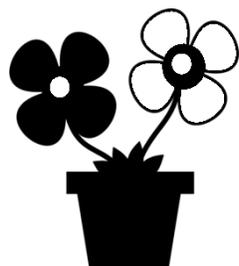


# Montpelier Woods Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

### Spring 2016



#### Montpelier Woods Board of Directors

President	Donna Harding
Vice President	David Sohn
Treasurer	Paula Oas
Secretary	Lynn Musser
Member at Large	Teresa Krikor

#### How to Reach the Board

Mailing Address	P.O. Box 2645 Laurel, MD 20709
Voice Mail	240 554 2438
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Web site	www.mwhoa.com

#### What's New?

##### In a Nutshell



- \*Terrific Egg Hunt
- \*Upcoming Events
- \*MWHOAs own "classified" ads
- \*Volunteers Needed

#### MWHOAs Egg Hunt was a Success!

After several days of warm sunshine the morning of the Egg Hunt was cold and dreary. About 9:00 the raindrops began. Then, surprise! The rain stopped just before 10:00 a.m. And the kids and parents started coming!

The Hunt was held at the park on Snowden Road. Two areas were marked off with yellow rope, one side of the playground for kids 4 and under and on the other side one for kids 5 to 8 years old. Approximately 250 plastic eggs, stuffed with candy, were hidden in the leaves, tree roots and logs. It only took about 25 minutes for all the eggs to be found!

Refreshments of doughnut holes, juice, coffee and cookies also quickly disappeared.

#### Upcoming Events

We are planning for a spectacular **Fourth of July celebration**. Our new Event Planner is Maricel Herrera. She needs help with planning and implementing this event. Her contact information is: [soyqbana@gmail.com](mailto:soyqbana@gmail.com) or 301-498-2118. Maricel is an event planner in real life and travels quite a bit, so be patient if she doesn't get back to you immediately.

Thinking ahead: Plans are to hold a **Community-wide Garage Sale** in the fall. Maricel will need help with this, also. So think about ways we can publicize this event. And while you are doing your spring cleaning, think about what you'd like to sell.

#### Egg Hunt (continued)

Comments from the adults and from the kids were really positive. The Board Members agree that we should do this again next year.

See pages 4 and 5 for some children's reactions following the Egg Hunt.

## **Reminders!**

### **Future 2016 MWHOA Meeting Dates at Deerfield Run Community Center**

May 2 (April Meeting)

June 27

August 22

October 24

There will be no meeting in December.

\*All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Information about postponements will be emailed and posted on the Website.

\*On alternate months, the Board will meet at one of the Board member's homes. However, you are invited to attend. Please check the Website for the location of these meetings.

### **Dates of Meetings Held in Board Members' Homes**

May 23

July 25

September 26

November 28

### **Water Those Trees!**

If the county planted trees in front of your house, they need to be watered when the weather is hot and no rain is in sight. Fill the "bowl," an indentation in the mulch around the tree, with water once, let it soak in, and then fill it again. If you aren't sure how deep the "bowl" should be, take a look at the surrounding trees.

## **Concerns and Complaints**

The Board sometimes gets email messages and phone calls from concerned residents. These can be either relatively minor, such as garbage cans being left out, or fairly serious, such as water draining from one neighbor's yard into another's yard. Regardless, we take them all seriously. However, we agreed last year that we will not act on anonymous complaints.

If you have a concern or complaint, please remember to give us your name. We won't divulge who has contacted us unless we feel the situation warrants it, and then only with the homeowner's consent.

## **Welcome New Neighbors**

Tabitha Dolley

10302 Balsamwood Dr.

Cordelia Obizoba

10304 Snowden Rd

Mark Shoykhet & Irina Bresler

12101 Aspenwood Lane

Tashina Thomas

11218 Basswood Terrace

## **MWHOA "Classified Ads"**

We are developing our own version of classified ads – except ours will be free. These ads will be limited to residents of Montpelier Woods. These classifieds will be emailed or distributed only to residents of MW.

We'll keep you informed as we work out the details of this service.

## MWHOA Financial Update

### Balance Sheet As of 2/29/16



#### Assets

##### Bank, Savings & Investment Accounts

Checking: Bank of America	\$3,366.80
Savings: Bank of America	\$12,293.30
CD: Risk Free, Bank of America	\$9,368.87
CD: Regular, Bank of America	\$25,893.10

**Total Assets** **\$50,922.07**

#### Liabilities and Owners Equity

Prepaid Owner Assessments	\$ .00
Owners' Equity	\$50,922.07

**Total Liabilities and Owners Equity**  
**\$ 50,922.07**

-- *Paula Oas*, Treasurer

#### Volunteers Needed!

Our neighborhood works best when the workload is spread among us. We all work for free, but if we had to hire a commercial property manager your homeowner dues would be considerably more than \$63 a year! So...consider volunteering!

We need *at least 3 people* for the Architectural Committee. This committee is very important because it must approve all exterior changes to homeowners' properties. This includes, but is not limited to, fences, additions, and storage buildings. In addition this committee can make recommendations concerning the exterior maintenance of homeowners' properties.

(Volunteers Needed, cont.)

We also need *at least one person* for the Beautification Committee. The primary responsibility of this committee/person is to maintain the flower beds adjacent to the Montpelier Woods signs at each entrance. However, with a little creative thought, this committee could do so much more to enhance our community. How about flower beds in some of the common areas visible from the street? Or a nature trail? This could be a fun committee!

The following ad was paid for by Terri Shipp.



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**E-Mail: [terri@LNF.com](mailto:terri@LNF.com)**



## Nextdoor

Some of MW residents have recently joined a Website called Nextdoor. It was created based on the idea that the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life.

Nextdoor allows neighbors to create a private website for their neighborhood. Some of the things you can do on Nextdoor include sharing recommendations for services, selling or giving away household items, publicizing events, viewing a neighborhood map or asking for advice.

(Nextdoor, cont.)

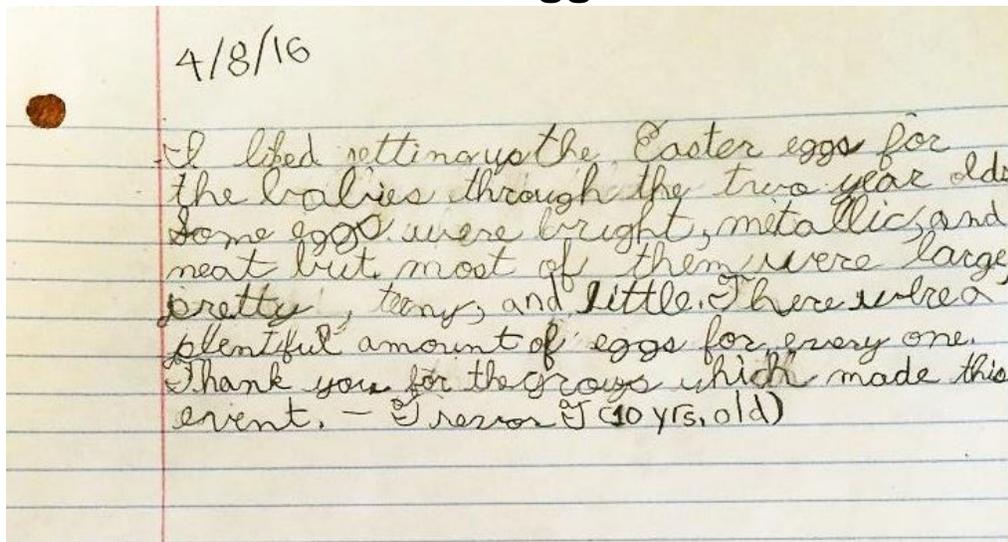
Residents can choose to view and respond to updates via email or directly on the website.

We are not endorsing this Web site, but think that it might be something that would interest residents of MW. You can get more information from their website: [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

However, if you are interested in buying or selling something, please read the information on page 2 concerning Montpelier Woods own "classified ads" service soon to come.

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## "Eggsuberance" Following the MWHOA Egg Hunt



Trevor, age 10, was a terrific helper for the Egg Hunt. He was too old to participate in the actual hunt, but he arrived an hour early, in the cold and drizzle, and helped us hide the eggs for the younger kids. Then he stuck around to help his little sisters, who *loved* this event. See their letters on the next page.

I liked the celebration  
and the candy. I liked the  
colors of the Easter eggs.

I also got a giant big orange egg.  
I also got a pink one, a purple  
one, and a darker pink one with  
dark chocolate inside.

Thank you Theresa Krikor  
and the group for the  
wonderful Easter day. - Karyn T. 5  
yrs. old

5-year-old Karyn liked the candy and the colors of the eggs (pink and purple!).

It was fun at the  
Easter egg hunt.

I found a giant blue  
egg which had nothing  
inside except a piece of paper  
which said "Prize". I got  
a prize that was made out of  
chocolate money.

Thank you Theresa  
Krikor and helpers  
for the vivid eggs.

Kaylee Fate 8 Years old

Her 8-year old sister had fun, too. Several eggs contained a slip of paper that said "prize!" They could be turned in for something such as chocolate money such as the one Kaylee received.

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