

Madison Manor Citizen

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The newsletter of the Madison Manor Civic Association

January 2015

Presidents Letter

Hello Neighbors,

Happy 2015! I hope you had a safe and joyful holiday season. This year will include many wonderful events in our community and hope you are ready for another great year. Please take a minute to review the calendar of events on the right and mark your calendars.

I am so thankful for the volunteers who plan our events, deliver newsletters, pay our bills, and manage our membership drive, among many others.

Specifically, I would like to recognize Carly Kelly for a tremendous job managing this year's membership drive and publishing our Neighborhood Directory. We received dues from 259 households this year, which passed last year's total by over 20 households. As Carly mentions in her article, MMCA relies primarily on neighborhood dues and donations to fund our events, so your \$10 annual contribution truly makes a difference!

Another critical volunteer role that keeps our civic association connected and informed is the Neighborhood Block Captain. Block Captains deliver newsletters, give warm welcomes to new neighbors, and help to make this neighborhood a true community. We have several block captains that will be passing the reigns to new volunteers this year. And, I would like to offer up a BIG THANK YOU to the following volunteers that have served in this critical role (some for many, many years): **Reid and Lisa Bauman, Beth Craig, Heather Babcock, David Weiner & Joan McLaughlin, Martha Kile, Claire Reinburg, Hank Ickes, and Ann Kurzius.**

Finally, I will be reaching out to those of you that noted on your membership form that you are interested in volunteering in some capacity. Thanks in advance for your support and becoming more involved with our amazing community!

Wishing you a great winter and look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Dave Blair
MMCA, President

Calendar of Events

Invasive Plant Removal

Saturday, February 21st at 2pm

2015 Stream Clean-up

Saturday, March 14th 9am-noon

Invasive Plant Removal

Saturday, March 21st at 2pm

Easter Egg Hunt & Parade

Saturday, April 4th at 10:00am

Invasive Plant Removal

Saturday, April 18th at 2pm

MMCA Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30pm

Madison Manor Yard Sale

Saturday, May 16th
(*Rain date May 23rd*)

Memorial Day Bike Parade

Monday, May 25 at 10:00am

Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 7 at 5:00 – 8pm

MMCA Officers for 2014 - 2015

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| President | David Blair |
| Vice President | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Steve Elsberg |
| Secretary | Taylor Heim |
| Membership Chair | Carly Kelly |
| Past President | Jim Frison |

Committee Chairs

Annual Neighborhood Events

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| Egg Hunt & Parade | Nikki Baltatzis |
| Halloween Bonfire | Judy Henderson |
| Halloween Decorating Contest | Last year's winners |
| Holiday Caroling | MaryLu Mahoney |
| Holiday Decorating Contest | Last year's winners |
| Memorial Day Parade | Vacant |
| Stream Clean Up | Jon Walsh |
| Summer Movie Nights | Karyn Ewart |
| Summer Picnic | Angela DiBenigno and Becca Barnes |
| Yard Sale | Dick and Cathy Brooks |

Neighborhood Committees

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| Civic Federation Delegate | Vacant |
| Invasive Plants Task Force | Lawrence MacDonald |
| Neighborhood Conservation | Parker Harrington |
| New Neighbor Welcome | Charlene Harkin |
| Newsletter | Vacant |
| Newsletter Distribution | Julie Stradling, Errin Matechak |
| Web Site | Tara Claeys |
| Young Entrepreneurs | Tammi McKinley |

Madison Manor Citizen

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The *Madison Manor Citizen* is the newsletter of the Madison Manor Civic Association of Arlington, Virginia. The *Citizen* is reviewed by the Officers of the Association and published quarterly, generally in January, April, July, and October.

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.

The *Citizen* accepts advertisements. All ads need to be submitted in black and white, camera-ready form. Please contact David Blair at mmcapresident@gmail.com for ad rates and sizes.

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To join "Discuss" and discuss neighborhood issues send an email to:
mmcaDiscuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

HELP WANTED

Are you interested in filling a committee vacancy (see vacancies to the left)? Would you like to volunteer at an upcoming community event? Interested in starting something new in Madison Manor?

Please email mmcapresident@gmail.com to inquire about opportunities to get involved.

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.

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

Newsletters Are Available Online

Check out our website at:

www.madisonmanor.org

for posted newsletters and lots of great information.

Madison Manor Holiday Events



The **Annual Halloween Bonfire** at Madison Manor Park was a huge success! A big thanks to Judy Henderson, our Bonfire Chair, for all her hard work and dedication to making this annual Halloween kick-off such a great tradition in our community! The Executive Committee would also like to thank the additional volunteers on the event committee that played a major role in making it such a successful event, which were: Brice Henderson, Jim Riley, Ken Thomas, Trevor McFadden (and his father), Mike Rollins, Chris White, and Debby Churchman. A final thanks to everyone who made a donation at the Bonfire to help offset our expenses this year!

Halloween Decoration Contest Winners

Thanks to everyone that added to the Halloween fun and put up decorations. I know the judges were given a difficult assignment this year.

"Grown-up's Choice" Award

The Sgroi family on 11th Rd N

"Kid's Choice" Award

The Cummings family on 11th Rd N.

Honorable Mentions:

The residents at 1110 N Quantico St, Lori Ramsey and Crystal Kelley at 6355 11th Rd N, The Hall family at 945 N Quantico.

Holiday Decoration Contest Winners

This holiday season did not disappointment when it came to all the impressive holiday displays. The three judges and 5 children had a very difficult time making their selections.

The "Grown-up's Choice" Award

Stropes Family on 15th Rd N

"Kid's Choice" Award

Lisa Novak and John Sutherland on N Quintana St

Honorable Mentions:

The Summers Family on 12th St N, The Coyle Family on N Potomac St, The Emory Family on 11th Rd N, The Kelly family on N Nottingham St.

Congratulations to our winners who will be our lead judges for the contest next year!



McKinley Addition/Renovation Project Update

Dave Blair

Background

The APS Board adopted 2013-22 School Capital Improvements Program (CIP) identified funding for 1,875 new elementary school students. The McKinley Elementary School addition and renovation was one of the projects listed in the CIP to add space for 241 students, bringing the total capacity of the school to approximately 684 students.



Addition/Expansion Overview

APS plans to build approximately 40,445 square foot of new additions at McKinley, in three locations, including:

1. A primary addition: approximately 33,040 gross square feet at the northeast corner of the existing building
2. A secondary addition: approximately 6,261 gross square feet to replace the existing pentagon addition on the southwest corner of the school
3. 1,175 gross square foot addition to renovate and expand the main entry and school administration offices on the east side of the school

The project also includes approximately 8,835 square feet of demolition in the gymnasium and pentagon wing, for a net increase of about 32,250 square feet. The primary addition will be faced with brick, glass, and fiber cement panels. It will provide 10 new classrooms, two new art rooms, and two new music rooms. In addition, the current gymnasium will be expanded to provide a place for the entire school community to gather. The gymnasium will have a stage so that it can also be used as an auditorium. Improvements will also be made to the crosswalk in front of the school across McKinley Road and pedestrian access from 11th Street. The estimated total project cost is \$20.5 million. It is expected to be completed by September 2016 with funding from the 2012 and 2014 bond referenda.

Community Outreach

The public review process for the McKinley Elementary School addition and renovation took a year to complete. The review process consisted of three phases – a conceptual phase, a schematic phase, and Planning Commission review and the final approval by the County Board.

The County's Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) and Arlington Public School's Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) worked in tandem to review the project. BLPC members included school staff, teachers, parents and PTA members; representation from civic associations, and County staff in the school's building and planning process. BLPC discussed the project at 14 meetings and the PFRC at eight of its meetings.

Project Phasing

Winter 2015

- Final approval with the school Board is anticipated for the February 17th meeting
- New relocatables placed on site
- Relocatables from Ashlawn and other areas will be put in the school field, this means the field will be out of use from then TILL the end of the project.
- A total of 14 temporary relocatables are coming to the site to replace those in the construction footprint and the demolished pentagon.
- Tree removal takes place (done early for habitat)



Project Phasing (continued)

Spring 2015

- Likely will see arrival of Construction trailer
- Sometime in May or early June, APS will host a community meeting to discuss more construction specifics with everyone.

Summer 2015

- “Pentagon” demolished
- Playground inaccessible
- Building site under construction (no access to the building or site)
- Begin construction of the gymnasium and the new wing
- Some internal renovations (shelving, floors, paint, etc.)
- Moving/relocating and hook up of relocatables to final positions
- Temporary access to building (1st grade wing) built
- No Summer Camps

Start of the 2015-2016 School Year

- Playground inaccessible
- Gym inaccessible
- Back renovation under construction
- Front renovation under construction
- Parking lot in front of Kindergarten wing holds relocatable (timeframe tbd)

January 2016

- Completion of back renovation and rebuild of playground (hoping to complete by Spring, not sure if playground will be able to be used right away, still studying)
- Landscape back area when building complete
- Possibly able to remove some relocatables (TBD)
- Continue work on gym and front addition

Summer 2016

- No summer school
- Construction of new front addition completed (we hope)
- Internal renovation to some common spaces (Cafeteria, library, front office)
- Construction of new parking spots

Fall 2016

- Removal of relocatables not needed (could happen in summer, need to be sure addition is completed and occupancy permit is held)
- Finish landscaping/site work where relocatables/trailers were
- Finish any work that is incomplete

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Good Things to Know...

- APS is negotiating to get contractor parking OFF SITE (church parking lot) so this will minimize contractor parking in the neighborhood.
- Some parking spaces will be lost due to the relocatables for the duration of construction, school staff and visitors might park a bit more in the neighborhood on adjoining streets. This is a TEMPORARY situation.
- Getting parking back is a high priority
- It is likely that the new field space would not be able to be used until 2017 (not a fact, just an observation)
- Hoping to get playground back in Spring 2016
- We will work on communicating best we can!

Update on Street Lighting

Jim Frison

This is a follow up on the previous MMCA newsletter article regarding the LED street lights in Madison Manor and to announce that improved lighting on 12th Street North has been approved as part of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

The executive committee has been in regular communication with the County since last spring's meeting when residents voiced concerns about the LED lights. The overall brightness and light intrusion into homes were the primary issues. The County has, as agreed to last spring, been dimming the lights at 9PM in Madison Manor. The MMCA also forwarded information to the County regarding concerns of 22 residents. Our understanding is that all but one of those concerns have been resolved. The one remaining issue, a light shining directly into a resident's home, has proven difficult and the County has yet to resolve it. While the County seems to be satisfied with resolving most of the issues, we have urged the County to continue to seek solutions from the light manufacturer. They have agreed to try out potential solutions (such as modified globes and revised shielding) in Madison Manor as they become available.

Dave Blair (MMCA President) and Jim Frison (Past-President) met with Larry Marcus, Bureau Chief in the County's Department of Environmental Services, and three of his staff on Monday, December 1. We discussed the status of existing issues (as noted above) and cooperation when the lights on 12th Street North are installed. Well over 90% of 12th Street residents favored the new lights and approval for funding through the Neighborhood Conservation Plan is expected shortly. Installation will most likely occur sometime next year. The County agreed to work with MMCA prior to the installation to ensure that issues (e.g. pole placement, shielding) are addressed during the design phase. Our hope is to resolve potential issues for residents before the actual construction.

Should you have issues please contact the County directly at 703 228-6570. If you wish, advise the MMCA at mmcapresident@gmail.com and we will do what we can on behalf of our neighbors.

A Successful MMCA Membership Drive

Carly Kelly

Thank you to everyone who joined the Madison Manor Civic Association during our recent membership drive. We received dues from 259 households this year, which passed last year's total by over 20 households. MMCA relies primarily on neighborhood dues and donations to fund our events, so your \$10 annual contribution truly makes a difference.

As a reminder, the MMCA membership year follows the school calendar and runs from September through August. Historically, MMCA has collected dues year-round. However, this made it difficult to manage the annual budget when we couldn't predict how much revenue would come in before the end of the year. Additionally, households often got confused about whether they had paid their dues which resulted in duplicate payments or no payments at all.

Last year, we decided to move to a more condensed membership drive from September through December. The MMCA Directory is published in January and includes everyone who contributed during the membership drive. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback about this change, and it has made it much easier to allocate and manage the annual budget.

Speaking of change, this year we also decided to experiment with offering MMCA households the option to get an electronic directory in lieu of a paper one. Over half of MMCA members chose to receive the directory electronically! It costs MMCA about \$2 for each paper directory copied at Staples, but the electronic directory is **free** to produce. We appreciate everyone who accepted an electronic directory, as this will allow us to use more of the dues collected to fund MMCA events like the annual summer picnic.

If you missed the membership drive but still want to join and get an electronic directory, please visit www.madisonmanor.org to download a membership form. You can also email Carly Kelly, MMCA Membership Chair, at carlykelly@gmail.com.

Did You Know...?

Madison Manor History

Jim Frison

You might know that Madison Manor gets its name from a housing development built after World War II starting in 1946. But there are older homes and one whose age might surprise you. Four homes built in 1940 can be found on 15th Road North and Roosevelt St (with another recently being torn down). In the same area, two other houses built in the 1930's and three in the late 1920's can be found. And until 2009, a house dating from 1910 was nearby. But it was a modern house compared to the house at 1301 Roosevelt, parts of which are over 150 years old.

Richard Gott owned that house in 1860, and the Western two-thirds of what is now Madison Manor. He lived in Washington, DC, serving as a Chief Clerk in the US War Department, and built a hunting lodge he called Buena Vista near the hill called Brandimore Castle. Like his fellow Alexandria County (as Arlington County was called then) resident, Robert E Lee, Mr. Gott choose his state over his country and served in the Confederate Army. He moved to Buena Vista after the Civil War.

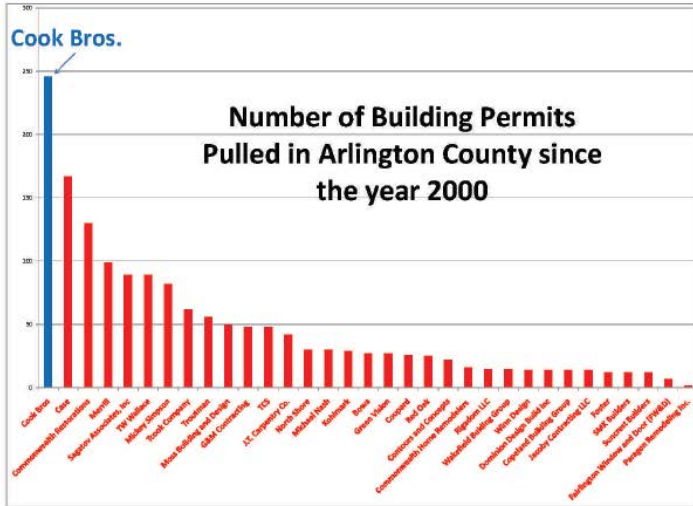
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| <p>Petsitter available: 11 yr old seeks small animals to sit for (haha). Brenna would like to help with your cat, small dog, bird or fish when necessary and available.</p> <p>Please email her mother, Amy, at amy_larrymeehan@yahoo.com if you have a job for her.</p> | <p>Matthew and Alec's Twin Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience walking and taking care of dogs - Raking - Picking up mail and newspapers when neighbors are gone <p>References available upon request.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: (703) 842-4821 or 703-869-4259</p> | <p>David Aronson: Is a computer wiz and could hook up electronic equipment. David has done cat sitting and house sitting (checking basement after rain, water plants, etc.)</p> <p>For more information, please contact: 703-534-4718</p> | <p>Braeden's Mowing and Snow Shoveling: Need someone to come over and mow? Shovel your snow? Braeden is experienced and at the ready.</p> <p>For more information, please contact: regansmom@hotmail.com</p> |
| <p>Jacob Hall: (Age 14) is a tech geek. He can therefore help you set up your computer, network, or email. He's your neighborhood tech support!</p> <p>Feel free to contact him at: totallyyuneekemail@gmail.com</p> | <p>Brian Taylor Steele: (Age 14) Leaf blowing, Snow Shoveling, Dog Walking, Pet Sitting</p> <p>For more information, please contact: 703-532-2496 or Julie.steele@hok.com</p> | <p>Laura Misra: I am 19 years old and I am a Red Cross Certified Babysitter.</p> <p>You can reach me at: 703-533-1565 or lmisra@live.unc.edu</p> | <p>PLEASE CONTACT TAMMI MCKINLEY AT tammi@novamidwife.org IF YOUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ARE INTERESTED IN BEING LISTED</p> |

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