I lived and worked out-of-state for 12 years, before returning here in 1993. I graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and earned an MA in International Affairs from The American University. I have worked in the fields of Energy and IT, to include several types of power generation: fossil fuel, nuclear, and renewable energy systems. I currently work as a Project Engineer / Manager for a large federal contractor on data center power distribution and energy efficiency.

I am an active parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster for my son's Boy Scout Troop 457. Prior to my current service for MLCA, I served on the MLCA Board between 2005 – 10, including two years as Vice President and one year as Secretary. I initiated and managed the installation of solar lighting at both entranceways, and continue to maintain these systems. I also currently manage the landscape and maintenance contract for our two Manor Lake entranceway islands.

For Manor Lake's future, I would like to see improved participation by my fellow residents. I am particularly interested in contributing to the care and upkeep of our common areas, by continuing to manage the landscaping of both entranceways, and eventual County repair/replacement of our many deteriorated curbs, which allow weeds to proliferate. I also want to promote more awareness and use of Montgomery County's effective tree planting program.

Don Seifert

I grew up in Silver Spring, then served in the U.S. Air Force after college. My wife, Bobbie, and I moved to the English Manor section of Aspen Hill in 1972 and moved to our present home in Manor Lake in 1985. We really like it here. I worked in the telecommunications field in various technical and managerial positions for over 45 years. Now an "empty-nester," my interests include computers, amateur radio, aviation, and history.

Bobbie and I like living in the Manor Lake community because it is near our two children and four grandchildren, and because it offers convenient opportunities for walking, biking, and exploring in the park as well as having several nearby playgrounds to entertain our younger grandchildren. It is a pleasant, friendly and safe neighborhood for us all and we like that the MLCA helps keep it that way.

We enjoy helping in the community when we can. I served initially on the Distribution Committee delivering our newsletters and flyers, participated in the neighborhood clean-ups, worked at many of the National Night Out events and continue to participate in the MLCA Neighborhood Watch program. I also help with the publication of our community newsletters and maintenance of our Website and email address list.

As a board member, I hope to help ensure the community remains the good place it is to live, to improve two-way communications between residents and the board, and to encourage and support more community activities where we can all get to know each other better.

Deborah Shum

My partner, Terry Dowdy, and I have lived on Rocking Spring Drive since 2015. We both work for non-profit organizations in downtown DC. I have worked in human resources for nearly 20 years. I took a sabbatical to train and cook professionally then returned to the HR field. Terry served in the US Army then transitioned to a career in non-profit IT management.

Terry and I volunteer with the neighborhood watch and helped organize the first Manor Lake Turkey Trot in 2017. As a public transit rider, I am especially interested in pedestrian and traffic safety. I would love to see more neighbors involved in community activities.

Garrett Fields

In 2008, my wife, Cassie, and I relocated from Minnesota to Rockville. We rented a home for several years, which enabled us to get to know numerous neighborhoods in Montgomery County. In January 2015, we moved into Manor Lake as first-time homeowners, with a newborn in tow. Now, we're sure our house hunting patience paid off. While you can look at appearances and amenities, you can't fully appreciate a community until you are immersed. Manor Lake is everything we expected and more!

I work as an IT professional at The George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and always look forward to coming home to Manor Lake. In the past, I have participated on voluntary boards. The Capital City Area Health Education Center was a federally funded non-profit which focused on improving health outcomes by arranging clinical placements of students in health careers with safety-net clinics, mentoring high school students interested in health professions, and helping patients navigate a complicated medical system. Between 2009 and 2015, I held every board position, including chair. Before that, I held several leadership positions, including president of the National Lutheran Student Fellowship board. I hope to use these years of board experience to benefit the Manor Lake Civic Association board and community.

When I'm not commuting to DC for work, I enjoy spending time with my family. We enjoy hiking, biking, and our pool. I also enjoy home improvement projects, tending the yard, and brewing a new batch of beer. Our now four-year-old daughter, Heidi, keeps us on our toes, though some of her energy is being diverted towards her new baby brother, Colin.

I hope that my views as a newer resident, with a young family, and connections with my neighbors in our community, will be an asset to the MLCA board!

Ranjani Prabhakara

I've lived in Manor Lake since 2010, but my husband purchased our Rocking Spring Dr. home from the original owners in 2000. We are both Montgomery County born and bred (Gaithersburg and Kensington), and are graduates of Quince Orchard and Walter Johnson respectively. I earned my Ph.D. in immunology from UMD Baltimore and have worked for the Federal government at FDA and NIH for more than ten years.

I first became involved with community service in high school, serving as a member and president of my high school's Interact Club, Rotary International's service club for young people aged 12 to 18, organizing activities to benefit the local and international community. These included local recycling programs, outings for underprivileged children, and sponsorship programs for children overseas. I continued to be involved in human rights protection and environmental organizations throughout college and graduate school.

I am a member of the Flower Valley Elementary School PTA, where I serve on the staff appreciation committee. I love the deep-rooted sense of community our local school embodies. Teachers, administrators, parents, and students all work closely together to benefit the community, and have fun doing it!

My husband is also active in the community, serving as head coach of Rockville East's MSI 1st grade boys soccer team which includes children from Flower Valley, Barnsley, Rock Creek Valley, and Meadow Hall elementary schools.

As parents, we strive to create and nurture a community that is safe and inclusive for all, with an emphasis on ensuring a sustainable future for all our children, and I look forward to bringing that spirit of community to my position on the Manor Lake Civic Association Board of Directors.

Susan Kang

I fell in love with the larger East Rockville community when working as a middle school teacher at Earle B. Wood Middle School. During the four years I taught there, the students and parents impressed me with their openness and support. When it was time to shop for my family's first house, I had an eye on the Manor Lake neighborhood, and I moved to Clavel Terrace in April of 2017 with my husband and toddler; my second child was born in May of that year.

I left teaching in 2015 and transitioned to project administration for a general contracting company. This 180-degree career change has proven to be a wonderful challenge and a more compatible option for raising my young boys.

In my last community, Village at King Farm, I was a member of my condo association. In the year that I was on the board, I helped our condo association reach a settlement in a legal dispute with the Masters Association; managed a budget of \$250,000, and negotiated a credit to the condo association for \$21,000 from the King Farm Assembly.

As a volunteer in the Manor Lake Civic Association, I started the welcoming initiative for new neighbors moving into the community. My goal as a member of the board is to continue building relationships between neighbors. I want to tap into the talent and resources that our community has to offer so that we can best support one another and shape Manor Lake's future.

Membership Form and Bulk Item Collection Flyer follow:

Manor Lake Civic Association 2019 Membership Application, Directory Information and Dues Form

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 this form for your household and mail it with your payment to the address below or pay online at www.manorlake.org, and click "[Pay MLCA 2019 Dues Online](#)".

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

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail 1: _____ E-Mail 2 _____

By default, your e-mail address(s) will NOT be included in the directory and will be only used for e-mail news and information from MLCA. If it is OK to include your email address in the directory, please initial the appropriate space below.

OK to include: Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

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

Members only benefit - Free Curbside Bulk Item Collection: Planned for April & October 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 Don Seifert, email: don@manorlake.org, or call 301-871-1033.

I am interested in assisting or volunteering with/for:

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Watch	<input type="checkbox"/> Block Captains/Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Roads/Pedestrian Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Zoning/Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Neighbor Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Political Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/> Website Maintenance or --->	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Information Tech.	<input type="checkbox"/> Next Community Directory
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____		

I am interested in participating in or forming the following club(s):

Book Card/Bridge Gardening Mah-Jong Other _____
(please describe)

My family can offer these services: _____
(Examples: Babysitting, Pet sitting, Lawn mowing, Snow shoveling, Tutoring, etc.)

Family Member's name: _____ Phone and/or Email: _____

Dues Payment

Annual Dues \$40.00 + additional contribution of \$ _____ = **Total Remitted \$** _____ **Check #** _____ **Date** _____

Checks should be made payable to Manor Lake Civic Association and mailed to the address at the top of the form. To use our secure online payment service, click [here](#), or visit www.ManorLake.org and click "[Pay MLCA 2019 Dues Online](#)."

Not yet registered on our website, www.ManorLake.org? Registration is free and separate from MLCA membership and allows access to the full website, including information marked private, for Manor Lake residents only.

Thank you for your support.



Member Event: Free Curbside Bulk Item Collection

2019 BENEFIT FOR MANOR LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY

October 12, 2019

This event will be scheduled twice during this calendar year, with each MLCA member household eligible to **use the service one time free during the calendar year**. The second pick-up of the year will be October 12, 2019 – just in time to clear out your home to make room for holiday parties and guests.

If you would like to participate in this Curbside Bulk Item Collection, make sure your dues are current and **sign up for the collection** by sending your name and street address by email, with the subject: Bulk Item Collection to Don Seifert (email: Don@ManorLake.org). This is a **members' only** benefit. NOTE: Paying your dues does NOT AUTOMATICALLY sign you up for the bulk collection; **you MUST SIGN UP** for this service via email – it is not automatically done through your Manor Lake dues payment, and there is NO SIGN-UP BY PHONE. If this is your second time participating during the calendar year, you may do so for the nominal fee of \$5.00.

Dates

- Saturday, October 12, 2019
 - Deadline: sign up by October 9 (checks should be postmarked by October 5 in order to be received in time) to be included in the October 12 pick-up event.

Conditions

- Collection will begin at 9:30am on the designated day.
- Items must be placed at the end of the driveway or at the edge of the road **by 9:00am** for pickup.
- Collection items must **NOT** include regular household trash or construction debris.

Acceptable Items

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appliances• Potted plants• Televisions• Computer monitors or CPUs• Mattresses• Car batteries• Carpeting (cut into manageable pieces & rolled up)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mowers (MUST be drained of oil/gas)• Small gas-powered tools (MUST be drained of oil/gas)• Doors• Sinks/toilets/tubs• Paint cans IF they are opened and dried out with sawdust or kitty litter• Furniture
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Unacceptable Items

- Household trash
- Clothing/bedding
- Tires
- Liquid paint (cans acceptable but must be opened and dried out with sawdust or kitty litter)
- Any item containing gasoline, oil, or antifreeze
- Dead animal carcasses
- Human or medical waste

This is a benefit for Manor Lake Civic Association members ONLY; member households may use this service only one time during the calendar year for free; second time incurs a nominal \$5.00 fee.

Haven't paid your MLCA 2019 dues yet?

Go to www.manorlake.org, click on "Pay MLCA Dues Online" now!
or download the **Membership Form**.