



Manor Lake Civic Association

May 2015

Yard Sale Update

For the past few years Manor Lake has had a community yard sale in May. Unfortunately, we will not have one this May, but we are planning to hold this event later in the summer, and may combine it with other events the weekend before the annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4. Watch for more information during the summer. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the yard sale or possible other community activities, please call or email: JoEllen Hayes at 301-460-7763 or jolhayes@comcast.net or ManorLakeCivicA@aol.com

Paper Shredding Event Update

Unfortunately, we did not receive enough interest to hold a Manor Lake shredding event. This link will let you know where some other shredding events are being held in the county. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/resources/files/papershredding.pdf>.

County Leaf Collection Update

There was insufficient interest from the community to pursue obtaining County leaf collection.

President's Letter

Greeting Friends and Neighbors,

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



On May 20th we will have our election for the 2015-2016 Manor Lake Civic Association Board and a newly elected set of volunteers will begin their service to our community. This year JoEllen Hayes headed our Nominating Committee. Many thanks to her for the great deal of effort she and her committee have put into preparing a ballot for our upcoming election. They have reached out to our community and brought in some new faces to volunteer this year. Please come out and vote on May 20th.

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

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Next General Meeting and Annual Election of Officers and Board

The meeting will take place on Wednesday May 20, 7:30 – 9:00 PM at the Flower Valley Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting, meet the nominees and vote. Remember that MLCA by-laws require that you must have paid your \$40 dues for the fiscal year Oct. 2014 through Sept 2015 in order to vote. If you are not sure if you have paid, Susan Mehlman, our treasurer, will have the membership list at the meeting and will accept payments from those wishing to pay at that time.

President's Letter Continued

And lastly don't forget to sign up on the MLCA website with your email address. Registering your email will help to get important information regarding our community out via a group email blast when appropriate. It also allows you access to all features of our website.

I look forward to seeing you at the next General Meeting which will take place on Wednesday, May 20th at Flower Valley Elementary school beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come out and vote!

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Rockville City Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office will be conducting a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, May 30 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This event provides a safe, free and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The drug take-back initiative is part of an effort to prevent the increasing problems of prescription drug abuse and theft that continue to occur nationwide. Only prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications in the form of pills or medication patches will be accepted. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps and syringes cannot be accepted as part of the take-back program. Officers will staff collection boxes in the lobby of the Rockville City Police station located at 2 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Md.

All the returned medications on the Drug Take-Back Days will be incinerated by Montgomery County law enforcement agencies according to state and local regulations.

Our Own Earth Day

Earth Day is often a day devoted to helping to clean up our environment. We missed the actual Earth Day, but there is no reason we couldn't have our own Earth Day in May or early June before the weather gets too hot. One resident on Marlin Street suggested that it would be nice to organize a clean-up in the neighborhood, especially along the Norbeck service road islands. Over the winter they have accumulated a lot of trash from snowplows, people tossing items from cars, and wind-blown trash from the highway, shopping center or dropped by our weekly trash collectors. Anyone willing to spend some time on a Saturday to help with a clean-up, please send an email with your name and phone number to ManorLakeCivicA@aol.com. This would be an excellent opportunity for children to earn service hours before the end of the school year.

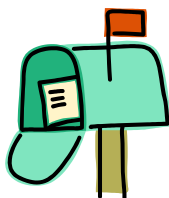
Water Safety Day

Montgomery County Recreation and the cities of Gaithersburg and Rockville will host a free Water Safety Day event on Friday, May 29 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Water Park at Bohrer Park, 512 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. The event will be held rain or shine.

"As outdoor community pools prepare to open over the Memorial Day weekend, the timing is perfect to focus on water safety," said County Executive Ike Leggett. "I encourage all families to participate in this event to learn effective ways to avoid unnecessary accidents."

The event will include information booths, lifeguard demonstrations, the proper use of personal flotation devices, how to safely assist someone struggling in the water, the importance of sunscreen to prevent skin damage and free swim lesson screenings. Anyone attending Water Safety Day who visits the various information booths can stay and enjoy a free swim. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information about the event, call Carrie Headen at 240-777-8060.

Mail Fraud



We continue to receive notices from residents regarding the theft of both outgoing mail and incoming packages stolen from their mailbox or front porch. In a recent case, the person's form W2 had been stolen and resulted in identity theft. Later when they filed their tax return, the IRS notified them that the return had already been filed and someone else collected the refund. Another resident had to pay a fine or penalty because her check was not received due to stolen outgoing mail.

Please see below for some ways to hopefully protect us all from this type of theft. Contact the local law enforcement agency if the stolen mail contains valuable contents.

- Do not leave important outgoing mail in your mailbox and do not raise the flag to indicate you have outgoing mail.
- Deposit mail in a blue collection box or inside your local post office. Don't leave mail in a collection box that is full.
- Promptly pick up your incoming mail after it is delivered.

Property Theft

Although police tell us we live in one of the safest areas, we have received reports of items being stolen from property and cars. So please keep your homes and cars locked and valuables out of sight.

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Another Successful Manor Lake Bulk Item Pick-Up Event

On April 18, more than 20 families took advantage of their Manor Lake Civic Association membership to dispose of items that had accumulated and outlived their usefulness or large items that weren't easily recycled.

Two trucks came through Manor Lake; one was trash and the other handled metal and glass items that could be recycled.



The bulk item pick-up is a member benefit held twice a year. MLCA members may participate once during the year for free as a courtesy, and **NEW THIS YEAR**, anyone wishing to participate a second time, may do so for the nominal fee of \$5 per house.

This event has become more and more popular. The next event will be held December 12 – after the Thanksgiving guests have left, and just in time to make room for your winter holiday guests!

To participate, all you need to do is join the Manor Lake Civic Association!

It's **FINALLY** Time to **THINK SPRING!**

While you're cleaning your closets and doing your spring cleaning, it's time to start thinking about planning your spring/summer garden. Last year, the MLCA newsletter included tips on getting your garden ready for spring that were very well received. Those ideas came from [Pat Wainwright](#), Landscape Consultant and Designer for Johnson's Nursery.



- On warm days, clean up the beds and old weeds.
- Spread corn gluten to prevent weed seeds from emerging (must be applied every month to be effective)
- If you have a slug problem, sprinkle "Sluggo" (iron pellets) near cracks and crevices and along the house walls to kill them before they lay eggs. Do it now to control them for the rest of the season.

Beginning and advanced gardeners alike may benefit from learning from Master Gardeners. See what types of learning opportunities are available from the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. Visit the [University of Maryland Extension](#) site or the Montgomery County Parks [website](#) for Master Gardener classes and clinics.

While we are thinking about Spring, here is a link to information on a popular Springtime activity - How to Fertilize Your Lawn Responsibly.

<http://mda.maryland.gov/SiteAssets/pages/fertilizer/HowToFertilizeYourLawn.pdf>

It's Time to Vote!

Exercise your right as a resident of Manor Lake to help decide who will lead **your** civic association for the coming year. The Manor Lake Civic Association will hold its spring General Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, in the multi-purpose room at the Flower Valley Elementary School. This is the time when elections for new officers will take place. Short biographies of the candidates are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

NOTE: MCLA bylaws require that you must be a member of MLCA to *vote*, but not to attend the meeting! If you've overlooked paying your dues, there's still time. To see if you have already renewed or joined, click [here](#), or go to our website www.ManorLake.org and click "[See if you have already paid](#)" and if not, click "[Pay MLCA Dues Online](#)".

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Your Civic Association Board makes dues dollars stretch a long way, but resident participation is necessary. For less than the cost of filling up your gas tank, you can help your neighbors keep the Manor Lake community one of the most sought after addresses in the area. Your \$40 membership is the best buy around!

Civic Association dues cover a myriad of things:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Seasonal landscaping of the two entrances
- Insurance for our entrances and common areas
- Solar lighting maintenance at each entrance
- Free Bulk Item Pick-Up*
- Newsletter printing and mailing costs
- Manor Lake Social Activities
- And more



It is important that as many members as possible attend this meeting, meet the nominees, and vote. Again, you must be a Civic Association member to vote, but not to attend the meeting.

*Households who are members of MLCA, are eligible for an annual free curbside bulk item collection. Two pick-ups are scheduled per membership year – 2nd week of December and 2nd week (or so) of April – Members may use this free service **only one time** during the membership year, but see accompanying article on April 2015 bulk item pick-up for a new feature. To take advantage of this free offer, make sure your dues are current, and send your address with the subject: Bulk Item Collection to Phyllis Taylor (ptmlboard@gmail.com or 301-460-5581). This is a **members' only** benefit.

Please complete the membership form at the end of this newsletter and send it in today – or go to www.manorlake.org and click "[Pay MLCA Dues Online](#)" to submit a secure online payment via PayPal.

Our thanks to new first time members, and long-time members who have renewed and paid their dues. However, some long-standing members have not yet renewed, and we ask that you please do so today while it is fresh in your mind. Please complete the application or make your secure payment online at www.ManorLake.org.

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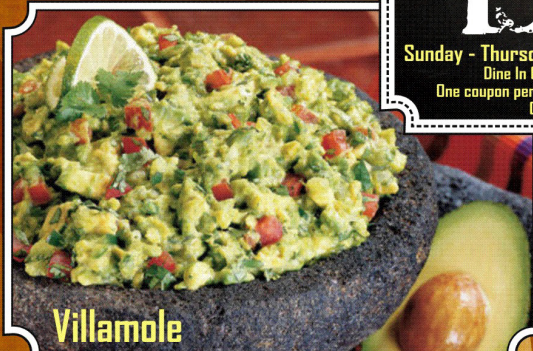
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Manor Lake Civic Association Elections

The following information is provided in accordance with Article 8, Section B, of 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.

Nominated for President: Michelle Miller Bean

I, Michelle Miller Bean, am seeking re-election of President for the Manor Lake Civic Association. My husband, Michael and I have lived in the Manor Lake community for the past 16 years and have two children Melissa (21) who is currently attending the University of Maryland at College Park and Michael Joseph (18) a senior at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Both my husband and I are lifelong Rockville residents. I have previously served on the Board as an At Large member for two years, Secretary for one year and most recently as President for the past three years.

I currently work for the Recreation & Parks Department at the City of Rockville. In my current position, one of my duties is planning and organization of Rockville's Hometown Holiday's weekend, where we have many non-profit organizations who volunteer their efforts over the Memorial Day weekend. Working for the City of Rockville has given me the privilege of working closely with many local and state officials on the various events and groundbreakings that we host. I also serve as a staff liaison to the Recreation and Park Advisory Board for the City of Rockville. In addition to my employment experience, ten 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.

While serving on the Board, I would like to promote fellowship among the community, continue to increase the membership, and to work closely with our local and community elected officials to enhance the welfare, and partnership in the safeguarding, of our neighborhood.

Nominated for Vice President: Phyllis Taylor

I live on Lake Terrace in Manor Lake, and am running for the position of Vice President on the Manor Lake Civic Association Board. I served as an At-Large member of the MLCA Board for one year, and for the past year, I was a Vice President.

I have lived in Maryland since 1977, and in Manor Lake since 1999. I find this community to be vibrant, caring and friendly; a place that has been welcoming to my family, and extremely welcoming to new families moving in. This community seems to attract people who care about their neighbors as people, and who can be counted on in times of need.

I work in the Membership Department of the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) where I have risen through the ranks over years, holding six different positions within the organization. My husband, Bob, works in the area of site utility construction. We have two daughters who graduated from Rockville High School and also reside in Manor Lake.

My desire to be part of the Board stems from the feeling of wanting to give back to this community, albeit in some small way. I have served as a team member on the MLCA Social Committee for the past six years; this group of residents plan and execute a variety of community events including the Community Yard Sale, National Night Out, and specific social events on "The Lakes" (Lake Drive, Court and Terrace).

One of my first ideas, which the Board wholeheartedly endorsed, was to institute a new member benefit: the member bulk item pick-up. We just held our 4th bulk item pick-up in April and has resulted in new households joining MLCA. Feedback on this program has been very positive, and the Board is hoping to institute additional new programs to benefit MCLA member households as well.

If elected to the Manor Lake Board, I will continue to work diligently to help increase involvement in Manor Lake activities. I firmly believe that the MCLA membership fee is a small price to pay so we may continue to take pride in the physical and social attributes of our neighborhood.

Nominated for Secretary: This position remains open and available.

Nominated for Treasurer: Susanne Mehlman

Susanne Mehlman has lived in Manor Lake with her family (husband and 2 children) since 1995. She has worked for the Congressional Budget Office for over 20 years specializing in housing and environmental issues. Susanne also served as the Treasurer of the Flower Valley Elementary School PTA from 2001-2003. She holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from The George Washington University.

The following persons are nominated for the five At-Large board positions:

Bill Barrett

I am a lifelong Montgomery County resident having grown up in Rockville. I have lived in Manor Lake for 17 years. I have been married for 21 years and have three daughters who all attend the local public schools. I am a Federal Government employee and have coached youth sports for over 25 years. I would like to see more residents of Manor Lake be active dues paying members.

Jim Brown

I live on Lake Drive in the Manor Lake neighborhood, moving there in 2000. I am (nearly) a lifetime resident of Rockville, MD in Montgomery County, having moved to Rockville with my parents and family in 1968. I attended Montgomery County public schools from elementary thru 12th grade, and went on to graduate from Oberlin College in Oberlin Ohio, with a BS Degree in Economics. I spent my career supporting the Federal Information Technology services marketplace, as a market analyst and new business leader for numerous companies in the DC/Metro area. My wife, Kristen, and I have 3 boys, ages 22, 20 and 16. Each son attended Flower Valley Elementary School, Wood Middle School, and Rockville High School.

I've been active in a number of civic organizations, including serving on various boards and committees at my church in Silver Spring, MD. I also served for 6 years as the Cubmaster for Pack 457, here in the Manor Lake community. Kristen and I have been active for the past 5 years as drivers in the MLCA Neighborhood Watch program. I have been an active member, and current board member, for the Rockville Baseball Club, supporting the baseball program at Rockville High School. I'm currently most active with a committee at my church overseeing the planning and eventual renovation of an 1860's house and property owned by the church.

For Manor Lake, I would like to see even better participation among our neighbors in the Manor Lake Civic Association, and would also like to see a focused effort to enhance the neatness and appeal of the properties and common spaces in our neighborhood.

Kevin Gormley

Kevin moved to Manor Lake one year ago with his wife, Christine, their two young sons, and two cats. He and his family previously lived in Montgomery Village, where Kevin was in charge of a civic group for one of the Village neighborhoods, and was coach of the Montgomery Village running group. His strengths including networking with civic, government, and public service groups to ensure that community well-being is sustained and promoted.

Since moving to Manor Lake, he has been active in the SaveBlairEwing.org movement, which opposes Montgomery County Public School's plan to turn the Blair Ewing Alternative Education Center and adjacent Mark Twain Park (at Avery and Norbeck) into an enormous school bus depot, and relocate the Blair Ewing Center to an inappropriate location in Manor Woods.

Kevin enjoys spending time with family and friends, trying to figure out how to keep his pool clean, and running from time to time.

Cynthia Lakas

I have lived in Manor Lake for 13 years. In the past, I have served on the Manor Lake Association executive board and as a member of the nominating committee for the board. In 2007, I started the Neighborhood Watch program for the community. I am particularly interested in bringing more of our neighbors into the Association. An active Association is the best way to keep our community friendly and safe and protect the investment we all have in our homes. I am also interested in making sure Manor Lake has a strong voice in governmental issues that might affect the community. For example, the Montgomery County Public School proposal to put a bus depot on Avery Road that would house 400 school buses that would each traverse Norbeck Road four times per day.

Don Seifert

I grew up in Silver Spring. After serving in the US Air Force, I married Bobbie and we moved to the English Manor section of Aspen Hill. We moved to our present home in Manor Lake in 1985. Now an "empty-nester" and retired, I worked in the telecommunications field in various technical and managerial positions for over 45 years - 25 with AT&T followed by 20 with the US Government (GSA and DOJ).

My interests include computers, travel, amateur radio, aviation and history. Bobbie and I like living in the Manor Lake community because it is near our 2 children and 4 grandchildren, and because it offers convenient opportunities for walking, biking, and exploring in the park as well as several nearby playgrounds for young children. 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 out in the community when we can. I served initially on the Distribution Committee delivering our newsletters and flyers, participated in the neighborhood clean-up, worked at two of the early National Night Out events and served on the MLCA Neighborhood Watch Committee since it's inception. I have been a member of the MLCA Communications Committee helping with the publication of our community newsletters and maintenance of our Website and email address list since 2010. I hope to continue to serve in those roles as time permits.

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

October 2014 – September 2015
Manor Lake Civic Association Membership Application
Directory Information and Dues Form

MLCA Membership dues are collected on a fiscal year schedule (October 1 – September 30). As prescribed in the Manor Lake Civic Association By-Laws, dues payment is required for full participation in the Civic Association, including voting privileges and certain other benefits. Please complete the form below and mail it with your payment to the address below.

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

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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How do you prefer the quarterly or semi-annual newsletters be delivered? E-mail _____ U.S. Mail _____ Both _____

Members only benefit - Free Curbside Bulk Item Collection: Planned for December & April each year. Members may participate in one. 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, or call 301-460-5581

I am interested in volunteering for:

_____ Neighborhood Watch	_____ Block Captains/Membership	_____ Social
_____ Traffic/Roads/Pedestrian Safety	_____ Environmental/Zoning/Health	_____ Garden Tour
_____ Newsletter/Communications	_____ New Directory Committee	_____ Other _____

I would like to advise on: _____ Information Technology _____ Political Liaison _____ Other _____

I am interested in the following club(s):

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

My family can offer these services:

Family Member's name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service: _____
(Examples: Babysitting, Pet sitting, Lawn mowing, Snow shoveling, Tutoring, etc.)

Dues Payment

Annual Dues.....\$ **40.00** + additional contribution..... \$ _____ = **Total Remitted \$** _____

Checks should be made payable to Manor Lake Civic Association. Or, to use our secure online payment service, click [here](#), or go to www.ManorLake.org and click "[Pay Your MLCA Membership Dues Online](#)."

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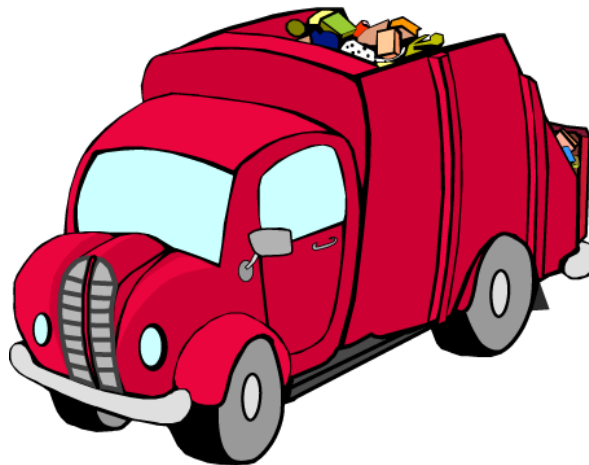
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