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Millwood-Waterford Newsletter

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MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Village's Voice

The President's Message

The Season of giving has no bounds—much like the giving from community partners, county officials, and hard workers in the Association. Here are the many ways we can be truly thankful .

The changes you see and will see in the future are indications of what we can do working together to make where we live, play and work a safe, green and livable community. Some highlights that make ours a *Livable* Community include:

The Millwood Recreation Center & Park

(Center) INSIDE

Newly renovated interior including, ceiling tile, fresh paint, chairs, new kitchen and appliances.

OUTSIDE

● New Signage "Millwood Recreation Center" (Center)

● New 4 foot Prince Georges Bird Statue, "Da a No-che" was donated by MCCP&P and erected on December 18,2008. The original art was done by Forestville Military Acad-

emy Art Department, Joshua Smith, Art Teacher.

- Landscaping at Center
- New patio on the rear of the Center with new lights and tables

Millwood Picnic Area

- New, patio with tables and 2 grills for outdoor activities

- 2 Jiffy Johns

- 2 Benches on the walking trail.

- New exterior paint blast
- New & Improved high intensity lights on parking lot

● 22 red crape myrtles trees on Walker Mill Road planted with Fairfield Knolls Community in October 2008

Neighborhood Beautification

Monthly cleanup on streets bi-annual county partnership cleanups

Annual Events and Milestones

2nd year of hosting Association website www.millwood-waterfor.org

3rd Annual...

Celebrated 3rd year for Scholarships totaling eleven

community and non-community recipients.

- 3rd year for Best Christmas Decorated Home" Awards
- 3rd year for telephone calling system.
- 3rd year with monthly and bi-monthly speakers

4th Annual Award night for outstanding volunteer services in the community and county department outstanding partnership.

6th Annual...year of weekly neighborhood watch programs

Increased Membership to 275 in 2008

Community Giving and Gatherings

10-yr tradition of donating Thanksgiving Baskets to 23 Families,

Hosted Annual Community Picnic each August/ September at Millwood Park.

Attended weekly and monthly meeting community, county MNCP&P, DPWT School Board and County Hearings and PTA and other meetings.

This is an outstanding community, with volunteers who care enough to get involved to make a difference.

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2010

Citizen's Association Meetings
Millwood Recreation Center
@7:30 pm

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
May 10

June 14
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

You are Appreciated!

Award goes to...

Special Thanks to My Officers, Committees and Other Supporters

Margaret White, Pres.

Sincere thanks to my Vice President, Valeria Wilson. I could not have done it without you.

To my others Officers: I can only say "THANK YOU" for your willingness to help make this community what it is today, a viable and active community. You are the lifeline of the community.

Entertainment & Fund Raising Committee: I say, you are alive and running. You keep the body moving with your activities. "Use it or lose it" you say. You give the soul energy with the activities and it's reflected in your smiles, your actions and most of all, in your words. "Thank You."

Block Captains You are our vital or-

gans. Rain, shine, snow or holidays - you deliver! You go where others dare not go. You are committed and we appreciate you.

Hospitality Committee: Thank you for caring about our sick and bereaved families, as well as welcoming the new families. At some time in all of our lives we need someone who can say a kind word or just send a card to let us know you care. We appreciate you.

Scholarship Committee: This is our biggest year for giving scholarships. This committee cares about our students and shows it in its efforts to encourage them. Your dedication in improving this program is appreciated.

To all others that I do not have space to name who have assisted us. **Thank you!**



Freddie Dawkins tries out "his" bench at the Millwood Recreation Center.

On September 9, 2009 a park bench was dedicated to **Freddie Dawkins** in recognition of his service to the community and the county.

On June 8, 2009 **Margret White** was presented a plaque "in recognition of her continued dedicated service to the community".



Margaret White President

Safety Tips

Keep doors and windows locked, regardless of whether they are upper or lower level windows/entrances

- Do not answer knocks at the door without first checking to see who it is. Utilize peepholes or windows to know who's there (**even if you are expecting someone**)
- Instruct children and other family members not to answer/open the door automatically
- Require identification from all

strangers (includes delivery/repair persons and police officers). If you're not sure of a person's ID, call the company/agency the person says they're from

- Don't ever tell anyone that you or a neighbor are home alone
- Trim bushes and shrubbery to remove any hiding places for an attacker
- Install good interior and exterior lighting for protection.

- **For emergency calls of a serious nature, dial 9-1-1.** If time allows, gather as much detailed information as possible before calling the police.
- If a vehicle is involved, try to obtain the tag number, color, make, model and style of the vehicle.
- If a person is involved, try to describe him/her from head to toe including age, weight, clothing.
- Source: (PGPD Dept. Public Safety)
- www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Scholarship Awards



The Scholarship Awards for 2009 were among the highest in years for both dollars awarded and for number of applicants. Ten thousand dollars went to 11 first-time Scholarship recipients and 2 *Continuing Education Awards*. Recipients and their families were publicly acknowledged at the September Meeting where Marion Chrittle, Committee Chairperson and Margaret White, President, presented them with a check and *Certificate of Achievement*.

2009 Award Recipients :

Adebamike Adeniji , Jennifer Avelar, Taisje Claiborne, Nathan Dickerson, Tarnisha Jones, Jessika Joyner, Devon Mohammed, Daven Mohammed, Zanedra Nash, Simone Posey, Monique Riley, Quiana Robinson, Nicole Scott ,

2010 Applications are available at www.millwood-waterford.org
Deadline: June 30, 2010
Awards may be used for vocational or college educational expenses.

Invest in our youth by making a tax deductible contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

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RE: Scholarship Fund

Help is a Phone call away



Important Safety Issues

When a 911 call is received from a phone other than a cell phone your name, address and phone number is displayed as the phone company reports it, so please be sure to verify all the information with the 911 operator/dispatcher.

Cell phones that are pre-programmed to dial 911 take a lot of time away from the 911 operators after you have accidentally dialed, either by dropping the phone or sitting on it. While we are answering your accidental phone call, someone who has an emergency will be unable to get through.

When to Use 911 Call the emergency line to report an incident that requires immediate assistance of Police, Fire or EMS personnel.

Give exact location and details of any injuries or deaths. If you are reporting a crime, pay particular attention to the suspect's physical characteristics; height, weight, hair color, clothing. If a vehicle is involved, give a clear description of the color, make, body style, license plate number and direction of travel. Do not attempt to apprehend or detain suspects.

When to Use the Non-Emergency numbers. Theft or Attempted Theft of or from an auto (unless in progress or just occurred) Accidents (unless there are injuries) Thefts of bicycles, lawnmowers or small items, when no suspects are in the area

District Stations	Non Emergency Numbers
Hyattsville District I	(301) 699-2630
Bowie District II	(301) 390-2100
Palmer Park District III	(301) 772-4900
Oxon Hill District IV	(301) 749-4900
Clinton District V	(301) 856-3130
Beltville District VI	(301) 937-0910
County Central Station Main Number	(301) 336-8800

For more information on 911 Do's and Don'ts, visit the Prince Georges County website at www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

Se Habla Espanol?

If you were among the 20 residents registered for the Spanish Class you could translate the title: "Do you speak Spanish?" Working hard and playing didn't take a back seat to personal enrichment. The Association strives to offer educational programs that enhance residents health and education.

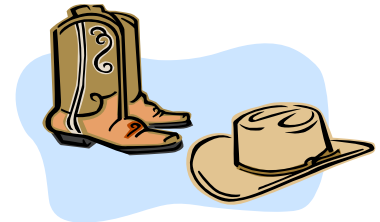
This year the Association provided the materials and certified Spanish instructor to teach conversational Spanish. Participants remarked about how easy it was to learn and how they would use their newfound skill. "It's great to think about brush-

ing up on language But let's not look the more immediate use right here in our community. More folks with English as a second language, are moving in every day. "It's nice to know that we can hold a conversation with our neighbors.

The classes were a result of community surveys that asked residents to indicate what programs, special interests or activities that the Association should sponsor. Classes are over for now, but be ready to participate in what's new in 2010.

Party with a Purpose

Cowboy hats, lobo ties and denim were the look to have at the MWCA, Inc. Cabaret. Neighbors from every-



where enjoyed a boot-scooting good time on Saturday, December 5. Joanne Johnson and her Entertainment and Fund Raising Committee did an outstanding job,

Citizen's Association Officers and Committee Chairs

2010 Officers

Margaret White	President
Valeria Wilson	Vice President
Betty Dent	Secretary
Hellen Beard	Asst. Secretary
Doris Hughes	Treasurer
James Wise	Assistant Treasurer
Felicia Atcherson	Financial Secretary

2010 Committee Chairs

Joanne Johnson	Fund Raising & Entertainment
Betty Cheeseman	Hospitality
Felicia Atcherson	Picnic
James Shelton	Block Captains
Felecia Atcherson	Special Events
Rev. Marion Criddle	Scholarship

Every committee is in need of assistance. Come out to learn where your unique skills and flare can be put to use.

No special skills required. Only the desire to see your community continue to thrive, your property value remain strong and to show just how much you care.

See you at the next meeting!

Mark Your Calendar



December 14, 2009 Monthly Meeting & Annual Christmas Celebration

January 15, 2010: First Meeting of the year. Induction of Officers.

April 24, 2010: Lincoln Theater Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies" Tickets: \$60

\$10 Deposits Due: January 15

\$50 Balance is Due: March 15

Contact: Valeria Wilson (301) 336-1352 or Joanne Johnson (301) 336-7098

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Get to Know Your Block Captains ...



IF YOU LIVE HERE	YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN IS....	PHONE
Waterford Drive (1300 to 1316) & (1400-1412)	Sonja Foge	(301)336-6524
Shady Glen Drive (1211 to 1405)	Flossy Dingle	(301)350-5919
Edenville Drive (1311 to 1312)		
Shady Glen Drive (1407 to 1430)	Shirley Montague	(301)336-8161
Bethal Drive and Fanwood Court	Betty Dent	(301)350-4771
Iron Forge Road (1217 to 1406)	Joann Johnson	(301)336-7098
Waterford Drive <i>1103 to 1116 & 1200 to 1216</i>	James & Arnita Wise	(301)336-1291
Ashdale Road. Ashdale Court, Longleaf & Sitka Lane	Charles & Rosa Harley	(301)350-3981
Applewood & Logwood	Bettie Hall	(301)350-7394
Elderberry Place Orange Tree Court, & Sitka Lane	Felicia Atcherson	(301)336-0222
Beechnut Road (all)	John Whalen Harold Whalen	(301)350-8325 (301)499-2502
Shady Glen Drive to PEPCO	Ollie Green	(301)350-1042
Walker Mill Road (all)	Vacant	<i>Please mail dues to Association</i>
Millwoof Drive & Millwright Street	James Shelton	(202)439-3764
Millrace Road & Millrace Court	Willie Smith	(301)336-1192
Millwheel Street (all)	John Murphy	(301)350-5073
Shady Glen Drive to PEPCO	Doris Hughes	(301)350-9659

On a Personal Note

I am asking each of you to help make a difference by:

- 1. Paying your \$10 yearly dues**
- 2. Be supportive when asked to participate in our events and**
- 3. Attend the monthly meetings when you can.**

We can make a difference and we have made a difference Ask not "What did they do, but ask "What can I do to help?" I am counting on your support.

Margaret White

Margaret White, President
Millwood-Waterford
Citizens Association, Inc.

Dues: Hard at Work

Your dues are only **\$10.00 per year, per family**. Annual dues cover the administrative costs of the Association; printed materials, postage, programs and events. **Please contact your block captain to pay your 2010 Dues or mail it to: Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc. PO Box 47607, District Heights, MD 2074**

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Future Issues: Send comments, news, calendar submissions and articles on community-specific issues to: info@Millwood-waterford.org