

THE MONTGOMERY WEST HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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HOA Annual Meeting

November 19 was our annual meeting. Due to the pandemic, it was held via Zoom. As we are doing for the monthly board meetings, we are asking homeowners who plan to join the Zoom meeting, to email us with their name, address and lot number and we will provide the link. It is necessary for us to have 10% representation at the meeting or through a proxy. We were able to get the 10% through door-to-door signing of proxies. Our community stays strong with your participation and we really appreciate your involvement.

Bulk Pickup Scheduled

The HOA has arranged a Spring/Fall dates for bulk pickup -- **Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, October 17, 2022.** Please have your items curbside by 7 a.m. Check the website for list of permitted items--
info@montgomerywesthoa.org

Results of Fall Survey:

The annual Fall survey was delayed. The AERC Committee walked the community to note any infractions to the covenants, with letters sent to homeowners noting the infraction. The vast majority noted related to split rail fencing and overgrown backyards. The Committee was pleased to recognize that a large number of homeowners are doing a great job in

keeping their property and dwellings neat and attractive.

As a reminder to the community, overgrown yards attract rats and other vermin.

Illegal Dumping along Kinglet PL and Swallow Court.

Recently someone dumped a rolled up carpet at the side of the road. This illegal activity was reported to County officials and was picked up by city truck. If you witness any such activities, please report it to the Board. We should all be concerned about these types of activities so that our community will continue to be clean and attractive, especially as home sales continue to be robust in this area.

Neighborhood Notes

Spring Property Review: As we get closer to the spring season, you may want to take a look at your property to determine if any action is required:

- 1) Are your trashcans and recycle bins stored out of view;
- 2) Does your split rail fence and gate need some attention. What about your shutters? Garage door?;
- 3) Is there a shed on your property? It is in good condition?

- 4) Have you had any trees or shrubs removed? Have you planted another tree or shrubs?
- 5) Make sure there are no piles of trash, junk or brush located on any of your property.

Fall is also a good time to have an HVAC technician inspect and service (as needed) your furnace. Also, inspect your roof surface, shingles, flashing, eaves and soffit for any necessary wood rot repair. Clear your gutters and downspouts of any debris left behind from the spring and summer. Make sure water exiting downspouts flows away from your home.

Trash and Recycling Day: On our trash and recycling pickup days, in the event bottles, cans or paper maybe missed by the crew, please take a minute and pickup and dispose of any items left. This is especially critical on windy days when bottles, cans and the like can travel some distance and just might end up in your yard, and vice versa when some of your items could end up in a neighbor's yard down the street. Be a good neighbor and pick up the items and have them in the trash or recycle for the next scheduled pickup day.

Payment of HOA dues:

We are a relatively small community by most standards and our homeowners' fees have remained stable for a number of years. In order to keep our fees as they are, homeowners should be diligent and pay in a timely manner.

At present, a significant number of accounts are current, but there are those that are not up to date. The Board is very willing to work, on a case-by-case basis, with homeowners who find themselves in arrears, in order to find a workable solution so that their accounts are up to date. If necessary, please reach out to the Board to discuss.

Nuisance Noise Complaints: Please remember you have neighbours and they can rightfully call the police if the noise is unbearable.

Some homeowners have reached out to the board with respect to loud music blaring well into the evening, in some areas of our neighborhood. All homeowners should be aware that within the confines of Montgomery County, there are ordinances relating to permissible noise levels. If there is a "noise" issue, you may report to MC311—simply dial 311 and report the issue.

For more information on the noise levels and hours of compliance, visit the Montgomery County government website for the specifics.

Useful Contacts for the Community

Police

Emergency: 911

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

Montgomery West Services

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info@montgomerywesthoa.org

<http://montgomerywesthoa.org/>

Trash Collection: Ecology Services

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

Recycling: Montgomery County

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

MWHOA Meetings

Remaining 2022 Board meeting date:

March 15, May 17, September 20,
October 18

Annual Meeting – November 15

Email us at: info@montgomerywesthoa.org

TEST KITS / I95 MASKS DISTRIBUTION

Montgomery County residents can pick up free, adult-sized N95 masks and COVID-19 test kits at 19 [Montgomery County Public Libraries](#) (MCPL) branches. Along with getting COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots, wearing a well-fitting mask in indoor public settings or in crowds is important protection from the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its mask guidance to emphasize protection to prevent the spread of COVID-19. N-95, KN-95 and KF-94 respirators are masks that have been shown to provide higher levels of protection against COVID-19.

The distribution of rapid at-home test kits will continue while supplies last. Each kit contains two tests.

“A key element that helps reduce community transmission is the wearing of a high-quality face covering,” said County Executive Marc Elrich. “We know that masks work and having these higher quality face masks as compared to simple face coverings, increases protection. We have these masks available in our stockpile because we planned. I appreciate the work of our Department of Health and Human Services, emergency management, procurement and general services teams for getting them and thank our libraries for ensuring this distribution system is effective, efficient, and equitable.”

Residents may pick up four adult-sized ZYB-11 masks (a brand of n-95 mask) at 19 County [libraries](#). Child-size masks are not available. Supplies are limited and the masks will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MCPL branches distributing masks from noon-2 p.m., Monday through Saturday, are:

- [Aspen Hill](#)
- [Chevy Chase](#)
- [Damascus](#)
- [Davis](#)
- [Gaithersburg](#)
- [Little Falls](#)
- [Potomac](#)
- [Silver Spring](#)
- [White Oak](#)

MCPL branches distributing masks from 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 3-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday are:

- [Connie Morella \(Bethesda\)](#)
- [Germantown](#)
- [Kensington Park](#)
- [Long Branch](#)

- [Marilyn Praisner \(Burtonsville\)](#)
- [Olney](#)
- [Quince Orchard](#)
- [Rockville](#)
- [Twinbrook](#)
- [Wheaton](#)

The masks being distributed at libraries were purchased directly by the County and deliveries will be ongoing as supplies last and the Omicron surge continues. When masks are available from the State, those masks will be integrated into the distribution process.

More information about masks, testing and vaccination is available on the County's COVID-19 [website](#).

Aging and Senior Care Resources for Communities in Maryland

Many aging adults are unaware of the available care options and programs that can help them maintain their independence and quality of life. So we created a free resource that provides comprehensive information on topics like financial support and in-home care options that are available in their area. You can read more about our work here:

- <https://www.senioradvice.com/home-healthcare/maryland>
- <https://www.senioradvice.com/home-healthcare>

We would appreciate the opportunity for you to include our free online resource on your website <http://montgomerywesthoa.org/>, or anywhere you feel would be appropriate. It would be of tremendous value to senior citizens and their families in your community.