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President's Pen

It's that time of the year when we elect association officers. Nominations will occur at the meeting on April 25th, and elections will occur at the meeting on May 23rd. Please contact me if you are interested in a position or if you would like to nominate someone.

Currently, we have less than 40% participation in the annual dues drive, which ends on June 30th. There are a variety of payment options. Please visit www.ourwoodmoor.com for payment options. If you need to discuss something that impacts the neighborhood, please contact me. Thanks and have a wonderful spring.

Michael McDonough
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- WPCA Nominations
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In Memory of Les Whitten, a Longtime Woodmoor Neighbor

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April 30th Meeting on Proposal to Construct 195 ft Cell Tower in Blair Local Park

Montgomery County Department of Technology Services has proposed construction of a 195 feet monopole tower with at least 8 antennas in Blair Local Park (adjacent to Blair High School) just beyond the fence in right field. Not only would the tower be adjacent to where students and members of the public play, but this would also be within 300 feet of some Woodmoor homes and would be visible throughout the neighborhood and as far away as Eastern Middle School. The tower would be utilized by both the County and commercial services. The County has scheduled a **Community Meeting to discuss the proposal on April 30th at 7:30 pm in the Blair High School Cafeteria.** Residents are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Public Meetings on Governor's Proposal to Add 4 Lanes to Beltway

In September, Governor Hogan unveiled plans to expand I-495 by four lanes—two in each direction for tolls. This could impact Woodmoor homes as well as the Four Corners area in general. The State will search for a private entity to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the new lanes and collect the toll revenue under a public private partnership (P3). The State received 27 responses to its initial request for information. The next step is for the State to draft a formal request for proposals. They hope to receive responses within two years and to begin construction within the next five years.

Interested individuals, organizations, and public agencies will have the opportunity to provide input on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), including the purpose and need, potential alternatives to be studied, sensitive or important environmental resources to be considered, and the evaluation methods at the Scoping Open Houses. These meetings are scheduled from 6:30-8:30pm on the following dates:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 — Wise HS

12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro 20772

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 — Clarksburg HS

22500 Wims Road, Clarksburg 20871

Thursday, April 19, 2018 — B-CC HS

4301 East West Highway, Bethesda 20814

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 — Eleanor Roosevelt HS

7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt 20770

Meeting materials will also be posted at www.495-270-p3.com on April 17th, 2018.

Woodmoor-Pinecrest Citizens' Association Officers and Committee Chairs

<i>President</i>	Michael McDonough	<i>Beautification:</i>	Nicholas Clements
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WGT— MoCo Greenfest

By Elaine Lamirande

The 4th Annual Montgomery County GreenFest, the largest countywide environmental festival, will be held on Saturday May 5th, 2018 from 11am to 4pm at Jesup Blair Local Park, 900 Jesup Blair Drive, next to Montgomery College. The free community event will feature environmentally themed games, activities, and educational opportunities. Kids can be arborists for a day climbing trees with Montgomery Parks as well as run through the stream maze to find out what it's like to be a fish. Enjoy a bite to eat from one of the food trucks while you visit with local green vendors and organizations, check out the electric cars, or watch the musicians and dancers.

Have a broken clock or other item that you can't bear to toss? Bring it to the Silver Spring Time Bank Repair Café with volunteer "fixers" to try to repair your broken item for free instead of trashing it! GreenFest features presentations on energy efficiency and renewable energies, recycling and waste reduction, container gardening, sustainable transportation featuring electric vehicles, a green job workshop, and more! The Montgomery County GreenFest is presented by a coalition of 12 government, nonprofit, and university partners. For details, visit <http://montgomerycountygreenfest.org/>

To discuss green living with your neighbors, consider joining us on the Woodmoor Green Team Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WoodmoorGreenTeam/>. Click on the Join This Group! button.

WPCA 2017-2018 Membership Dues

The current WPCA membership dues year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Dues committee:

Katie Patterson, Peter Cook, and Diem Nguyen

wpcadues@gmail.com

There are three ways to pay your \$22 annual WPCA membership dues.

1. To set up a recurring annual membership dues payment:

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3. To pay your membership dues by check or cash*:

Mail or drop off your \$22 payment (plus any additional donation you would care to make) to *Katie Patterson, 210 Whitmoor Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20901.*

Checks should be made out to "Woodmoor-Pinecrest Citizens' Assn."

*NOTE: You **MUST** include your street address since we track all payments by house, not by name. Also please include a phone number or email address in case we need to contact you.

If you're not sure whether you've paid, please go to www.ourwoodmoor.com/payments and click on "HAVE I PAID?" If you have a question, please email the dues committee wpcadues@gmail.com and we'll check for you.

Your \$22 annual membership dues contribution supports the annual tree lighting and Santa visits, the annual Woodmoor Oktoberfest, ongoing neighborhood beautification projects, advocacy on zoning and traffic issues that impact Woodmoor, monthly meetings and News & Views newsletter, the 4th of July parade, and more.

Woodmoor Garden Club — New Project at Big Rock & Penwood

By Sally O'Connell

The Woodmoor Garden Club undertakes community projects and contributes to the beautification of the neighborhood. These projects include creating and maintaining five neighborhood garden locations: The Black Path, located at Lorain Avenue and Cherry Tree Lane; The Point, at the intersection of Lorain and Pierce displaying a Woodmoor entrance sign; The Barrel, where South Williamsburg dead ends at Big Rock Road; The Triangle Garden at Cherry Tree and Lexington Drive; and The Labyrinth, on Blair High School's campus. We also make holiday wreaths and swags for the neighborhood entrances, host monthly meetings with guest speakers and workshops, and create and deliver Valentine flower arrangements for neighbors that can benefit from a little cheer. Our meetings are open to the public and are a great way for members, nonmembers, and friends of members to learn more about gardening.

The Woodmoor Garden Club has embarked on a new project on the triangle median at the intersection of Big Rock and Penwood Roads! We received an Adopt-A-Spot designation from Montgomery County for this space. This new garden is one of our largest projects to date, encompassing the entire island. A meandering gravel path will bisect the area allowing foot traffic to enter and exit the space. There are plans for a specimen tree, bench, birdbaths, an interactive rock box, and a kinetic sculpture. It will also include berms planted with low maintenance, drought, and deer resistant native species, and include evergreen varieties to allow for year-round interest.

The Garden Club has already received some funding from generous neighbors and a local business, and we have made a significant contribution of our own using funds raised from dues and monies from our Annual Plant Sale, thereby putting profits earned back into the community. Our funding is currently at eighty five percent, so we are hoping for additional support from the community and The Woodmoor Pinecrest Citizens Association for this project.

The Woodmoor Garden Club is grateful for past and future support from this wonderful community. We look forward to a bright future with interesting programs and worthwhile activities to further the interest of gardening in Woodmoor.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18th, at 7:00pm at the home of Linda Rogers, 410 Williamsburg Drive South. Our speaker is to be determined. Contact Linda at 301-466-5096, or rogersli9@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

The club will meet on Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm at Lisa Kowalewski's home 206 St. Lawrence Drive. Dave Berry will be presenting "Edible Hedging", which is all about adding beauty and biodiversity to your garden by adding edible plants. Contact Lisa at 301-593-8929, Lisa.sue.k@gmail.com.

Don't miss the Annual Woodmoor Plant Sale and Garden tour on Sunday, April 29th from 2:00 to 5:00pm! The plant sale is held at 125 and 127 Eastmoor Drive. Maps for the open gardens are available there.

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Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Discussion April 25th WPCA Meeting

Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Engineer Khursheed Bilgrami will be our guest speaker at the April 25th WPCA meeting at 7:30pm in the Pine Crest ES Cafeteria. At the WPCA's request, MCDOT recently studied the areas along Pierce Drive between Timberwood and Lexington and Cherry Tree Lane between Hillmoor and Lexington to observe pedestrian and traffic movements. They have made

some draft recommendations for improving safety which will be discussed at the April 25th meeting.

Mr. Bilgrami, who holds a master's in transportation engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park, has worked as an Area Engineer with MCDOT's Traffic Studies Section for nearly 15 years. Prior to joining MCDOT, he worked for the Maryland State Highway Administration for almost 10 years. Please join us.

Beautification Committee Report

By Nicholas Clements

Volunteers have been busy within the community helping to keep Woodmoor looking its best, and we thank them all. Spring has been slow to show up this year, but soon our neighborhood will be looking even better, and we will have put winter behind us.

My thanks to all who help pick up trash as you walk or jog through the neighborhood. Trash days tend to be the worst. When you retrieve your trash receptacles, I encourage you to pick up any trash that didn't make it into the truck!

I thank Jim Williamson for his help edging the tree beds on Williamsburg Drive, and Melinda Hanson and Kate Lyons for installing pansies at Woodmoor Circle. Pansies were also installed in other beds

around the neighborhood. Thanks to Elizabeth Birkner and the Girl Scouts for cleaning up the leaves and other debris at the Saint Bernadette's "park" area. The mulch installation has also been completed.

March will be remembered for the wind storm that came through, bringing down many mature trees in the neighborhood. Trees play an important role in improving our environment, and they add to the beauty of Woodmoor. If you have space consider installing a tree or two. Contact a landscape company or nursery to have one planted. You can also get free trees by contacting One Montgomery Green at onemontgomerygreen.org, or the Arbor Day Foundation. Montgomery County and the state of Maryland have tree planting programs as well. (For a \$25 coupon off one tree, see <http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Print-Your-Coupon.aspx>.) It is important to properly maintain your trees. Pruning deadwood reduces the chance of limbs falling, and thinning the tree canopy allows for less wind resistance. I have my large tulip poplar pruned annually. I suggest arranging a tree inspection from a certified arborist. Any issues can be identified before they get out of hand.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who help keep Woodmoor beautiful. This group of volunteers is growing each year! If you would like to help out, please feel free to contact me at nrhclements@gmail.com or at 240-432-6800.




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The WPCA is co-sponsoring a candidate forum for District 5 County Council candidates on Thursday, May 3rd from 7:30pm to 9:30pm in the Pine Crest Elementary School Cafeteria. Primary Election Day is June 26th.

This forum will feature all District 5 Candidates: Kevin Harris, Tom Hucker and Kenge Malikdogo-Fludd will present an opportunity for area residents and business owners to hear from them on the major topics affecting our communities' future and quality of life. The County Council has the authority over all County budgets, taxes, capital projects, as well as decisions on master plans and other planning policies.

Other sponsors include Northwood Four Corners Civic Association and South Four Corners Citizens Association. Please bring your neighbors and your questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Although the primary election day is June 26th, early voting period is June 14th to June 21st and the deadline to request electronic absentee ballots is June 19th. Other election information is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

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Community Calendar

- April 24 **Scoping Open House Regarding Widening of I-495**, 6:30-8:30pm, Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt. *See article on page 2.*
- April 25 **WPCA Meeting**, 7:30pm, Pine Crest Elementary School in Multi-Purpose Room. MCDOT Engineer Khursheed Bilgrami will speak about neighborhood traffic safety. Agenda items: summary of the public meetings on Beltway widening, county proposal for 195ft cell tower at Blair, update on Bus Rapid Transit, vote on new beautification project, and nominations for new WPCA officers.
- April 29 **Woodmoor Garden Walk and Plant Sale**, 2:00-5:00pm, Woodmoor. The plant sale will be at 125 and 127 Eastmoor Drive. *See article on page 5.*
- April 30 **Community Meeting on Proposed 195ft Cell Tower at Blair Local Park**, 7:30pm, Blair High School Cafeteria. *See article on page 2.*
- May 3 **Montgomery County Council District 5 Candidate Forum**, 7:30-9:30pm, Pine Crest Elementary School. *See article on page 8.*
- May 5 **Woodmoor Community Yard Sale**, 8:00am-2:00pm, Woodmoor. *See below.*
- May 17 **Woodmoor Garden Club**, 7:00pm, Lisa Kowalewski's home, 206 St. Lawrence Drive. Dave Berry will be presenting "Edible Hedging," adding beauty and biodiversity to your garden by adding edible plants. RSVP to Lisa at Lisa.sue.k@gmail.com or 301-593-8929. *See article on page 5.*
- May 19 **MK/PC MayFair**, 1:00-4:00pm, Pine Crest ES. Enjoy BBQ, falafel, and dessert food trucks, a DJ, performances, inflatables, and games. Enter a raffle for Learn-to-Ski Packages at Liberty Mountain, cupcakes from Sprinkles, a \$70 gift card to Alchemy Salon, gift cards to Strosniders and more! Need of SSL hours? Email mayfair@mkpcpta.org to volunteer. www.mkpcpta.org/mayfair
- May 23 **WPCA Meeting**, 7:30pm, Pine Crest Elementary School in Multi-Purpose Room.

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- Venture Crew 249** (For boys and girls 14-20) Every other Thursday at 7:30pm. Call 301-908-1194 and leave message to request details.
- Cub Scout Pack 248** (For boys in 1st-5th grade) Email the Pack leadership at committee@cubpack248.org or see www.cubpack248.org for more information.
- Boy Scout Troop 440** meets every Tuesday at 7:00-8:30pm at St. Bernadette School Hall.
- Cub Scout Pack 440** (for boys 1st-5th grade) meets monthly at St. Bernadette School Hall. For more info contact cub master Jim Morris at supremecommander@cubscoutpack440.com.
- White Oak Library Book Group**, every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm at the White Oak Library. Email khchemicals75@yahoo.com or bmatthews@biodirectinc.com with questions.

Annual Woodmoor Yard Sale

WHEN: Saturday, May 5th 2018 8:00am-2:00pm

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 1st 2018

(In order to get address onto the flyer)

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November 5, 2018	November 16, 2018		November 28, 2018

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JUDY'S RECENT WOODMOOR SALES



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