

# Madison Manor Citizen

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*The newsletter of the Madison Manor Citizens Association*

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## President's Letter

What a busy winter it has been! The executive board has been busy with some "big picture" issues such as revamping the website, making some changes as to how we compile the directory, and finding ways to encourage more houses to join the civic association.

A few things that really need your attention; you may have gotten a letter recently for dues. Our year runs September 1 – August 31, the more members we have, the more events we can have and the easier it is to communicate with you and each other. I ask that you seriously consider making a \$10 investment in your neighborhood. I think it pays for itself in terms of helping to create a great place to live.

Vacancies—we will need a new Vice President and newsletter editor to start in September. We hope to announce their names in June and have them "train" during the summer. No newsletter editor means no newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at our next quarterly meeting, Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the McKinley library. Our guest speaker will be a representative from parks and recreation talking about new playgrounds, parks, and other initiatives, including the development of Long Bridge Park. As far as Madison Manor goes, you may have noticed the recent acquisition of two permanent recycling bins. Please put them to good use!

Finally, please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 9. It is our annual pot-luck picnic from 4 – 7 p.m. at the park. Neighbors bring dishes to share, the civic association brings all the paper products, grills, music and moon bounces! As a special treat this year, dessert is being provided, too—more details coming soon.

Wishing you a spring full of cherry blossoms and no allergies!

*Danielle Rampton*  
*President*

**Board Members Needed**—Interested in becoming more involved with our amazing community? Several positions on our board will be available next fall. The Vice President and Newsletter Editor positions will need to be filled. Please let Danielle Rampton know if you would like to volunteer!

**Next Quarterly Meeting: April 17, 7:30 p.m. in the McKinley Elementary Library**  
**Speaker: Kevin Stalica, Arlington County's Park Service Area Manager**

## MMCA Officers for 2011 - 2012

President	Danielle Rampton
Vice President	Justin Hall
Treasurer	Steve Elsberg
Secretary	Rachel Walsh
Past President	Errin Matechak

## Committee Chairs

Bonfire	Judy Henderson
Egg Hunt	Jenny Capone
Holiday Caroling	MaryLu Mahoney
Holiday Decorating	Officers, last year's winners
House Tour	VACANT
I-66	Miriam Rollins
Membership	Melissa Koenig
Memorial Day Parade	Adam Green
Movie Nights	Patty Cummings
Neighborhood Conservation	Parker Harrington, Zach David
Newsletter	Paula Birkenstock
Newsletter Distribution	Martha Kile, Julie Stradling, Errin Matechak
Pot Luck Picnic	Bob and Theresa Edwards
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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The *Madison Manor Citizen* is the newsletter of the Madison Manor Citizens Association of Arlington, Virginia. The *Citizen* is reviewed by the Officers of the Association and published quarterly, generally in January, April, July, and October.

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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.

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## Calendar of Events

### Easter Egg Hunt

– April 7, 10 a.m.

### Q2 Meeting

– April 17, 7:30 p.m.

### Memorial Day Parade

– May 28, 10 a.m.

### Potluck Picnic

– June 9, 4 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.

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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 Paula Birkenstock at [paulabirkenstock@yahoo.com](mailto:paulabirkenstock@yahoo.com).

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

### Arlington Food Assistance Center News

**Shred for Bread**—Little Falls Presbyterian Church (at Williamsburg Circle), **Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Done with your taxes? Doing some spring cleaning? Bring all of your personal files and ProShred will shred them on-site. In exchange, you are asked to bring some non-perishable food items or a cash donation for the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

**Stamp Out Hunger**—**Saturday, May 12.** Working with our letter carriers, put out a few non-perishable items (in a paper or plastic bag, please) and your letter carrier will take them to AFAC when he or she drops off the mail. No glass items, please. The most requested items are: low-sugar cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish, and pasta.



### Another Fine Stream Clean-up Haul!

What a difference! Last year the weather was cold and rainy. This year it was a bit chilly, but sunny. That made it easier to spot trash in Four Mile Run near Madison Manor Park. The 13 of us pulled out four large bags of trash, and one bag of recyclables.

Several less-common items found; part of a soccer goal, a cast-off auto lubricant container, and part of a plastic auto bumper. You never know what you'll find at these events!

Thanks go out to the Martyns, Bob Edwards, George Linzer, Ari Marty and his pal Lui Shipper, MMCA VP Justin Hall and his son Jacob, and Mary Doroshenk, Madeline Davis and Sidney Purcell, who weren't available for the photo. Thanks also to Park Ranger Bruce Caviness (can you spot him in the photo?) who provided the bags, gloves, and first aid kit.

I'm delighted with the job you all did!

*Hank Ickes  
Stream Cleanup Chair*

## 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 16 years old and a Red Cross-certified babysitter. You can reach Laura at 703-533-1565 or 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.).

**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.

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



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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you were listed in the most recent MMCA directory and have no changes, please forward dues to the address below (please make sure your name and address are noted above).

(Optional) Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your ideas for new MMCA activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Activities you might be willing to help with: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please forward \$10 annual dues, payable to MMCA,  
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