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Montgomery County Civic Federation's 2007 Annual Awards Banquet

Friday, May 11, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.
New Fortune Restaurant
16515 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

December's Program Meet the New Members of the Council by Wayne Goldstein, MCCF President

For our December meeting, we have invited the four new members of the County Council to tell us what they hope to accomplish in the coming year as well as in the next four years.

Come hear Roger Berliner, District 1, Valerie Ervin, District 5, Marc Elrich and Duchy Trachtenberg, both at-large councilmembers. They will have been sworn in and received their committee assignments. They should have a lot of ideas of interest to MCCF. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about them or perhaps meet them for the first time before they get very busy with the Council's business in January.

December's Community Heroes by Wayne Goldstein

At our December meeting we will honor several organizations and individuals who have been working for the last six years to preserve green space and the tree canopy of Greenwich Forest, Whittier Woods and other Bethesda neighborhoods. This activist movement was born in June 2000 when, according to the Montgomery Gazette: "County officials ... sold a piece of forested Bethesda property that for half a century has been used as a neighborhood park and path to schools and public transportation." When residents who used this 1/3 of an acre right-of-way as a park objected to the lack of notice, "the head of property acquisition for the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation, who oversaw the transaction signed off by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan" said that "the county sold the property without public hearings because property for unused road connections are exempt from hearings". Ms. Curtis added that "regularly sells such properties in that manner."

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A new group, Committee for the Preservation of Maiden Lane Park, sued to stop the sale. The purchaser then sued over various aspects of the sale. Although multiple legal actions were filed over the next several years, the sale was ruled invalid by the Circuit Court in August 2001 because the County had not followed its own rules. The buyers received a settlement from the county in December 2003, three and a half years after the legal battle began. With the property back in county hands to again be used by the public, the property was officially named Maiden Lane Park in June, 2006. In addition, the County must now follow its own rules for selling such rights-of-way, which legally can only be abandoned by the County Council, and must include public hearings, notification of adjacent neighbors and posting signs on such properties. The group that is affiliated with the property is now known as Friends of Maiden Lane Park.

Bette Petrides who, along with Shelly Greenberg and Julie Walters, helped form the original and/or subsequent park committees, went on to help found Citizens for a Better Bethesda (CBB) to fight the growing trend toward "mansionization" which is causing a drastic loss of urban forest in many Bethesda neighborhoods. This summer, Bette made a last-minute decision to run for an at-large County Council seat to publicize this issue and did quite well despite such a late entry.

When I learned several months ago of an imminent house demolition in Bethesda that threatened the newly identified County Champion Weeping Cherry Tree, I was able to get Montgomery Preservation, Inc. to support filing a temporary restraining order (TRO) to protect the tree. Shelly Greenberg, as chair of CBB's Tree Committee, had been instrumental in getting the tree identified as a champion. Shelly, Bette, Julie and others were involved in getting this TRO, and in writing the Consent Order accepted by the owner and by MNCPPC. They continue working hard to negotiate the enforcement of the Consent Order.

In addition, Bette and Shelly were deeply involved in supporting an expedited bill that specifically singled out all champion trees as being eligible for protection under the county's Forest Conservation Law (FCL) during construction, no matter what size lot a tree is on nor where it is located in the County. This bill was written, passed by the County Council, and went into effect as law in just three weeks. Recently, CBB has begun to work with some infill developers, persuading them to both protect existing trees and to plant appropriate new ones when trees are cut down, and is also exploring creative new approaches to encourage the planting of more trees.

Much more needs to be done to provide lasting protection for champion trees, specimen trees, and the urban forest of Bethesda and other established neighborhoods throughout the county. I have no doubt that Bette, Shelly, Julie and their friends and neighbors will be there to help make it happen, just as they have done for the last years. I look forward to working with all of them on these and other issues.

President's Message

by Wayne Goldstein

By the time you read this, the "other shoe," which has been dropping in slow motion since primary day on September 12th, will have finally hit the floor. As of December 4, we will have a new, resident-friendly County Executive and four new Councilmembers.

Thanks to the urging of others, Caren Madsen, our Environmental Chair, and I are on County Executive Ike Leggett's Transition Team, a first-of-its kind effort that hopefully presages a County Executive and county department heads who will always listen carefully and respectfully to all residents, even if they don't always agree.

I am serving on the "Delivering Accountable Government and Responsive Service Delivery" group.

Caren joined the "Building Healthy & Sustainable Communities" group and helped form and co-chair an "Environment - Natural & Built" subcommittee. I have been very impressed by the support for a CitiStat-type program in my group, something that MCCF brought to the county in a big way at our June 2004 monthly program. The week of my first participation with the Transition Team, I happened to have written a Federation Corner column in the Sentinel about what I called "CountiStat," as well as the use of a "311" telephone number for contacting local government about non-emergency complaints and requests. I am delighted to hear others taking up the call for a Counti-Stat program to be instituted by Mr. Leggett.

I don't know how much better our county government will do its job and how effectively it will serve county residents and businesses, but the effort to make meaningful changes could hardly have gotten off to a better start than this. MCCF will be in the thick of it, no matter what happens, and you will be getting regular progress reports on this unprecedented effort to fix what is broken and to hopefully make great what is already good.

Education Matters

by Mark R. Adelman, Chair, Education Committee

By the time you read this, the composition of the Montgomery County Board of Education (BoE) will have changed, reflecting the recent elections. Incumbents Patricia O'Neill and Nancy Navarro have been re-elected. Charles Haughey and Gabe Romero (both of whom chose not to seek re-election) have been replaced by Shirley Brandman and Judy Docca. Incumbent Valerie Ervin, having campaigned successfully for a seat on the County Council, will have resigned from the BoE, and the process by which the new BoE (sworn in on December 1) chooses her replacement should be nearly complete. Whether the

turmoil surrounding the behavior of BoE member Steve Abrams will result in another vacancy on the board is unclear.

From the point of view of public education in MoCo, changes at the County Council may prove to be significant as well. Gone are two members of the ED committee, Mike Subin and Howie Denis. Many speculate that they will be replaced with Ms. Ervin and another new Council member, MCPS teacher Marc Elrich. How the Council will work with the new BoE and the new County Executive, Ike Leggett, is of critical importance to resolving the many challenges facing our school system. And these elected officials will benefit from the thoughtful insights of all sectors of the community. We must not simply elect our representatives and then sit back expecting them to do the "right" thing. The issues are too complex for any small group to determine, without error, what constitutes the best course of action. Citizens must observe how well those we have elected are doing and offer comment, not only when we are asked for comment, but also - and especially - when we believe we see a mistake being made. While the PTAs will continue to do an enormous amount of critical work in this arena, those of us (now a majority of the taxpaying public) who do not have kids in the school system must share the burden, because the effectiveness of our public schools is vital to the quality of life in MoCo.

The process of determining the FY2008 MCPS budget is well underway and no one should be surprised if the initial request is for somewhat more than 2 billion dollars including debt service on monies borrowed for MCPS construction. When we are called to testify before the BoE and the Council early next year about the proposed budget, we must do so in a responsible manner. We must not only point out where more funds are needed, but also offer suggestions where justification for budget items is unconvincing. We hope that the additional budget analysts added to Council staff will be helpful, that

the BoE will recognize the need to add to its own staff in this area, and that all will work collaboratively to maximize the likelihood that every dollar appropriated is used to benefit all of our children equitably.

Calendar year 2008 will bring the renegotiation of major contracts, with teachers, support staff, and the superintendent. To the extent possible, the entire community must offer thoughtful comment about all of these contracts, recognizing that resources are not unlimited, and that debts incurred now are passed on to future generations. Getting rid of portable classrooms, upgrading aging schools, purchasing needed tools for teaching are all critical objectives. But none of these “hardware” decisions can accomplish much if we do not make prudent expenditures that maximize the probability of having optimal numbers of qualified and dedicated people to educate our children.

Finally, the entire community must pay more attention to defining and measuring education. The words we use, the policies we approve, the laws and regulations we put in place are all critical pieces of the puzzle. We must all put more effort into defining our goals - avoiding vague terms and empty phrases - so that we can then better hone our methods and our means of assessment. There are no simple fixes to the problems our educational system confronts. We must not expect those we elect to work magic, nor can we accept glib assurances that everything is going as well as it can be. Each and every one of us is a part of “the solution” (as well as a part of the problem): we will make progress in proportion to the effort that each and every one of us expends. The MCCF Education Committee is committed to the effort. In the coming months we will be making numerous detailed statements and suggestions about public education in our community. We welcome your comments and ideas, your criticisms, your constructive suggestions and your help.

Contact me at 301-942-6893 or adelman3@erols.com to help in any way.

Planning & Land Use Matters

by Jim Humphrey, Chair, MCCF Planning and Land Use Committee

This month, I address four issues: the Planning Board’s discussion of the county’s growth policy; the effect of neighborhood conservation districts on mansionization; minimizing the impact of mansionization; and an OLO study of laws relating to teardowns and rebuilds.

Planning Board Studying Growth Policy

At their November 2 meeting, the Planning Board held a discussion of the county's growth policy in preparation for recommending improvements to the new County Council being sworn in December 4. Karl Moritz, the head of the Research and Technology Center at Park & Planning, compiled a set of documents for the Planning Board members to read in preparation for their November 2 discussion, and included a set of 4 possible approaches for revising the growth policy. The entire packet prepared by Mr. Moritz can be accessed on the Park & Planning website at http://www.mc-mncppc.org/board/agenda/2006/documents/20061102_growthpolicy.pdf

The Planning Board's consideration of possible growth policy improvements will continue following the holidays, and MCCF will weigh in with our comments. Then, the discussion of the growth policy will likely continue for some time once the Board submits their recommendations to the County Council early next year. As Chairman of the MCCF Planning and Land Use Committee, I will be compiling the Federation's set of comments for consideration by the Planning Board and Council. You can reach me by phone at 301-652-6359 or by email: theelms518@earthlink.net with your contributions.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICTS COULD LESSEN IMPACT OF MANSIONIZATION TREND

The phenomenon of teardowns and mansionization first came to Montgomery County in Bethesda's Edgemoor neighborhood. It didn't take off until 2000 and has accelerated and spread since then to most Bethesda and Chevy Chase neighborhoods as well as other neighborhoods inside the Beltway and near Metro stations everywhere. People have become angered about the height, bulk, lot coverage, the architecture, the tree loss, and excessive stormwater runoff, as well as the perpetual noise, traffic, and mess during construction of these large new homes.

In 2004, and again in 2005, MCCF joined Montgomery Preservation, Inc. and other organizations as cosponsors of two Mansionization Conferences, where the problems and possible solutions were described and discussed. At both events, we heard from Dirk Geratz, senior planner for the City of Annapolis. He described what are known as Neighborhood Conservation Districts (NCD), a form of neighborhood preservation that Annapolis has provided since 1990. As a result of learning about this program, a group of interested Montgomery County residents met during the spring and summer and drafted proposed Neighborhood Conservation District enabling legislation to be presented to interested councilmembers for possible introduction in late 2006 or early 2007.

This legislation would allow neighborhoods to voluntarily choose to determine what they consider uniquely important qualities to preserve in their community and write their own rules as to how to preserve those features when infill development is sought. In order to begin the process, an application, including a petition signed by 25% of the residents, would be submitted to an NCD officer. It would include why the neighborhood wants to form an NCD, why the neighborhood qualifies, and what is to be

protected. If the NCD officer finds that the proposed NCD meets the criteria, then the officer would work with the neighborhood to develop a plan that defines the building and environmental standards that are to apply to all properties within the defined area.

Once the proposed plan has been completed, it would go to a NCD Commission for review and recommendation, followed by review and recommendation by the Planning Board and the County Executive and then final review and approval or disapproval by the County Council sitting as the District Council. Proposed NCDs would be treated like Master Plan amendments. If approved, the NCD officer would review and decide on all applications to build based on the standards of the particular NCD Plan, with possible referral to the NCD Commission.

It will take a lot of work for a neighborhood to decide what it wants to look like in the future and then to live with the self-imposed regulations. However, there are currently neighborhoods that want to become municipalities because they believe it is the only way to save their neighborhoods from massive and arbitrary changes, based on greater municipal authority over mansionization recently approved by the state legislature. By comparison, establishing and running an NCD is much simpler than managing a municipality. Thousands of county residents have lived in county historic districts for as long as 25 years, and they are a testament to what life is like when a program is run as efficiently as it is by the Historic Preservation Commission. The same could be true with an NCD Commission. It would be no surprise if many neighborhoods supported enabling legislation to give them the option of becoming an NCD and that many others would then take a closer look at this proposed new tool.

The Planning and Land Use Committee will be asking MCCF delegates to support the NCD legislation to provide the opportunity for neighborhoods to have greater control over the future of their communities.

MINIMIZING IMPACT OF McMANSIONS

The Historic Preservation Section of the Department of Planning, MNCPPC, has released a report entitled "Preserving Older Neighborhoods with Newer Tools." It focuses on ways of lessening the negative impact of new replacement homes, often referred to as "McMansions" due to their size, on the character of older neighborhoods where homes have traditionally been smaller in scale. The report can be accessed on the Park & Planning website at:

<http://mcparkandplanning.org/historic/pdfs/teardown.pdf> .

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT STUDY OF RESIDENTIAL RENOVATIONS AND TEARDOWN/REBUILDS

The County Council's Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) is conducting a study of laws, regulations and practices related to residential demolitions and renovations, and additions. If you know of instances in which either a teardown/rebuild or a home addition has not adhered to county regulations or laws, or an instance in which you believe the Department of Permitting Services has not effectively administered residential construction regulations, please contact OLO investigator Craig Howard by telephone at 240-777-7985, or by email:

Craig.Howard@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Bylaws Committee Poised to Begin in January

By Luella Mast, Bylaws Committee Chair

The MCCF Bylaws Committee began work reorganizing, rewording and modifying our bylaws in late 2003. Now, 3 years and 10 revision sets later, we plan to continue making a much stronger organizational framework even better. Dick Kauffunger, Dan Wilhelm, and Peggy Dennis have all taken turns as committee chair. Mark Adelman, Dean Ahmad, Cary Lamari, Alyce Ortuzar, Richard Zeirdt

and I have all served on the committee at various times.

Our 2005 and 2006 meetings were held over quite convivial dinners at various Wheaton area restaurants, principally at Hollywood East on the Boulevard on a week night the week before our MCCF regular meeting. We are looking for process-focused people who can take the time to help analyze the bylaws and recommend further improvements. Volunteers do not need to have served on the bylaws committee previously but should be able to meet monthly or every other month on a yet to be decided week night. Please contact Luella Mast, luellam@comcast.net, or 301-384-4178 if you are interested in joining the committee.

Our Member Organizations

The following member organizations have paid dues for 2006-2007. If your organization is not listed, please fill in the Membership Application Form (downloadable from our web site, www.montgomerycivic.org) and get it to your treasurer as soon as possible.

Allanwood-Gayfields-Willson Hills-Gaywood Estates
(AGWG) Civic Association, Inc.
Bannockburn Civic Association
Boyd's Civic Association
Bradley Boulevard Citizen Association
Brooke Manor Estates HOA
Carderock Springs Citizens Association, Inc.
Congressional Forest Community Association
Deerfield Weathered Oak Citizens Association
Edgemoor Citizens Association
Forest Estates Community Assn
Good Hope Estates Civic Association, Inc.
Greater Colesville Citizens Association, Inc.
Greater Goshen Civic Association
Greater Olney Civic Association
Greater Shady Grove Civic Alliance

Grosvenor Park Condominium Citizens Association,
Hillandale Citizens Association
Indian Spring Citizens Association
Kensington Heights Citizens Association
Kenwood Park Citizens Association, Inc.
Layhill South Citizens Association
Manor Lake Civic Association
Maplewood Citizens Association, Inc.
Montgomery County Taxpayers League
Norbeck Meadows Civic Association
North Hills of Sligo Civic Association
Potomac Towne Homeowners Association
Randolph Civic Association, Inc.
Regency Estates Citizens Association
Riverhill HOA
Seven Oaks-Evanswood Citizens Association
Sonoma Citizens Association
South Tuckerman-Inverness Citizens Association
Springbrook Forest Citizens Association
Stonegate Citizens Association
Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Association
The Preserves @ Smalls Nursery HOA
Town of Somerset
Tulip Hill Citizens Association
West Bradley Citizens Association
West Montgomery County Citizens Association
Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association
Wildwood Manor Citizens Association

Individual Members

French Caldwell
Marie De Maria
Sharon Dooley
Bernard Fisker
Chuck Floyd
Wilbur Friedman
Eric Friedman
Lewis Helm
Kathryn Hopps
Norman Knopf
Caren & Eric Madsen
Brian McTigue

Ben Petree
Robert E. Redding
Stuart Rochester
Stan Schiff
Dick Strombotne

Member Organizations Needing to Pay Their Dues

Avenel Community Association, Inc.
Ayrelawn Civic Association
Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Association
Clarksburg Civic Association
Fox Hills West Citizens Association
Layhill Alliance
Norbeck Citizens Association
Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association
Snowdens Mill Homeowners Assoc
Woodside Park Civic Association Inc.

Share Your Organization's Newsletter

MCCF invites its member groups to offer their newsletters to others in the Federation, as a way of showing what issues and events are important in your area. Simply bring a few extra print copies of your association or group's newsletter to our monthly meetings and place them on the distribution table at the rear of the auditorium.

Minutes of the November 13 Regular Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein calls the meeting to order with introductions and announcements: 28 are present at 7:50 PM; 31 eventually sign the attendance sheet.

Ike Leggett is holding three town meetings. A flyer

announces that the Washington Metro system is seeking applications for the Riders Advisory Council.

Agenda is approved.

Minutes. Minutes from the October 9, 2006 meeting are accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. Luella Mast provides copies of her report on the back table. MCCF has \$9610.96 in cash assets.

Program. Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA); MCCF vice-president Arnie Gordon presides. Guests: Ms. Bonnie Cullison, president of MCEA, and Mr. Jon Gerson, MCEA's Director of Community Outreach. Ms. Cullison speaks. Ms. Cullison is a 20-year resident and teacher for 29 years. Appreciates the involved electorate of Montgomery County. Public education is the cornerstone of our Democracy.

Ms. Cullison asks the audience why they think education is important to our society and receives several answers. Ms. Cullison: MCEA represents 11,700 classroom teachers of all stripes. 90% pay dues, 10% pay a representation fee. She has run for MCEA president and been elected twice. Three terms is the term limit. MCEA's budget is about \$1.2M. Members set the amount of dues. No dues money is spent on political activities. MCEA works to develop teacher's skills, curriculum, and a professional growth system. The teacher in the classroom is the most important factor in the success of a student. Learning is reflected by the activity in the classroom. MCEA conducts a peer review system. 1st year teachers get support from an experienced teacher ("Consulting Teacher"), and there is a Peer Assistance and Review Panel - "PAR Panel" - which makes an advisory decision after the first year. Why don't parents and students get to evaluate teachers? Such responses are kept. Benefits and salaries are similar to other systems, \$101K tops after 19 years experience with masters degree. 35% of new teachers leave after 5

years. One reason stated is that living expenses are too high.

Mr. Gerson speaks and distributes MCEA's Candidate's Questionnaire for County Council, Board of Education, and State offices. 58% approval must be met to go further in endorsing a candidate. 57% of voters pay attention to the "Apple Ballot." Direct mail was done this year, as were newspaper ads, radio ads, and Red line metro. Money (\$110K) came from teacher donations. 25% of teachers donate. \$80K came from Maryland Education Association (MSTA). \$150K from candidates themselves. 550 teachers covered the polls. Ms. Cullison said that Superintendent Weast has committed to the removal of all classroom trailers after three years.

Committee Reports.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey. "Preserving Older Neighborhoods with Newer Tools" is a MNCPPC publication about Neighborhood Conservation Districts and is available on Park and Planning's website.

"A Growth Policy Discussion" is also on Park's website which contains recommendations to the new County Council.

Education. Mark Adelman. A new school board member selection will be made to fill out Valerie Ervin's term, since she was elected to the County Council.

9:22 Meeting is adjourned.

Minutes of the November 15 ExComm Meeting

By Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

Meeting begins at 7:49 PM. Dan Wilhelm presides until Wayne Goldstein arrives. Present: Wilhelm, Dennis, Mast, Zierdt, Vogelgesang, Shipman,

Schrader, Goldstein, Adelman, Humphrey, Weinman.

Announcements. County Executive Inaugural Ball December 4, 2006. Ike Leggett will hold three Town Hall meetings: Nov 28, 29, and 30. Committee For Montgomery Annual Breakfast is December 11

Minutes of October 18 ExComm Meeting are approved as amended: Mark adds additional language that describes his attendance at a Board of Education hearing: "Mark attended and testified at an October 12 Board of Education hearing on the MCPS strategic plan and the development of the FY 2008 budget. Three board members, and the student member, were present to hear the comments of 30-40 citizens."

Treasurer's Report. Luella Mast provides her reports. Luella investigated meeting dates in the next fiscal year. There is discussion about changing the day of MCCF Regular meetings. A motion to keep the Regular monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month through June, 2008 passes. Luella moves that the MCCF allocate \$50 for the president's attendance at the Committee for Montgomery Annual Breakfast meeting. Seconded. Passes.

Environmental Committee. Wayne Goldstein distributes copy of a 3.5-page letter from Farol Hamer, Acting Planning Director, Montgomery County Planning Department, MNCPPC, that responded to Wayne's two letters about forest conservation, and enforcement of the County's Forest Conservation Law. Ms. Hamer explains that some properties are exempt from filing a Forest Conservation Plan, however, such property owner's tree plans are subject to review by Planning Department staff. Hammer describes her actions in the Palmiero Case and in the Hillmeade Case. The Height Muller property is partly in the Agricultural Reserve, and partly in Barnesville.

Education. Mark Adelman. Replacement on the BoE for Valerie Erwin will be chosen by the new School Board between Dec 9 and the 14th. Also, there was consideration of a plan to state how the Board went

out with an external audit of a financial and performance nature, but plan was withdrawn from the Board's agenda.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey describes a Growth Policy Discussion for the Planning Board by Karl Moritz. Demographic projections, November 2 discussion by the Planning Board. Re-institute the Annual Growth Policy. Jim feels the MCCF needs to comment on what comprises an adequate policy to accommodate and approve growth. In addition to meeting approval conditions, Project's contribution to the quality of life in a community.

Neighborhood Conversation District Enabling Legislation has been proposed. Wayne will distribute his comments to the Committee.

Program. Various ideas for December and beyond were offered including (a) State delegates, (b) Neighborhood Conservation Districts, (c) new County Council and legislative issues, and (d) Clint Linkletter, new tree manager for Montgomery County. A motion is made that State legislators be invited for December, and new County Council members in January. Seconded. Motion fails. A motion is then made that new County Council members be invited for December. Seconded. Motion passes with one abstention. Dan moves that state legislators be invited for January. Seconded. Jim suggests that public safety be the program instead. Others feel state legislation is important. Motion passes with one abstention. Wayne will invite Council members, Dan state legislators.

Public Finance and Utilities. Marvin Weinman distributes an analysis of Montgomery County government and MCPS finances.

Membership. A municipality - Town of Somerset - has joined.

Public Safety. George Sauer. This committee needs a chairman. Wayne will call Chuck Floyd and ask if he

is willing to chair this committee. The safety of the walkway under the Beltway at Forest Glen is a concern. There are only two entrance/exit points, and once on the walkway, a pedestrian has no way off until the exit, leaving her/him vulnerable to criminals. A public safety officer should be involved in this.

Legislation. Dan Wilhelm. Committee for Montgomery will be active in this area; MCCF should be kept informed of proposals.

Transportation. Peggy Dennis reports Byron Bloch addressed Fox Hill Citizens Association on speed bumps. Discussed the issue of "Other Public (OP) roads" - unimproved roads owned by the County but maintained by the residents.

Luella Mast encourages member organizations to bring copies of their newsletter to Delegates meetings to share. Mark also suggests a list of all members of all the committees be available.

Meeting adjourned 10:20 pm.

Volunteers Needed

Colesville Meals on Wheels serves the needs of the homebound in the Woodmoor, Four Corners, Burnt Mills, White Oak, Colesville, Calverton and surrounding areas. We deliver meals 5 days a week from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30p.m. We do not deliver when schools are closed due to snow or on major holidays. Your commitment will only be 2 hours a week. For more information call Sarah Day at 301-384-5735.

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Federation Meeting

Monday, December 11
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order
7:46 Introduction and Announcements
7:55 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
7:56 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
8:00 Program: Meet New Council Members
9:10 Committee Reports
9:30 Member Issues
9:40 Old Business
9:50 New Business
10:00 Adjourn

The **Montgomery County Civic Federation** is a county-wide nonprofit educational and advocacy organization. It was founded in 1925 to serve the public interest. Its monthly Federation meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Monday of each month September through June at 7:45 p.m. in the First Floor Auditorium, County Office Building, Rockville, MD.

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