



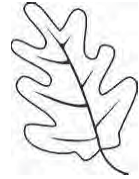
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# Fall Festival



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*Our Festival Organizers- John & Tricia Daurville*



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# Montpelier Community Association, Inc.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

**Trustees in Attendance:** Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Patricia Douville, Lillian Fazio, Tim Jacobs, Richard Mason, Paul Buehler, Brad Gimbert and Jean Sorrentino.

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Tim Jacobs, Brad Gimbert

**Community Members Present:** Richard ReWalt, Paula Rojas, Sean Beaver, Mary Derrick and Michelle Gimbert.

Vice President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville**

The minutes of the July 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio**

Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.

There are still 22 unpaid assessments (\$6300). Uncollected assessments amount to \$17,230. This amount is long term and current delinquents added together.

Delinquents will be sent to Attorney to start collection efforts.

Verizon bill has arrived for \$427 which covers two months. Committee Member S. Beaver said not to pay until the credits for the extended outage in service show up in the next bill.

### **ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson**

9101 Montpelier Drive home owner was present at meeting and requested that the Board provide an exception to the size and materials of the fence he is requesting after the Architectural, Control and Compliance Committee has declined his request. The fence is made of metal and looks like wrought iron. ACCC member Beaver was in attendance and explained that the covenants state that the only material that is acceptable is wood or chain link and thus the Committee disapproved the request. The homeowner was appealing to The Board. The Board reviewed the home owner's paperwork. Trustee Keating made a motion to approve the home owner's request. The motion was seconded by Trustee Douville. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee Derrick thanked the homeowner for taking the time to come to the meeting.

The Board discussed future requests that may arise where Members may ask for approval for fences made of materials other than wood and chain link. Trustee

Douville made a motion to grant the ACCC authorization to approve fences that are composed of other materials in good taste. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fazio and passed unanimously. A letter will be sent to the ACCC regarding both the results of the appeal for 9101 Montpelier and their authorization to allow other materials to be used if in good taste.

### **Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson**

The Wi-Fi at the pool is off to a bad start. Since it has been installed the line has been cut twice. Once by WSSC and the second time is yet to be determined. Chairperson Beaver is working on getting the proper credits for these outages.

There are 467 residents that have joined the MCA website. This is a 30% increase this year alone.

The cameras will be installed at the pool by the close of the pool season. The equipment has been ordered and the installers are requesting assistance when they come as to where the cameras will be placed. There will be a total of six cameras installed. Trustee Derrick and Trustee Keating will call a meeting when the installation is going to call a meeting to decide on placement when the installers are ready.

Trustee Buehler questioned again if we still aren't paying too much for the Wi-Fi service and maybe we could go with a lower bandwidth and increase it as needed. Chairperson Beaver explained that more bandwidth is needed for the cameras when they are installed as well as the Wi-Fi. He will continue to search for a better rate and will keep the Board updated.

### **Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler and Brad Gimbert**

Lighting fixtures in the pool parking lot will be changed out when the electrician comes to install the cameras.

### **Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio**

A quote was received from Mid Atlantic Asphalt in Linthicum to properly clean the tennis courts. They want \$4000. M. Derrick is getting two other quotes and will get back with Trustee Fazio when they come in.

### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

The last day for the pool is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Dog day at the pool is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5.

Trustee Buehler has requested an additional two weeks for the adult lap swimmers in the morning. It was requested that the guards provide their hours to M.

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Derrick for those days/hours. Trustee Keating made a motion to extend the morning adult lap swimming an additional three weeks beyond the original six weeks. Trustee Douville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The lap swimming will now go through August 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet at the pool and it was suggested that we advertise it next year.

**Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- There were no reported crimes in the community since the last meeting. Homeowners are using 911.
- Personal Security Forum – coordinated by Brindisi
  - Det. Elser – Present policing and evidence to capture Delonte Jamol Prince.
  - COPS unit to present home surveys and personal defense.
  - Sgt. Gleason to present self defense
- COPS unit to assist with 5K run/walk on 9/03/16.
- P.G. County National Night Out – 2500 residents attended. Sean Beaver and Brindisi Chan volunteered.
- Walk with Police - Thursday, 8/11/16 at 8 am at the pool parking lot.
- Brindisi Chan was unanimously voted into the P.G. County District VI Citizens Advisory Council (2 MCA members on the Advisory Council).
- Thanks to B. Chan for taking the lead with the security while R. Mason was away.
- Community member
- P. Rojas has signed up for the Citizens Police Academy.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson**

- There will be a few more “Pizza at the pool” on Wednesday evenings.
- Water Aerobics is ongoing.
- The final potluck of the year will be held on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a bike parade and field games starting at 2:00pm.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Montpelier 5K will be held on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Adult Pool Party. There will be live music, BYOB (beer and wine only); a food truck will be there. No tickets but for those who want food they will pay the food truck directly. The party will be from 7 – 10 pm. You must be 21 or older to enter. All patrons under 21 will need to leave the pool by 7 pm. Guest passes will be needed for all patrons that are not community members but are being brought in by a community member. This will be advertised on the *Yahoo Group Listserv*,

*Nextdoor* and posters will be placed around the pool and signs around the neighborhood.

**Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

Attendance for the P.G. County Department of Public

Works meeting on the Montpelier Drive Improvement project was low; only approximately 40 people participated. There are five options for speed reduction as shown on the maps displayed and in the handout. Comment cards were given to each attendee to collect comments and read the preference for various options. There will be a follow up meeting in the Fall.

Parking concerns on Montpelier Drive near Route 197 seem to be resolved.

The work van being parked near 9108 Montpelier Drive is being monitored.

A community member suggested a 3 way stop sign on the corner of Montpelier and Cedarbrook and it was explained that this option has been requested in the past and the County has rejected it as not authorized speed control. As explained in the past by the County it is an access control device. The Montpelier Drive Project previously discussed is being designed to slow down traffic and discourage traffic from cutting through the neighborhood.

A neighborhood wide parking restriction for residents only was brought up but the Traffic Committee feels that this is not a reasonable restriction on the Members.

Reminder – Prince George’s County Schools starts 8/23 so be careful driving.

WSSC is paving on Cedarbrook from Montpelier to Golden Pass. Please send comments to Trustee Mason if more information is needed. He has been told the paving will start next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The asphalt millings from the WSSC repaving, reportedly offered to MCA for free, will be used for maintenance of the walking trail around the common grounds.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 2 pm at the pool. Any Board Member or Committee Chair-person should let Trustee Derrick know if they would like to make a presentation at the meeting.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. Trustee Mason made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm and was seconded by Trustee Douville. The motion passed unanimously.

## ACCC REPORT

### Deerfield Recreation Center August 04, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Michael Boddie, Toni Byrd, Michael Flowe, Sean Beaver, Brian Dennis and Jack Keating.

Community Members Present: Michelle Gimbert, Bob Derrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman J. Keating. There was a quorum to conduct business. The minutes of the July meeting, as transcribed by M. Gimbert, were reviewed, amended and T. Byrd made a motion to accept the minutes. S. Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

12509 Cedarbrook Lane – Van has been brought into compliance, but \$500 fine was due by June 1. Still no payment – Letter sent requesting in writing the date (s) of when payments will be made. No response. A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the home owner requesting them to attend the next meeting to be heard.

12400 Cedarbrook Lane – homeowner attended meeting and said the chimney has now been repaired, the clothesline has been moved, excess items on porch, in driveway and yard have been removed. It was suggested that she contact some landscaping companies to help clean up the weeds and overgrown parts of the yard. Progress is being made by the owner and we will monitor until the next meeting.

12607 Cedarbrook Lane – Gutters detaching from main structure – Letter sent. No response received so a second letter will be sent.

8904 Montpelier - Gutter appears to be bent or coming away from the house. Letter sent. No response so a second letter will be sent.

12201 Cedarbrook Lane – Gutter detaching, mold, and trim over master bedroom missing or needs paint - Letter sent. No response so a second letter will be sent.

8713 Granite Lane – Sign advertising childcare is still in front of the house. This was discussed in November and considered temporary. J. Keating observed that the sign is on the county property - is this in violation of county regulations. M. Gimbert contacted county.

12202 Mt. Pleasant –Complaint that 6-10 cars are fre-

quently parked at the house. There was a complaint that last year it appeared that there was a car repair service run out of the house. A letter was sent but ACCC received no response. – Owner called J. Keating stating it is not a business. He owns most cars and some are relative's cars that he is working on. J. Keating said he will send an email to recap their conversation and send letter. Owner wrote a letter stating that he is not running a business out of his home. – Matter is being closed.

8814 Gramercy – a neighbor is complaining of overgrown back yard. House has been rented for years but is believed to be vacant. Front yard appears to be cut but no one has touched the back yard in some time. Picture provided. – A letter was sent to the owner and the county was notified.

12209 Shadetree – neighbor complained of fence 4 ft. fence that was put up with lattice on top. No signature was requested from them and they are upset about this because they have to look at this fence daily and say it is unattractive. – Owner properly submitted required documents and had obtained four neighbors signatures and the Committee had approved. – This matter will be closed.

12207 Valerie – 3 or 4 trucks parked in the street, usually with garbage in the truck bed, and a couple of other vehicles in the driveway – another suspect property of how many unrelated adults may be living here. – A letter will be sent to the owners and the County will be notified.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

8738 Oxwell – driveway and walkway repaving. Additional information was requested from owner. No response from owner so a letter will be sent requesting additional information so we can close out the matter.

12340 Shadetree – replace two sections of existing fence – Additional information was requested regarding location of fence to be sure it is in compliance with the Governing Documents. An email was sent to the owner requesting information and we have not yet received a response. A letter will be sent once again requesting this information so we can close out this matter.

9101 Montpelier – request for fence. The request was not approved due to the materials not being compliant with the Governing Documents. A letter will be sent

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to the owner letting them know and encouraging them to take the matter up at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting to see if they can get an exception from them.

12603 Ivystone – requesting siding and shutter replacement with colors being nearly identical to what was already on the house. This matter was approved and a letter will be sent to the owners.

9104 Montpelier – lamppost appears to be broken and is leaning. A letter will be sent to the homeowners letting them know they are in violation.

12226 Valerie – Looking to put a flagstone path in front yard – semicircular path from driveway around to side of garage. The owner will be notified that it is fine to do this and as a courtesy they should notify their neighbors when the work is going to happen.

Shadetree – request for an 8 x 10 shed. This request is in compliance and the owners will be notified that it is okay to move forward with their plans.

8718 Oxwell – Furniture has been sitting on the curb for

two weeks. A letter will be sent to the owners informing them of the violation.

8711 Crestmont – Furniture has been sitting in the driveway for a while. A letter will be sent to the owners informing them of the violation.

**APPROVED ONLINE:**

12604 Silverbirch – Approval granted for fence.

9204 Ethan – Approval granted for a stone patio in the rear of the house.

12307 Silverbirch – Approval granted for back yard fence.

**NOTIFICATION:**

At 8:14 pm T. Byrd made a motion to adjourn. S. Beaver seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the ACCC will be the first Thursday of the month, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Recreation Center, pre-school room.

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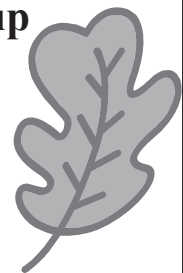
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# Montpelier Community Association, Inc.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

### September 13, 2016

**Trustees in Attendance:** Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Patricia Douville, Lillian Fazio, Richard Mason, Paul Buehler and Jean Sorrentino.

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Tim Jacobs, Brad Gimbert

**Community Members Present:** Loureatha Gibson, Alvin Gibson, Matt Collman, Paula Rojas, Daryl Ann Doane, Mary Derrick and Michelle Gimbert.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

#### **Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville**

The minutes of the August 2016 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio**

Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed.

A few full and partial assessments have been received since the last meeting. The current outstanding debt for the assessments past and current years is \$13,896. A final notice has been sent out and our Attorney will begin litigation against those who haven't paid for the past year with the exception of several homeowners that are making installment payments.

The Verizon telephone bill has been reduced from \$427.27 to \$177.47 due to the extended period of no service.

Property taxes have been paid.

The 5K Run, Walk and Kids Run made \$927.10 and cost \$1,546.93 so the event cost the Association \$923.31.

#### **ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson**

There have been several requests for approval for sheds and fences.

#### **Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson:**

Chairperson Beaver was unable to make the meeting.

#### **Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler and Brad Gimbert**

The electrician should be available soon to set up cameras and fix lighting on the common grounds.

#### **Tennis Report: Lillian Fazio**

Trustee Fazio and M. Derrick received four bids for pressure washing the tennis courts to clean them of their mold. The two higher bids came from companies (Mid

Atlantic Asphalt & See Dirt Run) that would not guarantee that the paint would not come off the courts, the third company (Superior Pressure Washing) didn't have it in writing but said they have experience with tennis courts and the paint would not come off. The fourth bid (Under Pressure Washing) said they would use low pressure and it wouldn't damage the paint. Superior Pressure Washing said they have a permit to hook up to the fire hydrant so there will be no additional water costs. Trustee Keating called the county and checked references on these companies. Trustee Keating recommended Superior Pressure Washing because they have experience with tennis courts, they use fungicide and algacide, and they have liability insurance and can save us costs by using the water from the fire hydrants. Trustee Keating made a motion that we contract Superior Pressure Washing to clean our tennis courts. Trustee Mason seconded the motion. The motion passed with Trustee Buehler abstaining from the vote. Superior Pressure Washing will need to add "MCA" in the left bottom box of their Certificate of Insurance. Trustee Fazio will contact them and have this done and sign the contract.

#### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

The last day for the pool is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Dog day at the pool is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5.

We will consider getting a quote to have the pool open for an additional week next year but weather is the big unknown.

The cover will be put on the pool after Dog Day.

The water will be left on until after the Fall Festival.

#### **Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- There was a B&E on the 8800 block of Churuchfield on Monday, 8/22/16 sometime between noon and 4 pm. The Front door was broken in. No other information was available.

- There was a theft from an open garage in the 8700 block of Oxwell on 9/07/16 at 7am. A Scooter, bike and steamer were taken from the garage. Remind everyone to keep garage doors closed.

- There is a new P.G. County Police District VI Beltsville Commander Major Bryan Addis. Capt. David Parker continues as Asst. Commander.

- A plaque was presented to Sgt. Kenneth Hibbert of

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District VI COPS unit for his leadership and commitment to residential, police and Explorers.

- Postal Inspector made a presentation at the COPS Coffee.
- Walk with Police will usually be on Thursdays at 8 am. Look for the announcement. The walk can't happen every week but advertised in Yahoo List Serve and Next Door social media.
- Security Committee is considering a meeting (possibly at the pool) later in September or October to have Police describe how the man being charged for B&Es was captured and to discuss home security.
- Security Committee is considering setting up a Self Defense forum and would need \$50 for a 2 hour rental for a room to hold this class.

There has been an increase in scam phone calls and emails. The community members are sharing on social media.

#### **Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- P.G. County schools are now open. Yahoo List Serve and Next Door social media is being used to reminding drivers to be aware of students and to drive accordingly.
- Messages in social media are requesting specific information about speeding buses and vehicles passing stopped buses illegally. We are working with the police on this matter.
- WSSC was asked to pave all of Cedarbrook Lane. A meeting with P.G. County Reps will be held to discuss and present our guidelines for Bradford Pear replacement program and to replace the dead trees on the Pepco right of way.

#### **Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson**

- The 5K Annual Run, Walk and Kids Run final ledger sheet is complete except for a few refunds still due in.
  - Trustee Buehler suggested as we plan social events like this one where we include people outside of the community and we are losing money that more planning needs to go into it to figure out how to at least break even. It was suggested that maybe we don't need to use the professional timing or maybe find a way to increase participation. Trustee Douville said she would discuss this with the planning team for next year.
  - The Adult Pool Party was a success. Many community members that don't normally come to the pool attended.
  - It was suggested that maybe the proceeds from Pool Guest passes could be put toward the Social Committee Budget next year to defray some of the cost. Due

to the community's feedback a suggestion was made to hold more events next summer. The Social Committee will attempt to add more events to the summer calendar.

○ Trustee Buehler made a motion that the \$87.50 made in pool passes the night of the Adult Pool Party be donated to the Swim Team. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it was passes with Trustee Fazio opposing the motion.

The Fall Festival will be held on 10/22/16 at the Common Grounds.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The nature trails around the common grounds will use the free millings from WSSC as they prepare to repave Cedarbrook Ln.
- The aging Bradford Pears are a liability for the County and they will eventually be coming through to remove them. The County said that residents are to be notified before the trees start coming down. A community member was in attendance to discuss some ongoing problems she has been having. The discussion started at approximately 8:15 pm and continued until the Deerfield Run Community Center management came in to tell us they had to close at 9:00 pm. Trustee Derrick agreed the Association would strive to be more accurate when drafting documents. He also responded to her request for her application be acted upon, by stating that her request to the ACCC will be discussed at their next meeting (6 Oct 2016) and she will be informed of their decision in a letter.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 pm at the pool. Trustee Mason will be unable to attend but will pass along information for Trustee Derrick to present. Community Member M. Collman was in attendance and wanted to update the Board on his Eagle Scout Project. The installation of the benches and tables at the playground has been completed. The plaque for the table is being created now and will be installed when it comes in. He thanked the Board for their support on this project. He said that the old benches were placed around the trail and cemented in and possibly new wood will be put on them.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Sorrentino made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm and was seconded by Trustee Douville. The motion passed unanimously.

## ACCC REPORT

### Deerfield Recreation Center

September 1, 2016

#### Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Michael Flowe, Sean Beaver, Brian Dennis and Jack Keating

Committee Members Absent with Cause: Michael Boddie, Toni Byrd

Community Members Present: Michelle Gimbert, Lois Hamilton, Walter & Cynthia Owens

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman J. Keating. There was a quorum to conduct business. The minutes of the August meeting, as transcribed by M. Gimbert, were reviewed and a motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

12509 Cedarbrook Lane – Van has been brought into compliance, but \$500 fine was due by June 1. Hold to next month – still no payment. No response to letters. M. Gimbert sent a letter requesting them to attend October ACCC meeting.

12400 Cedarbrook Lane – homeowner has had several repairs made, the clothesline has been moved, and excess items on porch, in driveway and yard have been removed. There has been definite progress and the committee will continue to monitor.

12607 Cedarbrook Lane – Gutters are detaching from the main structure. Second Letter sent.

12201 Cedarbrook Lane – Gutter looks like it is becoming detached over the garage; mold and trim over master bedroom is either missing or needs paint. Roof trim and gutters were replaced/repared. This matter can be closed.

8713 Granite Lane – Sign advertising childcare is still in front of the house. This was discussed in November and considered temporary. J. Keating observed that the sign is on the county property – request put in with county to address.

8904 Montpelier - Gutter appears to be bent or coming away from the house. – Second letter sent.

8814 Gramercy – a neighbor is complaining of overgrown back yard. House has been rented for years but is believed to be vacant. Front yard appears to be cut but no one has touched the back yard in some time. Picture provided. – Request put in with County to address. Grass was cut and back yard is being cleaned up. This matter can be

closed.

12207 Valerie – 3 or 4 trucks parked in the street, usually with garbage in the truck bed, and a couple of other vehicles in the driveway – Letter sent to home owners. Although the trucks are still parked there the trash problem seems to be resolved. The committee will continue to monitor.

8738 Oxwell – driveway and walkway repaving & patio with pergola to be installed. – Homeowner has provided pictures that should help. The committee passed a motion to accept the homeowners request with a stipulation that the owners provide a drawing indicating the exact placement of the fence and that it only encompasses the back yard.

12340 Shadetree – replace two sections of existing fence – The committee is requesting the location of the fence to be sure it only encompasses the back of the house in accordance with the bylaws. If this is the case then the committee approves this request.

9101 Montpelier – request for fence. Owners were given letter of disapproval and told they should attend the Board of Trustee Meetings to request an exception on the material and height of the fence. He did and the Board approved the exception and has granted the ACCC authorization to approve future requests for fences that comply with the bylaws in all ways and are allowing the ACCC to allow other materials in good taste. This matter is closed.

9104 Montpelier – lamp post appears to be broken and is leaning. Letter sent.

12604 Silverbirch – After approval at the last meeting the owners decided they wanted to include the “Easement” in their fenced area. They have gone to the county and received permission from the county. They have provided a letter from the county and the updated drawing. The committee has approved this request since the owner has done their due diligence concerning the easement and has approval from the county.

8716 Granite – Oversized shed that was never resolved. The location of the shed is in the back corner of the lot and all the other paperwork is in order therefore the committee has approved this request.

9309 Montpelier – There is a hole on upper left side of house near the chimney. J. Keating will address

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with homeowner. – The vent has been put back up and everything looks good. This matter will be closed.

8718 Oxwell – Furniture has been sitting on the curb for two weeks. A letter will be sent to the owners informing them of the violation. The furniture is no longer there and this matter is being closed.

8711 Crestmont – Furniture has been sitting in the driveway for a while. A letter has been sent to the homeowners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

9004 Eastbourne – the homeowners attended meeting requesting permission to replace their deck. Committee approved their request.

12412 Radnor – Homeowner attended the meeting requesting permission to have solar panels installed. This is not something the committee needs to grant approval but appreciated the homeowner going through the process and informing their neighbors as a courtesy of any work that will be done.

12303 Silverbirch – requesting installation of a wooden 4 foot tall “Six board estate fence”. Connecting the sides of the house (in the back) to already existing fences of neighbors on both sides. Committee will approve this with the stipulation that the homeowner submit a drawing showing exact placement of the fence on the back of the house so pre covenant requirements.

12605 Ivystone – replacing all siding on the house (color-Desert) & shutters. – Thanks for notification; the committee just asks that you inform neighbors when work will be taking place as a courtesy.

8767 Oxwell – Requesting installation of a 4 foot tall wood fence in the rear of the property – Committee approved request.

12210 Shadetree – there is a lot of trash at both ends of the driveway and beside the garage, probably from new tenants who recently moved in. It has been there for a while. A letter will be sent to the registered owner requesting that the trash be cleaned up, the lamp post to be straightened and to be sure to regularly remove delivered newspapers from the driveway.

12409 Radnor – Homeowners are requesting permission to replace their asphalt driveway with pavers. Request was approved

**NOTIFICATIONS:**

8905 Orwood – Window replacement – It was suggested that they notify their neighbors as a courtesy when the work will take place.

8809 Montpelier – Roof replacement

Chairman J. Keating thanked the entire committee for their service this past year and hopes they will be returning for the next year with the new Board in October.

At 7:46 pm a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the ACCC will be the first Thursday of the month, October 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Recreation Center, pre-school room.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

**The Annual Holiday Lights and Decorations Judging will take place on Saturday, December 17 from 6—8 PM.** The results will be announced via email list serv, Nextdoor, the Montpelier website [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org), Facebook and in the January edition of the Montpelier Today newsletter.



## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### Christmas Caroling

Sunday, Dec. 18 6-8 PM



**Calling all carolers** – children and adults alike. Join us for an evening of singing fun and refreshments afterwards. If you'd like to participate call or email me and I'll send you a songbook.

**If you'd like the carolers to come to your house, please contact me.**

**Have a wonderful holiday season!**

Tricia Douville  
Social Committee Chair  
301-490-7614 [pldouville@verizon.net](mailto:pldouville@verizon.net)

**Do you participate in and enjoy any of the events hosted by the Social "Committee"? If so we'd like your help!** Over the past few years, John and I have coordinated these events (with the exception of the 5K). We enjoy doing it and want to continue but would appreciate some more volunteers to assist us. We could have even more events during the year to bring together more of our neighbors. The kids really enjoy the flick-n-floats we've had in the past. This year's concert and last year's Acoustic night were lots of fun. The adult pool party was a great success. I think we could have pot lucks in the fall after the pool closes. **You may have more ideas. Contact me if you are able to join our "committee".**

### Social Events:



Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Pot Luck, Wednesday Pizza Nights, July 4<sup>th</sup> games and pot luck, Labor Day Pot Luck, 5K Walk/Run, Fall Festival, Christmas Caroling, Holiday Lights Judging.



**Tricia Douville**  
**301-490-7614**  
**[pldouville@verizon.net](mailto:pldouville@verizon.net)**

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC

## Profit & Loss

### September 2016

	Sep 16	Jan - Sep 16
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Assessments	295.00	221,185.00
Pool Passes		
Mega Pass	262.50	1,838.00
Extended Family Membership	0.00	2,787.50
Guest Passes	929.00	2,596.20
Total Pool Passes	1,191.50	7,221.70
Other Fees		
Administration Fees	900.00	4,448.00
Legal Reimbursement	1,014.86	2,054.90
Fines	0.00	-579.86
Interest Late Assessments	511.56	1,123.38
Resale Packages	59.00	609.00
Research Fee	20.00	190.00
Reimbursement of Bank Charges	0.00	20.00
Other Fees - Other	327.90	327.90
Total Other Fees	2,833.32	8,193.32
Bank Interest	109.79	883.11
Advertising	0.00	4,072.00
Donations		
Benevolent Fund	0.00	860.00
Governing Documents	0.00	30.00
Swim Team	87.50	1,317.50
Tennis	0.00	30.00
Donations - Other	0.00	10.00
Total Donations	87.50	2,247.50
Other income		
Adopt-A-Marlin	0.00	450.00
Other income - Other	927.10	927.10
Total Other income	927.10	1,377.10
Total Income	5,444.21	245,179.73
Gross Profit	5,444.21	245,179.73

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Expense

Adjustments	0.00	36.40
Pool Operations & Maintenance		
Pool Contract	0.00	68,196.00
Maintenance & Repair	2,939.20	3,721.89
Gate Attendants	<u>1,212.50</u>	<u>10,662.52</u>
Total Pool Operations & Maintenance	4,151.70	82,580.41
Common grounds maintenance		
Landscaping Contract	1,010.00	6,172.50
General Maintenance	450.00	1,208.33
Gate Keeper	200.00	1,800.00
Cleanup	112.50	975.00
Basketball Courts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
Total Common grounds maintenance	1,772.50	10,805.83
Utilities		
Electricity	1,885.69	8,856.00
Water	3,431.09	9,423.84
Trash Pickup	282.53	2,221.06
Telephone	532.78	1,089.37
Washington Gas	<u>38.23</u>	<u>269.66</u>
Total Utilities	6,170.32	21,859.93
Administrative Costs		
Contract	2,496.00	11,910.00
Office Expense & Supplies	132.70	1,493.27
Meetings	225.00	810.00
Mileage reimbursement	47.97	262.67
P.O. Boxes	0.00	200.00
Total Administrative Costs	<u>2,901.67</u>	<u>14,675.94</u>
Newsletter		
Contract	609.01	3,111.01
Printing	1,080.00	4,816.00
Delivery	300.00	1,500.00
Supplies and postage	<u>0.00</u>	<u>288.94</u>
Total Newsletter	1,989.01	9,715.95
Professional Fees		
Accountant	0.00	2,841.00
Attorney	0.00	2,064.43
Total Professional Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,905.43</u>

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Insurance	0.00	5,975.00
Other expense		
Property Taxes	1,019.28	1,019.28
Social Committee	1,799.82	3,756.49
Communications	34.45	310.05
Misc.	50.00	1,162.60
Total Other expense	<u>2,903.55</u>	<u>6,248.42</u>
Donation Expense		
Swim Team Expense	0.00	1,230.00
Donation Expense - Other	0.00	870.00
Total Donation Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
Fund for uncollectible debt	0.00	1,445.80
Total Expense	<u>19,888.75</u>	<u>160,349.11</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-14,444.54	84,830.62
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
released from swim team	<u>0.00</u>	<u>579.86</u>
Total Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>579.86</u>
Net Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>579.86</u>
Net Income	<u><b>-14,444.54</b></u>	<u><b>85,410.48</b></u>

Financial Information Submitted by Lillian Fazio, Treasurer

### **UPCOMING MCA MEETINGS FOR MONTPELIER HOMEOWNERS**

All meetings are at Deerfield Community Center, preschool room at 7 pm.

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

The monthly board meetings will be **Tuesday November 8th** and **Tuesday, December 13th** .

#### **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL & COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (ACCC)**

The next meetings will be **Thursday, November 3rd** and **Thursday, December 1st**.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC

### Balance Sheet

Accrual Basis As of September 30, 2016

	Sep 30, 16
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
CapitalOne360 Reserve-5157	208,125.06
CapitalOne Checking	13,673.61
CapitalOne360 Savings-1329	73,559.55
Benevolent Fund	<u>11,401.84</u>
Total Checking/Savings	306,760.06
Accounts Receivable	
Account Receivable	<u>14,716.37</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>14,716.37</u>
Total Current Assets	321,476.43
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture & Equipment	<u>3,950.33</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>3,950.33</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>325,426.76</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Designated for Baby Pool Improvement	179.40
designated for swim team -	579.86
Designated for Reserve Fund	207,572.92
Designated for benevolent fund	11,382.85
Retained Earnings	21,460.97
Net Income	<u>85,410.48</u>
Total Equity	<u>325,426.76</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>325,426.76</u></b>

# TRAFFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

- P.G. County schools are now open. Yahoo List Serve and Next Door social media is being used to reminding drivers to be aware of students and to drive accordingly.
  - Messages in social media are requesting specific information about speeding buses and vehicles passing stopped buses illegally. We are working with the police on this matter.
  - WSSC was asked to pave all of Cedarbrook Lane.
- A meeting with P.G. County Reps will be held to discuss and present our guidelines for Bradford Pear replacement program and to replace the dead trees on the Pepco right of way.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE REPORT

### Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- There was a B&E on the 8800 block of Chruchfield on Monday, 8/22/16 sometime between noon and 4 pm. The Front door was broken in. No other information was available.
- There was a theft from an open garage in the 8700 block of Oxwell on 9/07/16 at 7am. A Scooter, bike and steamer were taken from the garage. Remind everyone to keep garage doors closed.
- There is a new P.G. County Police District VI Beltsville Commander Major Bryan Addis. Capt. David Parker continues as Asst. Commander.
- A plaque was presented to Sgt. Kenneth Hibbert of District VI COPS unit for his leadership and commitment to residential, police and Explorers.
- Postal Inspector made a presentation at the COPS Coffee.
- Walk with Police will usually be on Thursdays at 8 am. Look for the announcement. The walk can't happen every week but advertised in Yahoo List Serve and Next Door social media.
- Security Committee is considering a meeting (possibly at the pool) later in September or October to have Police describe how the man being charged for B&Es was captured and to discuss home security.
- Security Committee is considering setting up a Self Defense forum and would need \$50 for a 2 hour rental for a room to hold this class.  
There has been an increase in scam phone calls and emails. The community members are sharing on social media.

## Montpelier Security Forum Report

Here is a recap of the security presentations at the Montpelier Security Forum at Deerfield Community Center on Thursday, 20 October 2016.

Sgt. Elser, PGPD Supervisor of Regional Investigative Division (North) and in charge of six detectives. They have investigated 100 burglaries year to date. They have a 47% closure rate (national rate is 13%). He complimented our residents for providing descriptions and pictures of the suspect, Delonte Jamole Prince, who is now in custody.

Why Montpelier? Prince use to live in the Crestleigh Apts, and knew the neighborhood, roads and most importantly shortcuts. He knew how to get out of his target neighborhood quickly before the police could catch him.

Why weekdays at 11am-1:30pm? Prince would take his girlfriend to her work in Owings Mills in the morning and then "go to work" himself...burglarizing homes after dropping her off. He would be in and out of a house within 15 minutes, giving himself enough time to text contacts or hit the pawn shops to sell stolen items for cash and then be in time to pick up his girlfriend.

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Which houses? Prince targeted single family houses with easy-to-break into sliding glass doors and high privacy fences in the backyard. He also made sure no neighbors were at home around the house as well.

How to catch a thief? Community tips on a burgundy car, neighbor surveillance video and photos, a tag number and finally linking the dates of burglaries and pawn shops helped catch Prince in an Arundel County motel.

TIPS: Record serial numbers of your property, especially electronics (take pictures or tear ID labels off boxes). Take pictures of jewelry and other expensive items without serial numbers. Thieves are usually on foot with book bags to carry stolen items. They like easily portable, high value items (iPads, laptops, jewelry, money, etc..). Prince had a car so he carried off more and larger items not usually taken by thieves on foot. If you have any information relating to a crime, please leave a message for Elser at 301-937-0910 or email [MJElser@co.pg.md.us](mailto:MJElser@co.pg.md.us).

Officer. Demin, PGPD District VI, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is charged with following up on victims of crime, major community events, neighborhood meetings, educational training, Explorers youth program, school security response and more. In addition, they perform free 45 minute Home Security Surveys to recommend ways to make your home safer. Solutions may be as simple as \$2 security signs to \$20 safety glass film or as complex as motion sensor cameras and lights. Please call District VI to schedule your Home Security Survey today or email [VVDemin@co.pg.md.us](mailto:VVDemin@co.pg.md.us).

Terry Bell, Assistant State Attorney for Prince George's County. There are currently three burglary cases and one home invasion on her case load. She stated that she has never experienced a crime when the house had a dog.

The trial schedule dates for Prince is as follows:

Oct 28-Initial Arraignment;

Nov 17-Motions Hearing;

Dec 5-Trial (which will most likely be postponed).

Updates will be given from Bell to the Security Committee for public distribution. It would be very impactful to have the community attend sentencing. For further information, call 301-952-3792 or email [TLBell@co.pg.md.us](mailto:TLBell@co.pg.md.us).

Yvette Achy and Gerber Jimenez, Supervisors of Homeland Security Public Safety Communications/911 Emergency Call Center, Bowie MD.

They are available 24/7 and want residents to call 911 if they are in doubt about their situation. Be sure to provide accurate description of situation to include suspicious person, does

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not live in neighborhood, or any additional information so that 911 operator realizes that a police officer is needed to investigate. If you want results of investigation, ask 911 operator to have officer contact you. When calling on a cell phone, the call will go to the local jurisdiction's 911 center, based on which cell tower is transmitting your call. Be sure to have exact address when calling; you will be asked for this information twice to confirm accuracy. This is different from 311, or County Click, which is for County Services (potholes, tree disposal, etc..).

If out of area and you need to call PG County 911, either ask local 911 operator to connect you or call the non-emergency number, 301-352-1200 and request a 911 operator.

If you are interested in a tour of the Prince George's County 911 Call Center, please contact Richard Mason at [rsmason@aol.com](mailto:rsmason@aol.com). Please provide your name, email address, and preference of morning, afternoon, or evening tour.

Thank you to everyone who attended and interested parties. We will be surveying our neighborhood for the next topic of interest. Please feel free to contact your Security Committee with ideas: [rsmason@aol.com](mailto:rsmason@aol.com) and [Brindisi.MCA@gmail.com](mailto:Brindisi.MCA@gmail.com).

12TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

**turkey trot**

NOV 24, 2016 / 8AM

To Benefit Laurel Advocacy & Referral Services, Inc.

[www.laureladvocacy.org](http://www.laureladvocacy.org)

5K

Fall is in the air, and Laurel's 12th Annual Turkey Trot is just around the corner! Be one of the first to sign up to run, walk, or sleepwalk this Thanksgiving, and you'll get \$5 off your registration fee!

Please help us spread the word by sharing on Facebook, Twitter, and forwarding this email to your friends and family! All proceeds benefit LARS' work to end homelessness and hunger in Laurel. Over 800 runners, walkers, spectators have made the Turkey Trot part of their family's holiday traditions. We hope you'll include us in yours this Thanksgiving!

For more information on participating, sponsoring, or volunteering, visit [www.laureladvocacy.org](http://www.laureladvocacy.org).

Questions? Contact Laura Wellford at 301-776-0442 ext. 27

McCallough Field / Laurel, MD / 5K & 1 mile run or walk  
\$30 before Oct 1 / \$35 Oct 1-31 / \$40 Nov 1 - Race Day

**The South Laurel Recreation Council**  
CELEBRATING 47 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**“Nutcracker Fantasy”**

by

**Bob Brown Puppets**

**FREE**

Followed by a visit from  
**SANTA and friends!**

**Sunday, December 11th**  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**DEERFIELD RUN COMMUNITY CENTER**

13000 Laurel-Bowie Road

Route 197, South Laurel

For more information call 301 776-2805; 301 953-7882



**ART & CRAFT SHOW**  
**DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30**  
**FEATURING**

***Fine Art PHOTOGRAPHY***  
***(From award winning photographers)***  
***HAND CRAFTED PILLOW CASES &***  
***DOLL CLOTHES that fit AMERICAN GIRL***  
***CHRISTMAS ITEMS, THROW PILLOWS***  
***APRONS, PURSES, JEWELRY & MORE***  
***MANY ONE OF A KIND ITEM***  
***PERFECT FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING***  
***AMAZINGLY LOW PRICES***

***Location***  
**WILLOW OAKS COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**7401 OLD SANDY SPRING ROAD**  
**Laurel, MD 20707**





## Montpelier Mansion

9650 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708  
301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2544

Friends of Montpelier History Lecture Date, speaker and topic to be announced.

Beyond Needleart Exhibit and Artists' Boutique Exhibit: Monday, November 7–Friday, December 2, 11 am–4 pm (closed Wednesdays) Boutique: Monday, November 7–Friday, December 30 Regular tour prices apply for exhibit. Boutique is FREE to enter. The Needleart Exhibit has branched out to include all fiber arts. In our boutique, original ornaments, fiber art creations and other crafts will be for sale.

Beadwork by Michelle Arsenault.  
Beyond Needleart Tea Saturday, November 12, 1:30 pm Please see the tea schedule on back for details.

Opening Reception, Beyond Needleart Exhibit & Artists' Boutique Saturday, November 12, 5–7 pm Experience the holidays in

our fiber arts and ornament boutique.  
Hidden Spaces Tour Sunday, November 13, 4 pm See April 3 for details.

Holiday Tours Tuesday, December 6–Saturday, December 31, 11 am–4 pm (closed Wednesdays) Regular tour prices apply. See Montpelier dressed up for the holidays on these self-guided tours. Rooms decorated in greens by local garden clubs.  
Holiday Teas Saturday, December 10, 12 pm & 3 pm Sunday, December 11, 1:30 pm Please see tea schedule on back for details.

Soirée at the Snowdens Saturday, December 17, 5–8 pm Adults only; Fee. Reservations required. The Snowdens were famous far and wide for their hospitality. We honor them with an evening of holiday cheer and merriment. A variety of hors d'oeuvres will be served.

## BE INFORMED

### Join one or both Montpelier EMAIL GROUPS

NEXTDOOR — [Montpelier.nextdoor.com/join](http://Montpelier.nextdoor.com/join)

YAHOO GROUP — [montpelieronline.org/join-the-montpelier-email-list/](http://montpelieronline.org/join-the-montpelier-email-list/)

### Call the Info Line 888 MCA INFØ ( 888 622-463Ø )

Press Ø (zero) for Community Announcements

Press 1Ø1 for the ACCC

Press 1Ø2 for Resale Packages

Press 1Ø3 for the Administrative Assistant

Press 1Ø4 for Social Events & RSVPs

Press 1Ø5 for Tennis Court Access

**Check the Website** [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org)

**Call or email a Board Member**

Contact information on page 3 of every newsletter & at [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org)

**Come to a Board Meeting**

The second Tuesday of every month, 7 PM, Deerfield Recreation Center

**Read your Montpelier Today Newsletter and just for fun, check out the Montpelier Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/MontpelierMD>



Hi Neighbors,

I woke up this morning, looked out the window and was instantly reminded of a song from the play 'Oklahoma', Oh what a beautiful Morning !

My husband says Fall is the most beautiful time of the year. To me the beauty comes not from the flowers but the contrasts of yellow, orange, green leaves and the burnt umber trunks of trees.

I sit on my patio surrounded by the different 'rooms' or grouping of plants and evaluate what I see. Did they give me the joy that was promised in the literature ? Did they justify the hours of pruning, raking and dividing ? Mostly I am content. Often challenged by nature who influenced the picture with more rain then the plants needed, weeds that had never appeared before or specimens that didn't grow.

I must give a shout out to certain plants that preformed outstandingly under adverse conditions. The family of Paniculata Hydrangea has so many varieties. They range from small to very large flowers. Shades of blooms in white turning to pink or rose then mint green. They can take the hot summer sun. Plant them in rich amended soil. The one draw back to their growth is wet soil. Leave those wet soils to Hibiscus. You will find that plant at the edge of ponds, lakes or swamps. Just visit Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Washington D.C. in July and August.



All the new bush roses certainly give you bang for the buck and fill in large spaces with plenty of color. But don't forget the traditional roses. They may take more attention, namely spraying with fungicide in the wet Spring or hot Summer, but they represent beauty and history. That heady scent of nature's perfume can never be substituted.



This year I went to 'pot' and so glad I did. I used lots of large containers planting tomatoes, herbs and several different annuals with great results. The advantages to using pots is the ability to move the location of the plant to a more shady spot when the temperatures are in the nineties or put them in sunnier spots in the Fall when the cast of the sun is shorter thus prolonging the bloom time of the specimen.

One more thing, please don't forget to feed the birds through the winter months. During the Fall, there are plenty of seeds from plants but by November the supply is decreasing. The birds rely on suet for fat, sunflowers seeds and water from bird baths or ponds. Well, see you all in the Spring. Keep warm this Winter and continue enjoying the beauty of nature which is a reflection of God's love.

Prince George Master Gardener

Gloria Hynes.....gloriahynes@verizon.net

## **MONTPELIER HOMEOWNERS: ACCC COVENANT ENFORCEMENT**

The Architectural Control & Compliance Committee revised the Guidelines and Approval Request Form and both are included in the following few pages. The Guidelines explain how the ACCC makes decisions regarding approvals and violations. Please look them over when you have a moment. They will also be available for downloading on the web site: [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org).

# **Not Sure if You Need ACCC Approval?**

Email—[mhgimbert@gmail.com](mailto:mhgimbert@gmail.com) or [acc-report@montpelieronline.org](mailto:acc-report@montpelieronline.org) or call 888 622-4620 x102 with questions.

### **SUBMIT an ACCC Approval Request Form Before Making Exterior Changes to Your Home**

No construction, addition, or alteration of a Montpelier home shall be made without **prior approval (approval form on the next page)** from the ACCC. **No sheds, detached structures (including fences) and driveways may be erected or altered without prior approval.**

Proceeding without prior approval shall constitute a covenant violation subject to enforcement, including fines. If you are planning any work to the exterior of your home, first fill out the ACCC Approval Request Form located in every *Montpelier Today* newsletter and on-line at [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org). Submit to:

MCA  
ATTN: Architectural Control & Compliance Committee  
P.O. Box 2503  
Laurel, MD 20709

Or by email to [mhgimbert@verizon.net](mailto:mhgimbert@verizon.net). Forms may also be brought to the monthly meeting. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM at Deerfield Community Center.

*Printable copy of the MCA Governing Documents and the ACCC Approval Form can be found online: [www.montpelieronline.org](http://www.montpelieronline.org)*

### **BOAT, CAMPER, RV, TRAILER STORAGE**

**Boats, campers, RVs, trailers must be in storage between November 1 & March 31.** Violations can result in a fine of \$250 per month.

### **USE OF PODS, DUMPSTERS, ETC.**

The ACCC requests notification before placing a PODS, dumpster, or similar structure on any lot. Please include the maximum time that the structure will be on the lot. Use an Approval Form for notification or send an email to [emhughes@comcast.net](mailto:emhughes@comcast.net).

### **RENTING YOUR HOME**

No Montpelier home can be used for any purpose other than a private dwelling for one family. Please notify your rental management company. Homeowners are responsible for covenant compliance.



**PLEASE ...**

### **PICK UP NEWSPAPERS IN YOUR DRIVEWAY OR YARD.**

#### **COVENANTS FOR LOTS, ARTICLE VI: MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 1. Garbage/Rubbish. No garbage or rubbish shall be dumped or allowed to remain on any Lot.**



In accordance with Section III, Articles II and III of the Montpelier Covenants, and Article IX of the Bylaws of the Montpelier Community Association ("MCA"), no addition, alteration, construction, or modification of a dwelling, as well as no detached structure(s) may be erected, placed, or permitted on any lot without prior written approval from the Architectural Control & Compliance Committee ("ACCC"), which is to be requested through the submission of this completed form, along with all other required information and documentation.

<b>Date of Request:</b> _____	<b>For ACCC Use Only</b>	
<b>Model of Home:</b>	<b>Project No.:</b> _____	<b>Date Received:</b> _____ <b>Date Reviewed:</b> _____
<input type="radio"/> Eton <input type="radio"/> Gramercy <input type="radio"/> Framingham <input type="radio"/> Jamestown	<b>Member #:</b>	<input type="radio"/> Approved <input type="radio"/> Denied <input type="radio"/> Information Needed / On Hold <b>Letter Sent:</b> _____ <b>By:</b> _____

<b>Name(s)</b>		<b>Property Address</b>
<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Work Phone</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>
<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Email Address</b>

<b>Type of Project</b>		<b>Required Documents/Items Submitted</b>	
<input type="radio"/> Structural Addition/Modification <input type="radio"/> Solar Panels <input type="radio"/> Fence <input type="radio"/> Dumpster/PODS <input type="radio"/> Deck/Patio <input type="radio"/> Driveway <input type="radio"/> Shed/Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> Landscaping	<input type="radio"/> Drawings/Blueprints <input type="radio"/> Plat/Property Survey <input type="radio"/> Materials (Color, Texture) <input type="radio"/> Photographs <input type="radio"/> Dimensions/Sq. ft. <input type="radio"/> Contractor Information <input type="radio"/> Other: _____		
<b>Timeline of Project</b>		<b>Additional Details</b>	
Estimated Start Date of Project:	_____	Additional details related to this request may be provided on a separate piece of paper and included along with this form.	
Estimated Completion Date:	_____		

**The modifications below do not require approval; however, any change to the existing color, style, or type does require the review and approval of the ACCC. Please complete the information below and include any examples/brochures/etc. with your request.**

Exterior Paint (Door, Trim, Fence, etc.)	Window Replacement	Roofing & Shingles	Siding & Shutters
Color, Style, Type: _____			

**Neighbor Acknowledgment:** Checking "Concur" indicates agreement with the project. Checking "Non-Concur" indicates you are not in agreement. You may provide the ACCC with your comments or concerns by sending a written response to the ACCC or attending the ACCC meeting. Your comments will be taken into consideration during the review process, but are not binding on any decision made by the ACCC. You have the right to appeal the Committee's ruling in accordance with the policy and procedures as outlined in the Bylaws of the Montpelier Community Association. This request will likely be reviewed at the next ACCC meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month) so please attend if needed.

Name(s)	Address	Signature	Concur	Non-Concur

- By my signature below, I understand and agree:**
1. If approved, the project must be started within 6 months of approval, be substantially completed within 12 months of approval, and be completed as submitted, without deviation, in a professional manner.
  2. Submission and approval of this request indicates agreement for inspection and grants permission for the ACCC to make on-site observations and verify compliance as necessary.
  3. To relieve and release MCA/ACCC from any liability or responsibility for the approval or disapproval of this application, and for failing to discover or point out any and all deficiencies therein.
  4. It is my responsibility and obligation to obtain all building permits, to provide proof thereof if requested, to contact Miss Utility, and to construct the improvements in conformance with all applicable building and zoning codes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Requester

Mail completed form to: MCA/ACCC, PO Box 2503, Laurel, MD 20709 or send via email to [accc-request@montpelieronline.org](mailto:accc-request@montpelieronline.org)



# Helping Hands



Helping Hands are younger Montpelier residents willing to work for other residents at hourly or fixed rates arranged between you and the helper. There is no charge for a "Helping Hands" listing. Please call 888 622-4630 x103 or email emhughes@comcast.net to be included on the next Helping Hands registry or if any updates are needed on your listing.

Name	Phone	Age	Jobs
Melanie Achi	910 202-4020	15	Babysitting CPR Certified, Mother's Helper, Elderly Assistant, Odd Jobs 
Katie Clement	301 317-8628	18	Watering, Pet Sitting, Light Shoveling
Julia Clement	301 317-8628	17	Pet Sitting, House Sitting
Danielle Forrey	301 377-9462	18	Babysitting-CPR & First Aid Certified, Pet Sitting
Jerome Malik Harrison	919 368-6889	18	ng, Shoveling, Pet Sitting, House Cleaning, Personal Trainer 
Jada Jackson	240 205- 6949	15	Pet Sitting, Babysitting –CPR certified
Blest Jones	202 255-1469	17	Mowing, Power Washing, Tennis Lessons
Justice Jones	202 255-1469	15	Mowing, Power Washing, Tennis Lessons
Mary Norton	301 560-0434	15	Pet Sitting, House Sitting
Isaac Norton	301 497-9207	13	House Sitting, Pet Sitting
Samuel Norton	301 497-9207	11	Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, Water Gardens, Shovel Snow, Rake Leaves & Collect Mail
Janelle Zimmerman	443 618-4026	16	Babysitting-CPR-trained for Infants & children



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| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS                     | <input type="checkbox"/> FACILITIES (GROUNDS) | <input type="checkbox"/> SECURITY   | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTION COMMITTEE                 | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNING DOCUMENTS  | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL     | <input type="checkbox"/> WELCOMING       |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> POOL OPERATIONS      | <input type="checkbox"/> TENNIS     |  |

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(EVENINGS) OR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL TO:

MCA  
P.O. Box 2503  
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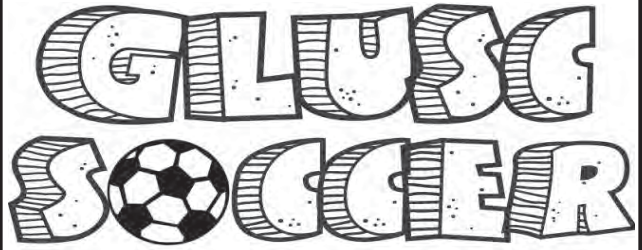
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