



The Mapleleaf

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Due to COVID-19, MCA meetings will be virtual until further notice and announced on MAVO.

Don't Miss Out On Maplewood News and Events – Join MAVO

(formerly referred to as the Maplewood "listserv")

Maplewood-Alta Vista Online (MAVO) is an invitation-only online community group for our neighborhood in Bethesda. If you are a resident of our neighborhood and would like to join MAVO, please send an email to

mavo+subscribe@maplewood.groups.io

or visit maplewood.groups.io on the web.

From moderator Mark Nathans: "We no longer refer to this online group as a "listserv" since this term is a registered trademark and is outdated anyway."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

You are receiving this special COVID-19 August 2020 edition of the *Mapleleaf* newsletter via USPS mail due to the COVID-19 pandemic which began in earnest in March 2020 and has required Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) to make accommodations just like everyone else.

The May 2020 MCA general meeting, at which time officer elections typically occur and MCA dues are determined, had to be cancelled due to large gathering restrictions and health concerns as COVID-19 cases increased. Please see page 3 for voting on both the officer slate for 2020-2021 and dues. See page 4 for the MCA membership form. ACTION REQUIRED: VOTE, PLEASE!

Normally, the *Mapleleaf* newsletter is hand delivered by your fellow neighbors, a very dedicated delivery team. Due to health concerns, hand delivery has been suspended until further notice. MCA is intent to keep Maplewood residents informed and will publish newsletters on an as needed basis (in normal times it would be September, No-

ember, January, March and May). MCA will also use MAVO (Maplewood-Alta Vista Online), formerly known as the Maplewood "listserv" to announce MCA virtual meetings that might be required on a more immediate basis than the newsletter would offer. See this page for information on the listserv name change and instructions on how to join MAVO.

MCA dues are a crucial source of funding for MCA which works on your behalf and for which expenses continue even though MCA is not meeting in person. On-going costs include a) the *Mapleleaf* newsletter and MCA website, b) MCA telephone hotline (301-530-6080), c) a bi-annual Neighborhood Helper's List, d) liability insurance for officers and e) an annual Spring Social (cancelled this year). Thanks for showing your support of MCA.

Hopefully, 2021 will see our lives return to normal and the current health emergency will become just a memory instead of a way of life. Allen

Beech Avenue Development News

On July 1, 2020, the Wormald Companies purchased this site. They will construct 17 new single-family, detached homes in accordance with the site plan approved by the Montgomery County Planning Board for the previous site owner, Brad Bernstein, whose son, Joseph, will serve as the sales manager for the new homes.

Pooks Hill Marriott Development Changes

In 2019, Quadrangle Corporation, the original developer of two high-rise towers proposed for the current surface parking lot at the Pooks Hill Marriott, sold the property to EM Pooks Hill, LLC ("EM"). "EM" was scheduled to present their plans for the property at the March 2020 MCA general meeting, but unfortunately COVID-19 forced cancellation of this meeting. In April 2020, the MCA Executive Committee met with "EM" to hear their plans using Zoom.

"EM" intends to reduce the size of the original project that Quadrangle had proposed. "EM" plans on building 562 units instead of the originally planned 631 units; the new footprint will be 510,000 square feet instead of 645,657 square feet; the two towers will be constructed at the same time and not individually as proposed by Quadrangle; the height of the towers will be 130 - 140 feet instead of the originally planned 160 feet; the number of parking spaces will be 520 instead of 804 spaces to avoid the added costs associated with having to blast through a significant amount of rock on the site.

To compensate for the reduced number of parking spaces for the two towers, the developer plans to charge for parking spaces separate from the apartment rental fee.

It is possible that some residents will elect to not pay the additional expense for a parking space and park on nearby Maplewood streets. MCA is exploring options to address this possibility.



Maplewood Residential Permit Parking News

During the current COVID-19 health emergency, Montgomery County has not been enforcing its Residential Digital Permit Parking Program on those streets in Maplewood that require parking permits. The County has promised to inform us when enforcement is reinstated.

However, the County Division of Parking has advised residents of Maplewood to renew their digital permits prior to their expiration. All digital permits expire one year from their date of issue. Once the permits have expired, it will be necessary to apply for a new permit and to upload documentation (copy of a driver's license and proof of residency) with the application. This documentation is not required to renew a permit. To check the status of your household digital permits, please log into your account at <https://montgomery.thepermitportal.com/>.

Update on Proposed French International Elementary School

In mid-March 2020, the French International School (FIS) purchased the property now occupied by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) at 9650 Rockville Pike. FIS continues to develop a Transportation Management Plan that will be acceptable to the Maryland State Highway Administration and Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Congratulations to all Maplewood neighborhood high school seniors who graduated from public and private schools in 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. You are the next generation with lots of ingenuity to face the challenges ahead.



DID COVID-19 PANDEMIC MAKE US

MORE NEIGHBORLY, RESOURCEFUL AND RESILIENT?

Virtual schooling, lock down, masks, 6 feet distancing, no large gatherings... led to:

- An active MAVO as residents had time to "clean out" the house and offer items they no longer needed; MAVO was helpful in providing minute by minute tips on where to find necessities such as toilet paper;
- neighbors checking on neighbors; neighbors meeting neighbors they had never seen before who were out walking to exercise and take a break from working from home (*did you meet someone new?*);
- Zoom happy hours on Fridays to replace the in-person Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus (*contact: Jo at jobatky@gmail.com if interested*);
- Zoom surprise birthday party (*is that easier to plan than an in-person surprise party?*); front-yard lawn small gatherings with rules; impromptu small walking groups;
- small outside exercise groups of children using social distancing (*it looked like fun!*)
- outdoor movies in the wide-open space of the front lawn (*is that the modern-day version of drive-in movies?*);
- establishment of an Egg CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) for access to pastured, organic eggs from a local organic farmer (*whoever knew there was so much to learn about eggs!*) *Contact Janet at janetmaalouf97@gmail.com*;
- RentACoop.com: the daughter of one egg CSA member used RentACoop.com as an educational opportunity for her two children. A four-week rental package included an indoor crate (brooder), two baby chicks, 7 fertile eggs, and an incubator. Three weeks into the project, the two chicks had grown big and three little ones had recently hatched in the incubator.

"Nix The Six"

While the Montgomery County recycling center can handle practically all plastic bottles and glasses, it cannot recycle number 6 plastic which is primarily plastic wrap and styrofoam. Recycling numbers are usually found on the bottom of the containers. Number 6 plastic items should be included with your trash. This is a handy link for what is recyclable in Montgomery County:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/resources/files/store/recycling-basics.pdf>.

MAPLEWOOD OUR HOME

Needed:

Volunteers to join the Mapleleaf Newsletter delivery team in September, November, March and May.

Contact Barbara Harrison
(lakestargirl@gmail.com)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROBERT TYCKO
ELECTED TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Robert Tycko, an intramural scientist at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was elected in April 2020 to the National Academy of Sciences based on his investigations of molecular structures of protein assemblies that are associated with neurodegenerative diseases.

NASonline.org provides the following information on Rob and his research interests:

“Robert Tycko was trained originally as a physical chemist. His work includes contributions to magnetic resonance methodology, condensed matter physics, biophysics, and structural biology. He is best known recently for applications of solid state nuclear magnetic resonance in structural studies of amyloid fibrils that are associated with neurodegenerative diseases. Tycko was born in 1959 in New York City and raised principally on Long Island. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1980 and his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California at Berkeley. After postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania, he joined AT&T Bell Laboratories as a Member of Technical Staff in 1986. Eight formative years later, he moved to the Intramural Research Program of the National Institutes of Health as a member of the Laboratory of Chemical Physics, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Among other things, he is currently president of the International Society of Magnetic Resonance.

Research Interests:

Robert Tycko's research group is currently pursuing several distinct but inter-related projects. Members of his group are using solid state nuclear magnetic resonance (ssNMR) and electron microscopy to characterize molecular structures of amyloid- β fibrils, including fibrils that develop in brain tissue of Alzheimer's disease patients. They are also investigating molecular structures of amyloid-like fibrils formed by low-complexity protein sequences, with the goal of understanding the biologically relevant self-assembly behavior of such sequences. They are developing time-resolved ssNMR methods that allow detailed structural studies of transient intermediates in biomolecular processes such as protein folding, ligand binding, and protein aggregation, on the millisecond time scale. They are also developing ultra-low-temperature methods for sensitivity enhancement in biomolecular ssNMR and for resolution enhancement in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), with the goal of achieving sub-micron resolution in MRI of cells and cell clusters.”

Election to the National Academy of Sciences is prestigious for two reasons. First, elected members serve as role models for future generations of scientists in a particular scientific field. Secondly, members of the National Academy of Science, along with the National Academy of Engineering and the Institute of Medicine support the public service efforts of the National Research Council which provides extensive policy advice to federal and state governments. Past issues have included dangers of arsenic in drinking water and the future of climate change.

Rob and his wife, Melanie Killen, a professor at the University of Maryland, have resided in Maplewood for 26 years. They have two adult children, Sasha and Jacob, who are pursuing their education at Emory University (graduate school) and the University of California, Berkeley (college), respectively.

MCA OFFICER ELECTION for 2020-2021

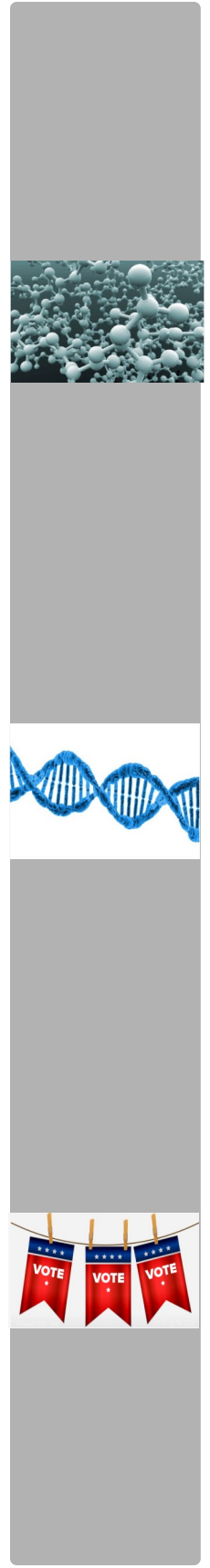
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA) was unable to hold its scheduled May 2020 meeting that would have included the election of officers for the membership year beginning September 1, 2020. The Executive Committee determined that the best course of action would be to use mail-in ballots to conduct the election before the end of the membership year, August 31, 2020. While the election is simply to confirm continuation in office of the four current officers, it is important that a quorum of MCA members vote.

You must be a member of MCA to vote. To verify your membership status, email Treasurer@maplewoodcitizens.org. To join, see the membership form on page 4. Membership dues received in August from current members will be considered a renewal of their memberships for the 2020- 2021 membership year. Dues for new members that are received in August will have their membership extended to include the 2020-2021 membership year. **Please mail your ballot and/or your membership renewal/application to Maplewood Citizens Association, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, MD 20891-2483. Ballots must be postmarked by August 31, 2020.**

Yes ___ No ___ **Current MCA officers to continue in office: Allen Myers, President; Joe Aukward, Vice-President; Alan Goldhammer, Treasurer; and Jason Padgett, Secretary.**

Yes ___ No ___ **MCA dues remaining at \$25 per year as recommended by the MCA Executive Committee.**

Signature: _____ Address: _____



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Maplewood Village

Most in-person activities have “paused” due to the COVID virus, but the walking group marches on (with masks and social distancing). Neighbors meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the Alta Vista Rd entrance to the Alta Vista-Maplewood Park. Watch the Maplewood-Alta Vista Online (MAVO) for news about online programs and resources during these challenging times. Volunteers from Maplewood & Wyngate Neighbors Helping Neighbors (WNHN) can still help with things like picking up groceries or prescriptions. To request assistance, to volunteer, or to learn more call 301-388-5112, email WNHN.help@gmail.com or visit www.WNHN.org and click “JOIN THIS COMMUNITY.”

The Maplewood Citizens Association has been around for more than half a century. It provides a public forum to discuss neighborhood concerns, solve problems, and promote community.

Make Maplewood a better place to live – become a member or renew your membership today!

MEMBERSHIP FORM — Maplewood Citizens Association (MCA)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CHECK ONE: New Member _____ Renewal _____

Today’s Date _____

Dues are \$25 for one year, September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021 payable by check to “MCA”. Please send your completed membership form and check to: Alan Goldhammer, Treasurer, MCA, P.O. Box 2483, Kensington, MD 20891-2483 OR through PayPal at maplewoodcitizens.org .