

New Year, New Newsletter!

Happy (belated) New Year! Welcome to a new year, a new board and the first edition of the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls News. We hope this quarterly newsletter becomes a source of communication, information and inspiration in conjunction with the listserv and website. It is our hope to expand the newsletter to include regular features such as: letters to the editor, featured neighbors, information on area real estate, calendar of events, seasonal home maintenance tips and ideas,

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and other items of interest.

In this issue, meet your new board officers, complete the neighborhood survey, pay association dues, and find out more about getting involved. For a calendar of upcoming meetings and events, please turn to page 4. You'll also notice advertisements throughout this new newsletter, these are all neighborhood businesses. These advertisements help to defray the cost of the newsletter as well as provide an affordable avenue to

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Introducing the 2008 Board

Malena Kaplan

President

Although born and raised in Southern California, I have lived in Silver Spring since 1997 and consider the Washington, D.C. area home for my daughter and me. I spent 15 years in the Mortgage industry and opened my company One Pretty House Interiors, a full service decorating company, in 2007. I served as acting Vice President of the Board last year before being elected President. Besides decorating I enjoy cooking, entertaining gardening and spending time with my daughter.

My vision for the Association is that it will become a venue that residents look to for information and communication with each other and the county. My hope is that this information be used to establish community and contribute to the well-being of each of us.

Ashley Del Sole

Vice-President

I have lived in Carroll Knolls for almost four years, but have lived in the area (Kensington and Bethesda) for most of my life. So, needless to say, I am excited to do my best to make the Association more active and visible within the community. I hope that the Association can become a vital part of the neighborhood and will become a conduit through which people can become friends with their neighbors, can form a connection to the community at large, and can enact change.

Jessica Flores

Secretary

This neighborhood called my name the first time I came to visit friends about 10 years ago. So when the time

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exhibit resident businesses.

Your new board wants to extend our best wishes for this New Year, and hope that should you want to send comments or newsletter ideas, please email us at mh-ck@hotmail.com

We look forward to making the newsletter a regular and helpful part of your life! □

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Go to www.mckennyhills.org to find out how.
Also, keep an eye out for a whole new website coming soon!

Please detach this portion of the form and return it along with a check for \$10 made payable to McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association to:

McKenney Hills – Carroll Knolls Neighborhood Association
Post Office Box 2102
Silver Spring, MD 20915-2102

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional- for use on neighborhood list only): _____

Email: (optional- for use on neighborhood list only): _____

Paying your dues allows you to become a member of the Civic Association for the 2008 calendar year. All residents of the community (both renters and owners) are eligible for membership. These dues help pay for: neighborhood events such as the Community Earth Day Celebration and the Neighborhood Party, the newsletter, rental of meeting space and other items and activities that are vital to the Association. Thank you for becoming a member, or, if you are already a member then thank you for your continued support. We can not do it without you!

came for me to purchase my little piece of Earth, I jumped at the chance to live here. I love that we live just a mile from the beltway and still live close to parks where we can see deer, foxes and other wildlife right in our backyard. I moved here about 4 years ago with my husband, Martin, our dog, Rongo, and our newest family member, my daughter. I decided to run for Secretary after attending the meetings and realizing that I could make a difference. With my term I would like to increase overall awareness of the Association, and not just to those who are part of the list serve. I would also like to get a greater portion of neighbors to come to the Association meetings and take an active part in events.

Marian Katz
Treasurer

I moved to the McKenney Hills area in 1992 as a first time home owner, and felt it important to get involved with the community civic association. Apparently there had been several reincarnations of various groups that had high levels of activity and then dissolved, until another group emerged to take its place. I like this area and the people who reside in the McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls boundaries, and am glad I can contribute to the community in my role as treasurer, throughout these many years. I presently work at NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) here in downtown Silver Spring, where I am applying my years of travel agent experience in their foreign travel division. When I am not working I like to travel. I also spend time gardening, cooking, biking, and hiking. I am looking forward to meeting more members of the community in the upcoming year. □

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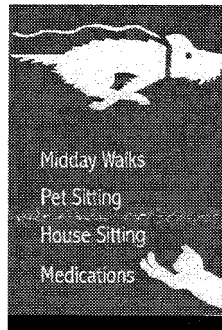


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Getting Involved!

You may be asking yourself: How can I become more involved in my neighborhood Association? There are many ways, both big and small that can help make a big difference. The first is by **paying your dues**. This small contribution is essential for the continuation of the organization and its activities. The second is through **attending and/or helping to set up or break down Association meetings**, held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Homewood Park Recreation Center. By attending meetings you can meet your neighbors, learn about neighborhood events and about your neighborhood. A third way to get involved is by **attending neighborhood events** such as the neighborhood Earth Day Celebration in March and the National Night Out in August. A fourth way is by **contributing content and time to the Newsletter**. If you have an article you would like to write, would like to help translating the Newsletter into another language or would like to write a letter to the Editor, please email the Board! A fifth way is by volunteering your time and serving as a block captain or on a committee. **Serving as a block captain** is a relatively small time -commitment which involves

getting to know your neighbors on your block, handing out the Newsletter each quarter, and acting as a liaison between your neighbors and the Board whenever necessary. This is a vital role which also serves to help keep the neighborhood safe. Knowing your neighbors and keeping an eye on them is essential to deterring criminals from committing crimes. There are also several committees which you could head or on which you can serve. These include: **website design and administration, Audit Committee, Neighborhood Watch Committee, Emergency Liaison Chief, or Montgomery County Public School Liaison**. As you can see, there are many ways to become involved, but one thing is for sure, we can not do it without your help! Please contact the Board at mh-ck@hotmail.com if you would like to learn more about any of these ways to become involved. □



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

(CLIP AND SAVE!)

Police/Fire/Rescue 911	Animal Control 301-279-1823
Suspicious Activity/Non- Emergency Police 301-279-8000	Rat Complaints 240-777-3986
Poison Control 1-800-222-1222	Recycling Information 240-777-9600
Park Police 301-949-3010	Sidewalk/Curb Repair 240-777-2120
Park Equipment Repair 301-650-2600	Abandoned/Unlicensed Vehicles 240-773-5241
Trash Collection 240-777-6410	Damaged/Vandalized Street Signs 240-777-2190
Housing Complaint Line 240-777-3600	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(CLIP AND SAVE!)

Meeting	Thursday, March 27	8 -10 pm
Earth Day Celebration	Saturday, April 19 (rain or shine!)	TBA
Meeting	Thursday, April 24	8-10 pm
Meeting	Thursday, May 22	8 -10 pm
Meeting	Thursday, June 26	8 -10 pm
National Night Out	Tuesday, August 4	TBA