

# Montpelier Woods Homeowners Association

January 2016



Happy New Year!!


## Montpelier Woods Board of Directors

President	Donna Harding
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## How to Reach the Board

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## WHAT'S NEW?

**In a Nutshell:**  **Changes to the Newsletter, Meeting Dates and Locations, Email Notifications**

### Newsletter

Beginning with this issue, the Newsletter will be sent as a pdf attachment to all homeowners who have an email address on file with us. Only those homeowners and renters whose email addresses we do not have will have the newsletter mailed to them.

- ✓ A hard copy of the fall newsletter containing the ballot for new Board of Directors officers will be mailed to all homeowners each year.
- ✓ All Newsletters will also be posted on the Website.
- ✓ These changes will save MWHOA approximately \$1000 a year.
- ✓ If you are a homeowner who is renting out your house, please make sure we have that information so that your renter can receive the newsletter.

### Meetings

- ✓ Because we will be using the Web Site and email to remain in contact with Homeowners the Board has decided to begin holding homeowner/renter meetings at Deerfield Run Community Center only every other month (rather than every month).
- ✓ On the months when there is not a meeting at the Community Center, the Board will hold a meeting at one of the Board member's homes. However, you are invited to attend these meetings. Please check the Website for locations, as they will vary.
- ✓ This change will save MWHOA \$300 per year (for rent of a meeting room at Deerfield Run Community Center).

**Dates of Future Homeowner/Renter Meetings at DeerRun Community Center**

February 22  
April 25  
June 27  
August 22  
October 24  
December: No meeting

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

January 25  
March 28  
May 23  
July 25  
September 26  
November 28

- ✓ All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ In case of inclement weather, the Community Center is not open when Prince Georges County government is officially closed. You can either call the Community Center at 301-953-7882 or visit their website at [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) to find out if they have closed. As long as the Community Center is open we will have the meeting.
- ✓ Reminders of meeting dates and information about postponements and cancelations will be emailed and posted on the website. . (Make sure we have your email address!)

**Real-Time Information Via Email**

- ✓ The Board members and your Neighborhood Watch Captains have already been sending e-mail messages that have urgent information for homeowners, e.g., someone is spotted trying to break into a home. Of course, in any emergency, the police should be contacted first, but then a call to your Neighborhood Watch Captain will be sure that the information is transmitted to residents.
- ✓ Information that is less urgent, such as upcoming meeting dates and events will also be conveyed via email, as well as being posted on the Website.

**NEW NEIGHBORS**

Marquis Bailey  
11708 Balsamwood Terrace

Abiodun Olawale  
11715 Basswood Drive

David Moses  
10117 Bignonia Drive

**HOMEOWNER DUES**

The dues for 2016 are just \$63.00 and should be paid by March 14 in order to not incur a late fee of \$15.00.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Final 2015 Expenses & Receipts		Projected 2016 Budget	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Household Assessments	\$20,789	Household Assessments	\$21,924
Late Fee Income	780	Late Fee Income	780
Resale Packages	180	Resale Packages	180
Interest Received	35	Interest Received	20
Reimbursement of Legal Fees	335	Reimbursement of Legal Fees	0
Other	150	Other	100
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$22,269</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$23,004</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Web Site	\$117	Web Site	\$117
Printing	831	Printing	415
Postage & Mailing	595	Postage & Mailing	530
Grounds Maintenance	2,400	Grounds Maintenance	3,400
Tree Cutting	29,900	Tree Cutting	10,000
Kudzu Removal	5,500	Kudzu Removal	4,000
Beautification	0	Beautification	200
Insurance	1,528	Insurance	1,528
Telephone	165	Telephone	165
Office Supplies	55	Office Supplies	100
Taxes	423	Taxes	423
Legal Fees	3,967	Legal Fees	4,330
Bank Fees & Charges	0	Bank Fees & Charges	0
Community Function	0	Community Function	200
Meeting Room Rental	345	Meeting Room Rental	270
Post Office Box	196	Post Office Box	196
Other	285	Other	300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$45,812</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,174</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(23,543)</b>	<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$3,170)</b>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

We need volunteers for our Neighborhood Watch Program, the Beautification Committee, and the Welcome Committee. We now have a volunteer to serve as the head of our Event Committee. (We're very lucky to have her. In her real job she is an event planner.) But she will need lots of volunteers to help plan and implement the events.

## **UPCOMING EVENT**

### **MWHOA Egg Hunt**

The White House has their traditional egg roll on the White House Lawn. We'll have an egg hunt in the park at the Snowden Road entrance. It will take place on Saturday, March 19, (rain date: March 26) at 10:00 a.m. It will be for children age 8 and younger. Older children are invited to come and help fill and hide the plastic eggs at 9:00 a.m. Following the egg hunt there will be refreshments for all.

