

# Madison Manor Citizen

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*The newsletter of the Madison Manor Citizens Association*

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## **President's Letter**

I'm feeling a little sentimental as I write my last cover letter as president. I'm thinking about how we will have lived here for 14 years in August. When we bought the house, we had no idea what was in store for us. In that time, we've had two children, a variety of pets, and several different commutes.

We've done roof repairs, replaced a water heater (twice), replaced a furnace (twice) and lots of other little fixes. Even when we were convinced we had a money pit, we knew this is where we wanted to stay. Though our families live further away, our neighbors have become our second family. Always happy to help whether it's been a cup of milk or needing a spare key. These connections are the glue that makes a neighborhood a community versus just a bunch of houses that sit really close together.

I have had a wonderful time serving in this role and want to thank Errin Matechak, Paula Birkenstock, Rachel Walsh, Steve Elsberg, and Justin Hall for making it so much easier. Justin takes the lead officially on September 1, you are in great hands!

I hope that in this coming year you spend some time making those connections, invest in your community, and enjoy a safe and beautiful summer.

*Danielle Rampton*  
*President*

**Next Quarterly Meeting: October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McKinley Elementary Library**

## MMCA Officers for 2012 - 2013

President	Justin Hall
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## Committee Chairs

Bonfire	Judy Henderson
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Holiday Caroling	MaryLu Mahoney
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Movie Nights	Patty Cummings
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Pot Luck Picnic	VACANT
Stream Clean Up	Hank Ickes
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Yard Sale	Dick and Cathy Brooks
Young Entrepreneurs	Tammi McKinley

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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](mailto:shplimpton@comcast.net) for ad rates and sizes.

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## Calendar of Events

### Movie Nights

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shrek
  - September 7<sup>th</sup> - Hugo
- (See flyer for more details)

### Next Quarterly Meeting:

- October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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.**

## Community News

### LED Street Lights Update

With special thanks to Parker Harrington, our Neighborhood Commission Advisory Committee Representative, we are pleased to report that:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Road will soon have the newer Carlyle LED street lights. Anticipated start is mid-July. Expect crews to be there for three months.
- Quintana between 11<sup>th</sup> Road and Potomac Street has received approval for their lights to be installed. This will probably be at least one year from now.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Street between Rochester and 11<sup>th</sup> is in the queue to receive funding. Currently, this is the last project that Madison Manor has before the NCAC.

### Easter Egg Hunt

To everyone's delight we were blessed with a beautiful spring day for the Annual Madison Manor Easter Egg Hunt this year. The weather was perfect as an eager crowd gathered for the parade and bonnet contest and then moved onto the hunt! Parents and grandparents chatted while the children very quickly unpacked and enjoyed the more than 1000 eggs stuffed for the day. Many thanks to the team who helped with egg stuffing, our brilliant Easter Bunny, Clare Spaulding, and to Heidelberg Bakery for their generous donation! See you next year!

*Jenny Capone*



Memorial Day Festivities



**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you goes out to Jenny Capone and Suzanne Plimpton for joining the Madison Manor Executive Board by becoming Secretary and Newsletter Editor, respectively. The amazing activities our neighborhood enjoys could not be accomplished without the help of our neighbors. Thanks a ton, Jenny & Suzanne!

### Potluck Picnic

The Potluck Picnic of 2012 was a great success bringing together neighborhood friends, both old and new, in great quantity. Perhaps it was the mostly mild temperatures, the delectable salads and sides, the sweet desserts, the aroma of the smoking grill, the royal moonbounce, the promise of the complimentary ice cream truck or all of the above. Regardless, the increased turnout was noticed and many folks mentioned that they are already looking forward to the picnic reunion of 2013.

A special appreciation is offered to Mario Hernandez, his wife, Nathalie and their son Julian. This terrific trio has provided complimentary and uplifting tunes for the past several years. It should be noted that at least one musical mix heard this year was created by Julian, who is already an inspiring musical master. Thanks again to this amazing family for providing such pleasurable music to accompany our picnic fun.

New organizers and musical talent for the 2013 picnic are being sought. Please contact any member of the Madison Manor Executive Board to offer your energies and talents for next year and beyond!

*Bob & Theresa Edwards*

**Did you just move to the neighborhood this spring? You can join the Madison Manor Civic Association for \$10 and be included in the fall neighborhood directory. Contact Melissa Koenig at [mksoph@yahoo.com](mailto:mksoph@yahoo.com) for details.**

# Presented by the MMCA



## Movie Nights at the Park



### Summer 2012

*Come join your neighbors for another fun family event at Madison Manor Park. Here's our movie line up for this summer:*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Movie</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Estimated Running Time</i>
<i>Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Despicable Me</i>	<i>PG</i>	<i>95 min</i>
<i>Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Shrek</i>	<i>PG</i>	<i>89 min</i>
<i>Friday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Hugo</i>	<i>PG</i>	<i>127 min</i>

*Start time is as soon as it gets dark (estimated at 8:30-8:40 pm for the June show and approximately 8:10 - 8:20 pm for the August and September shows).*

*Please bring your own blankets, chairs, beverages, popcorn and bug spray. Restrooms will remain open until about 10:00 pm. The event is free; however donations are always appreciated and go towards newsletter and flyer printing. Any questions please call or email Patty Cummings at 703-533-3685 or [pj.cummings@verizon.net](mailto:pj.cummings@verizon.net).*



## Young Entrepreneurs

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

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

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**Corrie Steele** (age 16): Red Cross-trained babysitter, Pet Care, Typing and Data Entry, Soccer Skills and Tutoring.

**Brian Taylor Steele** (age 14): 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 17 years old and a Red Cross-certified babysitter. You can reach Laura at 703-533-1565 or [lauramisra22@gmail.com](mailto:lauramisra22@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.).

**Teddy Aronson** (17) is an experienced babysitter with CPR and First Aid certification. He is also interested in becoming a math tutor. 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** Madison Manor's Patrick Rampton is available to watch all your pets while you are on vacation. Reasonable rates and references available. Adult back-up for mid-day watching on school days and walking of dogs. Willing to take caged/tanked animals home for full-time attention. Can also pick up mail, newspapers and water plants. For more information, please contact 703-237-7975, or [dhramp@yahoo.com](mailto:dhramp@yahoo.com).

*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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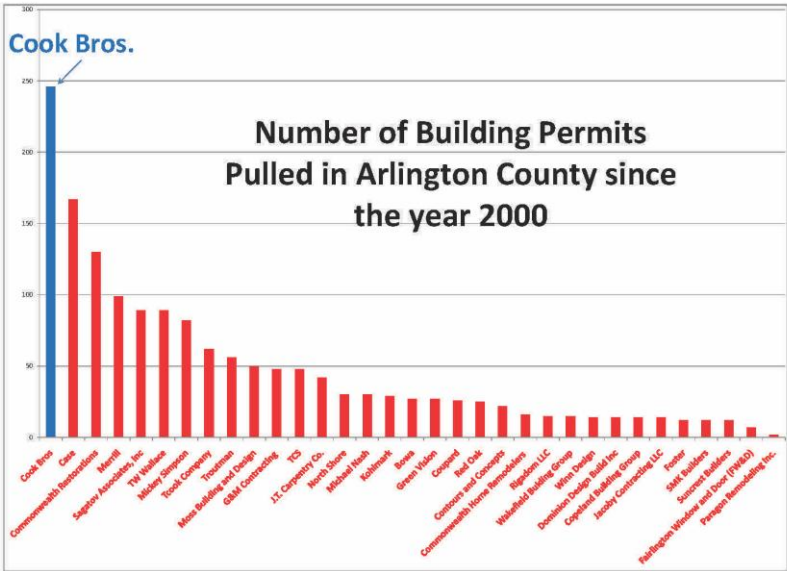
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