

The Montgomery West Homeowner's
Association Newsletter

<http://www.montgomerywesthoa.org>

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MWFOA Board Update

Dear Homeowners,

We are pleased to inform you that during the In-person Special Voting Meeting held on March 4, 2026, the new MWFOA Board members were officially welcomed.

At the subsequent Board meeting on March 23, 2026, the following officer positions were finalized:

Christopher Rhawn, President

Patricia Page, Vice President

Jim Horton, Treasurer & AERC Chair

Emily Argueta, Secretary

Linda Chaney, Maureen Serieux, Thi (Nancy) Huong, Pia Fuller, Thelena Williams,
Member-at-Large

Spring Property Review

Our Spring Property Review is going to be Saturday April 18th (rain date April 25th).

As the spring weather approaches, we ask homeowners to review their property and take any required action:

- Make sure your gutters are clean and working properly.
- Give your fences, gates, and split rails a fresh coat of paint if needed.
- Sheds—wood and vinyl sheds should be well-maintained and painted the same color as your house siding. Just a heads-up, you can only have one shed per lot.
- If you've taken down a tree this year, please remove the stump and plant a new one.
- Clear away any piles of trash, junk, or brushes from your property.
- Trim your trees and bushes and rake the leaves to keep your property looking nice.

- Give your siding a good scrub to remove mildew. A soft brush and Oxyclean in warm water can do wonders!
- Don't forget to submit an application with the AERC if you're making any changes to your property that are visible.

As an FYI, our inspectors will have ID badges and will be walking through our community reviewing individual and community properties.

Friendly Reminder on Yard Waste & Trash

All household trash that is not recyclable should be placed in trash cans with covered lids (MWHOA covenant requirement). This is to prevent birds, other animals or strong winds from distributing trash to your neighbor's yards. Trash cans and blue recycling containers should continue to be out of view on non-trash days

Community Announcement: Call for Volunteers!

MWHOA is seeking enthusiastic volunteers for our upcoming **Community Clean-Up Day!**

Date: April 18, 2026

Rain Date: April 25, 2026

Time: 9 AM

Location: Kinglet PI & Mourning Dove Ct.

This is a great opportunity for students to earn **SSL (Student Service Learning) hours** while helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

All ages are welcome—bring your friends, family, and community spirit!

What to bring: Gloves, reusable water bottle, and comfortable clothing.

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Maureen Serieux (301) 219-3369

Let's work together to make a difference in our neighborhood!

Pets

Many homeowners enjoy the company of a variety of pets in their homes. As a reminder, Montgomery County regulations require that all owners clean up after their

pets on common and public property. In addition, pets *should not be* allowed to wander onto or relieve themselves on others' properties or make unwanted contact with neighbors. Montgomery County animal control laws and fines can be found at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/ask/laws.html>. Complaints about nuisance pets or other pet violations can be submitted to Montgomery County Police at their non-emergency line: **(301) 279-8000**. To report an emergency such as an animal attack or animal cruelty in progress, call **911**

Exterior Changes

If you plan to make any visible changes to the exterior of your home, including decks and patios but not landscaping, you will need to submit an Architectural Review Application to the Board of Directors. The application and the architectural guidelines can be found on our web site. If you plan to submit an application, remember that a minimum of 2 signatures is required on the application.

We highly recommend that you not sign an agreement with a contractor until after AERC approval is obtained. For fastest approval, email the completed application. If in doubt, contact us or fill out an application form.

Useful Contacts for the Community

Police Emergency: **911**

Police non-emergencies (noise, nuisance pet complaints): **(301) 279 - 8000**

Montgomery West Services

MWHOA Board of Directors

info@montgomerywesthoa.org

<http://montgomerywesthoa.org/>

Montgomery County Office of Common Ownership Communities (CCOC); includes the rights and responsibilities of homeowners and HOAs plus impartial resolution programs.

<http://montgomerycountymd.gov/DHCA>

Trash Collection: Ecology Services

<http://www.ecologyservices.com/esrr/index.html/>

Recycling: Montgomery County

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/programs/>

Community Bulk pick-up

The MWHOA has arranged for a bulk trash pick-up—i.e., mattress, sofa, chairs, old toys—on **Thursday, April 16**. Please have your items curbside, just as you would for a regular Thursday trash collection. Do not place any metal items—i.e., old lawnmower, bicycle or grill—with your bulk trash.

MWHOA Meetings

2026 Board meeting dates: April 20, May 18, July 20, August 31

Annual Meeting – November 16

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