

Madison Manor Citizen

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President's Letter

Happy 2012! As the years fly by, this summer we will celebrate 14 years of living in Madison Manor. I think we still have books in boxes.

My resolutions for this year are probably the same as many of yours—be better organized, save more money, resist the temptation of sweets that lurk around every corner. I have some for Madison Manor as well—creating a website and recruiting wonderful volunteers to carry on a variety of jobs amongst them. I am so thankful for all the volunteers who deliver fliers, keeps track of membership dues, plan events, pay bills, and get this newsletter out, among many others. It takes a bit of time, but many hands make light work.

If one of your resolutions is to be better connected to your community, consider volunteering or simply attending some of our fabulous events. The easiest way to start is with your membership dues (see the back page). It is a great investment that supports this neighborhood.

Wishing you a great winter with snow that falls on weekends and is plowed promptly!

Cheers,

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, Secretary 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

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

Committee Chairs

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| 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 |

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The *Citizen* has a circulation of 575 copies.

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.

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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 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.

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.**

Community News

Halloween Recap:

A Cheshire Cat moon shone down on a bamboo plume atop this year's stack of wood for the Halloween bonfire. Many thanks to our own master fire builders Jim Riley, Brice Henderson, and Matt Murray for another spectacular blaze and also to Judy Henderson and Chris White for distributing the glow necklaces. Much fun was had by all!

Congratulations to the Hall and Lewis families for winning the Halloween decorating contest!



Holiday Recap:

Many thanks to Mary Lu Mahoney again for coordinating the Christmas caroling. It was a small and mighty group, probably consisting of New Englanders and others used to cold weather!

Holiday decorating winners!

Congratulations to the Georgeadis House for winning the grown-up choice this year with their traditional wreaths in every window with simple lights. Also winning was the Coppa/Hardy Family who won over the 4 children judges with the huge inflatable snowman and the lovely reindeer display.



Community News

ASK MADDIE New column!

Dear Maddie,

One of our neighbors has a dog that barks constantly. What can I do? —*Frustrated*

Dear Frustrated,

Yes, there is a noise ordinance, but before you do something extreme, have you tried talking to your neighbor? Sometimes people don't realize their dogs are making noise while they are out of the house. Also, make sure you have the right dog. You may want to keep a dog "log" for a week, tracking when you hear the noises and the duration of the barking. And remember, their dog might make less noise than your children.

Do you have a question for Maddie? Please send it to paulabirkenstock@yahoo.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.

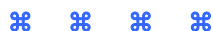
Braeden's Mowing and Snow Shoveling

Need someone to come over and mow? Shovel your snow? Braeden is experienced and at the ready. Email regansmom@hotmail.com.



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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Join the Madison Manor Citizens Association (MMCA). The \$10 annual membership dues subsidize the numerous activities our neighborhood uniquely offers (Yard Sale, Halloween Bonfire, Holiday Decorating Contest, Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade, Potluck Picnic, and Movie Nights). The current membership year runs from September 2011 through August 2012. If you are uncertain whether your dues are current, please contact Melissa Koenig on 703-538-6655 or mksoph@yahoo.com.

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,
to Melissa Koenig at 982 N. Quintana St.***