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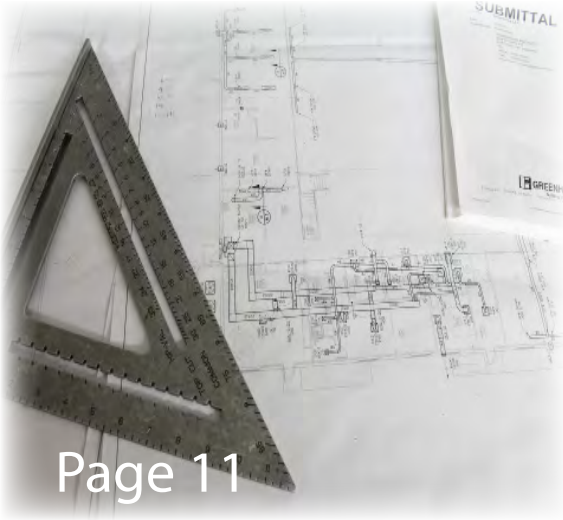
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# Local Directory

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**Trash:** Thursdays

**Recycling:** Mondays

**Yard Debris:** Thursdays

**Special Pick-Ups:** Thursdays

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## Board Briefs - December 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

Approved the November 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Declare waste removal as a common expense deferred to January 8, 2020.

Proposed Draft Budget FY 2021 deferred to January 8, 2020.

Discussed Powell's Creek Stream Restoration Project.

Approved fish restocking for Lake Montclair in Spring 2020 (weather dependent).

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Minutes from Board of Directors' meetings are available on FSR Connect, under "Documents" > "Board and Committee Minutes"

## COMMUNITY WATCH INCIDENT REPORT – NOVEMBER '19

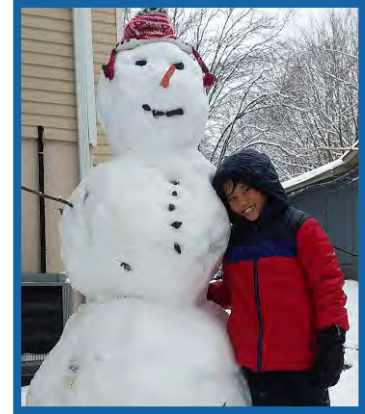
SERIOUS INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG
Assault	-	-	-	2	-	Incident at 5200 block of Spring Branch Blvd.	2	3	1	1
Arson	-	-	-	-	-	No arson incidents.	0	0	0	0
Burglary / Att. Burglary	-	-	1	-	-	Burglary of house on Waterway Dr.	1	1	3	1
Domestic Assault	1	-	1	1	-		3	2	3	1
Firearm Violation	-	-	-	-	-	No firearm incidents reported.	0	0	0	0
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	No homicides.	0	0	0	0
Intoxicated in Public	-	-	-	1	1	Includes incident at Country Club Dr.	2	1	1	3
Larceny / Theft	-	-	1	-	-	Incident of theft from a vehicle.	1	11	5	8
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	No robberies reported.	0	1	0	0
Vandalism	-	-	-	-	1	Incident at Waterway and Spring Branch.	1	1	5	7
OTHER INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	NOV	OCT	SEP	AUG
Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported.	-	-	-	-
Animal Complaints	6	1	-	2	3		12	11	22	14
Disorderly / Noise Violation	3	-	-	4	-	Includes 6 disorderly and 1 noise violation.	7	8	13	14
False Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported in CrimeReports.com.	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1	4	3	-	13	See notes below.	21	23	19	18
Solicitor / Panhandling	-	-	1	-	-	Solicitor on Barrington Place.	1	0	1	1
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	3	2	5	4	4		18	24	24	22
Traffic / Parking Violation	-	3	-	2	1	All incidents = parking violations.	6	8	6	4
Trespassing	3	-	1	-			4	3	1	1
Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	2	12	Includes incidents at Waterway intersections.	14	16	22	10
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>105</b>

Misc: **Pct.1** – 1 fireworks violation; **Pct.2** – 1 incident of drug possession with intent to distribute, 1 incident of drug paraphernalia, 1 incident of a death, and 1 incident of found property; **Pct.3** – 1 incident involving a threat of death or bodily injury, 1 incident involving fraud, and 1 incident of counterfeiting; **Pct.4** – none; **WW Dr.** – 8 responses to traffic obstructions and 5 motorist assist incidents.

# President's Message

Happy New Year Montclair!

Now that we all enjoyed some time off, it's back to business. The Board is hosting a record amount of budget town hall meetings in January and February to maximize the draft budget's exposure to the association. We believe it is important for everyone to understand why this budget is best for Montclair's future. The draft budget raises our annual assessment by \$230 [\$800 total] to adapt to today's market. This is a departure from the status quo; however, it is key to our success. We need to think long term and pass this budget! There are two significant factors associated with the increase: trash pickup and reserve contributions. Both factors are important to keep Montclair an HOA that attracts future homeowners and enhances our property value.



**1. Trash: The budget is drafted with the vision of transitioning Montclair to a community where trash pickup is included as part of the annual assessment.**

**Robert Clemens, President**

The projected annual cost for twice weekly trash and once weekly recycling pick up is \$625,000, which is a conservative estimate at \$162 per lot. Similar [though smaller] communities like Port Potomac pay \$151 annually for this service and everyone pays the same regardless of what type of home you own. All planned communities in our area include trash with the annual assessment. This is what today's market demands. Becoming a "single payer" community and adapting to the market is paramount! Only then will the MPOA attract bidders and have the ability to negotiate a favorable contract. Our size is our leverage for service at a better price. Continuing with the status quo removes that leverage and sets us up for a bad deal or no deal at all.

o Background Note: The Board issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to eight trash service providers in the spring of 2019 and only one company responded. The reason expressed by those that did not respond was that individual billing to 3,857 homes is not in line with practices followed by all major HOAs in this area, which makes doing business with Montclair cost prohibitive.

**2. Reserves: In FY19 and FY20 the Board approved \$1.7M dollars in expenditures from the MPOA reserve investment portfolio to complete the state mandated spillway replacement project.** This outlay puts our current Reserve balance at \$511,807.50 (Sep 2019 Financials). A lake dredging alone can cost up to \$800K. This fall, the Board contracted for a Level 1 Full Reserve Study of the MPOA's real property assets. The reserve study recommends a \$483,210 per year contribution for five years beginning May 2020 to strengthen that account. This is where the rest of the assessment increase is applied. Any savings from negotiating a better rate than planned for trash will be applied to the reserve account.

o Background Note: In 2019 the Virginia Property Owners Association Act was modified to require all HOAs to fully disclose the recommended reserve contributions from reserve studies on their annual budgets. This is due to HOAs with underfunded reserves being identified as risky communities for home purchase. As such, this is a red flag to both realtors and buyers. Funding our reserves at the recommended level is foundational to keeping Montclair a community that attracts future homeowners and enhances property values.

Please attend a budget town hall meeting or contact a board member if you have questions or concerns regarding this budget. Passing this budget will ensure we are in control of our future!

Ut Prosim,  
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# From the Desk of...

Hi Everyone:

It's a NEW YEAR! As we make new resolutions and change to make 2020 our best year ever, let's not forget to include our neighbor relationships on our lists. We cannot fail to overlook human nature when discussing disputes between neighbors. The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to adopt a "Three Musketeers" ("all for one and one for all") mind-set for neighbor and community issues. The Association is also your neighbor, so let's include the entire entity in our desire for more understanding in 2020.

Disputes between neighbors are older than any POA or POA rules established. Much older! Typically disputes arise over four things; space, property, money, and human personalities. I'd like to discuss a few tips to help you better navigate to a resolution. Complaining to a neighbor is never easy. In fact, it can be so intimidating that you put up with a horrible problem for years just to avoid the confrontation. However, by being prepared, you can make the task more comfortable.



**Bernie Guthrie**  
General Manager

**Assume the neighbor doesn't know about the issue or how it affects you.** Most people do not intentionally set out to create problems with their neighbors and they are often the last person to know they are disturbing you. By assuming they don't know, it will help you frame your mindset in a more positive manner and help you handle the situation more productively.

**Choose neutral ground.** Stomping across the lawn to a neighbor's porch at 11:00 p.m. yelling is likely not going to create the setting needed for a personal discussion. Instead, observe their habits and approach them during a mundane task or time of the day such as taking out the trash, washing the car, raking leaves, etc. If you cannot catch them in person, then try calling them and using the same tips below.

**Talk about something else first.** Don't jump right into a discussion of what is bothering you. Catch up a little on each other lives by asking about their family, sports, their new vehicle, upcoming holiday, or even the weather! Set the stage and show interest in them as a human before tackling the substance of the matter.

**Introduce the problem as a common concern.** Instead of marching up to your neighbor and yelling, "Why can't you trim that tree, don't you see the damage it's causing!" try looking up at the tree and say, "Wow, I didn't realize that tree has grown so large. My how time flies! Aren't you afraid one of those limbs may fall?" Another scenario may be, "The weather is so much cooler this month and it's wonderful to have my windows open too. Do you think we should turn down our televisions, so we don't disturb others?" With a conversation first, the neighbor may help solve the problem and you may find that you have avoided the confrontation entirely.

**Be part of the solution.** By offering to help, we show that we are willing to help them resolve our concerns. Being part of the solution brings and carries a bonus of creating a relationship with your neighbor which can have tremendous personal value and facilitate any future issue which arises. You may even be able to team up and help each other with another neighbor issue.

**Sometimes you just have to say it.** There will be times when you've exhausted your ability to enter the discussion lightly. In those times, you do just need to say it, but you can take a minute to craft the statement in a way that can lead to a discussion rather than ultimatum. Most people are sorry to have to complain, so if you apologize at the beginning of the message delivery, then it's easier for them to also say their sorry for disturbing you.

**Have a solution to the problem.** It's best to have the desired outcome formulated in your mind and be ready to offer it. For instance, "Would you be willing to trim this tree before it causes damage" or "I'm willing to help or share the cost of trimming the tree" will inspire a more positive response than "Trim that tree or else!"

While we also want to believe that issues between neighbors will either not arise or will be constructively received, preparing ourselves will not only cause us less anxiety, but will also likely lead to a more pleasant discussion and positive outcome for both parties.

I wish you a wonderful 2020!

## Why Winterizing Your Home Matters....a note from the MPOA Covenants Manager, Armin Neuman

As winter approaches, we highly encourage our community to begin winterizing your homes. The purpose for home winterization is that it can protect against:

### Bursting water pipes

Water damage caused by bursting pipes during cold weather can be devastating and cause thousands of dollars' worth of damage. Homeowners should be aware that much of the plumbing system travels through areas that are significantly colder than the rest of the house. Because it is impossible to monitor the temperature of every portion of the plumbing system, indoor air temperature should be kept high enough throughout the winter to keep pipes in any unheated places from freezing.

### Lost heat

Because hot air rises into the attic, a disproportionately larger amount of heat is lost there than in other parts of the house. Like a winter hat that keeps a head warm, adequate attic insulation will prevent warm indoor air from escaping. Attic insulation should be 12-inches thick in cold climates.

Door frames, window frames, and even electrical outlets, can allow warm air to escape into the outdoors, increasing homeworkers electric and gas bills. These areas can easily be repaired with tape or caulk.

Did you know ceiling fans can help prevent heat loss? A nice trick is that ceiling fans can be reversed in order to trap warm air beneath the ceiling to recirculate.

### Last minute heating system repairs

Heating systems are used most during the winter so it's a good idea to make sure that it works before it's desperately needed.

### Chimney and fireplace repairs

Inspect chimney and fireplaces for nesting animals trying to escape the cold. A professional chimney-cleaning service should be used to clean the chimney if it has not been cleaned for several years.

### Roof and gutter damage

Just a FYI, debris left in the gutters can get wet and freeze, permitting the formation of ice dams that prevent water from draining. This added weight has the potential to cause damage to gutters. Also, trapped water in the gutter can enter the house and lead to the growth of mold. For these reasons, leaves, pine needles, and all other debris must be cleared from gutters. This can be done by hand or with a hose.

In summary, winterization is important to protect homes against damage caused by Old Man Winter.

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**Registration for the 2020-21 school year will open to the community on Feb. 28, 2020**

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## 2020 Property Improvement Request Schedule

A Property Improvement Request, or PIR, is required for all exterior alterations on the home. Whether you're removing a tree, adding a deck, or painting your front door, you need to receive approval from the Covenants Committee by submitting a PIR to the MPOA office. In order to be seen at the next scheduled meeting, PIRs must be complete upon submittal. Items required for your specific improvement can be found in Article 5 of the Community Guidelines. PIRs missing any of these items, or missing signatures of the homeowner or impacted neighbors, will be marked as incomplete and will not be reviewed until such items are received. Owners will be notified if their PIR is incomplete.

The Covenants Committee generally meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Owners are welcome to attend the meeting at which their request will be reviewed. Once a determination is made by the committee, a decision letter will be mailed to the owner. If your request is approved, you will be advised to begin work no sooner than 10 days after approval, during which time impacted neighbors are permitted to file an appeal. Should there be an appeal to your approval, you will be notified and your request will be sent to the Architectural Appeals Board (AAB). If your request is denied, you can file an appeal with the AAB for further review.

If you have any questions regarding Property Improvement Requests or the Covenants Committee, please contact Covenants Administrator Lakesha Henderson at (703) 670-6187 or [covadmin@montclairva.com](mailto:covadmin@montclairva.com).

~ MPOA Staff

PIR CUT-OFF DATES	COVENANTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS
12/19/2019	1/09/2020
1/09/2020	1/23/2020
1/23/2020	2/13/2020
2/13/2020	2/27/2020
2/27/2020	3/12/2020
3/12/2020	3/26/2020
3/26/2020	4/09/2020
4/09/2020	4/23/2020
4/23/2020	5/14/2020
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8/13/2020	8/27/2020
8/27/2020	9/10/2020
9/10/2020	9/24/2020
9/24/2020	10/08/2020
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# Montclair History Day

Montclair History Day was held on October 19, 2019 at the Barnes House next to the Montclair Library. About 40 people stopped by and talked with us. Displays of early advertisements for Montclair, Civil War history in the local area and old articles about Montclair from local newspapers were on display.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the displays and the marketing that took place for the community. We took advantage of the Barnes House being open, giving the community a chance to also see a unique early Prince William house.



*- Submitted by the Montclair History Committee*



'Hope' is the thing with feathers –  
That perches in the soul –  
And sings the tune without the words –  
And never stops – at all –

And sweetest – in the Gale – is heard –  
And sore must be the storm –  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm –

I've heard it in the chilliest land –  
And on the strangest Sea –  
Yet – never – in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb – of me.

-Emily Dickinson



# Saturday with Santa 2019



*The festive attire worn by this Montclair family brightened the dreary, rainy day.  
Photo by Pam Kolbosky*



*Santa waves a friendly hello.  
Photo by Jess Faulkner*



*MPOA Board President Rob Clemens is a happy elf.  
Photo by Pam Kolbosky*





*The festivities continued at Southlake Recreation with photos with Santa, fun crafts and cozy activities, and delicious hot chocolate. Photos by Pam Kolbosky*

*Even Montclair's furry friends get to say hello. Photo by Jess Faulkner*



*Kids of all ages eagerly greet Santa. Photo by Jess Faulkner*



## Congrats to Montclair's 2019 Home-Decorating Contest WINNERS



## Thank you to our Saturday with Santa volunteers!

Jenn Buser  
Erin Clemens  
Gabriel Clemens  
Rob Clemens  
Jess Faulkner  
Joan Hufnagel  
Tina Johnston  
Fletcher Moore

James Mosher  
Bel O'Neill  
Ana Prizina  
James Prizina  
Sophia Prizina  
Heather Page  
Katelyn Page  
Jon Page

Felecia Parks  
KT Ras  
Frank Robbins  
Robert Spiess  
Chris Williams  
Nancy Williams  
Michael Wilson

A special thank you to Dumfries-Triangle Volunteer Fire Department for giving Santa a ride. We appreciate you!



*The Montclair Classics had a lovely day cruising the Potomac on the Spirit of Washington.*



*Thank you to Frank Robbins for the beautiful photos!*

# 2020 MPOA EVENTS

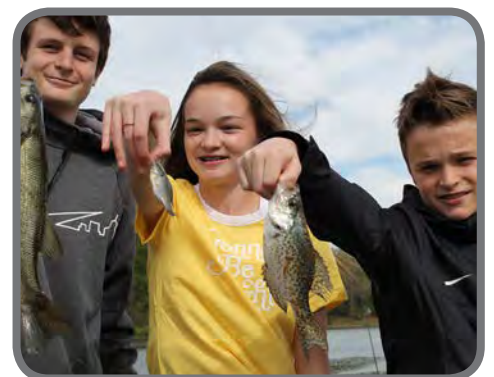
EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
COFFEE WITH CANDIDATES	MPOA	15-Feb
VOLUNTER BANQUET	TBD	26-Feb
ANNUAL MEETING	SOUTHLAKE CENTER	14-Mar
EASTER EGG HUNT	DOLPHIN BEACH	4-Apr
EARTH/FISHING DAY	DOLPHIN BEACH	25-Apr
COMMUNITY YARD SALE	RESIDENT HOMES	MAY 2&3
LANTERN LAUNCH	DOLPHIN BEACH	16-May
MONCLAIR DAY	DOLPHIN BEACH	6-Jun
TEEN BEACH PARTY	DOLPHIN BEACH	16-Jun
PRE TEEN BEACH PARTY	DOLPHIN BEACH	19-Jun
BEER ON THE BEACH	DOLPHIN BEACH	26-Jun
TRIATHLON	DOLPHIN BEACH	14-Jun
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT	DOLPHIN BEACH	27-Jun
INDEPENDENCE DAY	DOLPHIN BEACH	4-Jul
BEER ON THE BEACH	DOLPHIN BEACH	10-Jul
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT	DOLPHIN BEACH	18-Jul
BLOCK PARTY WEEKEND	RESIDENT BLOCKS	AUGUST 8&9
BEER ON THE BEACH	DOLPHIN BEACH	14-Aug
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT	DOLPHIN BEACH	15-Aug
BEER ON THE BEACH	DOLPHIN BEACH	4-Sep
OKTOBERFEST	DOLPHIN BEACH	19-Sep
COMMUNITY YARD SALE	RESIDENTS HOMES	OCTOBER 3&4
TRUNK OR TREAT	TBD	24-Oct
NEW MEMBER RECEPTION	MPOA	4-Nov
SATURDAY WITH SANTA	TBD	12-Dec
SENIOR EVENT	TBD	4-Dec
HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING	TBD	TBD



Beer on the Beach



Easter Egg Hunt at Dolphin Beach



Earth / Fishing Day

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Volunteer Appreciation Banquet**  
Wednesday, February 26, 2019  
7 p.m.

You've given your time and now we want to give back to you! All residents who volunteered in 2019, committee members, and Board Members are invited to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Invitations with more details will go out soon!

**2020 Montclair Triathlon Registration is Open**

Registration is open for the 2020 Montclair Triathlon to be held at Dolphin Beach on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Go to <https://rev3tri.com/montclair-tri> and use code MONTCLAIR20 when you register.



**Coffee with the Candidates**

Saturday, February 15, 2020  
MPOA Office ~ 3561 Waterway Drive  
10 a.m.

Go beyond just seeing names on a ballot - here's your chance to get to know the 2020 MPOA Board of Director candidates over a cup of coffee. Candidates will present their goals and ideas for the community and answer questions. Put a face to a name, get to know your neighbors and enjoy a cup of coffee on us.

Can't make it? The event will be livestreamed and recorded for future viewing. Details on how to access the video will be sent by e-blast the week before the event.

# Annual Meeting on March 14, 2020 and a Call for Candidates

Montclair's Annual Meeting is only a few months away. During the Annual Meeting, Montclairions will vote on the annual budget and elect four at-large Board representatives for a three-year term to represent the community. Member participation is vital and we're counting on all members to be informed and to cast their votes to make their voices heard.

Though we depend on our voters, we also depend on our candidates. If you have ever considered running for the Board before, perhaps now is the time to devote more thought to the matter. Being a Board member is a very rewarding experience but can be a significant time commitment and will present some challenges. Please consider the following before you decide on the matter.

Do I have time?

As a Board member, you will be required to devote several hours of your time each month to Association business. Board meetings and Committee meetings are held monthly; and on occasion there are special meetings to attend as well. You may be called upon to research a project or prepare communications about a topic or anything else that might be needed at the time.

Do I have a special skill that would benefit the community? Are you an accountant? Have you dealt regularly with contracts and vendors?

Do you have amazing communication and editing skills? Are you a tech whiz? We need all skills and experiences to make an effective and excellent team.

Can I make a tough decision?

The primary role of the Board is to conduct the business of the Association. This can mean anything from approving budgets to analyzing vendor quotes to enforcing MPOA policies – and everything in between! Board members are required to step beyond their comfort zones and outside their sphere of influence to make the best decisions for the good of the entire community.

Can I do all of this and still have fun?

Maintaining a sense of community is a large part of a Board member's responsibilities. Planning and attending community events and being a positive presence in Montclair are just as important as any policy decision.

There's no doubt it's a challenging role but knowing the impact you're making on our community will be worth it. If you think you're up for the task, please reference the Board of Directors Call for Candidate found inside this issue of The Montclairion or online at [Montclairva.com](http://Montclairva.com) under "For Residents" and then click on "Forms and Docs." The completed form is due to the MPOA Office no later than Tuesday, January 7, 2020 by 5 p.m. Candidates will be listed in The Montclairion in the order received.

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# Montclair Property Owners Association CALL FOR CANDIDATES

## Board of Directors Candidate Form

Are you interested in how your community is run? Would you like to get involved and help make Montclair the best it can be? Consider helping to shape the future of Montclair as a member of the Board of Directors. Montclair needs you!

Four At-Large Representatives are needed to serve on the Board of Directors for a 3-year term, to be elected at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2020. To be eligible you must be a member of the Association in good standing.

To become a candidate and ensure your name is on the official ballot, please complete the information below. Please answer the four questions on a separate sheet of paper. Submit a photo with the form online at [administration@montclairva.com](mailto:administration@montclairva.com) or to the MPOA office. This information will be published in the Annual Meeting packet, the Montclairion, [montclairva.com](http://montclairva.com) and on MPOA Facebook Page. This form can be found online at <https://www.montclairva.com/documents-and-forms> or at the MPOA Office.

**Due no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020 to the MPOA OFFICE**  
**Montclair Needs YOU!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Years as a Montclair Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Questions (*All responses must be 50 words or less on a separate sheet of paper*):

1. What experience have you had that will contribute to your success as a Board Member?
2. Why are you interested in serving on the MPOA Board of Directors?
3. Specifically, how do you feel you can contribute to the betterment of our community?
4. What would you like to accomplish during your term as a Board Member?

I certify that the answers to the above questions are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Candidates will be listed in *The Montclairion* in order in which they are received\*

# 2020 Annual Meeting Administrative Schedule

DATE	DESCRIPTION	REQUIREMENTS
November/December/January <i>Montclairion</i>	Call for Candidates Form, Admin. Schedule (Photos and questions published in the February and March editions)	None
12/11/2019	Board of Directors to approve FY2021 Budget Presentation for Annual Meeting	Amended Dec., Article 4, Sec. 4.1 (b)(1) At least 45 days before Annual Mtg. BOD adopts Budget
1/7/2020	Deadline for Board Candidate nomination petitions, 5pm, close of business	Bylaws, Article 4, Sec. 4.3 (b) Nominations. At least 60 days before Annual Meeting
1/8/2020	Board of Directors to set Annual Meeting agenda and approve Annual Meeting packet	None
1/10/2020	Annual Meeting packet to Contractor for set-up & printing. Order to include extra packet for AGM/Proof of Mtg.	Contractor requirement to create packet and proof with MPOA
1/24/2020	Candidates- Photo and answers to 4 Election Comm. questions to be posted on Website and Association Facebook	Deadline -Candidate Photo & 4 responses to questions posted to Website and Association Facebook
2/7/2020	Notice of Annual Mtg. & Annual Mtg. Packet mailed to all owners of record	Bylaws, Article 2, Sec. 2.3 (a) Notice of Annual Mtg. 10-60 days before Annual Meeting; Declaration, Article 4, Sec. 4.1 (b) (2) Copy of Budget required 30 days before Annual Mtg.
2/10/2020	Record Date- (Not more than 70 days before the Annual Mtg.) The date for determining which Persons are Members and entitled to vote	Bylaws, Article 2, Sec. 2.8 Close of business the day before the effective Date of Notice to the members <b>unless the BOD shall determine otherwise.</b>
2/12/2020	List of Members as of Record Date available for review at MPOA Office/Front Desk.	List of Members as of Record Date; at least 10 days before Mtg.
2/15/2020	Coffee with the Candidates (10 AM)	None
3/12/2020	Referendum Ballots and Internet Voting Deadline Thursday, 5pm before the Annual Meeting	Allows time for Contractor to create spreadsheet and final data to present to MPOA.
3/14/2020	Annual Meeting registration, 9am Call to Order, 10am - Southlake Recreation Center. Referendum In-Person Voting 9am to approx. 11:30am (after budget presentation).	Bylaws, Article 2, Sec. 2.1 Annual Mtgs. To be held during the month of March.

09/11/2019

## A REMINDER FROM RODNEY HARDY, MPOA OPERATIONS



### Winter Tree Pruning: When and Why

**W**inter is a popular time to prune trees. Most leaves have fallen, and the tree structure is clearly visible. With a direct sight line to the tree's interior growth habits, it is often easier for an arborist to identify structural issues and make sound pruning decisions.

There are many benefits to pruning during winter, but first consider all the factors involved. Is the tree close to a building, walkway or power lines? What is its condition? Are any structural defects or storm damage present? What are the landscape functions provided by the tree and how will pruning impact those functions? Is the tree too dense? Does it need shaping? Pruning alters both the form and growth of the plant so questions like these should be addressed before pruning cuts are made.

#### **A Reason to Prune**

Removal of dead, dying or diseased branches helps promote tree health. Virtually all urban trees benefit from this type of periodic cleaning. Improved safety also results when weak branches are removed. Limbs that overhang buildings, parking areas or walkways should be given particular attention. Trees and shrubs often serve a specific purpose in the landscape and pruning can preserve that function. For example, pruning can help maintain a hedge used as a border or barrier on a property.

Appearance is another major purpose of trees and shrubs in most landscapes, especially on commercial properties. Pruning can help control size, improve a tree's form and keep plants well proportioned – enhancing the overall appearance of the property. For young trees, pruning aids in the development of a desirable and stable form. Most structural defects that occur in older trees can be prevented by pruning when the tree is young.

Proper care can establish a strong, central stem and help maintain branch size and distribution. Whatever the objective, care should be taken to minimize wound size and loss of live branches. Younger trees fare somewhat better when live tissue is removed than mature trees. Condition of the tree can help govern to what extent it is pruned. Industry standards have specified that no more than 25% of the crown should be removed. For mature trees or those showing signs of distress, even less may be appropriate.

#### **A Season to Prune**

Pruning during dormancy (in winter) is common because it results in a vigorous burst of spring growth. Fresh pruning wounds are exposed for only a short period of time before new spring growth begins. Additionally, because there are no leaves to manufacture sugar in the winter, there is no interruption to the tree's growth cycle. It is less stressful for the tree and, as spring begins, all growth efforts are re-directed to buds on the remaining branches.

Pruning during winter can also play a role in managing insects and disease. Oaks are one example. Pruning wounds made during spring, when oak wilt diseases are active in many geographies, allow spores to infect the tree. Beetles that carry Dutch elm disease spores can also be attracted by fresh cuts. Pruning when these diseases are not active inhibits their spread. Understanding of the species and associated insects and disease problems in your area is crucial when making these pruning decisions.

Timing is particularly important for species that produce fruit or flowers. If the goal of pruning is to enhance flowering for trees that bloom in mid to late summer, winter or early spring are the best times. This includes species like rose of Sharon and crape myrtles. However, for plants that bloom earlier in the growing season such as magnolia or azalea, prune after they finish blooming.

#### **Right Time, Right Place**

Even if you knew a surgeon was a skilled expert, you wouldn't undergo a medical procedure without first understanding the purpose. So it should be with tree pruning, especially when the significant impact to overall tree health is considered. Knowing why cuts will be made is the basis for determining which cuts should be made. The ability to better see the tree's form in winter, and identify issues that might otherwise go undetected, makes now the ideal time for an initial evaluation.

*Source: <https://www.bartlett.com/blog/2016/01/tree-advice/winter-tree-pruning-when-and-why>*

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# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR ARTICLES



## TRASH

Montclairions have all experienced the recent struggles in our trash pickup schedules. As our economy improves, so does the increase in waste and trash to our landfill. Landfills only have a life expectancy of 30-50 years, thus, this increase reduces the life of our landfill. Our trash haulers accept the increase of cost as more waste is deposited in the landfill. China and other foreign countries aren't accepting as much plastic and glass which creates a recycling problem where some plastics and glass non-recyclables are added to the landfill.

Our twice a week trash collection is now one day with recycling on a separate day. Our trash removal company, American Disposal, knows we have about 500 homes that do not contract for services and that there are other homeowners that do not pay for trash service. American Disposal's billing of each homeowner and hauling more trash than the number of homes paying for the amount of trash they deposit at the landfill, results in a loss of profit to their company. Prince William County will be mandating each trash hauling company to provide separate trucks for yard waste (leaves, grass, branches). This will require each company to invest in more equipment and the cost will be passed onto their customers, the Montclair residents.

American Disposal's contract with MPOA residents ends April 2020. In the 1980's residents contracted with their own trash disposal company for service when our community was much smaller.

Later the MPOA board contracted with one company to help residence get a better rate for the community. With a larger community, the rate was reduced significantly providing a regular collection date and a clean neighborhood. The cost of collecting trash has increased over the years. Trash Companies prefer having a contract with an entire HOA community where the bill will be included in the HOA fee's which could benefit us again with reduced rates. Incorporating the trash service into our MPOA dues may be a positive solution to our trash issue. This idea may not be popular for the homeowner driving to the landfill for trash disposal or the residence who will see the pass thru trash bill added to their monthly assessment.

The other side to this discussion is if each Montclair resident chooses their trash company, there will be several different trash companies in the neighborhood. Some homeowners may be able to negotiate a reduced cost but if our neighborhood is left with trash spillage, who will we contact to have clean it up?

For those who think about the future, there is technology that will change our trash collection. There are now automated trash trucks who require less employees for trash collection. They have automated arms that pick up specially designed trash cans and deposit the refuse into the truck. How will automation effect our townhouse community with the new technologies?

In the Montclair Community News, January 4th and 22nd budget meetings the trash situation will be discussed. I, as a resident of 33 years, would like to make sure we have a reliable trash company who picks up on scheduled days.

No matter the answer, we can expect to pay a higher cost as the trash companies are forced to pay more for use of the landfill and purchase new equipment. Ashland pays approximately \$80 a month HOA fees with trash included and Four Seasons pays over \$200+ a month HOA fee with trash included. Please attend the budget meetings.

Submitted by Cheryl Saggars



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With winter weather upon us, it's time to start thinking about the logistics should a winter weather event occur. Below you will find a list of streets that MPOA is responsible for snow plowing. For more information about the plowing of these roads, please contact our office at (703) 670-6187.



#### MPOA Maintained Streets

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Chapman Place  
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Duncan Place

Fawn Place  
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Harmony Place  
Maybury Place  
Myrtle Place  
Nightingale Place  
Pleasant Hills Place  
Northgate Drive, Eyebrows only  
Waterway Drive, Eyebrows only

If you live on any other road, the snow plowing is the responsibility of either VDOT or your Sub-Association. The list of Sub-Associations can be found on page 5 of this issue or you may contact VDOT at 703-383-8368 or log into [www.vdotplows.org](http://www.vdotplows.org), type in your address, and receive the status of the plowing of your road.

#### Community Guidelines 5.4.7 Decorative Objects

f. Holiday decorations must be removed within two weeks after the end of the holiday. Mailbox decorations are not permitted, except for within 30 days of a holiday.



#### THANK YOU MONTCLAIR

Thank you to all the residents who donated toys for the Toys for Tots toy drive. You have helped make a difference in a child's life and your generosity brought joy to someone else's holiday season.



# HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

## Library

### Montclair Community Library

#### Adults

Retirement – Making Your Money Last  
Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Prince William Photography Club  
Thursday, January 2, 6:30 p.m.

From Spark to Finish Writers' Workshop  
Saturday, January 11  
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Painting with Sharie Boyle  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Montclair Quilts  
First Tuesdays and Third Thursdays  
January 7, 16, 6:30 p.m.

#### Family

Family Yoga  
All ages with caregiver  
Select Fridays, 10:30 a.m.  
January 17, January 31

#### Kids

The Baby-Sitters Club Book Group  
Ages 8 – 12  
Saturday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

Crafts and Creations  
Grades K – 5 with caregiver  
Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 p.m.

Read to the Dogs  
Grades K – 5  
Monday, January 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Teens

Girls Who Code  
Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
January 22, 29

French and Spanish Tutoring  
Select Mondays, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
January 13, January 27

## Groups

### The Montclair Lions Club

March 2020 Texas Holdem – Mark your calendars, the 15th annual “Winter Classic” Montclair Lions Club charity Texas Holdem event will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at the Dumfries Triangle VFD Station #3 Social Hall, 18321 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172. Guaranteed \$6,000 in prizes. Limit 200 players. Cost to play is \$60.00 and you can purchase your seat in advance. Details are posted on our website at [www.montclairlions.com](http://www.montclairlions.com).

Old Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids?  
Did you know our Lions club also recycles used eye glasses and hearing aids? You can see the various locations where the Montclair Lions have collection boxes at <http://montclairlions.com/> - click on the Eyeglass Recycling Pulldown Tab. If you have a hearing aid to donate, please e-mail Doug Taggart at [montclairlion246@gmail.com](mailto:montclairlion246@gmail.com) or call 703-772-0993 to arrange for pickup.

The Montclair Lions meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months at the Montclair Country Club. An open invitation exists for anyone in the community who would like to join us in Lions fellowship and community service.

Additional information about the Montclair Lions Club activities is available at our website: [www.MontclairLions.com](http://www.MontclairLions.com).

### Volunteer Opportunity with Pattie ES Become a Reading Mentor!

Pattie Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help students have consistent, valuable reading time with an adult. Mentor 1-2 students for 30 minutes twice a week for the duration of the school year. Help a Child Fall in Love with Reading! For more information, please email [PattieReadingMentors@gmail.com](mailto:PattieReadingMentors@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING MONTCLAIR EVENTS

- >> Coffee with Candidates:  
February 15
- >> Volunteer Banquet:  
February 26
- >> Annual Meeting:  
March 14
- >> Easter Egg Hunt:  
April 4

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# Around Town - January Events

## January 1

### First Day Hike at Leesylvania State Park

1 – 3 p.m.

First Day Hikes are part of a nationwide initiative led by America's State Parks to encourage people to get outdoors. On New Year's Day, hundreds of free, guided hikes will be organized in all 50 states. First Day Hikes are led by knowledgeable state park staff and volunteers. The distance and rigor vary from park to park, but all hikes aim to create a fun experience for the whole family.

Bring in the New Year with a guided hike led by two former staff members that are experts on Leesylvania State Park. Start with a quick tour of the history museum, then walk down the Potomac Trail, to Freestone Point, through Lee's Woods Trail, and back to the visitor center. After, join us for a bonfire, light snacks, beverages, hot drinks, and s'mores that will be provided by the Friends of Leesylvania.

Reserve by December 30 to [leesylvaniavc@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:leesylvaniavc@dcr.virginia.gov) or call the visitor center at 703-583-6904.

Pets are welcome. The trail is not accessible for strollers. Parking fees are waived for the day.

Location: 2001 Daniel K. Ludwig Dr., Woodbridge

## January 4

### My Fair Lady

Showtimes at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

From Lincoln Center Theater comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (Entertainment Weekly), Lerner & Loewe's *My Fair Lady*. Director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (The New York Times). Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night,"

"The Rain in Spain," and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," *My Fair Lady* tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed?

Other showtimes available. For more information, visit: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/event/TUTSD>

Location: The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
2700 F Street, NW Washington, DC

## January 8

### When Families Get Angry Classes

7 – 9 p.m.

Find yourself yelling at, more than laughing with, your children? Virginia Cooperative Extension parenting classes offers you an opportunity to discuss practical, realistic approaches to the challenges of parenting. In a group with parents who share similar concerns, you are supported and encouraged in your efforts to parent effectively.

For more information, visit: [parenteducation@pwcgov.org](mailto:parenteducation@pwcgov.org)

Location: Parent Education Program,  
8033 Ashton Ave. Suite 105,  
Manassas

## January 11

### Stand Up Confidential at Brew Republic Bierworks

7:30 p.m.

Top comics, top secret. We've hand-picked some of our favorite stand-up comics from around the country to perform secret, one-night-only shows at special venues across the country! This time, we're pairing the finest that comedy has to offer with the finest of drinks at Brew Republic Bierworks. We provide the absolute funniest in comedy entertainment, with our comics having credits at top festivals, on TV, and in major national and international clubs. All you need to do

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\*A portion of all proceeds from any North American Comedy Brewery Tour show will go towards animal welfare organizations supporting rescue, protection, fostering and adoption of dogs in loving homes.\*

\$15.00 Online, \$20.00 at the door.

Location: 15201 Potomac Town Pl, Woodbridge

## January 17

### I Hate Hamlet

8 p.m.

Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise. When Andrew's agent visits him, she reminisces about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a séance to summon his ghost. From the moment Barrymore returns, dressed in high Shakespearean garb, Andrew's life is no longer his own. Barrymore, fortified by champagne and ego, presses Andrew to accept the part and fulfill his actor's destiny. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and the fact that he fails as Hamlet in Central Park.

Other showtimes available. For tickets, visit: <https://www.broadwayworld.com/washington-dc/regional/I-Hate-Hamlet-Woodbridge>

Location: 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge

## Around Town - January Events

### January 17

#### Home + Remodeling Show 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

The Home + Remodeling Show is a vibrant marketplace where you can shop for home-related products and services, experience stunning displays to help inspire your next home project, connect with industry experts, and enjoy informative presentations from renowned local and international home professionals.

Whether you're joining us at the Dulles Expo Center with a specific project in mind or just looking for some inspiration, our local home professionals have you covered. With 250+ booths to explore and several unique feature displays to enjoy, this is a valuable event for all Chantilly homeowners.

For more information, visit: <https://homeandremodelingshow.com/information/about-us>

Location: Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly

#### Gyro Fest 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dancers perform at 12:30 p.m.

Come in out of the cold! Athenian Danse Troupe performs at 12:30 p.m. Gyros, Greek fries, baklava. \$1 admission and door prizes given. Community event and family fun!

For more information, visit: <http://www.fredgreek.org>

Location: Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Church, 12326 Spotswood Furnace Rd, Fredericksburg

### January 18

#### Children's Day at the Museum 1 - 3 p.m.

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#### "Camera Eyes: On Poetry" Exhibit - Meet the Poet Reception 6 - 9 p.m.

The Center for the Arts is pleased to present "Camera Eyes: On Poetry," featuring local published poet and photographer, JoAnn Lord Koff.

Camera Eyes: On Poetry cultivates a visceral connection between JoAnn's original, timeless photographic images and the heartfelt vision within her accompanying poems. In trying to mix two mediums, visual images and printed words, JoAnn connects

what is a "truism", using pictures as words and vice versa. Photography is an instantaneous art form, which can rarely be duplicated. A poem on the other hand, often ferments before its fragile birth and requires time to mature in rewriting. Each relies on instinct and wants its audience to feel its meaning or expression nonetheless. The exhibit consists of approximately 30 pieces of poetry and photography based on JoAnn's book "Sand, Pebbles, Fossils, and Rocks," a 2019 nominee for the Library of Virginia Literary Award for Poetry.

It will run concurrently with the Regional Poetry Out Loud competition at the Center for the Arts held on January 23, 1-4 pm.

Location: Center for the Arts, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas



**Saturday,**  
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## January 20

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Oratorical Competition**  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Brought to you by the Delta Research and Educational Foundation in affiliation with Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and in conjunction with the Cecil and Irene Hylton Foundation. This grand event is in its 30th year and expect thousands to be in attendance.

Location: Cecil D. Hylton Memorial Chapel, 14640 Potomac Mills Rd, Woodbridge

## January 25

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**  
2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Based on Victor Hugo’s novel with songs from the Disney film, Paris comes alive in this musical journey about discovery and compassion as seen through the eyes of Notre Dame’s bell-ringer, Quasimodo. Other showtimes available. For more information, call (703) 993-7759 or visit <https://hylton.calendar.gmu.edu/the-hunchback-of-notre-dame>

Location: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas

## January 31

**The Siberian State Symphony  
Orchestra**  
8 p.m.

Rimsky-Korsakov: Overture to The Tzar’s Bride  
Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35  
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The evening will also include one of the best-known violin concertos ever written—Tchaikovsky’s Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 35—which has been highlighted in many film and television scores including Unfaithfully Yours, The Goonies, and Mozart in the Jungle. Founded in 1977, the Siberian State Symphony Orchestra swiftly earned a reputation as one of the best orchestras from Russia.

Ticket prices are: \$55, \$47, \$33. To purchase tickets, visit: <http://hylton.calendar.gmu.edu/the-siberian-state-symphony-orchestra>

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			<b>1</b> MPOA Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Budget Town Hall 10 a.m.
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Events 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> History 7:30 p.m. SRA 7 p.m.	<b>8</b> Board of Directors Executive 7 p.m. Open 7:30 p.m.	<b>9</b> Covenants Subcommittee 6 p.m. Covenants 7 p.m.	<b>10</b> Signage Ad Hoc Committee 10 a.m.	<b>11</b> ASHA 9 a.m.
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Lake Management 7 p.m. Safety 7 p.m. SLC 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Communications 7 p.m. SLL 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> Landscape & Facilities Mgmt. 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> IHA 7 p.m. NOB 7 p.m. WETA 7:30 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> MPOA Office Closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Budget Town Hall 7 p.m.	<b>23</b> Covenants Subcommittee 6 p.m. Covenants 7 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Triathlon 7 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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 NOB.....Nob Hill Townhome Association  
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## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Budget Town Hall 10 a.m.
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Events 7 p.m.	<b>4</b> SRA 7 p.m. History 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> ASHA 9 a.m.
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Safety 7 p.m. Lake Management 7 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Board of Directors Executive 7 p.m. Open 7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Covenants Subcommittee 6 p.m. Covenants 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Signage Ad Hoc Committee 10 a.m.	<b>15</b> Coffee with the Candidates 10 a.m.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> MPOA Office Closed	<b>18</b> Budget Town Hall 7 p.m.	<b>19</b> Landscape & Facilities Mgmt. 7 p.m.	<b>20</b> IHA 7 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Communications 7 p.m. Triathlon 7 p.m.	<b>26</b> Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 10 a.m.	<b>27</b> Covenants Subcommittee 6 p.m. Covenants 7 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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