

# Madison Manor Citizen

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*The newsletter of the Madison Manor Citizens Association*

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Hello Neighbors,

As you can see we decided to continue our hardcopy newsletters. A large percentage of our residents rely on our newsletters for neighborhood updates and events. Thanks for all of the feedback on our communication process. Out of that discussion, we are working to increase our participation on our website and Facebook page to provide additional options for sharing information.

We have a wonderful website at [www.madisonmanor.org](http://www.madisonmanor.org). I ask our event Chairs to send upcoming event details and pictures to Tara Claeys, our website administrator. Tara is great about quickly posting updates. Her contact information is on the website

To join us on Facebook, search for "Madison Manor, Arlington, VA." Our profile picture is a map of our neighborhood. Facebook works well for pictures of missing animals, items to give away, etc., and I hope you will use it to post items of interest to our neighborhood. I also ask our event Chairs to post their event details and post-event pictures on Facebook in addition to the website, list serve announcements, and flyers.

Our next MMCA quarterly meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at the McKinley Elementary library from 7-8 p.m. Our guest speaker is David Goodman, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for Arlington County. In addition to learning more about pedestrian and bicycle initiatives throughout the County, we plan to discuss pedestrian safety for children crossing McKinley Rd near 10<sup>th</sup>. We will also provide updates on our upcoming events to include our home additions tour.

We have numerous fun events coming soon:

- Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt (p. 4)
- We are excited about the upcoming Home Additions Tour in May (p. 5).
- See page 6 for details on our Memorial Day Parade.
- Mark your calendar for our annual potluck picnic on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 pm.

Hope you have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you at our April 16 quarterly meeting.

Cheers,  
Justin  
MMCA President

## MMCA Officers for 2012 - 2013

President	Justin Hall
Vice President	Jim Frison
Treasurer	Steve Elsberg
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Past President	Danielle Rampton
CivFed Primary Delegate	David Blair

## Committee Chairs

Bonfire	Judy Henderson
Egg Hunt	Jenny Capone
Holiday Caroling	MaryLu Mahoney
Holiday Decorating	Officers, last year's winners
House Tour	Stacey Milici
I-66	Miriam Rollins
Membership	Melissa Koenig
Memorial Day Parade	Adam Green
Movie Nights	Patty Cummings
Neighborhood Conservation	Parker Harrington, Zach David
Newsletter	Suzanne Plimpton
Newsletter Distribution	Martha Kile, Julie Stradling, Errin Matechak
Pot Luck Picnic	VACANT
Stream Clean Up	Hank Ickes
Web Site	Tara Claeys
Yard Sale	Dick and Cathy Brooks
Young Entrepreneurs	Tammi McKinley

## Madison Manor Citizen

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Deadlines for submissions to the *Citizen* are the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publishing. Exceptions to the deadline will be considered. Articles should be of general interest to the residents of our community and may be edited or rejected. Space is limited. Contact the Publisher.

The *Citizen* accepts advertisements. All ads need to be submitted in black and white, camera-ready form. Please contact Suzanne Plimpton at shplimpton@comcast.net for ad rates and sizes.

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## Calendar of Events

### Q2 Meeting

- April 16, 7:30 p.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt

- March 30, 10 a.m.

### Memorial Day Parade

- May 27, 10 a.m.

### Potluck Picnic

- June 9, 5-8 p.m.

## Join the MMCA e-Mail Listserv and MMCA Discussion Listserv

Go to [www.madisonmanor.org](http://www.madisonmanor.org) to sign up to get important updates and to discuss neighborhood issues.

You can also go to Facebook and "like" us for all of the latest updates and to share information.

**facebook** | join our group +

## Got News? Got Pictures?

If you have community news or photos you'd like to share in our newsletter, we want to hear from you! Please send your stories or announcements to Suzanne Plimpton at shplimpton@comcast.net

News should be no more than 300 words in length and photos must be digital.

**MMCA newsletters are now available online.  
Check out our website at [www.madisonmanor.org](http://www.madisonmanor.org) for posted newsletters and lots of great information.**

## Report on Madison Manor's Part of the 2013 Four Mile Run Stream Cleanup – Great Weather and an Interesting Find!

In addition to being the first to show up, Howard Hudgins brought along a great idea to help avoid the annoyance of those pesky branches tearing the bags we use for the annual county-wide stream cleanup! Next year, I'm going to try to remember to encourage all to bring along an old spackle bucket or two - thanks, Howard!

I can't remember the last time we had clear skies and mild temperatures for the event - what a gorgeous day! Thanks go out to Will, Sean and John Martyn, and Leah, Launa and Justin Hall, in addition to Howard, for their participation.

Every time we do this, a few interesting things turn up in the haul, which was pretty impressive in spite of the previous Wednesday's storm. This time among the bottles, plastic bags and misc. trash we hauled-in a broken barbecue grill lid, a vintage-2000 Virginia license plate and (of particular interest to the stream cleanup chair who's also a railroad buff) a railroad track tie plate! That might have come

from Metro construction, or it might have come from the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad which ran through our area prior to construction of Metro and I-66. If it's the latter case, this could be historic - Park Ranger Bruce Caviness will be taking it to the Arlington Historical Society to be checked out. But I'm getting off-track (oops, sorry!).

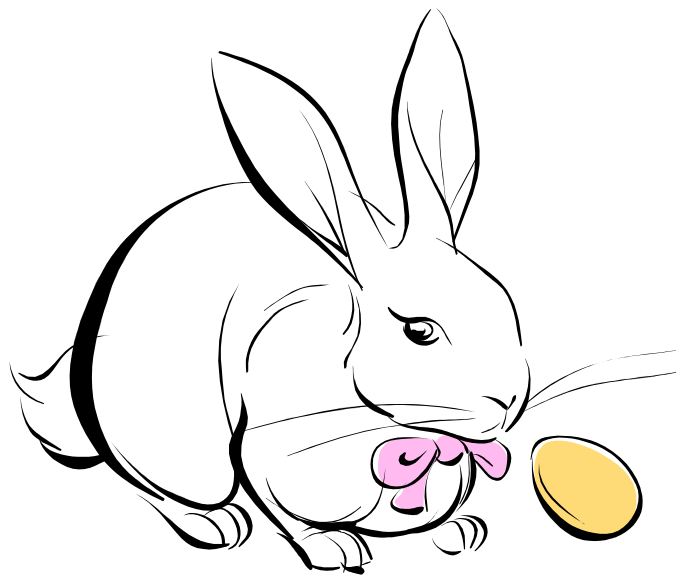
Thanks also go out to recently added Park Ranger Christina deMariano. Shortly after our teams started out, she brought by some snacks courtesy of the Mom's Organic Market on Mount Vernon Avenue in the Arlandria neighborhood. But don't worry about missing-out, guys, I have a surprise in store for you!

You never know what could happen on stream clean-up day! And we'll be sure let you know when next year's is scheduled.

*Hank Ickes*  
*Stream Cleanup Chair*

**Bring the family and join us at the  
Annual Madison Manor  
Easter Egg Hunt featuring:**

- *The Easter Bunny*
- *Tasty treats from Heidelberg Bakery*
- *Easter Bonnet Contest*



***When: Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am***

***Where: Madison Manor Park***

*(Rain date: Monday, April 1 at 10:00 am)*

*A \$1 contribution per child is suggested*

**Questions: Jennifer Capone, 703-362-1074**

**Nikki Baltatzis, 703-538-1177**

## Psst! It's Back!

The Madison Manor Civic Association's Home Owner Renovation Tour is coming this Spring & we need you!

We are looking for the following volunteers:

Home owners to show your latest renovations  
(open your home to tour guests & show your hard work!)

Ticket Coordinator  
(track & coordinate all ticket logistics for event)

Sponsorship Coordinator  
(track & maintain all advertising and sponsors)

Day of Tour Agents  
(ticket takers, information providers)

Tentative tour dates: May 19th or June 1st

Please contact Stacey Milici @ [staceymilici@gmail.com](mailto:staceymilici@gmail.com)  
with questions & to volunteer!



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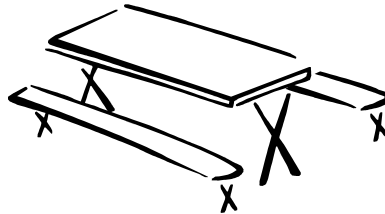
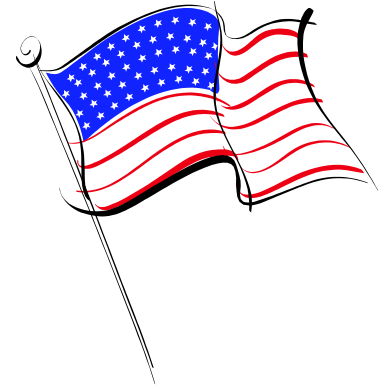
### **WANTED: MMCA NEIGHBORHOOD WELCOME CHAIR**

We are looking for someone to help welcome new residents to Madison Manor and let them know about our Association. It can be as simple as delivering a hand written note and newsletter to their door, or more elaborate with a nice token (tote bag, magnet, ornament, or cookies). On occasion, new residents move in and do not learn about our events, listserv notices, or website, until they receive a newsletter. We would like to add a proactive personal touch to let new neighbors know we are glad they chose Madison Manor to live.

The first Welcome Chair can help establish the basic parameters of the program, level of effort, type of welcome package delivered, how to identify new neighbors, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Justin Hall, at [MMCAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:MMCAPresident@gmail.com).

The Memorial Day Parade is set for May 27th, with live entertainment and a possible helicopter flyover. Please contact Adam Green to volunteer - he needs help with setting out traffic cones, meeting the band and kicking off the parade. He can be reached at [adamagg@gmail.com](mailto:adamagg@gmail.com) for more details.



## Save the Date!

Madison Manor Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday, June 9

5-8 p.m.

At the Park

(No Rain Date)

Moonbounce, Music, Ice Cream Truck and Fun!

Interested in helping?

Please contact Tracy or Becca Barnes

703-534-3231

Beccabarnes86@gmail.com

## Young Entrepreneurs

*Need a helping hand? Contact these young entrepreneurs in our neighborhood!*

### **Regan and Braeden's Pet Care Services**

Homeschooled children available during the week, as well as weekends. Regan and Braeden have two dogs and a snake. To hire them, call 703-237-6136. They come to your home to walk your dogs and care for your cats and you can bring your fish, birds and hamsters for sleepovers.

References include dogs, cats, rats, gerbils, a rabbit, and bearded dragons.

### **Braeden's Mowing and Snow Shoveling**

Need someone to come over and mow? Shovel your snow? Braeden is experienced and at the ready. Email [regansmom@hotmail.com](mailto:regansmom@hotmail.com).



**Corrie Steele:** Red Cross-trained babysitter, Pet Care, Typing and Data Entry, Soccer Skills and Tutoring.

**Brian Taylor Steele:** Snow Shoveling, Dog Walking, Pet Sitting. You may reach Corrie or Brian at 703-532-2496 or [julie.steele@hok.com](mailto:julie.steele@hok.com).



**Laura Misra** is a Red Cross-certified babysitter. You can reach Laura at 703-533-1565 or [lauramisra@gmail.com](mailto:lauramisra@gmail.com).



**David Aronson** is a computer wiz and can hook up electronic equipment. David has done cat sitting and house sitting (checking basement after rain, watering plants, etc.). 703-534-4718.

### **Matthew and Alec's Twin Services**

Experience walking and taking care of dogs; raking; picking up mail and newspapers when neighbors are away. References available upon request. 703-842-4821 or 703-869-4259.



**Patrick's Pets** Patrick is available to watch your pets while you are away. Reasonable rates and references available. Willing to take small animals home for full-time attention. Can also pick up mail, water plants, etc. Dogs will be considered if they have a fenced-in back yard. For more information, please contact 703-237-7975, or [dhramp@yahoo.com](mailto:dhramp@yahoo.com).



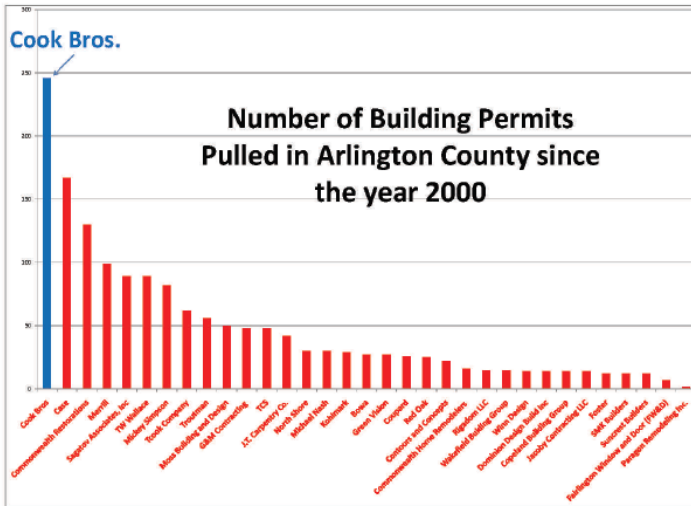
**Reliable Dog Walkers** Do you need someone to walk your dog? Do you need someone to take care of your dog when you are away? Mary, Lauren and Liz can help! They are students at Swanson and are dog owners. Email them at [dudeswalkingdogs@gmail.com](mailto:dudeswalkingdogs@gmail.com) or call 703-536-8719 for more information.

*If you know a young entrepreneur who would like to be added, please e-mail Tammi at [tammi@novamidwife.org](mailto:tammi@novamidwife.org)*



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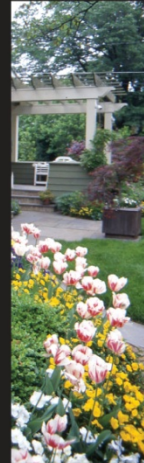
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