



Madison Manor Citizen

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President's Letter

Hello neighbors, the new Executive Committee met in September to plan our community calendar for this year. We welcome David Blair to the committee as our new primary delegate to the Arlington Civic Federation.

We are planning to invite subject matter experts to our quarterly meetings to discuss the following topics:

Oct 16: Information on upcoming school bond

January 15: Disaster preparedness

April 16: Capital Bikeshare presentation and police update

June 9: Annual Madison Manor Picnic

Upcoming Events: Get out those creative and spooky Halloween decorations and carve your pumpkins for neighborhood Halloween house decoration contest. Judging will occur on 28 October at 7:00. On 30 October (tentative), please join us, and neighbors from several nearby civic associations, for a candidates night to learn more about the candidates running to represent Arlington. More details are on page 3.

Vacancies: We are looking for a volunteer (or volunteers) to take the reins of the MMCA annual picnic. My thanks to Bob and Theresa Edwards, our previous picnic volunteers who did a great job with our annual picnics. We are also looking for a volunteer to lead the always-popular house tour. It has been a while since our last tour. Please contact me if you are interested in taking on either of these opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you on October 16th at our next quarterly meeting as we learn more about the proposed school bond. We are hoping Ms. Alison Denton, a neighbor and Arlington Public School County Planner, will join us to answer your questions about the school bonds that we will be voting on in November.

Cheers,

Justin Hall

Next Quarterly Meeting—Tuesday, October 16th,
7:30 p.m., in the McKinley Elementary Library.

MMCA Officers for 2012 - 2013

President	Justin Hall
Vice President	Jim Frison
Treasurer	Steve Elsberg
Secretary	Jenny Capone
Past President	Danielle Rampton

Committee Chairs

Bonfire	Judy Henderson
Egg Hunt	Jenny Capone
Holiday Caroling	MaryLu Mahoney
Holiday Decorating	Officers, last year's winners
House Tour I-66	VACANT
Membership	Miriam Rollins
Memorial Day Parade	Melissa Koenig
Movie Nights	Adam Green
Neighborhood Conservation	Patty Cummings
	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

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Deadlines for submissions to the *Citizen* are the 10th 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

- Next Quarterly Meeting**
– October 16, 7:30 p.m.
- Halloween Decorating Contest**
– October 28, 7 p.m.
- Halloween Bonfire**
– October 31, 6:30 p.m.
- Holiday Decorating Contest**
– December 16, 6 – 7 p.m.
- Holiday Caroling**
– December 16, 6 p.m.
- First 2013 Quarterly Meeting**
– January 15, 7:30 p.m.

Join the MMCA e-Mail Listserv and MMCA Discussion Listserv

Go to 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.

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 for posted newsletters and lots of great information.**

CANDIDATES NIGHT

Tuesday, October 30, 2012
Resurrection Lutheran Church, Parish Hall
(6201 N. Washington Blvd.)

7:00 p.m. — Arlington School Board (nonpartisan)
Mr. Noah Simon
Ms. Emma Violand-Sanchez

7:45 p.m. — House of Representatives (VA. 8th Congressional District)
Mr. Jason Howell (Independent)
Mr. Jim Moran (Democrat)
Ms. Janet Murphy (Independent Green)
Mr. Patrick Murray (Republican)

8:45 p.m. — Arlington County Board
Ms. Audrey Clement (Green)
Ms. Libby Garvey (Democrat)
Mr. Matthew Wavro (Republican)

9:20 p.m. — Conclusion

Sponsored by the following local civic associations:

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Tara-Leeway Heights Waycroft-Woodlawn Westover Village

NOTE: The October 30th date is tentative; please check your
email as we get closer to the date

ASK MADISON

Dear Madison,

My neighbor has a tree that looks like it could fall onto our house any minute. They don't seem so concerned. What can I do?

-- hanging on a limb

Dear Hanging:

First, all of us should consider our trees as part of our homes and maintain them. Have a qualified tree company provide you with an evaluation of all your trees and have them trimmed every few years. This falls under "an ounce of prevention being worth the pound of cure" scenario.

In the meantime, talk to your neighbor again. There could be a financial barrier to their reluctance or maybe they have had an arborist who has said everything is fine. Your options in Arlington County are somewhat limited. The County does not have a program to financially help homeowner's with tree removal. They do have the authority to declare a tree "dangerous", but only if it is deemed a PUBLIC threat (hanging over streets, parks, sidewalks, schools, etc.). Utility companies will trim if their wires are blocked.

Get an arborist out to examine the tree from your own property and, if suggested, you are allowed to trim back to your own property line, but this will have to be done at your own expense. This is certainly a better option than paying a deductible with your insurance company after the tree has fallen. Arlington County recommends www.treesaregood.com.

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 for details.

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.



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.



Laura Misra is 17 years old and a Red Cross-certified babysitter. You can reach Laura at 703-533-1565 or 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.

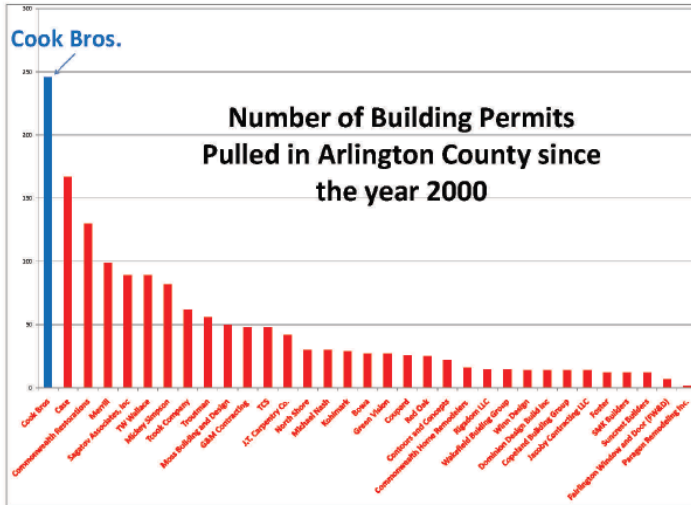


Reliable Dog Walkers Do you need someone to walk your dog? Do you need someone to take care of your dog when you are away? Mary, Lauren and Liz can help! They are students at Swanson and are dog owners. Email them at dudeswalkingdogs@gmail.com or call 703-536-8719 for more information.

If you know a young entrepreneur who would like to be added, please e-mail Tammi at tammi@novamidwife.org.

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Happy Fall Greetings to All My Friends & Clients in Madison Manor

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