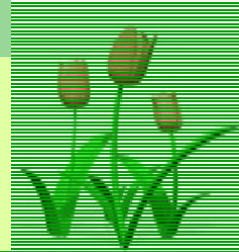


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April 5, 2017

Message from the Board

HAPPY SPRING FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!

Hello neighbors and Happy Spring (after not much of a winter)! While the neighborhood children may have been disappointed by missing out on snow days, the MBE association took advantage of the warm weather to host some unseasonably warm events!

To go back in time, thanks so much to the committee - Ellen Schroth, Dean Cretsinger and Connor Dyer - and to all those who opened their homes - for their work on November's neighborhood home tour. Everyone enjoyed seeing the renovations, and the party at The Dyers' was a terrific chance to compare notes and catch up.

For December's holiday party, many thanks to Jill and Mike Miller! Dozens of neighbors young and old gathered to toast the season. It was a wonderful event. Despite the crowd, there was more than enough good cheer, food, and drink to go around!

The Weekend Cheers season just wrapped up with a first-ever Saturday evening gathering at Betsy and Stuart Smith's. It was wonderful to enjoy the balmy evening on their back deck. And thanks to Betsy especially for the cheesy goodness dips!

Tricia Zengerle and Dean Cretsinger hosted a more traditional "Friday cheers" in February and were very excited to host about 40 neighbors! It was great to catch up - and especially nice to meet some of the neighborhood's newer residents.

And finally, thanks to Celine Helderman and Ralph Kaiser, who kicked off the "Cheers" season with a gathering in January. The weather was colder, but it was a restful way to end the holiday season and get together to start 2017.

Lastly, MBE is happy to announce the installation of our first of two Little Free Libraries on Audmar Drive. See page 4 of this newsletter for more on that!

There will be more neighborhood fun ahead over the spring and summer months! Look out for the installation of our SECOND Little Free Library (this time on the north side of 123), the neighborhood yard sale on Saturday, May 6, the 1st Annual 4th of July yard decorating competition, and more fun events currently being planned! Let the board know if you have any ideas - or feedback. Or if you'd like to volunteer.

Sincerely, Your MBE Board

2017 DUES DRIVE

The MBE Board would like to thank all of our neighbors who paid their dues for 2016. 57% of households participated (compared to 53% in 2015)! With the dues collected, in addition to some very generous donations by a few individual households (thank you!!), we were able to host some fun and updated events like the summer ice cream social and the fall block party (complete with food truck and entertainment for the kids). This year, we hope to be able to offer more fun neighborhood events. We're at 30% so far, so we definitely need your support to fund our future events. If you haven't paid your 2017 dues, please do so by either mailing (or dropping off) a check for \$30 to Janice Fedak (MBE Board Treasurer), 1455 Wasp Lane, McLean, VA 22101. You can also pay online via paypal, by sending \$31.25 (to offset processing fee) to mbeboard@gmail.com.

2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

MBE 2016 Budget Report				
Expense Category	Projected Cost	Actual Cost	Delta	Note
Friday Cheers (4@\$200)	\$ 800.00	\$ 617.87	\$ 182.13	1
Annual MBE & Block Captains Meeting	\$ 50.00	\$ 69.27	\$ (19.27)	
Fall Block Party	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,939.27	\$ (439.27)	2
Halloween Party	\$ 350.00	\$ 403.12	\$ (53.12)	
Spring Block Party	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 903.68	\$ 96.32	
Welcome Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 174.94	\$ (74.94)	
Home Tours (Bi- Annually - \$200)	\$ 200.00	\$ 21.15	\$ 178.85	
Holiday Party	\$ 700.00	\$ 615.73	\$ 84.27	
Ice Cream Social	\$ 500.00	\$ 579.68	\$ (79.68)	3
Directory	\$ 800.00	\$ (113.82)	\$ 913.82	4
Administrative Costs & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,213.58	\$ 786.42	6
Total	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,210.89	\$ 789.11	

Note

1. We offered 4 Friday Cheers for the first time
2. We tried a food truck for something new; the cost was higher, but turnout was 3 times as high as the spring party
3. The 2015 dues drive started late in the year after new board elected, we had sufficient funds to offer this new event
4. By offering paid ads for the first time, we actually made extra money on the Directory
5. Includes newsletter/flyer printing (621.89), landscaping (\$300), new permanent signs (169.60)

McLean Broyhill Estates (MBE) Civic Association
30th ANNUAL YARD SALE
Saturday, May 6, 2017
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Rain Date - Saturday, May 13

On May 6, your Civic Association will sponsor a community-wide Yard-Garage-Sidewalk Sale.
This includes: *Audmar-Dewberry-Enterprise-Fern Oak-Homeric-Hornet-Mayflower-Merrimac-Nina-Old Dominion-Pathfinder-Santa Maria-Statendam-Wasp Lanes, Drives, Avenues & Courts.*

To Participate & Have Your Address on the MBE Yard Sale Map
Give Brian Higgins (703-893-0626, bpjh12@verizon.net)
Your Name, Address, Phone & Email by Monday, May 1.

Put signs on your street. We will provide signs at Community entrances, plus:

- o Craigslist Ad at washingtondc.craigslist.org, under "For Sale\Garage Sale."
- o Yard Sale Map with Participant addresses.

We Encourage Each Resident to:

- o Clean out your home, closets, kitchen, attic, basement, garage, porch & shed for sale items.
- o Hold Yard Sale in your Yard, Driveway, Sidewalk, Garage, Porch and/or Home.
- o Search "How to Prepare for Yard Sales" on internet.

Yard Sales are a Great Way to:

- o Clean house, Reduce clutter, Re-organize & Simplify life.
- o Make your "Junk" someone else's Treasure - Recycle, Don't Pollute.
- o Have fun, Meet neighbors, Share stories, Learn new uses for things.
- o Make Money - \$100 in sales equals \$125 to \$200 before taxes & deductions.
- o Save hauling & \$45 space fee at McLean Community Center Garage Sale.

Hints for Successful Yard Sales:

- o Plan, Prepare & Price ahead. Have family help.
- o Polish, clean, repair. Match sets, parts, instructions. Use zip-lock bags.
- o Have kids sell things, make change, run refreshment stand, trade cards/toys, etc.
- o Be visible from street. Use signs, activities, streamers, balloons, color, music.
- o Provide customer parking, phone access, electrical outlet, extension cord, etc.
- o Place items on tables, blankets, pavement. Spread out.
- o Hang clothes on racks, trees, ladders.
- o Have try-on area, try-out batteries, boxes, bags, plenty of change, warranty/return policy.
- o Safeguard money & home. Visit neighbors' yard sales.
- o Donate unsold serviceable items to charity, get receipt & estimate value for tax deduction.

Pricing & Negotiating Strategy:

- o Price to sell given market value, age & condition, not original cost or sentiment.
- o Research potentially valuable items on internet to find comparable asking prices.
- o Mark cost of each item on masking tape or with colored stickers.
- o Expect bargaining. "Early Birds" will seek underpriced treasures.

- o Slash prices on hard-to-sell items.
- o Visit Antique Stores, Auctions, Thieves Markets.
- o Watch Pawn Stars, American Pickers, etc.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES



We give a HUGE shout-out and thank you our very generous neighbor Brian Downing, who sponsored our Little Free Libraries. Neighbors Adam Kamber and Slade Broom built the libraries themselves, and we thank them for their time. On February 19, a group of neighbors and youngsters got together to decorate the first library. Greenworks and neighbor Alan Hudson installed it in the front yard of the Shah family at 1421 Audmar Drive. Thanks to the Shah family for hosting the event and the library itself. And thanks to the Allen Family for providing donuts for all who attended the event. It was an unseasonably beautiful day and fun was had by all!



Borrow a book, drop one off, or both! There are books for kids and grownups alike! Thank you SO MUCH to ALL the neighbors who have been involved in this project. It has been wonderful to have our community work together on this!



DOMINICAN RETREAT PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

McLean Broyhill Residents Speak to MCA Planning & Zoning about Retreat at McLean:

Thank you to MBE residents for coming out to speak at the recent McLean Citizens Association Planning meeting held at the Gov't. Center. We had many people attend from our neighborhood to voice their concerns to the proposed Retreat at McLean on Old Dominion Drive. The first set of plans were rejected by the engineer and the Supervisor's offices. We can expect a second plan at the end of April 2017 to be submitted by the Developer- and a local community meeting with MCA/Supervisor's offices will be announced.

Please read our [letter to J. Foust](#), which we are posting as a PDF on our website (and make sure to check the MBE facebook site for the next Community Meeting planned). Thanks all for sticking together as a great community on this issue!

SPRING ACTIVITIES IN OUR AREA

Looking for some activities to welcome spring? Here's what's happening in our area!

- ◆ National Cherry Blossom Festival, happening now through April 16 (Parade is April 8)
- ◆ McLean Community Center: Spring Fest April 15; Spring Community Garage Sale April 22
- ◆ White House Easter Egg Roll: April 17
- ◆ Mount Vernon Wine Festival: May 19-21
- ◆ McLean Day: Saturday, May 20
- ◆ Earth Day: May 22
- ◆ Memorial Day Parade & Concert: May 29
- ◆ Infinity Mirrors Exhibit at the Hirshorn: happening now through May 14 [good LUCK getting tix! :)]

2017 MBE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	Second Little Free Library Installation — date TBD!
May 6	MBE Yard Sale Saturday
June	Summer Kickoff BBQ Party — date TBD!
July	4th of July Yard Decorating Competition
August	Ice Cream Social — date TBD!

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MBE

MBE provides many ways to stay in touch with the neighborhood:

- ◆ Consider joining our MBE Yahoo group, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mcleanbroyhill>, a community message board where neighbors can share information and receive the latest news. If you'd like to send a message to the community, you can email McLean-Broyhill@yahoo.com, and, once approved, your message will be posted.
- ◆ The MBE website, <http://www.mcleanbroyhill.org>, designed to provide information on MBE events, announcements, and neighborhood concerns.
- ◆ Our facebook group page: "McLean Broyhill Estate Group."



MBE DUES DRIVE

The MBE Association requests \$30 for a whole year, per household. You can pay your dues using the form below, with a check made payable to *McLean Estates Civic Association*. If you are able, please consider making an additional donation or, if you did not pay your dues last year, making up for it now. Please mail (or drop off) your dues to Janice Fedak (MBE Board Treasurer), 1455 Wasp Lane, McLean, VA 22101. You can also pay online via paypal by sending \$31.25 (includes Paypal processing fee) to mbeboard@yahoo.com

2017 Annual Dues Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check here if you do NOT wish to be listed in the MBE Directory.

The MBE Directory is not given or sold to third parties nor used for solicitations.