



Manor Lake Civic Association

March 2019

Manor Lake Community General Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at the Bauer Drive Community Center, in the **Community Room**. It is important that as many members – and residents – as possible attend this meeting to learn about important issues affecting our community, including how the tenancy of the holding school on Bauer Drive as Maryvale Elementary School has been going. **Invited guests** are Officer McFarland, Montgomery County Police and Susie Prin, Principal of Maryvale Elementary School, which is currently inhabiting the holding school on Bauer Dr.

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.

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Manor Lake Website Support Requested

We're looking for volunteers to help with the Manor Lake website. It's helpful, but not required, for volunteers to have some knowledge of website design or html code, to help keep the web pages easy to read and use for residents. 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!

I hope this edition of the MLCA newsletter finds you well after all this cold weather, rain and snow we have been dealing with. I am looking forward to Spring!

As you may have seen, our membership drive thermometers are up. We hope that we can surpass our participation of last year. Please do your part and send in your membership dues. The \$40 dues go towards many things in our neighborhood which include maintaining our community entrances, general meeting costs, advocacy efforts on behalf of the community, the Neighborhood Watch program as well as the numerous events such as National Night Out and Turkey Trot which are hosted by the Manor Lake Civic Association. We hope you will participate.

As of April 1st, we will have an opening on the Board. We are looking for a volunteer to fill our vacant position to help serve the terrific neighborhood that we live in. Please contact myself or anyone on the Board if you are interested. With that being said I would like to thank Phyllis Taylor for her many years of service volunteering on the Board. She will be greatly missed not only on the Board but in our neighborhood!

Our next General meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 26th** at Bauer Drive Recreation Center. Our guest speakers for the meeting will include Bridget Donnell Newton, Mayor of the City of Rockville, Montgomery County Police Officer McFarland and Maryvale Principal Susie Prin. The meeting will begin promptly **at 7:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there!

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

Manor Lake Communications Committee Needs Your Help

We're looking for volunteers to join with others on a committee to help produce future newsletters and other communications from your civic association. We invite anyone with ideas for articles that would be of interest to residents, or that can help draft, edit, format, or that can use MS Word or other publication software to contact us at ManorLakeCivicA@aol.com.



Manor Lake Bulk Item Pickup Scheduled for April 13

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 (April & October) and MLCA members may participate in one at no charge. There is a nominal charge of \$5 to participate in the bulk pick-up a second time in a year. You must be a paid-in-full member of MLCA to participate. If you haven't already paid your 2019 dues, you may do so [here](#) and participate in April. Web site members, may click [here](#) to see if they paid 2019 dues. Note: Paying your dues does not automatically sign you up. You must sign up as described below.

The next bulk item pick-up event for Manor Lake Civic Association members is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2019 (followed by another on October 12, 2019).

To participate in April event, make sure your dues are current for the appropriate year and send your name and street address with subject: Bulk Item Collection, to Phyllis Taylor at ptmlboard@gmail.com; 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. All confirmations and information about acceptable and unacceptable materials will be sent to you by email.

As many of you know, AA Refuse, our former provider for the bulk pick-up, has closed their doors. AA Refuse customers were transferred to the Triple-R company, who is our new bulk pick-up provider. Our sincere thanks to the AA Refuse owners and staff for their long-term support of our community, and 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 Valerie at 301-990-3533.

Manor Lake Yard Sale & Shredding Event

This year's Manor Lake Yard Sale will take place in the parking lot of the Maryvale Elementary School at the holding school on Bauer Drive, on Saturday, May 4, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Parking spaces are \$10 per space, and you'll need to supply your own table. To reserve your space, contact JoEllen Hayes at 301-460-7763 or 240-888-1001 or send her an email at jolhayes@comcast.net. You must prepay for your reserved spot; let JoEllen know you're interested, and then send a check payable to Manor Lake Civic Association (or MLCA) at 14805 Lake Terrace, Rockville, MD 20853. Please note that there is NO RAIN DATE for this event.

The free shredding event is taking place at the same location but the times are 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. There is no limit to the amount you can bring and you can watch your private documents get shredded in front of you. The event is brought to you as a courtesy by Lupe Rohrer of Long & Foster Companies and Jack Devlin of Fitzgerald Financial Mortgage to help protect your identity and to meet families around the neighborhood. For more information, call Lupe Rohrer at 301-938-2499.

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. Our Neighborhood Watch patrols act as a deterrent to crime when would be criminals see our cars patrolling the area. Patrollers also look for inoperative street lights, missing signs and other abnormalities in our neighborhood. The more patrols, the more likely that we will be seen or see something that may help police or otherwise increase our safety. 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, 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 have even used bicycles in good weather! To sign up or for more information, please email Adrienne Flynn at adriannemflynn@gmail.com.

Adrienne has arranged for Montgomery County Police Outreach Coordinator, Officer Katie Beard, to meet with all existing and potential volunteers on Wednesday, April 24, to review best practices, responsibilities, and dos and don'ts. Potential volunteers should contact Adrienne at the above email address for additional details on time and location.



Manor Lake in Action



2019 Turkey Trot

Last year's 2nd Turkey Trot was such a success, that there will be a "re-trot" this year. 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 on Bauer Dr. and follow a pre-set course that includes much of Manor Lake and several streets in Flower Valley. Stay tuned for more details about this popular annual event in the fall newsletter, and on the community website at www.manorlake.org. Once again, many thanks to the 2018 sponsors without whose support the event could not have taken place.

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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 Web site Calendar

See our calendar on our web site for list of other coming events or click [here](#).

Earth Day

Residents of Manor Lake are planning a local Earth Day cleanup for 2019. Due to the Easter and Passover holidays, the date for our local Earth Day efforts is Saturday, April 14th. If you're interested in participating in (or helping to organize) this annual Earth Day clean up, please contact Adrienne Flynn at adriannemflynn@gmail.com.

National Night Out

With the success of the 2018 Manor Lake National Night Out to build on, the 2019 event, scheduled for August 6, can be bigger and better than ever! Last year's event was well attended by residents, and we were pleased to welcome numerous local officials, both those already elected and those running for office last fall. Guests included David



Trone, Evan Glass, Vaughn Stewart, Bonnie Cullison, Sidney Katz, Charlotte Crutchfield, and more. Members of our local business community also participated with fun handouts, and delicious snacks provided by some of our friends at Rock Creek Valley Shopping Center. We welcomed the newest commercial establishment at Rock Creek Valley, Eyes On Norbeck (EON). Villa Maya restaurant provided quesadillas with all the trimmings, realtor Jane Dobridge provided bubbles and other items for the kids to enjoy, and a terrific sushi platter was graciously donated by Moko Sushi. District 4 police officers and local Fire & Rescue officials were on hand to speak with residents. Children were invited to explore the fire truck, and several took advantage of the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat.

MLCA Membership Drive

It's membership renewal time. We need your help to keep Manor Lake the vibrant community it is by talking to your neighbors, **especially** if they're new to the neighborhood, to invite them to join MLCA and participate in community events. New residents may not be aware that they have a Civic Association watching out for the wellbeing of their neighborhood.

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 regulators;
 - 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.

Not sure if you have already paid? Web site members, may click [here](#) or the "[See if you have already paid your 2019 dues](#)" link on the ManorLake.org home page

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

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 above.

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

Please visit www.manorlake.org and click "Add Yourself" to the right of the photo to register on the website and provide your email. Registration on the Manor Lake website *does not constitute Civic Association membership*. 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, and want to receive a paper copy, contact Don Seifert at 301-871-1033.

Manor Lake Civic Association at Work for You

New Residents Welcome

MLCA Board member Susan Kang has been busy welcoming our new community members. To date, over 11 new residents were welcomed by Susan personally, with a copy of the community directory and a housewarming gift of a plant. If you know of new residents to the community, or would like to help Susan in this terrific effort to provide a warm welcome to new neighbors, please contact Susan by email at ManorLakeCivicA.com@aol.com.

Pedestrian Safety Bridge over Norbeck Road Proposal

Last June, MLCA Board member Bret Lyhus submitted a request to the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) District Three traffic engineering staff for a review of the safety of the crossing at Norbeck Rd. and Bauer Dr., and a block over at Baltimore Rd. MDOT SHA completed its review and submitted the following report that may be of interest to the community:

“This is in further response to your concerns at the subject intersection in Montgomery County. The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) District Three traffic engineering staff has completed its review and is writing to provide you with the results.

In response to your request to construct a pedestrian bridge across MD 28 near the subject location, our office considered numerous factors including pedestrian and traffic volumes, AM and PM peak hour observations, sight distance analysis, and a careful review of the most recently available three-year police-reported crash data. Our peak period observations and traffic counts revealed that while pedestrians are active in the area, the volume is consistent with the guidelines for a signalized crosswalk and not a pedestrian bridge. Furthermore, a crossing guard is present during the peak pedestrian periods, when school children are crossing MD 28. For these reasons, the construction of a pedestrian bridge is not recommended at this time.

During our observations, we note that there were multiple instances of northbound right-turning motorists beginning their turning movement while unaware of pedestrians in the crosswalk. Our office has requested MDOT SHA’s Office of Traffic and Safety (OOTs) to implement a No Turn on Red restriction for the northbound right-turn movement and a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) for the crosswalk across MD 28. This will allow pedestrians to enter the intersection with no conflicting motorists. We expect to hear back from OOTS within the next sixty (60) days.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my traffic engineer, Alex Yelin, who will be pleased to assist you.”

Mr. Lyhus thanked Acting Assistant District Engineer Derek Gunn for his comprehensive report, noting the community’s appreciation for its in-depth analysis and for the team’s comprehensive observation of the issues at the intersections adjacent to Manor Lake.

Safety: Rocking Spring Drive / Nadine Drive Intersection with Norbeck Road

Several years ago, the Manor Lake Board asked State Highway Administration (SHA) to look into the safety of vehicular traffic at the above-mentioned intersections based the number of reported accidents at this intersection. At that time, a recommendation was made by the (SHA) to address these crashes and our concerns, was the possibility of closing this median to northbound and southbound left turns and through movements through the use of channelizing devices (soft-sided stations) in the middle of Norbeck Rd. These would prevent vehicles coming out of Rocking Spring Drive from turning East onto Norbeck Rd. or crossing over to Nadine Dr. and vehicles coming out of Nadine Dr. from turning West onto Norbeck Rd. or crossing over to Rocking Spring Drive. SHA authorities indicated that there would need to be consensus from all local communities for them to proceed with this plan – that would include Manor Lake, Flower Valley, Manor Woods, and Manor Country Club. At that time, there was not agreement and the plan was not enacted. Due to recent accidents at that intersection, the Manor Lake Civic Association Board is once again raising this issue to see if the community would like to

revisit this option with SHA, Montgomery County, MDOT, and whatever other authorities would be involved. Interested parties should attend the General Community Meeting on March 26 to weigh in on this topic. You may see a diagram showing the location of the proposed channelizing devices in the document section of our website or clicking [here](#). Also, please answer question 3 on our Quick Survey found at the bottom of this page.

Public Safety Radio Towers

The Montgomery County Department of Technology Services and Maryland's Department of Information Technology and State Highway Administration held a community meeting to discuss a public safety radio tower proposed for the northwest cloverleaf of the Intercounty Connector at Georgia Ave. The meeting was held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 5, at Cashell Elementary School. County and State representatives provided information about the site selection, what the County and State's public safety radio systems are used for, and the reasons a new tower is required at this location. Diagrams of the planned tower site and photo simulations showing what the tower will look like from various locations were presented. Come to the General Meeting on March 26 if you would like to express your thoughts on this issue.

Montgomery County Public School Bus Depot

The issue that will not die! On Monday, February 25, East MoCo Blogspot reported that "former Montgomery County executive Ike Leggett, the County Council and Montgomery County Public Schools managed to sweep the highly-flammable hot potato issue of the MCPS Shady Grove school bus depot under the political rug ahead of the 2018 election season. But residents nearby the depot are growing impatient, having been told over a decade ago that the facility would be gone by now. Many are residents who bought or rented new homes built right around the depot itself in the first phase of "smart growth" construction, as Leggett termed the development due to its proximity to Metro and MARC rail service at Shady Grove."

Manor Lake residents and the Civic Association participated in quite a number of County Council meetings and other community meetings in opposition of moving the bus depot containing 400 busses to the current Blair Ewing School on Avery Rd., and worked very closely with the Aspen Hill Civic Association. For more detailed information, use this link to the [East MoCo BlogSpot](#). A history of concerns and past activities can be found at [SaveBlairEwing.org](#).

Additional information – from the transcript of Marc Elrich's first online virtual town hall meeting, Thursday, Feb. 14:

A question regarding the Shady Grove bus depot.

Vineet: from *Mid County*

What is being done to replace Shady Grove MCPS bus depot and continue with the smart growth initiative. Also Derwood area is being under-served with public facilities such as playgrounds, tot-lots, tennis courts etc.; is there a plan to build Derwood Station Neighborhood Park on Crabbs Branch way and have these facilities available over there.

Marc Elrich: This is a complex issue and one that the County has spent a lot of time working on. I am committed to considering all opportunities to relocate the buses from the site, but I am not going to move the bus depot into another community and transfer the problems to a different neighborhood. At my direction, the Department of General Services has revigorated its efforts to develop options that will effectively resolve the issue. A big challenge is finding someplace that does not require the buses to access through a residential area and is not close to residential development. Additionally, I have asked MCPS Superintendent, Jack Smith, for his continued support and assistance on relocating their operation from County-owned land. Concerning your second question, you are correct; the approved Shady Grove Station master plan has an elementary school site, along with a four-acre public park, Jeremiah Park.

– The full transcript of the online town hall meeting is available [here](#).

We strongly encourage all residents to watch this issue closely and to be vocal in their opposition to moving the bus depot to Avery Rd. or other locations that will negatively impact our community.

Quick Survey - Your Opinion Desired regarding our Neighborhood.

Please take a minute to express your opinion on three yes/no questions on our survey found at [this link](#)

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 Phyllis Taylor, email: ptmlboard@gmail.com.

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____ Traffic/Roads/Pedestrian Safety	____ Turkey Trot Committee	____ Garden Tour
____ Newsletter/Communications	____ New Resident Welcome Committee	____ Political Liaison
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____ Other (describe) _____		

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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 this form. Or 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. **Go there and click "Add Yourself"** on the homepage to the right of the Manor Lake sign photo. .

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Manor Lake Community 2019 Neighborhood Yard Sale and Shredding Event



Saturday, May 4th
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
(8 – 12 for shredding)



The event will be held in the parking lot
of Maryvale Elementary School
(holding school at 15101 Bauer Drive)



- ❖ Parking spaces are \$10/space (you will need to supply your own table.)
- ❖ All reservations must be prepaid. Please RSVP & send payment to:
 - JoEllen Hayes 301/460-7763 or 240/888-1001, jolhayes@comcast.net, 14805 Lake Terrace, Rockville, MD 20853
- ❖ Notes: No Rain Date for yard sale.
Shredding will take place rain or shine. No reservation required.



Member Event: Free Curbside Bulk Item Collection

2019 BENEFIT FOR MANOR LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY

April 13, 2019
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 first collection is scheduled for April 13, 2019 – just in time for spring cleaning. 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 the Curbside Bulk Item Collection, **pay your dues** and **sign up for the collection** by sending your name and street address, and your preferred participation date, with the subject: Bulk Item Collection to Phyllis Taylor (email: ptmlboard@gmail.com). 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 you wish to participate a second time during the calendar, you may do so for the nominal fee of \$5.00.

Dates

- Saturday, April 13, 2019
 - Deadline: join or renew by April 10 (checks should be postmarked by April 8 in order to be received in time).
- Saturday, October 12, 2019
 - Deadline: sign up by October 9 (checks should be postmarked by October 7 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?

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