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September Program: What's Ahead in Annapolis?

By Dale A. Tibbitts, Legislative Chair

"All politics are local". Oh, really? The Civic Federation's focus is most often on our county politics and government, but many of our local issues are affected by what happens in Annapolis – by our state politics and government. To be most effective as citizens, we must be knowledgeable about the process and players, in Montgomery County, in our State delegation and in Annapolis..

During the three months of the state legislative session that starts in January, the MCCF president, committee chairs and individual members trek to Annapolis to testify for or against state legislation that will have an impact on the residents of Montgomery County.

MCCF would like to make its positions better known to state legislators. To that end, *(continued on p 2)*

Siegel and Green to Receive Community Hero Award

by Jim Humphrey, Planning and Land Use Committee Chair

At our Regular Meeting on September 12, we will recognize two Bradley Village neighbors, Carol Green and Barbara Siegel, as Community Heroes for their efforts on the issue of building height measurement. More than two years ago, this pair began studying the building permits for single family homes being torn down and rebuilt in their suburban neighborhood. They were convinced that the new building heights being approved by the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) exceeded the zoning ordinance's 35 foot height maximum, resulting in new homes that towered over older, adjacent homes.

Siegel and Green discovered that a "terrace height exception" clause in the zoning ordinance allows a home to exceed the 35 foot height limit, as measured from the street in front of a property, if the home site is on a terrace that rises above the level of the street. Enlisting the aid of a professor of architecture from Catholic University, they found that this exception was being inappropriately granted by DPS in some instances. In addition, some builders were applying for the exception for lots that were previously level with the street on which they then built artificial terraces. DPS officials told Barbara and Carol that this was allowed because the ordinance does not define a terrace as a naturally occurring landscape feature.

Concluding that the problem was an unclear building standard being improperly administered, Green and Siegel set to work drafting legislation to amend the zoning ordinance by instituting a new process for measuring building height. After some changes *(continued on p 2)*

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September Program *continued*

the September program on Monday, September 12 will feature state legislators who will give us their views on sessions past, the upcoming session and their legislative priorities. We hope to share our priorities with them and receive tips on how we can be more effective in lobbying for or against various bills.

The Montgomery County delegation - with 8 senators and 24 delegates - is one of the largest in Maryland. Delegate Sheila Hixson (D-20) will be one of our featured speakers. Del. Hixson has been a member of the House of Delegates since 1976. She is currently Chair of the Ways and Means (W&M) Committee. This committee is responsible for a broad range of legislation relating to children and youth; education including primary and secondary schooling, community colleges, and scholarships and financial aid; election law; gaming and horse racing; taxes; and transportation funding and revenues. The Committee consists of twenty-three delegates, six of whom are from Montgomery County. Additional members of our delegation will also participate in this program.

The fate of most bills and resolutions is determined in committee. Committees hold a public hearing on each bill or joint resolution assigned to them. At the committee hearing, testimony is usually heard from the bill's sponsor and others, both proponents and opponents. Testimony and further consideration may result in the committee making amendments to the bill. The committee chair may, at her/his discretion, not call for a vote on the bill in which case, the bill "dies in committee." The final vote of the committee is recorded by member, and may be favorable (with or without amendment), unfavorable, or without recommendation. Having been "voted out of committee," the bill returns to the floor of its chamber of origin accompanied by a report of committee action.

Given the importance of a favorable committee report, MCCF hopes our speakers will be able to provide us guidance on how to be effective as individual citizen lobbyists and as a group. We cannot, after all, afford to employ the services of a lobbyist. How should MCCF approach delegates on a committee not from Montgomery County? What should we do if the

leadership is not "for" our issue?

MCCF intends to be more active at the state level in all issue areas: education, environment, campaign finance reform, historic preservation, housing, utilities, public safety and transportation. We hope you will attend this important program and learn many tips and lessons to use.

Community Heroes *continued*

by sponsoring County Council Member Howard Denis, their legislation - Zoning Text Amendment 03-27 - was introduced in November 2003, where it still awaits a Council vote. During this time, both of the women were also pursuing court cases challenging the issuance of building permits for new house construction near their homes.

In recognition of the years of dedicated effort and considerable financial outlay they have expended in pursuit of a clear and equitable process for measuring building height, a grateful Civic Federation thanks Barbara Siegel and Carol Green and proclaims them Community Heroes.

Civic Federation Calls on Mr. Duncan for Open Government

By Dan Wilhelm, President

In the press coverage of the recent gang attacks in Montgomery County, the Washington Post indicated that Police Officer Luis Hurtado was not allowed to discuss gangs with their reporter. Police Chief Tom Manger indicated to MCCF that there is a written directive outlining his department's policy for responding to media requests for information. The policy does not prohibit any employee from speaking to the media but sometimes limits, for valid reasons, what can be disclosed. The policy states, in part:

"Every effort will be made to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship in which the news media may freely obtain information unless such information is

legally privileged or would violate the constitutional rights of an accused or is otherwise specifically prohibited in this directive. From the commencement of the investigation of a criminal matter until the completion of trial or disposition without trial, an employee of this department shall not release or authorize the release of any extrajudicial statements, for the dissemination by any means of public communication, if such statement poses a clear and present danger to the fairness of the trial. Further, in no event, shall department employees make extrajudicial statements or express their personal opinions.”

I don't know what the reporter asked Officer Hurtado or what the officer thought he was asked. However, I would expect that it was about the actual gang attacks at Springbrook High School or in Wheaton, rather than general information about what the police department is doing to address the gang problem. The way I read the policy is that Officer Hurtado should not have responded to questions about the specific cases involving the gang attacks, but could have talked about what the police department is doing in general to address gang related problems.

Some members of the civic community read into the news report that this incident is another example of the Duncan Administration's penchant for shutting down public discourse. Mr. Duncan has a history of excluding those who disagree with him from participation on voluntary committees and boards. The place where this has occurred most often is the Citizen Advisory Boards (CAB) for the five regional service centers. In theory, these regional advisory boards are to collect opinions on local issues from citizens who reside in the areas and transmit them to the County Executive for his consideration. These opinions are advisory only and Mr. Duncan is always free to decide upon a different approach.

When citizens on these advisory boards question or criticize Mr. Duncan's agenda, they are told to resign. Community members who are interested in these meetings soon discover that they operate in a de facto closed door environment. While it is true that anyone can attend and observe, there is little genuine citizen participation. Agendas of the meetings are available only

via back door channels, and even when one is obtained, it doesn't reveal what will be discussed. Rather, it is merely a list of different board committees that will be reporting. Thus, the agenda is the same each and every month. The last one I got two years ago has surely been valid for every meeting since then and will continue to be so well into the future. At the Eastern Montgomery CAB meetings, citizens can speak to board members during the 15 minutes before the meeting officially begins. It is a random lucky break if the board happens to be discussing the subject of concern to that citizen on that evening or at any future meeting. The minutes of the CAB are not available and the regional service centers refuse to make them available.

The actions of Mr. Duncan, others in his administration and especially of the regional service centers and their CABs create the impression for many civic activists that Montgomery County's government is closed and secretive. As a result, when reports like the one in Washington Post are made, people automatically conclude that it is more of the same old situation, even if that turns out not to be true. I call on Mr. Duncan to take corrective action, to open all county government meetings, make meaningful agendas available to the public in advance, make minutes of meetings complete and easy to access, and to genuinely and respectfully seek and heed constructive citizen input.

Volunteers Needed

COLESVILLE MEALS ON WHEELS, serving the needs of the homebound in Woodmoor, Four Corners, Burnt Mills, White Oak, Colesville, Calverton and Burtonsville, is in urgent need of volunteers to continue this service.

We deliver meals 5 days a week, 10:30-12:30. We do not deliver when schools are closed for snow or on major holidays. Your commitment can be as little as 2 hours a week. For more information, please call Sarah Day - 301-384-5735

How Congested Are Our Roads?

By Dan Wilhelm, MCCF President

As a result of the 2003 changes to rules governing the Annual Growth Policy (AGP), the Planning Board published a report to identify the degree of road congestion. MCCF had suggested such a report as a way to collect in one place information that had previously been contained in individual documents held by the Planning Staff, Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) staff and State Highway Administration (SHA) staff. The aggregation and publication of this data assists both citizens and government officials to determine the degree of congestion of our roads and help to prioritize improvements. The 2004 report was called the Annual Development and Congestion Report while the report for 2005 was included as Charter 3 of the AGP Policy Element Report.

The most meaningful data for non-freeway roads is the critical lane volumes (CLVs) for signalized intersections. There are 740 signalized intersections within Montgomery County. CLV data was available for 435 of them, including nearly all ones where two major roads cross. Of these 435 intersections, 97 exceed the congestion standards in the AM period, PM period or both periods. The report indicates that congested intersections are frequently arrayed along major north-south and east-west commuting routes - most likely where these routes cross. It also indicates that congestion is getting worse except where recent physical or operational improvements have been made. Planning Staff notes the following areas should receive top priority for improvements to traffic flow:

MD 355 inside the beltway to Bethesda CBD and from Randolph Rd to Shady Grove Rd
Clarksburg
R&D Village
Norbeck Rd (MD 28)
Randolph Rd

The CLV methodology does not identify all the congested intersections. Most people would consider an intersection to be congested when some vehicles take more than one signal cycle to pass through it, and such a delay occurs for all or nearly all cycles during the peak

morning or evening hour. There are a number of intersections listed with a CLV less than the standard but are nevertheless are congested since some drivers sit through two or more cycles before getting through. By the same token, the report assumes that those intersections with the highest CLV are the most congested. This conclusion is not necessarily true when compared to the number of signal cycles drivers must wait.

The report lists 16 state projects and 2 county projects under construction. Only 8 of the 18 projects will add capacity. The other ten are for safety or reconstruction. The report also lists 26 state (one is the ICC) and 31 county projects in the planning/design phase. Some of the state projects have been ready to start construction for years, but funds have not been available. Not included in these projects are the public transit projects for the state and the improvement of bus service within the County.

Several years ago MCCF developed a long, prioritized list of projects it supports and a few that we oppose. We voted on general priorities, giving local bus and rail or bus transitways higher priority than most road construction. We supported grade separated interchanges and selective widening of existing roads. Since then, the state was able to develop a funding package for the ICC. In our testimony about the ICC funding we indicated that Montgomery County needs funds for many other and more important transportation projects. We call on the state to fund most of the other 25 projects in the planning stage. With a \$1B state surplus recently reported, some of these funds should be used for transportation. The funds from the Transportation Trust Fund were taken several years ago to help balance the overall budget. Now is the time to pay back these monies and put them where they are most needed.

We also note that the "End Gridlock" Council's funding priorities for this year did not include transportation. We call on the County to add transportation to its priority for next year with a primary focus on improved bus service since the long term solution to addressing congestion is improved public transportation.

Montgomery County Civic Federation Calendar 2005 - 2006

REGULAR MEETINGS 2nd Monday, 7:45 – 10:00 PM,
1st Floor Auditorium, Council Office Building

September 12	January 9
October 10	February 13
November 14	March 13
December 12	April 10
	May 8
	June 12

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Thursday, 7:45 – 10:00 PM,
Red Brick Courthouse

August 18	January 19
September 22	February 23
October 20	March 23
November 17	April 20
December 15	May 18
	June 22

MCCF ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION AND DINNER

May 12 New Fortune Restaurant

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

EDUCATION @ Mark Adelman's, 3206
University Boulevard West, Kensington
First Wednesday: September 7, October 5, November 2,
December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3,
June 7. Contact: Mark Adelman at 301-942-6893

HOUSING Contact: Sarah Gilligan at
301-564-4373

PLANNING & LAND USE Contact Jim Humphrey at
301-652-6359

PUBLIC SAFETY @ Fernando Bren's, 9913 Hall
Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-0899 to confirm.
Friday, September 9, 2005, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Meeting and
briefing on 2006 Legislative Session with Delegate Charles
Barkley (District 39), Chairman, Montgomery County House
Delegation. Further meetings scheduled on the following
Fridays: October 7, November 4, December 9, and January 6.

Dues Paid

The following member organizations have paid dues for
2005-2006. If your organization is not listed, please fill in
the Membership Application Form and get it to your
treasurer as soon as possible.

Allanwood-Gayfields-Willson Hills-Gaywood Estates
(AGWG) Civic Association, Inc.
Avenel Community Association, Inc.
Greater Colesville Citizens Association, Inc.
Greater Olney Civic Association
Grosvenor Park Condominium Citizens Association, Inc.
Hillandale Citizens Association
Layhill Alliance
Norbeck Meadows Civic Association
Randolph Civic Association, Inc.
Riverhill HOA
Seven Oaks-Evanswood Citizens Association
Stonegate Citizens Association
West Bradley Citizens Association
West Montgomery County Citizens Association
Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association
Woodside Park Civic Association Inc.
Action Committee for Transit

Minutes of the June 13, 2005 Federation Meeting

By Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

Call to Order by President Dan Wilhelm at 8:45 p.m.
(Peggy Dennis taking minutes until Richard Zierdt's
arrival). Minutes of the May 9 Regular Meeting
approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report by Luella Mast: Annual awards
banquet happily netted small amount over cost.
Delegates will approve budget for coming year at
September meeting. Delegates are asked to query their
associations for their input on the coming budget along
with interests and priorities.

Agenda approved with addition by Wayne Goldstein of 2
"emergency" items:

Community Hero: commendation presented to the

“Coalition to Save Seven Locks Elementary School” represented by Sandy Vogelgesang, Christine Berg, Carl & Liz Koenig and Jerry Garson.

Announcements: Jim Humphrey: Dept. of Environmental Protection to hold public hearing on sewer & water category changes on 6/20, 2:30 p.m. with written comments accepted thru 7/5. Also DEP Private Institutional Facilities Working Group will release report with recommendations on impervious surface limitations in the Ag. Reserve to the Council on June 23.

Arnie Gordon announced meeting for District Vice Presidents on June 29 to plan membership drive.

Mark Adelman announced press conference by Equity in Education Coalition June 14, 9 a.m. in front of Carver Building.

Marvin Weinman: Petition in support of reducing property tax rate from 10% to 5%.

Programs: discussion of autumn program topics. (RZ takes over minutes)

County budget. Analyst Mr. Sunil Pandya from the Office of Management and Budget speaks on the Montgomery County budget. County taxes are composed from 29% income tax; 36% property tax (commercial 30%, 70% residential); in other counties, it is around or over 50%. Budget planning for each next year’s budget begins in October-December meetings with the county executive’s office. How does the citizen get involved in the process in October? Contact the advisory board, and get involved. Every department has an avenue to express your thoughts. Mark Adelman notes that the school board has no such advisory board. Budget is published on March 15. OMB does not review MCPS’s budget, but the school system meets with the executive on its goals and objectives for the coming year. Luella Mast: OMB has 26 analysts; citizens should meet with these analysts whose names are published. They usually work for the same agency for at least three years. The executive approves labor contracts, or they go to arbitration. There is a 25%-30% turnover in OMB analysts every two years. New analysts are trained quickly. 6.5% growth rate to sustain operations historically. Growth in labor compensation is about 8.5%.

Nominating Committee. Dick Kauffunger reads slate and

notes that District 17 and District 19 vice presidential seats are open. Motion is made to approve slate by acclamation. Unanimous.

Friday, July 22, 2005: potluck dinner and brain storming/session at Peggy Dennis’s.

Jim Humphrey. Under “Opportunity Housing”, the County may approve any development as long as it is adjacent to any County facility, such as a park, a library, or county highway.

Wayne Goldstein. Makes two emergency motions. (1) Motion for MCCF to support historic designation of COMSAT Laboratories Building built in 1969 on about 33 acres. Resolution: The Montgomery County Civic Federation urges the Montgomery County Planning Board to recommend to the Montgomery County Council that the COMSAT Building, an internationally important building by an internationally important architect, be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. Motion Passes 19-0-5.

(2) Motion for MCCF to support an expedited hearing for the rezoning appeal of National Park Seminary. Cary Lamari moved that MCCF agrees to sign on to an Amicus (Friend of the Court) Legal Brief in support of the motion for an expedited hearing. Seconded. Concern is expressed that this not cost the MCCF any money. Motion passes 23-1-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, June 23, 2005

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

17 are present.

MCCF-Sponsored Events: discussion of their number, focus and rationale. Some felt more exposure is best. Others felt there are insufficient resources to conduct more. Motion is made to no longer host the December reception. Seconded. Motion passes 10-4-2.

Luella Mast: we should lobby our state legislators more. There is general agreement. Susan Gottchalk (Maryland State legislative aide) will e-mail anyone on her list with real-time updates to the State legislative proceedings, meetings, bills, etc. Luella moves that the MCCF have a presence before the County delegation in the fall and at the State legislative session. Motion passes with one nay.

Awards dinner proposed for May, 2006 at the New Fortune Restaurant. Motion passes with one nay.

Most committee chairs have accepted appointments by the president.

Luella Mast distributes a handout for new ExComm members, "Executive Committee Fiscal Responsibilities." Luella encourages that all in-kind expenses be reported to her, even if not intended to be reimbursed, so that the scope of committee work will be better understood.

Program suggestions for 2005-06. Ideas include: Legislative agenda for 2006; Education; Roberts Rules of Order; LATR (Local Area Transportation Review); Agricultural Reserve; County Council and citizen legislative processes; candidates forum, including County Council and/or gubernatorial candidates; building violations at Clarksburg and Comsat (there is a July 7 public hearing before Park and Planning on this issue).

July Brainstorming and pot-luck dinner will be held at the home of Peggy Dennis.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey. Building Height definition ZTA 03-27, currently before the County PHED committee. Building Industry Association is trying to gut this. This ZTA would prevent the current terrace height exception, where building height is measured from artificially-created "terraces," whose purpose is to increase building height. After the building is constructed, the "terrace" is removed. Motion to support ZTA 03-27 passes unanimously. County DPS (Department of Permitting Services) is not implementing the zoning ordinances. Jim Humphrey and Wayne Goldstein will investigate.

Membership. Arnie Gordon has called for a membership meeting on July 7 at his house. Intended for District vice-presidents, but all are invited.

Web site. Lyle Schofield. MCCF website will contain Sentinel Newspaper updates. The legal ownership of the website will be reviewed.

Education. Mark Adelman. Policy FAA was passed - Not what citizens wanted.

Legislation. Dale Tibbitts. Charter Review Commission is studying the County Council makeup. 8 district/3 at-large has been proposed. 9-0 was not deleted (after Cheryl Kagin proposed this). 11 councilmembers suggested as a maximum, since it costs \$350,000 per member. Also, the County Council's ability to rewrite the language of ballot initiatives was reviewed, with a suggestion that the Council approve ballot language before a petition drive begins.

Transportation. Byron Bloch introduces himself and his outlook on the civic involvement in county transportation issues. Eileen Finnegan: beltway widening is a concern. Some wonder if the MCCF voted previously to oppose beltway widening.

Public Safety. Fernando Bren. Looking for contact information for other civic federations. Meetings are at Fernando's home, including a November 4 meeting with George Leventhal. Ethics issues for the County's Inspector General could include taxicab inspectors, and in-kind campaign help for politicians. Bringing this before the IG will indicate that the Civic Federation is watching.

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, August 18, 2005

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Dan Wilhelm calls the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. 17 are present: Dan Wilhelm, Alyce Ortuzar, Marvin Weinman, Lyle Schofield, Fernando Bren, Wayne Goldstein, Lee Shipman, George Sauer, Charles Wolff, Eileen Finnegan, Mark Adelman, Charles

Pritchard, Peggy Dennis, Jim Humphrey, Dale Tibbitts, Arnie Gordon, Richard Zierdt.

Treasurer's Report. Luella sent a proposed budget for 2005-06. Added/adjusted appropriations are: \$30 for website; Miscellaneous raised to \$100 (Board's discretionary fund); \$1000 added for Community Advocacy. Revised budget is approved to be brought before the full membership.

Programs. September 12: 2006 Legislative Agenda: Delegate Sheila Hixon and others; October 10: Derick Berlage and Robert Hubbard on Clarksburg investigation results; November 14: Public Safety, Jim Johnson, Weed-and-Seed; December 12: Education, Roberts Rules of Order, LATR review.

Public Safety. Fernando Bren distributes two handouts including a schedule of Public Safety Committee meetings; AGP Chapter 2, Public Safety Standards; Gang activity: County leadership at the highest levels is lacking. Discussion ensued. Some felt the specific problems identified should be answered with specific solutions. Another opinion held that the MCCF should be more vocal when problems are revealed. It was noted that it is difficult to respond to events in August, when MCCF officers can be away on vacation. There were varying thoughts as to what the issue is: open government, or ineffective or insufficient responses to gang activity, or corrupt government. Read the MCCF article in the Sentinel!

Public Finance. Marvin Weinman. Public hearings on a Council initiative "Establishing Annual Budget Priorities and Performance Measures" will be held on September 13, the Council's Management and Fiscal Policy Committee will meet on September 19, and the full Council will consider the concept on September 27. Most ExComm members voiced their priorities from a list prepared by Councilmember Perez.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey recommends that everyone take a look at any site plan projects one can. Public land for affordable housing: four County sites have been approved for consideration. White Flint Policy Area: the developer requested that the borders of the White Flint Policy Area be expanded so that traffic

studies will not have to be conducted. ExComm supports Jim's testimony reflecting MCCF opposition to this. Wayne Goldstein, on behalf of Montgomery Preservation, has filed a suit over the disposition of the Comsat building. Building height definition, an initiative by Councilmember Denis, is still alive.

Membership. Arnie Gordon. Committee met in June. Suggestions for involving district vice presidents offered.

Public Relations. Lyle Schofield. Work on workflow to get public announcements out. Send articles to Lyle, who can post them on the website. The ownership of the web site will be transferred to MCCF.

Legislation. Peggy Dennis, in her role as a member of the League of Women Voters, is writing pros/cons on composition of the County Council. She moves that the MCCF co-sponsor a public forum on public financing of state campaigns. Seconded. Passes 16-1-0.

Dale Tibbitts. Suggests that MCCF support a petition drive for 9 district/2 at-large County Council seats. Charles Wolff so moves. Seconded. Some feel that 9-0 is not supported by other major county groups. Others feel that two at-large positions is two guaranteed pro-development slots. Motion passes 11-2.

Transportation. Dan Wilhelm will write a Sentinel article about increasing State funding of transportation.

Community Hero. Jim suggests Carol Green, Barbara Siegel for September. Arnie suggests Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee. Green & Siegel are approved for September.

New Business. Richard Zierdt suggests that the Bylaws Committee review the requirement that ExComm members must resign if they announce their candidacy for public office.

Office of Legislative Oversight will look at in-fill construction (demolitions and in-fills).

Meeting adjourned 10:36 PM.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

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Name of Organization/Individual _____ Date _____

Number of Households (Approx) _____ Annual Dues (see below) \$ _____
(Make checks payable to **Montgomery County Civic Federation**)

Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges
Local Association (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households - not paid members. Can not be a single local issue group.)	30 to 300		\$45*	2	Yes
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	601+		\$85*	4	
Umbrella Association (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue group.)	60 to 500		\$45*	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$65*	3	
	1001+		\$85*	4	
Regional or County-Wide Organization (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes
Individual Associate	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
Associate Group (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No

Can select less than the allowed number of members and pay according to that number. List your members below. Each member will receive our newsletter unless he/she elects to receive an email notice that the newsletter is available at www.montgomerycivic.org for downloading. Please check the email box below for those who will receive the email notice. ***You may also take a \$5 discount off the dues for each person who elects to receive the newsletter email notice.** Please provide the email address whether or not newsletter email notification is selected. We are planning to produce a membership directory. Please identify whether you want your email address included.

1.	Name (President+)		Phone (H/W)	
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	Street		E-mail Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Awards	Appointed later			

Federation Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2005
7:45 3rd Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
Rockville, MD

Agenda

7:45 Call to Order
7:47 Introduction and Announcements
7:55 Adoption of Business Meeting Agenda
7:58 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
8:00 Program
9:00 Community Hero
9:10 Committee Reports
9:20 Member Issues
9:30 Old Business
9:35 New Business
10:00 Adjourn

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 22, 2005, 7:45 p.m.

RED BRICK COURTHOUSE

29 Courthouse Square, Rockville

(Note: there is free parking in front of the courthouse.)

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