

Madison Manor Citizen

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The newsletter of the Madison Manor Citizens Association

October 2016

President's Letter

Greetings, neighbors!

The start of September kicked off a new Madison Manor Citizens Association (MMCA) membership year! You should receive a 2016/17 membership form in your mailbox this month. We hope you will renew your support for MMCA. Dues are still only \$10 and are used to cover MMCA neighborhood events, as well as civic association administrative costs and permit fees. All neighbors who join MMCA by December 31 are eligible to be listed in the 2016/17 MMCA Directory.

We also have another MMCA Executive Board vacancy to fill. Unfortunately, Ali Protik has resigned as Vice President due to other volunteer commitments. The MMCA Vice President supports the Executive Board by interfacing with the County on issues of concern to the neighborhood, so this is an important role to fill. Ideally, we would like to find someone willing to take over as MMCA President next September when my term is over. If you are interested in learning more about the MMCA Vice President position, please let me know.

Finally, don't forget our annual Madison Manor Halloween events! The McKinley Elementary School Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 28, starting around 1:45pm. The kids will be marching their usual route through our neighborhood, led by the Swanson marching band. The annual MMCA Halloween Bonfire will take place on Halloween night (Monday, October 31) starting at 6:30pm at Madison Manor Park. We'll have glow sticks for the trick or treaters, but adults are always welcome to hang out and enjoy the festivities, too. I'd like to extend a big thank you to Judy Henderson, our faithful bonfire coordinator, for organizing this event every year. And lastly, remember to "spookify" your yard for our annual Madison Manor Halloween decorating contest—I've already seen some great entries going up around the neighborhood!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns for the MMCA Executive Board, please email us at mmcapresident@gmail.com.

Carly Kelly
MMCA President

Calendar of Events

Halloween Bonfire

Monday, October 31st, 6:30pm
Madison Manor Park

Easter Egg Hunt & Parade

Saturday, April 15th, 10am
Madison Manor Park

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th, 10am
Madison Manor Park

MMCA Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 4th, 5pm
Madison Manor Park

MMCA Officers for 2016 - 2017

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| President | Carly Kelly |
| Past President | David Blair |
| Vice President | Vacant |
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| Membership Chair | Elizabeth Johnson |

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Annual Neighborhood Events

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| Egg Hunt & Parade | Giin Levy |
| 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 | Amy Meehan |
| | Karen Colmie |
| Stream Cleanup | Jon Walsh |
| Summer Movie Nights | Karyn Ewart |
| Summer Picnic | Michelle Curry |
| | Cara Voth |

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| | Christopher Day |
| | Michael Rollin |
| | Miriam Rollin |
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| | Jo Allen |
| | Ted Wheeler |
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Madison Manor Citizen

Founding Publisher Jonathan Harmon

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 will now be published triannually, generally in January, late April, and September/October.

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.

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

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To join "Announce" and receive important community updates send an email to:
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To join "Discuss" and discuss neighborhood issues send an email to:
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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 **launahall@gmail.com**.

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

Do You Have a Neighbor Without a Computer?

The *Citizen* is now a fully electronic publication. But MMCA is committed to hand-delivering paper copies to any neighbor who needs one. Is that you or your neighbor? Please let us know, via **mmcapresident@gmail.com**, and thanks for helping all our neighbors stay connected.

Newsletters Are Available Online

Check out our website at
www.madisonmanor.org
for newsletters and lots of great information.

Community Events

Upcoming in the Neighborhood

Friday, October 28, 1:45pm

McKinley Elementary Halloween Parade

Neighborhood children in Halloween costume enjoy a short route through the neighborhood accompanied by the Swanson Middle School marching band and McKinley staff members.



Sunday, October 30, 7pm

Halloween Decorations Contest

Last year's decoration winners in the adult choice and kids' choice categories will serve as this year's judges. They will tour Madison Manor between 7–8 pm, looking for spooky, creative, and fun Halloween decorations in neighborhood yards. Winners will be notified by email and announced in the next newsletter.



Monday, October 31, 6:30pm

Halloween Bonfire at Madison Manor Park

Happy Halloween! All neighbors of all ages are invited to our annual bonfire celebration in the park to kick off the trick-or-treating fun. Glow necklaces will be available for a suggested donation of \$1. Costumes welcomed!

Thursday, November 17, and Friday, November 18, 7pm

McKinley Elementary Production of *Heroes of Norse* in the Ashlawn Elementary Auditorium

In partnership with the nonprofit Educational Theater Company (ETC), McKinley Elementary students in grades 2 – 5 not only learn their lines and perform—they also help write dialogue and lyrics and create scenery and costumes. Community members are warmly welcomed to enjoy “the 4 Cs” (creativity, confidence, collaboration, and community) in a terrific, one-of-a-kind production where mythical characters come to life! Due to McKinley's construction, Ashlawn Elementary School is graciously loaning their performance space.

Saturday, December 31

MMCA Dues are DUE

This is the last day to submit MMCA dues, although earlier payment is very helpful and appreciated. Dues are only \$10, and they cover our neighborhood events, civic association administrative costs, and permit fees. If you join by December 31, you'll have the choice to be listed in the MMCA Directory. Thank you, neighbor, for your support!

Saturdays, Monthly (dates to be announced), 2pm

Invasive Plant Removal

To make a large impact in just a short time of community service, join neighbors at Madison Manor Park for a Saturday afternoon invasive plant removal. Wear long pants, closed-toe shoes or boots, and gloves. Bring clippers and loppers. Some gloves and tools will be available. Any amount of time is appreciated, but plan for two hours to really make a difference for Madison Manor's native species. Keep an eye out for announcements via the MMCA listserv!

Q&A with the “MadMan on the Street” at the MMCA Summer Picnic

Cathie Schoultz

We asked neighbors at the MMCA summer picnic what new local businesses they would like to see. Some were on the move or heading back for more potato salad or pie, and some didn't volunteer their names. But there some very interesting ideas offered, with coffee bars and bike shops or a bikeshare being a common theme.

Question: *Given all the speculation about new development around this area, what new store or service would you like to see? Be practical or whimsical, and who says you can't be both?*

Karyn Ewart wants “a local coffee shop, espresso bar – not a Starbucks.” “In general I'd like to see local, small businesses,” she said.

“More businesses and store fronts in general, mixed use condos and retail,” Justin said.

“I would love a local coffee shop that offered health food and salads and sandwiches,” said a woman whose name we didn't get.

One person said Arlington already has everything you could ask for.

“I was just telling him I can't believe everything I want is here,” said Courtney Sugai referring to picnicker Pat Tiel. On second thought, maybe not everything. “One thing might be military service shops, although it's not a big deal,” such as a specialty tailor to work on uniforms, said Sugai, who's in the Army. Insignias must be sewn on with ruler precision, she said. “That's something I can't do myself,” she added.



Neighbors enjoy the MMCA summer picnic in June

Photo credit: Ann Kurzius

Fellow picnicker Pat Tiel said, “We have it good here! The joke in Arlington is that if something's in Maryland, that's too far to go.”

What about a Costco, suggests Shirley Zukor. “And a small independent coffee shop would be nice,” she said.

“Is there a bikeshare coming to the area?” Andy Yoakam asked. Yoakam suggested a bikeshare, as did several others.

One person asked for “a gathering at Westover when Santa Claus is put up on the top of the post office.”

Mark Briganti called for “a fast casual restaurant -- no chains!” He would also like to see a local independent bike shop. A fish and butcher shop would be a good addition as well, he said.

A group of people who didn't give their names said they would like to see a bagel store, and indoor golf driving range, and a turf field at Swanson Middle School.

“Honestly there's no good bagel or breakfast shop,” said Kristin Gillig. She was seconded by Jessica O'Donnell. Gillig and O'Donnell said they would put the restaurant west of Westover.

Former Editor Ann Kurzius Departs Cathie Schoultz

Exiting newsletter editor Ann Kurzius moved from Madison Manor in August to a beautiful home just a few blocks from Arena Stage in Southwest Washington. She brought a great energy to the *Citizen* over the past two years as well as lots of experience as a writer, researcher, and editor. We will miss her.

Ann's new place has the same arty feel as the green and yellow contemporary she lived in not too far from East Falls Church Metro. Her African art and ceramic purses seem perfectly situated in their new niches, along with two framed colored-pencil drawings, of a puffin and a blue-footed booby, done by an artist friend.



Ann Kurzius

Ann likes theater, books, food (mostly vegan), wine, and Perry, an eagle-nosed mix of Great Dane, whippet and terrier.

We're sorry Ann's gone, but luckily it's not too far. She took a few minutes to talk to me recently.

How long were you a resident of Madison Manor? Did you expect to be here that long? Why did you move here?

40 years! I expected maybe 7 at most. I moved in because my husband and I liked the California contemporary style house---we didn't realize it was in a neighborhood with a name until we had lived there for some time.

What do you miss most about Madison Manor? What do you like most about your new place?

I miss my backyard. I'm enjoying being within walking distance of the Mall and Arena Stage.

What was the biggest change in Madison Manor during the time you were here?

The whole explosion of North Arlington in general, and Madison Manor in particular. as a desirable address. In 1976---before the arrival of I-66 and Metro---Arlington was just another middle class suburb, rather nondescript and far from trendy.

You started a book club here. What was your favorite book ever? Favorite current reads?

Favorite ever? Probably *Pride and Prejudice*. Favorite current read is Anne Tyler's newest, *Vinegar Girl*.

What did you study at school, and where did you go?

B.A., University of Maryland, class of 1968. I had a "comparative literature" major, French minor.

How often do you come back to Madison Manor and where are we likely to spot you – or what were your favorite neighborhood haunts?

Not that often to Madison Manor as such, but I still work out at Body Dynamics in Falls Church every Friday and usually hit the Westover library or Ayer's or the Italian Store while I'm in the neighborhood.

1-66/Transportation Progress and Plans

Christopher Day

As you may have noticed, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has been actively moving forward with planning and implementation of the high occupancy toll or HOT lanes on the portions of 1-66 inside the Beltway. This has resulted in several impacts in the Madison Manor community, including surveying and contractor activity as VDOT prepares to install the “toll gantries” that will be used to collect tolls from single occupant vehicle users on 1-66 during peak hours. One of these gantries will be located on the portion of the highway that passes roughly between Madison Manor and Dominion Hills, so it is likely that there will be a substantial impact on users of the W&OD trail when the gantry installation begins, along with some impact on houses that abut the trail. Installation of the gantries is expected to be complete by early next year, with tolling to begin by mid-2017.

VDOT is also actively engaged in preparations to add a new, third eastbound lane on 1-66. In preparation for that, VDOT is currently engaged in additional surveying, noise studies, and engineering analysis. In addition, some homeowners may have received letters asking if they support installation of new noise barriers along the portion of 1-66 that runs close to their property. If you receive one of these letters requesting a response, please note that VDOT generally considers “no response” as a vote against installation of new barriers. Accordingly, if you receive such a letter, you are urged to return it and make your views known to VDOT.

Going forward, the Environmental Assessment of the 1-66 widening project is expected to be released soon. This will provide further information on impacts to the W&OD trail, Four Mile Run, and surrounding neighborhoods. The release of this assessment will also be accompanied by additional public hearings where the public will be allowed to provide comment and/or objections to the plans. In addition to those hearings, MMCA plans to request another briefing from VDOT to address concerns specific to the Madison Manor community; the first MMCA briefing was held on June 9, 2016.

If you have any other specific questions about the ongoing 1-66 projects that you would like MMCA to raise with VDOT, please feel free to contact me at (703) 930-2179 or christopherday01@yahoo.com.

New Bus Route Serving Madison Manor – ART 54

There’s a new bus in town! In late August, Arlington Transit, or ART, began serving our neighborhood, replacing Metrobus. The ART 54 route now connects the Madison Manor, Dominion Hills, and Highland-Overlee Knolls neighborhoods with the East Falls Church Metrorail station. The 26-foot medium-duty bus (like the one shown here) runs every 24 minutes on weekdays during morning and afternoon rush hours. See more information, including a schedule and route map, on the ART website at <http://www.arlingtontransit.com/pages/news-events/arlington-transit-blog/new-art-54-route-to-connect-dominion-hills-madison-manor-with-east-falls-church-metro/>.



Source: Arlington Transit

McKinley Elementary School Project Update

Dave Blair



The McKinley Elementary School addition and renovation project began in the spring of 2015 and has consisted of five phases of work. The renovation will include administrative offices, classrooms, media center, kitchen and cafeteria, while the expansion entails a three-story addition with a new gymnasium, a new entrance lobby, 14 new classrooms and associated support spaces. The project also includes extensive infrastructure improvements and landscaping.

This summer, the Madison Manor community had a front row seat to significant progress. While not a quiet or odor-free transformation, it was exciting to witness design concepts become reality and a new façade emerge for this critical community resource. The doors were ready to open for the new academic year and the construction project is on target for completion by the end of November.

Ongoing and Recently Completed Tasks:

- Installation of new roof
- Installation of glass storefront and curtainwall
- Drywall installation on all 3 floors
- Interior plumbing installation
- HVAC equipment and controls
- Electrical feeder conduit and wiring
- Site Lighting
- McKinley Road Street Lights
- McKinley Road Striping
- Curb and gutter repairs
- Installation of paved play area
- Completion of McKinley Road Striping
- Ongoing progress for the new parking lot
- Sod installation on the south side of the property
- Complete installation of new playground
- Continue re-roofing activities
- Inspections
- Site retaining walls and stairs



Important Community Notices/Schedule related activities:

- Overall project remains on schedule for the end of November
- Work will occur on most Saturdays within the building
- Contractor parking is back at the First Church of Christ Scientist on McKinley Road

Happening at our Local Bookstore

One More Page Books, the local, independent bookstore within walking distance from our neighborhood (2200 N Westmoreland Street, #101), offers books, wine, chocolate, and a full calendar of events. Book lovers are invited to join six different book clubs that cover a variety of interests, or just drop in any time—hours are Monday through Saturday 10am–8pm, and Sunday noon–5pm. On Sunday, November 13 at 2pm, food lovers and books lovers alike are invited to an afternoon of fine food and book signing with Vivian Howard (co-creator of PBS's *A Chef's Life*). Tickets are \$50 and include a signed, first edition of *Deep Run Roots: Stories and Recipes from My Corner of the South*. For more information, contact the staff at One More Page Books at 703-300-9746.

Happening at our Local Library Branch

Our close-by branch of the Arlington Public Library—Westover—continues their robust event schedule through construction. The Westover Book Club usually meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, and they are currently reading Daniel James Brown's *The Boys in the Boat*. Westover Library offers story times and music and movement for the littlest readers, gatherings for middle-schoolers, free classes for those seeking practice in English conversation, and many other events and services for readers of all ages and interests.



Young Entrepreneurs

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

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| <p>Babysitter & Petsitter: Brenna (7th grade) is able to sit for young children (preferably over the age of 2). American Red Cross certified. Also available for petsitting needs. References available upon request. Please contact Brenna's mom, Amy, at (904) 673-6842 or amy_larrymeehan@yahoo.com</p> | <p>Corrie Steele (age 16): Red Cross-trained Babysitter, Pet Care, Typing and Data Entry, Soccer Skills Tutoring.</p> <p>Contact: (703) 532-2496 or julie.steele@hok.com</p> | <p>Abbie Strebe: I am 14 and a Red Cross certified babysitter. I charge \$8 an hour. I have experience babysitting babies as well as young children. I am available to help out with birthday parties, and I can also assist with games, face painting, and dressing up for a girl's princess party. Contact: alstrebe@gmail.com</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>Contact: regansmom@hotmail.com</p> |
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| | <p>Leah Hall: I am a 14-year-old Red Cross certified babysitter. I love working with kids and I will always be there with fun and energy! Contact: leahhall7@gmail.com</p> | <p>Zachary Ellison: I am 19. I am a lifeguard, certified in CPR and first aid, kid-friendly, patient, and humorous. Let me know if you're interested! Contact: z.ellison1@gmail.com or (202) 669-4078</p> | |
| <p>PLEASE CONTACT TAMMI MCKINLEY AT tammi@novamidwife.org IF YOUR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ARE INTERESTED IN BEING LISTED</p> | | | |

*Wishing my
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