



Manor Lake Civic Association

September 2016

General Meeting; Annual Election of Officers and Board

Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 – 9:00 PM at the Bauer Drive Community Center. It is important that as many members – and residents – as possible attend this meeting to elect new MLCA Board members, and to discuss important issues currently affecting our community. MLCA by-laws require that you must have paid your \$40 dues for the current fiscal year in order to vote. As a reminder, the community elected in 2015 to revise our membership year to follow the calendar year so if you paid your dues any time after August 2015, you are current through December 31. A 2016 membership form is included in the newsletter and will be available at the October meeting. If you wish to pre-pay for 2017, forms will be available at the October 18th meeting, and are available on the MLCA website www.manorlake.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Potential 400-School-Bus Depot on Avery Road!?

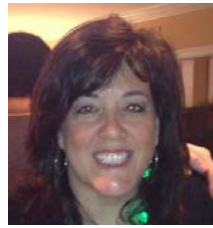
Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is pushing to demolish the Blair G. Ewing Center and adjacent athletic fields (approximately 490' from the intersection of Avery and Norbeck roads), and use the site for up to 400 school buses and 700 support vehicles from the Shady Grove Transportation Depot.

The County Executive wants to use the current bus depot site off Crabbs Branch Way in Derwood, near the Shady Grove Metro Station, for his "Smart Growth" initiative, which will convert the land to mixed-use retail and housing. However, there is very little about the use of the Avery Road site as a bus depot that aligns with the smart growth concept.

A new association made up of the communities along Norbeck Road from Gude Drive to Georgia Avenue has formed to speak out against making the Blair Ewing School and park into a bus depot.

This group, which has been named the Coalition Against the Avery Road Depot (CAARD), is composed of civic associations from Manor Lake, Manor Woods, Aspen Hill, Flower Valley, Manor Park (adjacent to the country club), Twinbrook and others.

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Greeting Friends & Neighbors!

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

On October 18th we will have our election for the 2016-2017 Manor Lake Civic Association Board and a newly elected set of volunteers will begin their service to our community. Once again, JoEllen Hayes headed our Nominating Committee, and sincere appreciation goes to her for her hard work in preparing a ballot for our upcoming election. They have reached out to our community and brought in some new faces to volunteer this year. Exercise your right as a resident of Manor Lake to help decide who will lead **your** civic association for the coming year. Please come out and vote on October 18th. Short biographies of the candidates are included in this newsletter.

Just a reminder to everyone, to participate in the election, your dues for this membership year must be paid. If you are not sure if you have paid, we will have the membership list at the meeting and will accept payments from those wishing to pay at that time. You also can go to www.manorlake.org, to see if your dues are up to date and make a payment using our secure online service by PayPal. You don't have to be a PayPal member. Easy-to-follow directions are on the website.

Our thanks to first time members, and members who have already renewed. If you have not yet renewed, we ask that you please do so today while it is fresh in your mind.

A big thank you to all of our National Night Out volunteers for another successful event! It was a beautiful night to get out and mingle with our neighbors and elected officials.

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, October 18th at the Bauer Drive Community Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Come out and vote!

Best wishes,

Michelle

Michelle Miller Bean

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CAARD held a public rally Sept. 8th at the Bauer Drive Community Center, attended by representatives from all these communities, and several elected officials.



Maryland State Delegate Ben Kramer, may have summarized the issue best when he said:

"I will certainly do what I can to impress our local government officials with the understanding that the Avery [Rd.] site for the bus depot is illogical, ill-conceived and irresponsible. I am at a loss as to how the Blair Ewing site has been given any consideration at all as it is flawed as so many levels: undersized, excessive construction costs, safety hazards, traffic congestion, adverse environmental impact, loss of public amenities and school facilities."

Montgomery County Councilmember Sydney Katz, echoed these same sentiments.

Please reach out to the County Executive, County Council members, and Board of Education members to express your support for CAARD and your opposition to using the Avery Road site as a school bus depot. Go to <http://www.saveblairewing.org/> for contact information and a description of the issues. Pick an issue that is of interest to you. Feel free to borrow the language available on this web site.

If you have any questions about this issue or want to get more involved, feel free to contact the MLCA at manorlakecivica@aol.com. Use this [link](#) for more information on "Why Avery Rd. is a Bad Idea."

Reminder - Keep the Lights On

Neighborhood Watch volunteer patrols have reported that carports at many homes are very dark. If anything suspicious were going on, it would be very difficult to see. You might want to think about adding extra lighting around your carports, garages and doorways – especially since there were recently two thefts from cars on Waterway Drive. Lighting around homes and garages has been proven to deter crime. Changing incandescent bulbs to L.E.D. or C.F.L. and keeping them on is a very cost effective way to deter crime.

Recycling Bin Hinge Repairs

If your blue, paper recycling bin hinges need repair, the County 311 system says to put out the bin on a "non-collection day" by 7:00 AM. Hinges will be replaced by the County, Call 311 for more information.

Be Aware of Door-to-Door Scammers

This information was sent to us from the Community Liaison at Protect America, a national home security company. Door-to-door scammers are plaguing many neighborhoods so to help with this, they've created a door-to-door solicitor safety guide: www.protectamerica.com/door-knockers.

National Night Out Big Success

Manor Lake and Flower Valley residents enjoyed a rare cool August evening at this year's National Night Out, held at the holding school on Bauer Drive.



MLCA Board member Don Seifert talks with Montgomery County elected officials at the August 2, 2016 National Night Out..



New Manor Lake neighbors at NNO 2016.



NNO Volunteers with Local Police and Firefighters.



Manor Lake Bulk Item Pickup Scheduled

The final, bulk item pick-up event of 2016 is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016.

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 (as announced, the MLCA membership year follows the calendar year). If you took advantage of the bulk item pick up in April, you still may participate in December for the nominal fee of \$5 per household (payable by check or PayPal – see accompanying membership form for payment instructions).

To participate in the Dec. 10 event, make sure your dues are current and send your name and street address with subject: Bulk Item Collection, to Phyllis Taylor at ptmlboard@gmail.com, or call 301-460-5581. First bulk pick-up of 2017 will be April 15, 2017.

New Neighbors Welcomed

On Sept. 24, the Manor Lake “Lakes” welcomed two new families, both on Lake Terrace. This tradition, begun many years ago on Lake Terrace, provides a warm welcome to newcomers to the community, and has served to create an atmosphere of camaraderie and friendship. Per the tradition, the party was hosted by the most recent new arrivals in the neighborhood.

If other Manor Lake residents wish to institute a similar tradition, please contact manorlakecivica@aol.com and a Board member will be happy to contact you.



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 am seeking re-election as President for the Manor Lake Civic Association. My husband, Michael, and I have lived in the Manor Lake community since 1998 and have two children, one a UMD graduate, and the other a sophomore at Salisbury University. I served on the Board as an At-Large member for two years, Secretary for one year and most recently as President for the past four years.

I currently work for Montgomery County in their IT department. Twelve 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 promote fellowship among the community, continue to increase the membership, and 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 have served as Vice President of MLCA for two years, and as an At-Large member of the Board for the previous year. I've 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 have worked at the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) for more than 30 years, where I have risen through the ranks 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 UMD and WVU, respectively.

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 quite a number of 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).

Nominated for Treasurer: Matt Hodges

I moved to Manor Lake with my wife, Vicki, in 2011. We now have two boys, ages 1 and 4. I have been employed as a Vice President at Meridian Investments Inc. for the past nine years, specializing in raising equity for affordable housing tax credit properties and renewable energy projects. I was previously a Financial Advisor at Bank of America's Private Bank Division.

My interests include traveling, golf, running and spending time with family and friends.

For Manor Lake, I would like to see better participation among neighbors and continue the strong voice in governmental issues affecting the community.

Nominated for Board Members At-Large:**Adrianne Flynn**

I would like to join the hard-working members of the Manor Lake Civic Association Board because I would like to protect and improve the great neighborhood I moved into in 2007.

My husband and I, and our now-college-freshman son moved from the "Monopoly" neighborhood of Aspen Hill, where we lived since 1994, to Marlin Street in Manor Lake, and shortly afterward I joined the Neighborhood Watch. I've patrolled the neighborhood nearly every month since and have also helped organize a clean-up of the landscape strip along Norbeck Road, and contributed to the MLCA newsletter as a volunteer editor.

In my professional life, I am a faculty member at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism. I am currently an internship director and instructor, but previously ran the college's Annapolis and Washington, D.C., Capital News Service bureaus. I am a lifelong government and politics reporter/editor, who worked in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Ohio and Washington, D.C., as well as Maryland.

I hope to be able to play a part in stopping relocation of the MCPS bus depot to Avery Road because of the traffic and environmental havoc it would play on our neighborhood.

Kevin Gormley

I moved to Manor Lake two years ago with my wife, Christine, two young sons, and two cats. I previously lived in Montgomery Village, where I was in charge of a civic group for one of the Village neighborhoods, and was coach of the Montgomery Village running group. My 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, I have been very 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 Roads) into an enormous school bus depot, and relocate the Blair Ewing Center to an inappropriate location in Manor Woods.

I enjoy spending time with family and friends, bicycling and running.

Bret Lyhus

Our family moved to Marlin Terrace in 1999. My wife, Janet, and I have three children - ages 19, 16, and 10, who all 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, and lived out of state for about 12 years, before returning in 1993. I graduated from the US Merchant Marine Academy with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, earned an MA in International Affairs from The American University. I've worked in the areas of both the Energy and IT, including working with various types of power generation, including conventional, nuclear, and renewable energy systems. I currently work as a Project Engineer / Manager for a large federal contractor on data center power distribution systems.

I served on the MLCA board, between 2005 – 10, including two years as Vice President and one year as Secretary. I visualized, initiated, and managed the installation of solar lighting at both entranceways, and continue to maintain these systems.

I am an active parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, serve as a Den Leader and camping coordinator for my son's scout Pack 457. I spent two years on the MLCA Neighborhood Watch, and looked for partners to conduct watch duties by bicycle.

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, including 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 wonderful tree planting program.

Don Seifert

I grew up in Silver Spring, served in the U.S. Air Force and married my wife, Bobbie. In 1972 we moved to the English Manor section of Aspen Hill and 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.

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 children and 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-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

I am a lifelong resident of Montgomery County. My partner, Terry Dowdy, and I have lived on Rocking Spring Drive since 2015. I enjoy crafts and baking, while he likes home improvement projects and barbecue. We have both really enjoyed getting to know our neighbors.

I have nearly 20 years of experience in the field of human resources, primarily with non-profit organizations, and am currently the director of human resources at Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind. Six years ago, I took a sabbatical to fulfill a lifelong dream of cooking professionally. After graduating from the professional culinary program at L'Academie de Cuisine, I was hired as the special events chef at the Tabard Inn in Washington, D.C. Later, I was chef de partie at Lakewood Country Club but returned to HR after sustaining nerve damage in my arms.

I first became involved with community service in high school, as a member of the Key Club and attending the American Legion Girls State program and served on the county advisory committee for the Glenmont Metro Station. Our group successfully lobbied for building a west side station entrance. Terry and I are now involved in the Save Blair Ewing campaign, making signs for the community meeting and the neighborhood. I look forward to serving our terrific neighborhood as an at-large member of the MLCA.

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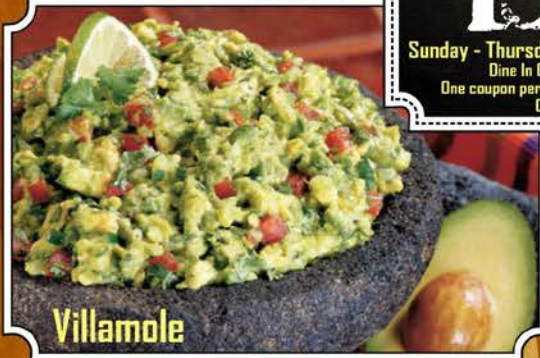
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I am interested in volunteering for:

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

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