

Get Out and Meet Your Neighbors!

Why Meeting Your Neighbors is More than Just Fun

McKenney Hills - Carroll Knolls is made up of diverse people from diverse backgrounds, which is a key element that makes this neighborhood so wonderful. While we may be from different places, we have all chosen this community to call home. Silver Spring is unique within this transient Greater Metropolitan area because of the close ties that neighbors feel to the neighborhood, as well as to one another. This is a large reason why many people choose to move here from other neighborhoods in our area. This neighborliness takes work to maintain, but it is well worth the effort.

Meeting and getting to know your neighbors is not just important because it is neighborly. It is also important because this area is a very safe and comfortable place to live, however, it is up to each of us to be vigilant in order to keep it that way. In order to do that, it is essential that we know who are neighbors are so that we can be aware when someone seems out of place.

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Changes on the Horizon

New Board Members, New Communications

This year has brought about many changes for the McKenney Hills - Carroll Knolls Civic Association. These include: a brand new regularly updated website, a revitalization of the Block Captain program, an increase in the frequency of the Newsletter and in the number of regularly scheduled meetings. Each of these changes has been in an effort to improve the infrastructure of our organization in order to lay the groundwork for better neighborhood participation and possible future expansion of activities. I am very happy to report that I believe our efforts so far this year have been successful thanks to the tireless efforts of our Board members and so many of our neighbors.

These changes, however, are hopefully not complete. They are just the first step in an overall rebuilding of an organization that is essential to increased safety and quality of life in our neighborhood. This continued progress, however, requires that each of us makes a commitment to becoming or staying involved with the Association. This can include: attending monthly meetings (now the last **Tuesday** of the month), regularly checking the website (www.mhckcivic.org) and joining the neighborhood list serve (see website to learn how) in order to keep up with neighborhood business and to learn more about how you can become involved.

Going forward, the list serve and website will be the primary modes of communication in addition to the quarterly newsletters. This is due to the cost of producing fliers to post and the amount of paper wasted in making them. We are looking into having several reusable signs printed that we could post in prominent locations around the neighborhood

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Criminals count on the notion that this is a busy community with many people coming and going all of the time. But, if we make it our business as citizens of this community to know one another, not only will we continue to maintain and nurture the friendly atmosphere that most of us have come to love, but we will also help to keep our neighborhood safe and free of crime. □

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional- for use on neighborhood list only): _____

Email: (optional- for use on neighborhood list only): _____

Paying your dues allows you to become a member of the Civic Association for the 2008 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!

announcing the regular monthly meetings.

Also, we will be voting on the new Board members at the November meeting. The positions of President and Vice-President will be open for unopposed nominations. Please consider running for one of these positions. It is a great way to get to know so many wonderful people in our neighborhood, as well as to continue to move the Association forward in your vision. There are many neighbors who are dedicated volunteers and are interested in helping the Association flourish, they simply need ongoing leadership that will help them do so.

So, check out our website, sign up for the list serve, attend regular meetings and get involved. It's the best thing that you can do for this community as a citizen of this community. □

Renew Montgomery Coming to a Neighborhood Near You!

According to the Montgomery County website (www.montgomerycountymd.gov) the goals of the Renew Montgomery Program will be to: "repair or replace existing sidewalks, curbs and gutters, pave neighborhood streets, implement traffic calming measures, install or improve street lighting, ensure efficient solid waste services, [and] trim tree limbs and foliage."

In recent communications with Tom Pogue, Community Relations Manager with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, and his colleagues, we have been informed that our area is slated to have work done beginning in September. This will be an approximately four year project which will begin North of Plyers Mill Road close to University Blvd. and move its' way southward culminating near the Beltway. No one area should be affected for more than a couple of weeks at a time.

Mr. Pogue has requested that we compile our requests for work to be sent to him. If you know of anything that needs to be done that falls into any of these categories, please email Norman Kaplan at nkaplan46@verizon.net and he will pass along our requests. □

All businesses and organizations advertised are neighbor - owned and/or recommended. Please let them know you found them here!



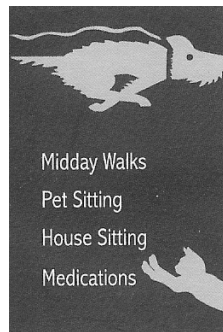
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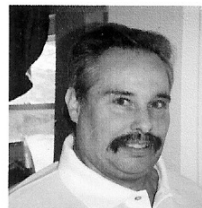
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Did you know that every time you do your shopping, you could be earning money for our area schools? Even if you don't have a child enrolled in a school, you can designate schools to which you would like to donate money just for shopping at Giant or Safeway stores. Our neighborhood elementary school is Oakland Terrace. If you have designated schools in the past, you have to re-designate them each year so don't forget to do so. Beginning October 1, you can check out <https://www.giantfood.com/aplus/> to sign up for the A+ Bonusbucks program at Giant or call 1-877-

SAFEWAY to sign up for Safeway's program.

In addition, you can collect and donate Box Tops for Education (see below for an example). For each box top collected the school receives 10 cents. It seems like a small amount, but if you check your cleaning products, baby wipes, cooking products, etc. you would be surprised how many you may find! Learn more about the program at www.boxtops4education.com Tops can be given to Becky Hill. Email Becky at abcdhill@aol.com to arrange a pick up or drop off. It's super easy and in the age of budget cuts and overcrowded schools, every little bit helps! □

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (CLIP AND SAVE!)

Meeting	Tuesday, September 23	8 -10 pm
Meeting	Tuesday, October 28	8-10 pm
Meeting (Board Elections)	Tuesday, November 25	8 -10 pm

