

MH-CK Association News



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Annual Winter Festival January 30

No one wants six feet of snow this winter – but we know you want to come to the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Annual Winter Blues Festival! This is our third year hosting a warm afternoon to get together, meet your neighbors and chase the winter blues away!

The event is for all ages. We will have crafts and activities for kids and potluck snacks and desserts plus, hopefully, fresh popped popcorn. Mulled cider and hot chocolate will warm you up. Music from your local favorite bluesmen musicians and a footbagging (you know, hackysack!) demonstration will entertain.

This is also your chance to meet you civic association volunteers and leaders, get the latest news on neighborhood issues, and meet local sponsors and businesses.

The festival this year will be held Sunday, Jan. 30 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Capital View-Homewood Parks and Recreation Building off of Leslie Street.

Hosted by the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association, the event is free to all residents and their guests, but we will be collecting 2011 annual dues (just \$10).

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MH-CK Halloween Party

Dozens of ghouls, goblins, princesses, ladybugs, and cats converged on McKenney Hills Park for the MH-CK second annual revived Halloween party and parade on Saturday, Oct. 23. Children marched through the middle part of our neighborhood showing off costumes before heading back to the park for a lively get together organized by MH-CK former president Tricia Steadman. Kids and their parents enjoyed making magnets, tackling a bat piñata and potluck treats plus prizes for the best costumes.



President's Corner

Year-end calls for a look back at our life together as an association. It's been an interesting time, filled with various community issues and events. It is my hope that our association has provided a forum for learning about issues and helping thereby to point the way to making our community a better place in which to live.

Perhaps the most important issue we have dealt with is the one concerning the planned construction of the new school on the site of the former McKenney Hills Learning Center. Many of us were quite active in educating ourselves about the many issues touching upon this project. Certainly it is an understatement to say that the issue of the impact of the proposed new school construction upon the natural environment - trees - on and near the construction site of the proposed new school was of enormous interest. Your Association hosted two successive meetings (September and October) at which representatives from the Montgomery County Public Schools Department of Construction gave detailed information about the construction plans for the new school, addressing in particular concerns about impact upon the trees near the site.

All of this effort resulted subsequently in unanimous approval at a hearing at which Tricia Steadman (immediate past President of the Association), Brian Bhandari (Association Traffic Committee chair), and I, among many others, testified for approval of the plan by the Montgomery County Planning Board of the plan.

Another issue of great importance has been the Traffic project headed up by Brian Bhandari, who has done a superb job in drawing our attention to the various traffic and sidewalk problems in our community. His Traffic Committee has gathered and analyzed a great amount of information on this issue and presented it to the Association for comment, and then forwarding on to appropriate Montgomery County agencies, including the County Planning Board, for final approval for implementation.

Representatives from PEPCO, Washington Gas Light Company, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission all gave very interesting and informative presentations, each at a separate monthly Association meeting. Additionally, our

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Paying your dues allows you to become a member of the Civic Association for the 2011 calendar year. All residents of the community (both renters and owners) are eligible for membership. These dues help pay for: neighborhood events such as the Community Earth Day Celebration and the Neighborhood Party, the newsletter, rental of meeting space and other items and activities that are vital to the Association. Thank you for becoming a member, or, if you are already a member then thank you for your continued support. We can not do it without you!

Association Policy on Eligibility to Participate in Discussion and Voting at Association Meetings

Association Policy on eligibility to participate in discussion and voting at Association meetings:

I. DISCUSSION. In any discussion at any Association meeting, the following rules of precedence regarding eligibility of meeting attendees to speak hereby apply:

A. Members who are current in their dues and who live within the official boundaries of the McKenney Hills/Carroll Knolls Civic Association may speak at any time, when recognized by the chair.

B. Members who are non-current in their dues and who live within the official boundaries of the Association have the right as defined in A above, except that they may speak only after any group A member has had an opportunity to speak.

C. Those attendees who live outside the official boundaries of the Association (Associate Members) and are current in their dues may speak - when recognized by the chair - but only after any Group A or Group B members have had an opportunity to speak.

II. VOTING. In any matters related to voting, only meeting attendees in category A above may make a motion, second a motion, and/or vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed, according to Association by-laws.

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To ensure compliance with the above, the following policy will be in force at meetings:

As meeting attendees enter the meeting room before the meeting is called to order, they will be required to present for inspection by the Association Treasurer a valid means of identification (driver's license, voter registration document, etc.) with attendee's name and current valid address on such identification. The Treasurer will then ascertain the appropriate category of membership for each attendee who desires to participate, according to the criteria stated above.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. However, only those attendees in category IA may discuss and/or vote. Those in categories IB and IC may participate in discussion (in that order), upon recognition by the chair, but not vote.

NOTE: The definition of a "member" is any resident who lives within the boundaries of the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association and is either current or non-current in dues. Any residents who live outside the boundaries of the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association and are current in their dues are Associate Members. An Associate Member may receive the newsletter, may participate in discussion within a meeting but may not vote and may not be an officer, and may attend social events. Any members of the Association who reside within the boundaries and are not current in their dues may still receive the newsletter, public safety information, participate in discussions, and may participate in Association social events. □ MH-CK Board

McKENNEY HILLS/CARROLL KNOLLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Homewood Recreation Center

Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 8:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to order

2. Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Secretary - Reading and approval of minutes of November Association meeting

Treasurer

3. Presentation by Tricia Steadman and Brian Bhandari on the history and practices of the group e-mail (List Serve)

4. Traffic Update, Brian Bhandari, chair of Traffic Committee

5. Old Business

- Dues, Norman Kaplan, Treasurer (Note: This is unfinished business from the October meeting. A motion was made and seconded to increase the dues from the current \$10 to \$12 per year. (October through September, then was tabled. Now ready for discussion and vote.)

6 New Business

- Election of New Officers

Report from Norman Kaplan, chair of Nominating Committee

Election

5. Announcement on Upcoming Event - Winter Blues Festival on January 30, volunteers needed

7. Adjournment

REMINDER: Only those members current in their dues and are current residents within the boundaries of the McKenney Hills/Carroll Knolls Civic Association are entitled to make a motion, second a motion, and/or vote. (See the Association Policy on Participation in Discussion and Voting at Association meetings.)

Treasurer's Report

As of December 1, 2010, the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Neighborhood Association has \$3,041.32 in the bank, with \$170.00 in outstanding checks. The Neighborhood Association has 128 households who have paid their dues (the expiration date follows in parenthesis, new or renewed members in Bold) as follows. Thank you to everyone who has joined or renewed since the last newsletter!

Resident Members:

		HAYWOOD CIR	
ARTHUR AVE	2307 (4/11)		
BRUNSWICK AVE	10119 (11/11) , 10306 (4/11)	HAYWOOD DR	10314(10/11), 10412(10/11)
CANEY PL		HILDAROSE DR	2203(10/11), 2205(10/11), 2312(10/11), 2313(10/11) , 2314 (4/11), 2320 (2/11)
CHURCHILL DR	2301 (2/11), 2310 (3/11), 2417 (9/11)	HOMESTEAD DR	2301 (2/11), 2304(10/11), 2312(10/11), 2313(10/11) , 2315 (2/11), 2404(10/2011) , 2417 (2/11), 2418 (4/11), 2419 (4/11)
CLARK PL		HUTTING PL	
CONOVER DR	10212 (2/11), 2303 (11/11) , 10220 (2/11), 10230 (2/11), 10401 (11/11)	INSLEY ST	10500 (12/10), 10511(10/11)
CROSBY PL		KIMBALL PL	
DARROW ST	2301 (2/11), 2303 (11/11) , 2306 (2/11), 2406 (3/11), 2407 (4/11), 2417 (7/12)	KOHLER CT	
DENNIS AVE	2418 (3/11)	KOHLER RD	10104(10/11)
DEXTER AVE	2300 (1/11), 2306 (2/11), 2412 (5/11), 2418 (3/11), 2423 (10/11), 2426 (12/11)	LEDER RD	10103(10/11) , 10109 (2/11)
DOUGLAS AVE	2428 (3/11)	LESLIE ST	10118 (7/11), 10203 (1/12) , 10206 (6/11), 10211 (2/11), 10222 (2/11), 10230(10/11) , 10233 (4/11), 10304(10/11) , 10311 (2/11), 10310(10/11) , 10422 (7/11)
DUVAWN PL	10229 (2/11), 10313 (6/11)	LESLIE CT	10404 (4/11), 10412 (5/11), 10418 (2/11)
ECCLESTON ST	10200 (5/11), 10203 (2/11), 10204 (6/11), 10210 (2/11), 10211 (4/11), 10230 (2/11), 10215 (2/11)	LILLIAN DR	2413(9/11) , 2414 (8/11), 2416 (5/11)
ECCLESTON ST	2304 (2/11), 2311 (10/11) , 2411 (2/11), 2412 (10/21) , 2602 (2/11), 2610 (2/12)	LOMA ST	2601(9/11) , 2602 (2/11), 2603 (9/11), 2605 (12/11) , 2607 (2/11), 2608 (9/10), 2609 (7/11), 2611(9/11) , 2703 (2/11), 2704(1/11)
EMMET RD		McKENNEY AVE	10004 (7/11), 10104 (7/11), 10110 (7/11)
EVANS DR	2413 (10/11), 2415 (10/11) , 2420 (4/11)	PLYERS MILL RD	
FINCH ST	2421 (4/11), 2505 (10/11), 2611 (9/11)		
GARDINER AVE	2602 (4/11), 2705 (2/11)		
GARDINER AVE	9805 (10/11) , 9807 (4/11), 9911 (6/11), 9913 (4/11), 10109 (2/11), 10117 (7/11), 10215 (10/11)		
GATES AVE	10100 (3/11), 10105 (3/11), 10111 (10/11), 10112 (10/11), 10114 (10/11)		
GEORGIA AVE			
GLADSTONE ST	10105 (4/11)		
GREELEY AVE	10007(10/11), 10114(9/11) , 10113 (5/11)	Non McKenney Hills – Carroll Knolls Resident Members:	
HARMON RD	2512(11/11), 2415(10/11) , 2500 (7/11), 2700 (5/11), 2708 (6/11), 2709 (3/11)	PENNY DOG LN	10500 (11/10)
HAYDEN DR	2401 (5/11), 2403(10/11), 2500(9/11) , 2507 (2/11), 2511 (2/11)	POTOMAC AVE	629 (2/11)
		COMMODE CT, FL	1108 (4/11)

We need your help. To make this even as successful as it has been in the past we are in need of many hands to lighten the load. Volunteers are needed for set-up/decorating, arts & crafts, and clean-up. Please lend a hand!

We also need area businesses, professionals and craftspeople to sponsor our festival. You get your name out and help out our all-volunteer civic association.

To volunteer at or sponsor the event, please e-mail susanheavey@yahoo.com. □ Susan Heavey

2011 Calendar

Meeting (Election of Officers)	Tuesday, January 25	8 p.m.
Blues Festival	Sunday, January 30	2 p.m.
Meeting	Tuesday, February 23	8 p.m.
Meeting	Tuesday, March 22	8 p.m.
Meeting	Tuesday, April 26	8 p.m.
Meeting	Tuesday, May 24	8 p.m.
Meeting	Tuesday, June 28	8 p.m.

Traffic Committee Hard at Work

The traffic committee has been working diligently over last few months to develop a comprehensive proposal for sidewalk construction and traffic calming to submit to Montgomery County. The traffic committee talked with residents and worked vigorously to walk/drive/bike the neighborhood to gain an understanding of all the issues at hand. The committee also took into consideration the additional foot-traffic expected in 2012 with the opening of the new elementary school. The initial version of the proposal was presented at the October 26, 2010 MHCK Civic Association meeting with an update at the November 23, 2010 meeting. The proposal includes requests for sidewalk construction, stop signs, crosswalks, speed limit signs, speed humps and other traffic calming measures (e.g., curb extensions, edgelines, etc.). The proposal was posted to the MHCK website for a two-week comment period starting December 9, 2010 (<http://www.mhckcivic.org/community-news.html>). After the comment period ends, the proposal will be modified, as necessary, and then submitted to Montgomery County in early 2011. E-mail MHCKTrafficCommittee@yahoo.com for additional information or questions. □ Brian Bhandari, Traffic Committee Member

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own Police Liaison, Officer Joy Patil, was present at several meetings to discuss with us public safety and traffic issues.

Then, of course, we had fun times such as the annual events of the Halloween party in McKenney Hills Park and the winter Blues Festival. Another fun time, but mainly a service project, was the annual Park Clean Up event. We also sponsored the National Night Out event in August. All of these events were enormously successful, and reflected a very great deal of work on the part of dedicated members of your Association.

In addition to all of the above your Board members have actively participated in meetings sponsored by the Montgomery County Civic Federation and the Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce dealing with County zoning issues and redevelopment plans for the Wheaton Business District.

I want to pay special tribute to your fellow officers on the Board: Martha Randall, Secretary; and Norman Kaplan, Treasurer. Both of these officers have been invaluable in their hard work and enthusiasm, as all of us on the Board have worked for the betterment of our Association.

In closing, you can see that your Association has been quite active in the year 2010, and we look forward to an equally productive year in 2011. □ Dick Tingley, President



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