

# Manor Lake Civic Association

September 2011



Roy Buyer with Gene Sheskin of Flower Valley

## National Night Out

Kudos go out to the Manor Lake Social Committee and Flower Valley volunteers for hosting a great National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This year's event included a moon bounce, DJ Sean Flaherty, elected official visits from Councilmember Mike Subin, State Senator Roger Manno, State Delegate Samir Arora, Chief of Police Tom Manger, fire rescue squad department. Also present was States Attorney John McCarthy who had a table manned by representatives of his office who helped to monitor the moon bounce and hand out ice cream and water.

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## Letter from the President

It certainly has not been a dull summer! Not only was it unusually hot but we managed to make it through a drought, earthquake and hurricane. However, I hope you managed to have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

The Board, along with Bret Lyhus, had a busy summer planning and pursuing the completion of solar lighting for the two walls and memorial. As you may recall from the May meeting the community approved \$7000 (plus or minus 5%). In order to have lighting all night (instead of 6-8-hours) we went for the larger batteries that will give light all night. The final cost went \$834 over the approved amount; however, John Purcell and his wife, Jane Dobridge, generously offered to help with the funding and donated more than enough to cover the added expense.

Many of you may have noticed the flowers (at the walls) being planted, dug up, replanted and hand watered during those hot weeks in July. This really stunted the growth until we had a few small raindrops. I would like to thank Dr. Bartlett and Ben Link for helping us with hoses for a few of the watering attempts and Vivienne Burke and my husband for the many trips we made with tubs, buckets and jars trying to keep the flowers and shrubs watered. The Landscape Committee is checking for a new landscaper and will present the information at the September meeting.

I would like to thank Michelle Bean and her Committee for planning a very successful National Night Out with Flower Valley joining us. No doubt, the moon bounce was the hit of the evening for all the children. We had a very good turnout and the police and firemen stayed for the entire time.

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## General Meeting Set for September 15, 7:30-9 PM

The next General Meeting of the association will be Thur. Sept. 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Please mark your calendar - it's only a few days away.

Don't forget! MLCA General Meeting, Sept 15, 7:30-9PM, Bauer Dr. Rec. Ctr.

## President's Letter

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Happily, we have a few new neighbors and we welcome them to our community. If you know of new residents please let us know so we may welcome them to the community with flowers, a Directory and encourage them to join our Association.

I have enjoyed working with our Board and look forward to another year!

Sincerely,  
Rae Kordell

## Tree Trimming

Two years ago we approached the neighbors on Rocking Spring Drive regarding pruning and removal of dead trees on our street. We were informed by the County that we would need to collect signatures from the neighbors before any action could be taken.

Several months later an inspector came and examined all the trees and marked those for removal.

At that time we were informed that it would be 18 months to 2 years before any work would be done due to the budget.

Several months ago the dead trees were removed and on August 26th and

27th (with the hurricane fast approaching) the trees were trimmed.

So, if you need work done on the trees on your street (or removal of dead ones) you might want to get an early start!

### Check Out Your Manor Lake Website

[www.manorlake.org](http://www.manorlake.org)

## Accomplishments

We think it is most important that you know how your money is being invested, saved and used. This past fiscal year these are some of the accomplishments achieved:

- 1) Milenky Memorial on Rocking Spring Drive
- 2) Directory completed (this began with Kathy Carroll's Board) and the work was done by Lorraine Lorek.
- 3) Two Meet and Greet socials--Social Committee
- 4) Electronic communication and Manor Lake website upgrade.
- 5) Reflectors for the fire hydrants in the snow
- 6) Minor By-Law changes
- 7) Ongoing work with SHA and traffic engineers on traffic jams on Norbeck Road and lights for the this side of Norbeck (across from the shopping center)
- 8) Neighborhood Watch--commended by the police as

the safest community in the area

9) Solar lighting for the two entrance wall signs.

To maintain our community and uphold its value we need all members to be involved, pay dues and participate on committees. We have the least expensive dues in the area, only \$35.00 per year. This is a small amount considering the improvements we make to keep this a safe and beautiful community. These improvements are necessary in order to maintain the value of our property.

## Manor Lake/Flower Valley Residents

Are you looking for: A walking companion? A conversation group that meets regularly at a local restaurant or coffee shop? A group that shares your interests? If so, contact Rosalie Sanchez at 301-460-3198.

### MANOR LAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Box 768

Rockville, MD 20853

[www.manorlake.org](http://www.manorlake.org)

#### Board of Directors:

President - Rae Kordell  
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Lori Austin  
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Open positions (2)

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The kids not only enjoyed the moon bounce, but created a beautiful neighborhood mural, blew bubbles and colored with chalk during the festivities. This family friendly event was enjoyed by all who attended.

Members of the Manor lake Social Committee are Michelle Bean (Chair), JoEllen Hayes, Paula Marple, Brenda Rose, and Phyllis Taylor. Thanks to them and Flower Valley volunteers Lynne Tauber and Patti Devlin. Special thanks to Manor Lake residents Lynn Hayes, Bob Taylor, Chuck Raper and Jim Marple.

Michelle Bean



Parents watching their children enjoying the moon bounce



This family friendly event was enjoyed by many from Manor Lake and Flower Valley.



Neighborhood children working on the National Night Out banner.



Liz Strassburger and Al Kordell at Neighborhood Watch table with Liz's dog Athena.



Two of our valued Montgomery County police officers

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Alexis Clark with Tom and Lori Austin and their dog Pepper.



Long time residents Lee Sanchez with her baby Sofia, Sandy Sheskin and Rosalie Sanchez

Photos by Mohandas Bhat

## County Council Consider Changes to Commercial Residential Zones

The Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED) of the Montgomery County Council will consider Commercial Residential Zones on Monday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Hearing Room, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA-11-01) will then go to a vote before the whole Council probably very soon after the PHED meets, but the vote has not yet been scheduled. See our website, [www.ManorLake.org](http://www.ManorLake.org), for links to additional zoning information.

## Lake Frank Trail Construction Underway

Construction on the Lake Frank Trail Project in Rock Creek Regional Park, by the State Highway Administration (SHA), began in July. You may see construction workers in the area working on this project and trucks coming and going on Trailway Drive. The work is planned to continue through early 2012.

The plan, which generated some controversy among neighbors, is to connect the Rock Creek Hiker-Biker Trail to the trail system on the east side of Lake Frank. This 0.5 mile connector will follow the alignment of an existing natural surface trail that runs along the east side of the park. This project was an offshoot of Intercounty

Connector (ICC) Community Stewardship.

SHA asks residents to stay away from the construction site, watch out for the trucks and equipment. If you see kids playing in a construction zone or have questions or concerns about the project, please call 1-866-462-0020 or email [iccproject@sha.state.md.us](mailto:iccproject@sha.state.md.us)

## Election Judges –

Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters to serve as Election Judges in the upcoming 2012 elections. They need volunteers of all party affiliations; however Republicans and Spanish speaking persons are needed most. Interested? Complete the application found at [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org). Click on Election Judge Program

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## **West Nile Virus Detected in Maryland Resident, Birds and Mosquitoes**

*Marylanders reminded that simple steps can reduce risk*

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) announced in August that a Baltimore metropolitan area adult is the State's first confirmed case of symptomatic West Nile virus (WNV) infection in 2011.

"Because West Nile Virus is endemic to Maryland, it is expected to see cases every year," said DHMH Secretary Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein. "These findings remind us that there are some basic actions we can all take to reduce our risk of getting infected."

### **Measures people can take to protect themselves include:**

- Avoid areas of high mosquito infestation
- Avoid unnecessary outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and hats when concerned about mosquito exposure
- Using mosquito repellants according to directions

Most individuals infected with West Nile virus will not have any symptoms. People that do develop illness will usually have any combination of: fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. These symptoms generally appear three to fifteen days following the bite of an infected

mosquito. Less than one percent of persons exposed to the virus will develop more severe infections with symptoms such as headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. In rare instances, WNV can be fatal. Persons over 50 years of age and those who are immunocompromised have the highest risk of developing more severe disease.

Residents are urged to monitor their own yards and gardens for standing water that can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. As little as one-half inch of water in a discarded can or container will support dozens of mosquitoes.

### **To eliminate mosquito-breeding areas:**

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used as playground equipment
- Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, wagons and carts when not in use. Flush water from bottom of plant holders twice a week
- Replace water in birdbaths at least twice a week
- Turn garbage can lids upside down and make sure trash receptacles are empty of water
- Fix dripping faucets
- Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens or stock with fish and use a circulating filter system

Additional information and links can be found on the Manor Lake website.

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## **Clean Up That Poop!**

Nobody likes to step in dog poop! Not only is it gross, but dog poop can also spread disease and it's bad for the environment. Dog feces may contain various organisms and parasites such as E. coli, tapeworm, and roundworm. It's also very unhealthy when it is washed into our water drainage system: Lake Frank, en-route to the Chesapeake. It can also make people very sick. Small children are especially vulnerable so it's really important to clean it up!

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**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. Checks should be made payable to the Manor Lake Civic Association. Please complete the form below and mail it with your payment to: Manor Lake Civic Association, P.O. Box 768, Rockville, MD 20851

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Exclude name from future directories \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Exclude phone number from future directories \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\* Note: Your e-mail address will not be included in the directory and will be only used for e-mail news and information from MLCA.**

**Payment**

**Annual Dues**.....\$ 35.00

**Additional Contribution**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Remittance**.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting your civic association!

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*Jane Dobridge*



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