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Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of the month at the MPOA office. The Executive (closed) Session of the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Open Session for all residents and guests at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Assessments

Assessments are \$570 when paid in full, or \$59 when paid monthly. Monthly assessments are due on the first of the month, May through February. Any assessment not received within ten days of the due date will incur a \$35 late fee. Payments placed in the dropbox at the MPOA office after 5 p.m. on the 10th will not be processed until the next business day and will be considered late. Please mail assessment payments along with payment coupons to:

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Please make sure checks are made payable to Montclair POA.

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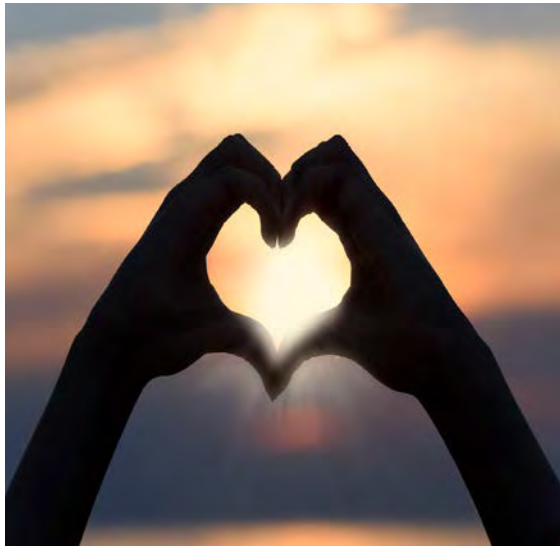
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Board Briefs - August 14, 2019 Board of Directors

- Approved the July 10, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes As Amended
- Deferred a Motion to Approve the July 23, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes until the September 11, 2019 Meeting
- Approved Amendment to CG 4.3.5 Boating on Lake Montclair Section (j) to add: 5. Paddleboards are exempt from the above definition and not considered a “boat”.
- Approved Amendment to CG 4.3.5 Boating on Lake Montclair Section (a) to delete sentences: All boats regularly used on Lake Montclair shall display a current MPOA registration. Canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards that are rented, borrowed or owned by authorized guests may be used on an infrequent basis without MPOA registration when accompanied by a valid MPOA Recreation Photo ID.
- Deferred a Motion to Accept the 2019 Repair and Replacement Reserve Study Prepared by PM+ Reserves until the October 9, 2019 Meeting
- Deferred a Motion to Approve the Proposal from Survey and Ballot to Provide a Complete Third Party Management Authority of a Hybrid Style 2020 Annual Election until the September 11, 2019 Meeting
- Approved Montclair Moms to Place a Container in the MPOA Office Lobby During Business Hours to Accept Donations for the Tamponathon
- Approved PIR for Irrigation System Contingent upon Submission of Detailed Pump and Water Pipe Location Identified on the Site Plan
- Approved a Motion to Waive CG 2.5.2 to Add Motion to the Agenda to Review and Approve Seahawks Article Submission for The Montclairion
- Approved Seahawks Article Submission for The Montclairion
- Approved Change to CG 3.3.1 (d) to Replace “Facebook Group” with “Facebook Page”
- Approved Change to Communications Committee Charter to Replace “Facebook Group” with “Facebook Page”
- Approved the Removal of the Following Dormant Committee Charters and Mentions of Dormant Committees from CG Article 3: Planning, Environs, Land Use and Transportation Committee and Sub-Association Committee

WANT MORE INFO?

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

Manager's Message

Hello!

I'd like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy life to send me warm wishes of "welcome" to Montclair and my new position of General Manager. I appreciate the support!

One of my professional passions is developing a deep sense of "neighborhood belongingness" among the residents. It's so easy in this busy life to keep to ourselves and not get to know one another. You can create this connection through community awareness.

Community awareness is not a topic you hear often in the association management field. It's a very "business" oriented focus most of the time. However, the best communities balance between business and personal activities to foster that "neighborhood vibe" which has been shown conducive to resident satisfaction. In short, everyone likes to feel that they are not just writing a check to support a business, they want that personal connection.

Are you familiar with the day-to-day habits and routines of the other residents in your community? Would you notice if your neighbors deviated from their normal patterns? Knowing their routines enables you to quickly realize when something is awry, especially for residents who live alone. And in a true emergency, that awareness could literally save a life.

Neighbors who are also friends are more inclined to look out for each other and have each other's phone numbers, so make an effort to befriend the residents who live near you. Many boards of directors find that hosting community gatherings is an excellent way to encourage new friendships. Perhaps a yard sale, ice cream social, association picnic, or some other event would give your community an opportunity to grow the bonds of friendship?

Even if you're not close friends with your neighbors, make a point of keeping an eye out for these telltale signs that a neighbor may need your help:

- A stack of newspapers. Chances are that your neighbor isn't simply away if newspapers begin to pile up at the front door. People who are traveling usually stop delivery or ask a neighbor to pick up their newspapers.
- Unkempt lawns. Signs of neglect may not simply mean they don't want to mow. There may be other reasons which prevent a resident from keeping their yard maintained. Talk to your property manager when you see something awry so they can help.
- Overflowing mailbox. Similarly, someone who is traveling will have their mail held at the post office or ask a neighbor to collect it. A bulging mailbox could indicate a problem.
- No one driving out. If your neighbor has a regular driving routine (for example, leaves for work at the same time every day) and suddenly doesn't leave the house for several days, check in on them. Sure, it's possible they are just taking some time off, but it's best to verify.
- Missing a daily walk. Someone who routinely walks through the neighborhood at the same time every day – especially if that walk involves a pet – could need help if they aren't following their normal routine.
- Neglecting to answer the door. Although it's possible that you didn't notice your neighbor leaving, a fall or other health issue could also be the reason someone doesn't respond to a knock or doorbell. Never attempt to break into someone's home, however, even if you're worried about their wellbeing. Instead, contact your property manager or ask the police to do a wellness check.

Creating a sense of community involves more than just being a member of the board of directors. It also means caring about the people who live around you.

Sincerely,

Bernie Guthrie
General Manager



Bernie Guthrie
General Manager

Boat and Dock Permit Registration Starts in October



Starting October 1, 2019, the MPOA office will be accepting Boat Registration and Dock Permit Registration forms for the October 2019 to September 2020 season. The forms are available at the MPOA office or on our website at www.montclairva.com. Both forms must be submitted to the MPOA office no later than October 31, 2019.

Boat Registration

Any resident operating a boat on Lake Montclair is required to register with MPOA. Residents who do not register their boats by November 10, 2019 will incur a \$15 late fee. Additionally, any boat stored at the West Beach boat racks is subject to a \$25 annual storage fee. Boat stickers are to be attached to the port (left) side of the bow (front).

Please have the following items or information at the time of registration:

- MPOA sticker number (orange sticker with four-digit number)
- Color of boat
- Serial/hull number
- Boat length
- Motor hp/thrust
- Current photo (if not already provided)
- Location of where it will be stored

Dock Permit Registration

Any lakefront homeowner with an approved dock is required to renew the Dock Permit Application annually.

Please have a copy of your current General Liability Insurance of no less than \$1,000,000. In addition, the MPOA must be listed as certificate holder or as additional insured (when available) at the time of registration.

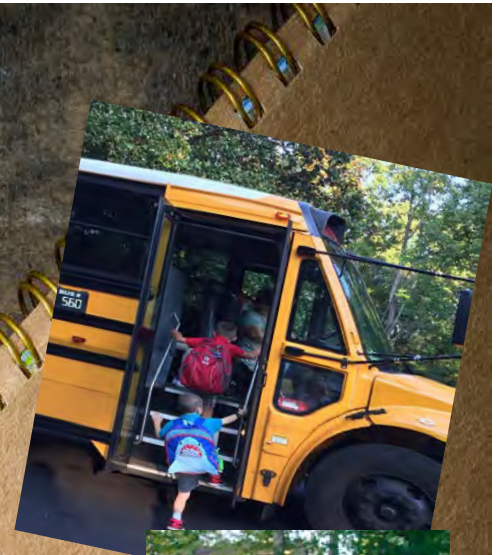
Please review MPOA Guidelines Article 4 regarding Boat Registration and Dock Permit Registration, available on our website at www.montclairva.com by clicking "For Residents" then "Documents & Forms."

Send Us Your Photos!

New backpack, new clothes, and excitement for a new school year!

Be sure to send your First Day of School photos by Sept 15 to communications@montclairva.com.

You might be the star of the October Montclairion!



President's Message

Friends and Neighbors,

I trust you enjoyed your summer and especially enjoyed time in and around our gorgeous lake! In August the Montclair Flotilla hosted its largest gathering since its inception, with 10 boats and a paddleboard. Fishing from docks and boats was a daily occurrence this summer as well. The beaches were active with community events, parties, and people just relaxing. We are truly blessed to live in a place that others only experience on vacation.

Though the unofficial summer has passed, the party continues this month with Montclair's Oktoberfest at Dolphin Beach. There is food, drink, and entertainment for every age. A free shuttle bus will be running along Waterway Drive for those who would rather let someone else do the driving.



Robert Clemens, President

Now that school is in session, driving the posted speed limit is especially important. I mentioned this last month, but its importance bears repeating. Hundreds of children and parents walk to school daily. We have two marked school zones along Waterway Drive that are 25 mph when the yellow lights are flashing. There is another zone on Tallowood Drive approaching Montclair Elementary School. Thank you for maintaining 25 mph in these zones!

Trash Update: The board voted to accept a proposal from Bates Trucking and Trash Removal in July. However, I could not sign the contract because it contained numerous discrepancies compared to the original proposal. Bates has not agreed to our terms as of the time of this writing. They are concerned about not servicing 100% of the Association and having 3,000+ invoices to manage. We need to become a "single payer" Association to attract a new trash hauler. In the meantime, we remain engaged with American Disposal. They are training new drivers and plan to be on a regular schedule soon. The MPOA will provide more information in via email blasts, the Facebook page, and *The Montclairion* as we have new information to share.

Have a great September, and I hope to see many of you at Oktoberfest!

Ut Prosim,

Robert Clemens

President, Board of Directors

Public Notice

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*As approved at the August 14, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.
These amendments will go into effect October 1, 2019.*

Amendments to Community Guidelines Article 3 Section 3.3.1 (d) Standing Committees

d. Communications Committee – The Communications Committee provides creative and technical methods to enhance all avenues of communications within the community as well as between the BOD and members of the association. The committee also suggests methods of facilitating information flow from sources outside of the Montclair community. These avenues of communication include but are not limited to the MPOA web site, the MPOA Facebook group **page**, the Montclairion, FSR Connect, mailings, and community bulletin boards.

Amendments to Community Guidelines Article 4 Section 4.3.5 (j) Boating on Lake Montclair

j. For purposes of the Community Guidelines, a “boat” is defined as a vessel propelled by oars, paddles, sail, or electric power and having the following characteristics:

1. Over 6 feet in length but not exceeding eighteen (18) feet, and having no more than one deck.
2. Constructed so as to have a hull, frame, body or casing made of durable and water repellent material or pontoons attached which provide the flotation necessary for the buoyancy of a main platform (i.e., pontoon craft).
3. Have the capacity to accommodate a passenger with a life preserver on board unless designed for one person only.
4. Routinely propelled with standard oars, paddles, sails, or small electric motors.
5. **Paddleboards are exempt from the above definition and not considered a “boat.”**

Amendments to Community Guidelines Article 4 Section 4.3.5 (a) Boating on Lake Montclair

a. All boats regularly used on Lake Montclair shall display a current MPOA registration. Canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards that are rented, borrowed or owned by authorized guests may be used on an infrequent basis without MPOA registration when accompanied by a valid MPOA Recreation Photo ID. All boats shall be registered annually in October at the MPOA office and shall display a current MPOA sticker on the port side of the bow. All boats must be maintained in good working order and appearance and shall be operated in accordance with federal, state and local requirements including, but not limited to, all requirements with respect to loading, life preservers and safety equipment. No boat of a length greater than eighteen feet shall be launched onto or used on the Lake without expressed consent of the MPOA Board of Directors. No boats may be moored or left unattended on the Lake after dark and before dawn except at the boat owner’s own MPOA approved dock. The owner of any boat moored on the Lake overnight shall register on the ArmstrongConnect webpage and shall provide management a telephone number or numbers at which the owner may be contacted.

Amendments to Community Guidelines Article 3 Section 3.3.1 (i, j, k) Standing Committees

h. Planning, Environs, Land Use, and Transportation Committee (PELT) – The PELT Committee monitors those matters which might have an impact on the community. When appropriate, the committee acts in the community’s interest as a liaison with are developers, businesses, and local government agencies. Some of the PELT Committee issues include planned area development with particular concern over the Powells Creek watershed, environmental dumping, and community promotion;

i. **h.** Safety Committee – The Safety Committee provides review of policies, safety procedures, related statistical data and communication of such to the MPOA membership and makes input to the BOD to enhance and maintain safety within the community. Recommendations and actions of the Committee are to promote and support safety awareness and membership participation in programs such as Neighborhood Watch, general safety measures and crime prevention; and

j. Sub-Association Committee – The Sub-Association Committee is intended to be a working group to provide a communication forum to explore awareness between the associations. The Committee will also provide opportunity to identify common cause and synergy of action between the associations.

The Montclair Seahawks Swim to Success!

The Montclair Seahawks summer swim team completed another successful season on July 27, winning the Prince William Swim League 2019 Orange Divisional Meet held at the Montclair Country Club.

Head coach Julie DeNard led the Seahawks to victory. The team had a 5-1 record coming into the divisional meet and scored 4032.5 points, defeating the Old Bridge Breakers (3773.5 points) and the Veterans Park Marlins (2983 points).

After losing to Old Bridge in 2018 and 2019 by hair-thin margins of 20 and 9 points, respectively, the Seahawks were expecting another close meet and came out fighting. The team took first among the three teams in 6 of the initial 11 relay races and never relinquished that lead.

The 13- and 14-year old boys were a key to the victory, sweeping all the top five spots in freestyle, three of the top five in the individual medley, four of five in backstroke, and three of five in butterfly. The 13- and 14-year old girls took four of five top spots in butterfly, and the 8- and-under girls took four of the top five spots in backstroke.

Longtime Montclair swimmer Jaret Lewis broke a team breaststroke record in the 15 to 18 age group in his final meet as a Seahawk. Swimmers who earned individual honors for posting times in the top 24 across the County

included Benjamin Avelis, Isabel Frederick, Michael Frederick, Jaret Lewis, Ella Mosley, Jack Supon, Samara Ussher, Kezia Ussher, and Katelyn Viggiani.

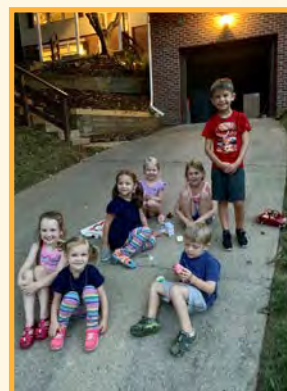
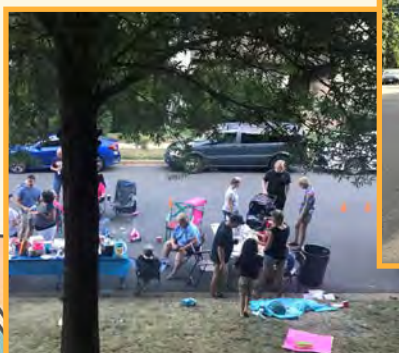
The coaches are especially proud of the team's development of less experienced swimmers. Several swimmers who couldn't swim across the pool to compete in the first meet of the season were able to swim freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke in the divisional meet and 90% of the team's 8-and-under developmental swimmers participated in at least one meet during the season.

The team was over 150 swimmers strong this season, with the majority being residents of Montclair or attending Montclair-area schools. The team is looking forward to expanding the developmental program to get even more local kids in the water in the coming years!

The Montclair Seahawks summer swim team is an independent 501(c)3 public charity, not affiliated with the MPOA, that has competed in the Prince William Swim League for over 45 seasons. The Seahawks home pool is the Montclair Country club, but neither Country Club membership or Montclair residency are required to join the team. Swimmers at every level are welcome and registration for the 2020 summer season will begin in March 2020!

- Written by John Avelis

BLOCK PARTY WEEKEND Fun times, great memories



FALL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6



No space rental fee required: this event is held right in your own yard! Host a street-wide sale or get together with a group to hunt for new-to-you treasures found right in your neighborhood. Get the kids involved and encourage your neighbors to participate - the more, the better!

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COVENANTS UPDATE *by Armin Neuman, MPOA Covenants Manager*

What is a PIR? How do I ensure it's completed before I submit?

A Property Improvement Request (PIR) is required for all additions or alterations that are not same-for-same or listed as Pre-Approved per Article 5 of the MPOA Guidelines. The top portion of the PIR requests your basic information as a Montclair homeowner. Please be sure to provide a current phone number and email address; this information will be important while processing the PIR if we need clarification on your application.

The second portion of the PIR is where you will provide us your detailed proposed alteration/addition to your property. The signature line on this document must be completed by the current owner of the property. Please be sure to reference Article 5 for what specific information must be included with your request (i.e. dimensions, color sample, current photo, drawing, property plat, etc.). Please be sure to read the boxed-in information carefully.

Lastly, the final portion requires four (4) neighbor signatures. These neighbors can be next door or adjacent from your property. The "Notify Me" check-box is available if your neighbor wishes to be notified of the date that your PIR will be reviewed.

Why do I need neighbor signatures?

The four (4) neighbor signatures are required to complete your PIR application and forward it for processing. The neighbor signatures do not constitute your neighbor's approval or disapproval. Neighboring homeowners are signing simply as an acknowledgement of your proposed plans. Homeowners with concerns regarding the PIR may contact the MPOA office within five (5) days for the Covenants Committee review.

Will someone be on my property?

Yes, the Volunteer Covenants Committee Members will be reviewing your property prior to voting on your application. Your PIR Acknowledgement Letter will reference the dates that the Covenants Committee Members may be out to review your property. This will provide an opportunity to speak with our Covenants Volunteers on-property regarding any questions or concerns you may have about your PIR.

Who are the Covenants Committee members?

The Covenants Committee currently consist of seven (7) Montclair homeowners. They take time out of their busy schedules volunteering to ensure that your application is reviewed on-property and voted on during the Covenants Committee Meetings. All Covenants Committee Members wear an identification badge provided by MPOA while reviewing properties.

My completed PIR has been approved by the Covenants Committee, now what?

Congratulations! The Montclair office will provide you a letter stating that your application was approved by the Covenants Committee for your records. The approval letter will specify that you are to take no action to begin the approved work during the ten (10) day period from the date of the notification, pending any possible appeal to the Architectural Appeals Board (AAB) by an objecting property owner, pursuant to Sec. 5.2.2 (d) of the MPOA Community Guidelines. If an appeal is not received within the ten-day time frame, the decision of the Covenants Committee is final.

All approvals are contingent upon compliance with the specifications set forth in the approved application to include the above stated stipulations. As the homeowner, you are responsible for obtaining all required zoning approvals and county permits for your change or addition.

Additionally, if the work has not commenced within one year from the date of committee approval, you will be required to reapply for the intended alteration/improvement. Covenants staff will re-visit your property after the one-year mark of your approval letter to ensure that your alteration/addition was completed per your PIR approval.

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COMMUNITY WATCH INCIDENT REPORT – MAY '19

SERIOUS INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB
Assault	-	-	-	-	-		0	3	0	1
Arson	-	-	-	-	-	No arson incidents.	0	0	0	0
Burglary / Att. Burglary	-	-	-	-	-	No burglaries reported.	0	4	1	1
Domestic Assault	1	2	-	-	-		3	7	7	8
Firearm Violation	-	-	-	-	-	No incidents reported.	0	0	0	2
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	No homicides.	0	0	0	0
Intoxicated in Public	-	-	-	-	2	Includes 1 DUI.	2	0	0	0
Larceny / Theft	1	-	-	-	1	Includes 1 incident at Community Library.	2	6	3	6
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	No robberies reported.	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	2	-	-	1	Includes incident at MPOA Building.	4	1	1	1
OTHER INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	MAY	APR	MAR	FEB
Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported.	0	22	14	16
Animal Complaints	1	4	2	4	2		13	3	3	3
Disorderly / Noise Violation	5	4	2	2	-	8 disorderly and 5 noise violations.	13	16	8	4
False Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported.	-	7	11	10
Miscellaneous	5	8	4	1	16	See notes below.	34	30	31	17
Solicitor / Panhandling	-	-	-	-	-	No solicitors or panhandling reported.	0	0	1	3
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	6	9	7	1	8		31	14	11	12
Traffic / Parking Violation	-	3	5	6	2	No private towing incidents noted.	16	15	23	26
Trespassing	1	-	1	1	1	Includes incident at MPOA Building.	4	0	2	1
Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	9	Includes incidents at major intersections.	9	11	15	8
TOTAL INCIDENTS	21	32	21	15	42		131	139	131	119

Misc: Pct.1 – 2 reports of drug possession w/ 1 contributing to the delinquency of a minor, 1 report of ID theft, and 1 report of a death; Pct.2 – 1 drug possession incident, 1 incident of loitering, 1 report of fraud, 1 fireworks violation, 1 report of a death, 1 report of missing and endangered adult, and 2 responses to traffic obstructions; Pct.3 – 1 report of property found, 1 incident of ID theft, 1 "property crime", and 1 report of a death; Pct.4 – 1 report of a death; WW Dr. – 1 drug possession incident, 1 report of child abuse/neglect, 4 motorist assist incidents, and 10 responses to traffic obstructions.

COMMUNITY WATCH INCIDENT REPORT – JUNE '19

SERIOUS INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR
Assault	-	-	-	-	-		0	0	3	0
Arson	-	-	-	-	-	No arson incidents.	0	0	0	0
Burglary / Att. Burglary	-	-	2	-	-		2	0	4	1
Domestic Assault	1	-	1	1	-		3	3	7	7
Firearm Violation	-	-	-	-	-	No incidents reported.	0	0	0	0
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	No homicides.	0	0	0	0
Intoxicated in Public	1	1	-	2	4	Includes 1 DUI and 1 under influence of drug	8	2	0	0
Larceny / Theft	-	1	1	-	-	Both incidents reflect motor vehicle thefts.	2	2	6	3
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	No robberies reported.	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	-	2	3	-	Includes incident at MPOA Building.	6	4	1	1
OTHER INCIDENTS	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	WWDr	Notes	JUN	MAY	APR	MAR
Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported.	0	0	22	14
Animal Complaints	1	2	2	7	3	Includes citations for failure to vaccinate.	15	13	3	3
Disorderly / Noise Violation	4	4	2	1	4	Includes 1 noise violation.	15	13	16	8
False Alarms	-	-	-	-	-	Not reported.	0	-	7	11
Miscellaneous	6	3	2	1	1	See notes below.	13	34	30	31
Solicitor / Panhandling	-	-	-	-	-	No solicitors or panhandling reported.	0	0	0	1
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	3	4	2	1	3		13	31	14	11
Traffic / Parking Violation	3	4	1	3	1	No private towing incidents noted.	12	16	15	23
Trespassing	2	2	-	-	-		4	4	0	2
Vehicle Accidents	2	1	2	1	5	Includes incidents at intersections and library.	11	9	11	15
TOTAL INCIDENTS	24	22	17	20	21		104	131	139	131

Misc: Pct.1 – 4 drug possession and paraphernalia incidents, 1 loitering incident, and 1 fireworks violation; Pct.2 – 2 drug possession and paraphernalia incidents, 1 report of attempted suicide; Pct.3 – 1 property crime and 1 report of a death; Pct.4 – 1 loitering incident; WW Dr. – 1 drug possession incident.



Oktoberfest



September 21, 2019
3:00 - 10:00pm

Join us at Dolphin Beach for a day of German-style family fun and food! With harvest festival games, rides and bounce houses for the kids, and a variety of fall beers for the adults, there's excitement for all ages at Oktoberfest!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES & PRICING

3 pm – 6 pm:

Alt Washingtonia Band
Carnival Games
Balloon Sculptor
Face Painting
Horse/Pony Rides

Horse/Pony Ride - 8 tickets per ride
Balloon Sculptor/Face Painting - 5 tickets per activity
Human Foosball - 4 tickets per game
All Day Bounce Pass - 3 tickets
Games - 1 ticket per game
21+ Games - 6 tickets per game

3 pm – 7 pm:

Bounce House
Human Foosball

\$0.50 per ticket

All ticket sales are final – nonrefundable.

6 pm – 9 pm:

Charm City Polka Band
21+ Party Drinking Games

FOOD, SNACKS AND DRINKS PRICING

\$0.50 per ticket

All ticket sales are final – nonrefundable.

Combo (hot dog + chips + soda) - 8 tickets

Chips - 2 tickets

Candy - 2 tickets

Small Candy - 1 ticket

Beer/Wine/Cider - 7 tickets**

***4 tickets during happy hour 5-6 pm*

Oktoberfest Beer Boots - 10 tickets per empty boot with lanyard

Canned Sodas - 2 tickets

Water - 1 ticket

Juice - 1 ticket

Bring cash or card to purchase activity tickets, drinks, snacks, and food from the food trucks.

Grill Master, Dave's Dogs and Kona Ice will be on-site. Food trucks *will not* accept tickets.

MUST be 21+ and have a valid government-issued ID in order to purchase alcoholic beverages; all IDs will be checked regardless of age.

Last call for food, snacks, tickets, and drinks (including alcoholic beverages) will be at 9:30 p.m.



ADDITIONAL OKTOBERFEST INFO

Parking - Bus Routes/Bike Parking

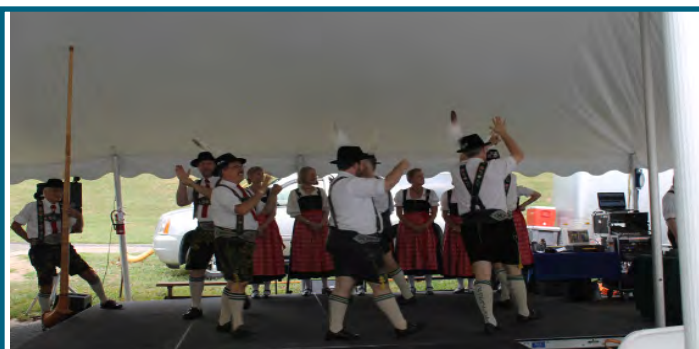
Must present Rec ID for entry on the bus and into event. Don't go looking around for a parking spot at Dolphin Beach: we are providing free transportation to and from Dolphin Beach for all major festivals! The bus will run 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Dolphin Beach parking lot will be closed. Check out the map of the stops. Bus will only stop at designated bus stops for safety purposes. If there is no one at the stop, the bus will proceed to the next stop. Bus stops will be adorned with a red bow. There will be a designated parking space on a first come, first served basis for bike parking - near the entrance to Spillway Lane and the Dam. It will be labeled, so keep an eye out!

Oktoberfest Parking, Road Closure & RESTRICTED ACCESS Notice

Those who live past the intersection of Boxwood Dr. and Dolphin Dr. were sent a letter regarding the scheduled road blockage for the September 21st event (3 p.m. – 10 p.m.) at Dolphin Beach. Event attendees are encouraged to use the bus transportation or utilize the bicycle parking. Please be kind to your neighbor's property when parking and be sure to follow all traffic laws. Residents that park beyond the blockage will be asked to move their cars (homeowners in the impacted area are an exception).

The parking lot at Dolphin Beach will be closed from September 19th through September 23rd. On September 21st from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m., Dolphin Beach and the parking lot will be closed in preparation for the biggest event this fall! Event structures, such as festival tents and portable restrooms, will be placed on-site and require delivery, assembly, disassembly, and pick-up.

To ensure the safety of residents, only MPOA Staff, designated Event Volunteers, Vendors and Contractors will be permitted in the area during this time. Please direct any questions or concerns to the MPOA Events Manager, Kat Egly, at events@montclairva.com.



NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

**Wednesday, November 6, 2019
7 p.m. at the MPOA Office**

Join us to get the scoop on Montclair,
ask questions about Committees
and connect with other homeowners.
Invitations will be sent in October.

We can't wait to meet you!

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday,
October 26, 2019
3 - 5 pm**

Location: TBD



Henderson Happenings – September 2019

The staff and students received a warm welcome from our Henderson Families as we entered the building on Monday, August 26, 2019. It was a joyous day to get our Huskies back in the Henderson Husky House. We had 250-plus parents walk their students into the building on the first day. Thank you to all our parents that came to lunch during the first week of school to support our Kindergarten students as they begin to learn our system in the café.

Please plan to attend our PTCO meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in the library from 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Our PTCO is busy planning all sorts of fun family events and always need volunteers to help with events. Please consider volunteering with them. We also have an Advisory Council that meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Henderson web page has more information about these two organizations.

Henderson Happenings video has returned. You can receive more information about the school by watching these videos. This year PWC Schools have instituted a new portal for parent information called ParentVue. You may download this app to receive information about your child's grades, lunch balance and attendance, as well as information about Henderson and our School Division. Please be sure to keep the school updated with your phone number and email address. This information is very important because this is the way a lot of our school news is conveyed.

The Leaders of the PACK are back, and we are looking forward to another exciting year of learning as we inspire the learner and ignite the potential!



Committee Corner - Elections



The Election Committee Needs You!

The MPOA Election Committee was established to provide recommendations to the Board of Directors and assist with the implementation of the voting process at annual and special meetings. The Election Committee serves a vital role in our community. Implementing and following voting procedures are extremely important to the community, as the right to vote for the Board of Directors and on other issues that affect a member's property are fundamental to homeownership. If this sounds interesting to you, the Election Committee is looking for homeowner volunteers who'd be willing to lend their time and abilities to this significant function. The Committee will be active from October 2019 through March 2020. Anyone interested in volunteering must be available to meet during the week in the daytime and must be a Montclair homeowner. If you're interested or would like to learn more, please contact Elizabeth McKeone, MPOA Executive Assistant, at execassist@montclairva.com or by phone at 703-670-6187.

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The Tamponathon Returns to MPOA

The annual Tamponathon collection at the MPOA office begins on Monday, September 2, 2019 and runs through Monday, September 30, 2019 during business hours. Initiated a few years ago by Montclair resident,

Emma Young, the Montclair Moms group was instrumental in making the feminine hygiene product drive for distribution to shelters, homeless outreach organizations, and schools a huge success, garnering positive press for the community.

"The collection effort for the Tamponathon here in Montclair is nothing short of astounding," said Montclairion Jennifer Palmer Lazzo. "Our community is always willing and able to help those in need, in a big way. Of the almost 13,000 personal products donated in 2018, the bulk came from Montclairions," she stated.

Lazzo, along with Montclairions Whitney Miller, Emma Young, and Sara Holt, delivered the donated tampons, pads, and reusable feminine hygiene products to school and shelters. "It was a humbling experience, delivering those donations. School nurses showed us bare cupboards and food pantries stocked empty shelves. If they can't afford food, they can't afford personal products," Lazzo said. "As women, the members of the Montclair Moms Group

all have some experience in the arena of feminine hygiene and the simple act of donating can help immensely," said Montclair Moms' Founder Linda Cheng-Kahn. "From a homeless woman who can gain a little dignity with appropriate feminine hygiene products to a teenager needing supplies and being able to obtain them from her school nurse. Women can empower one another through empathy."

This year several Montclair Moms have offered their homes for gathering and organizing supplies, and several more have offered to deliver the supplies. "Each year we receive requests from more schools and outreach pantries, and each year Montclairions have risen to the challenge, ensuring no woman need to miss school or work. It is heart-warming and reflects Montclairions' generosity and community-mindedness," Young said.

- Written by Emma Young



COYOTE SIGHTINGS



There have been some recent reports of coyote sightings in Prince William County. Most sightings have been reported in or around Manassas, Lake Jackson Drive and Prince William Parkway, and specifically in the Montclair neighborhood on the following streets: Jonathan, Barrington, and Cliffview. As human populations continue to rise and move into traditional wildlife habitats, human/wildlife contact becomes more prevalent.

Coyotes are primarily nocturnal; however they are commonly seen during the day in urban and suburban areas and are usually attracted by a food source or appealing areas to make dens such as under porches/decks, crawl spaces, or out-buildings. The best way to prevent them from becoming a problem is to not give them a reason to take up residence in your community.

- If anyone in the neighborhood is feeding wildlife directly - or

indirectly - it can cause trouble for everybody. Feeding wildlife will cause coyotes and other wildlife to lose their natural fear of humans.

- Do not leave pet food outside; keep pet feeding areas clean.
- Remove bird feeders when problem species have been seen around them.
- Close up all openings under and into your buildings. Animals look for places to make dens and raise their young - don't give them that opportunity.
- Clear fallen fruit from around trees.
- Keep brushy areas in your yard cut down to prevent cover for coyotes.
- Keep small pets inside and on a leash when outside; they may be viewed by a coyote as prey. Larger dogs are viewed as a threat, particularly from January to June while coyotes are mating and birthing pups. Keep dogs on a leash at all times when off your property.
- Install coyote proof fencing to protect unsupervised pets.

Authorities are telling people that if a coyote does approach them, which is unusual, they can make a lot of noise either by clapping, yelling or stomping their feet to scare the coyotes away.

If a coyote appears to be sick, injured, or acting aggressively, call Animal Control at 703-792-6500.

For further information, please refer to the following link: <http://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/police/animalcontrol/Pages/Nuisance-Wildlife.asp>

Delegate Elizabeth Guzman's Message

Dear Montclairians,

I hope that this warm summer has been treating you all well. This past month Carlos Hopkins, Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs joined myself and my fellow legislators for a veteran's town hall. We had a robust discussion with the community about the fantastic advancements we have made for our veterans and their families this past session. It is important that we do all we can to take care of those who have risked life and limb to protect the United States. If you have suggestions on how we can better serve the veteran community here in Prince William County, please submit them to my office. If you or anyone you know is in need of help with veteran services here in Virginia please reach out so we can get to work connecting them with the correct agency.



Elizabeth Guzman
Delegate

I wanted to provide an update on the Henderson Elementary School intersection and other measures taken to improve the safety on Waterway Drive. The Prince William County Department of Transportation is continuing to gather speed data and pedestrian counts this summer and into the school year at different points on Waterway as part of their analysis of Waterway Drive. They are still looking into various options for signage and pavement markings to address the issues facing your community. These findings and more will be discussed at a public meeting in late-September.

Later this month I will be hosting an Environmental Town Hall in Fauquier County. On August 31st at 12:00 PM we will be at Old Bust Head Brewing Company located at 7134 Farm Station Road, Vint Hill Farms, VA 20187. I encourage all of you to join me and learn how the Commonwealth is working to ensure our water, soil, and air are being taken care of for the next generation.

I have been knocking on doors in our community learning about the issues that you care about most. Many of you have indicated to me that we need more resources for special education, public transportation, street lighting, and public safety. Should you meet myself or my team on the doors please let us know what issues impact your lives the most and how we can better serve the Montclair community. Remember that I am your voice in Richmond and want to ensure that all my constituents in the 31st District have a voice in the General Assembly. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance. My office handles a wide range of constituent cases and will work diligently to fix your problem.

Yours in Service,

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Did you know Montclair has its own Free Little Library? If you're new to Montclair or haven't been to Kids' Dominion, you may not know that Montclair has a vibrant Free Little Library that has a constant stream of books flowing in and out of its cute little "house." Residents can take a book or leave a book - or both! Kids love stopping by and picking up a new-to-them book to bring home after a fun day at the park. Each resident can help by keeping it stocked with great stories, new releases and relevant reading material. It's a great way to share a story you loved!

Montclair's Free Little Library was donated by Patti Engstrom as a tribute to her cousin, Gene Broderson, a Montclair resident and advocate of children's literacy who passed away in September 2013.

The Free Little Library movement has humble beginnings. In 2009, Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse. It was a tribute to his mother; she was a teacher who loved to read. He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it, so he built several more and gave them away. This caught the attention of other book enthusiasts who were inspired by the growing network of "take a book, leave a book." Over time, Free Little Libraries began to pop up in coffee shops, parks, and public spaces. Now there are more than 90,000 registered Little Free Library book-sharing boxes in 91 countries worldwide.

Stop by and browse the selection. Sweater weather is the perfect time for curling up with a great book!

- Written by Ginger Golembiewski



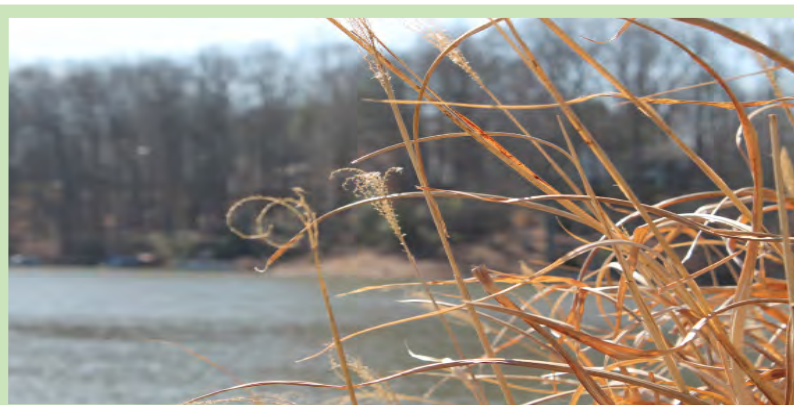
Montclair History

Did you know?

In 1844, a post office was established at the home of Dewitt Alexander, at what is now Minnieville Road and Cardinal Drive. The post office was named Minnieville, after Alexander's youngest daughter, Minnie. Two years later, a school named Minnieville School opened across the street. The area surrounding these establishments became known as Minnieville.

Henry Dane owned 211 acres in Minnieville and his home became known as "Pilgrim's Rest" due to the hospitality extended to travelers.

The post office remained in service until May 31, 1924. The Minnieville name continued until the 1960s. With the development of Dale City and Montclair, the name faded into history.



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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.

Garden Club of Montclair

On Tuesday, September 24, 2019, the Garden Club of Montclair will have a speaker on Deer Proofing and a potluck lunch at the Southlake Recreation Center. The club's recent and upcoming field trips include Glenstone in Potomac, MD and the PWC Landfill tour. This fall we will enjoy floral arranging in preparation for the holidays.

We invite residents who have interest in joining the Garden Club of Montclair to call Carol Scarton at 703-361-3181 or email carol.scarton@comcast.net for more information. You can learn more about our group by visiting a meeting.

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Soroptimist International of the Americas is 501 (c) (3) organization which improves the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. Years of experience has taught us that education is the key to unlocking economic empowerment of the world's women and girls. When women and girls are educated, they have opportunity, choice, and power to make healthy decisions for themselves and their families. SI-Woodbridge, chartered in 1977, is one of its 1,300 clubs in 21 countries and territories.

SI-Woodbridge meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Montclair Country Club, at 6:30pm. We would like to extend an open invitation to all ladies in Montclair who would like to join us in our mission to empower women and girls. Contact at: siwoodbridge@soroptimist.net.

Library

Kids:

The Baby-Sitters Club Series Book Club
Ages 8-12
Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.

Los Novios de Martita: Rock en español
All ages
Saturday, September 28, 2:00 p.m.

Sensory Yoga
Grades K-6 with caregiver
Wednesday, September 18, 5:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

Crafts & Creations
Grades K-5 with caregiver
Tuesday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

Story Times:

Toddler Story Time
Ages 18-36 months with caregiver
Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time
Ages 3-6 with caregiver
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Spanish Preschool Story Time
Ages 2-6 with caregiver
Thursday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.

Adults:

Once Upon a Crime Book Club
Monday, September 16, 2:00 p.m.

Financial Planning
Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.

Montclair Quilts
First Tuesdays and Third Thursdays,
September 3, 19, 6:30 p.m.

Prince William Photography Club
Thursday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.

Writers' Room
Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.

>> Beer on the Beach:
September 6

>> Oktoberfest:
September 21

>> Community Yard Sale:
October 5-6

>> Halloween Trunk or Treat:
October 26

>> New Member Reception:
November 6

>> Saturday with Santa:
December 14

>> The Montclair Classics:
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>> Holiday Home Decorating:
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Montclair Flotilla 2019 Events

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Senior Boat Cruise - 10/11

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Around Town - September Events

September 1

The Labor Day Concert in D.C.
8:00 p.m.

The Labor Day Capitol Concert is an annual tradition in Washington, D.C., happening each year on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. The performance is free to the public, and the National Symphony Orchestra often performs patriotic songs in honor of the holiday. Gates open at 3:00 p.m. Open rehearsal at 3:30 p.m. The public access points are at 3rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW and 3rd Street and Maryland Avenue, SW. The closest Metro stations are Union Station and Capitol South. Call the NSO Summer Concert Hotline at (202) 416-8114 after 2:00 p.m. for details. No tickets are required for this event.

Location: West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater.

September 7

2019 Tank Farm Open House
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Military historical demonstrations, living history units, K9 demos, keynote speakers, military vehicles and tanks and flamethrower demos. The Voices of Freedom will be conducting wartime interviews. Food vendors on-site. Sponsored by the Americans in Wartime Museum, a future museum coming to Prince William County.

Location: 13906 Aden Rd, Nokesville

September 8

Out of Darkness Walk
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Free event.

Location: Harris Pavilion, 9201 Center St, Manassas

September 10

Homeschool Days: Codes & Communication
10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Homeschool students are invited to learn about how the military uses codes to communicate. Students will be cracking several different types of codes through hands-on projects and challenges. Free event.

Location: National Museum of the Marine Corps, 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Triangle

September 14

World Heritage Festival & Festival of Kites
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Enjoy a cultural performance show with folk dances from Bolivia, Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, India, Japan, Lebanon, Romania, Turkey and much more!

Around Town - August Events

There are several food vendors who will showcase ethnic food, fresh smoothies and traditional beverages. More than 60 artists displaying everything from fine art to jewelry, ceramics to crafts, and every creative item in between. Other vendors include area nonprofit organizations, entrepreneurs, and local businesses. The kids zone has activities and games throughout the day. Free event.

Location: Manassas Museum Lawn, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas

Pattie Elementary Fall Festival **3:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

A community event with rides, games, food trucks, vendor tables and more!

Location: Pattie Elementary, 16125 Dumfries Rd, Dumfries

“A Carnival of the Absurd” **Opening Reception** **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

The Carnival of the Absurd, a solo art exhibit of original works by John Hartt, features paintings that blend themes of carnival sideshow, Sunday morning cartoons, conspiracy theory and just plain weirdness. The art show will run September 4th through November 2nd, with the opening reception on September 14th.

Location: The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory, 9419 Battle Street, Manassas

September 15 **Arts Alive!** **1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

This 8th annual family-friendly arts festival features Prince William County Arts Council members and other community performers and fine artists. Enjoy activities for all ages, multiple stages of performances indoors and out, plus food and craft vendors with items for sale. Come out and celebrate your local arts community! Free, no tickets required.

Location: Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Cir., Manassas



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September 21 **The 4th Annual Fredericksburg** **Independent Book Festival** **10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Meet, talk with, and buy books from independent children's book authors, young adult novelists, poets, and other fiction and nonfiction writers from around the state. There will be author readings, signings, and food truck(s). The event is free and family friendly.

Location: Held on Sophia Street (between Hanover and Charlotte) in Fredericksburg

September 28 **Safety Awareness Community Day** **9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

The Safety Awareness Community Day Event is an opportunity for the community to come together to learn about safety for their homes and our community. This event was designed to bring a greater awareness for safety and to help strengthen the family and our communities. There will be free food, vendors, raffles, moon-bounce, live DJ/performance, and much more! For more information go to <http://powermaxcompany.org/events/>

Location: 14000 Smoketown Road,

Woodbridge

Fall Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show **10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

This award-winning outdoor street festival features hundreds of artisans and crafters from all over the region, delicious food, interactive activities for the kids, a beer garden and bands in the park. Admission is free. Visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information.

Location: Historic Occoquan. Off-site parking with shuttle service is available at Lake Ridge Commuter Lot (corner of Old Bridge Rd and Minnieville Rd) and other sites.

Want More Info?

- Visit Prince William County
www.visitpwc.com
- Visit Fredericksburg
www.visitfred.com
- Historic Manassas
<http://visitmanassas.org/>

Share your event with us! Email event date, time and description to Ginger at communications@montclairva.com by the 5th of the month prior to the event for inclusion.



Tips to Ease Back-to-School Anxiety



The start of the new school year is exciting for most kids. But it also prompts a spike in anxiety: Even kids who are usually pretty easy-going get butterflies, and kids prone to anxiety get clingier and more nervous than usual. Parents feel the pain, too. Leaving a crying child at preschool isn't anyone's idea of fun. And having to talk a panicked first grader onto the bus or out of the car at school can be a real test of your diplomatic skills.

Kids who normally have a little trouble separating from mom and dad will see their anxiety peak during times of stress or transition, notes Rachel Busman, clinical psychologist at the Child Mind Institute. The start of school may be especially challenging for kids who are entering a transition year, she adds — going into kindergarten, into middle school, to a new school. It can also be stressful if there's a change in your child's social support system — maybe a good friend has moved or has a different teacher this year.

For most kids the new-school-year worries will fade and the anxious behaviors will be transient, Dr. Busman adds. The goal for parents is to be supportive without exacerbating your child's worries. Here are tips for helping nervous kids have a successful transition back to school.

Take your own temperature

For parents, the start of the year can be anxiety inducing, too, Dr. Busman notes. The pressures on you to reinstate routines after the summer break and arrange for new activities and schedules, not to speak of facing the resumption of homework. Dr. Busman recommends taking your own temperature to make sure you're not passing on stress to your kids. And to enable you to manage your own stress, she says, it's important not to take on

more commitments than the family can handle comfortably.

Listen to worries

When kids express anxiety about going back to school — a new teacher, increases in homework, making a team, a friend crisis — do listen seriously. Rather than dismissing these fears (“Nothing to be worried about! You'll be fine!”) listening to them and acknowledging your child's feelings will help him feel more secure. And if he wants to, you can bolster his confidence by helping him strategize about how to handle things he's concerned about. But keep in mind that kids often want to be able to talk about something they're upset about without expecting you to fix them. Your job is to validate their feelings (“I know that's hard”) and demonstrate confidence that they can handle the situation.

Don't ask questions that suggest you expect kids to be anxious (“Are you worried about having Mr. Connelly for math?”) but check in with them in a more casual way. “It doesn't have to be a half-hour discussion,” notes Dr. Busman, “but in the car on the way to get a new backpack, you might ask “Do you know what you're going to be learning in math this year?” Kids often say more when there is less pressure to “have a talk.”

Do some test runs

If you anticipate that your child will be seriously nervous on the first day, it helps to give her time to get used to the new school or new classroom in advance. Go to the school several times before school starts and do as much walking the halls as you can, to locate her classroom, the lavatory, the cafeteria, the playground. Repetition is good; going by again just to ask a question at the office, or drop

off a form, gives her more chances to get comfortable being there.

If you can, introduce her to her teacher.

Let her practice staying in the classroom a few minutes while you walk down the hall to drop off a note the nurse's office. Even driving to the school on the weekend and having her practice getting out of the car at the drop-off point can help her get familiar with that routine.

Let someone know

If your child needs extra support to make a successful transition, let someone at school know — his teacher, an aide, the school psychologist or the school nurse. You want to communicate that your child is looking forward to school and is excited — you're sure he'll be fine — but he will be much more comfortable if he can meet the teacher briefly and see the classroom before the crowded, chaotic first day, when all the other kids will be there.

Arrange for a hand-off

If you think your child will be reluctant to separate, it's very helpful to have someone primed to meet and engage her when you arrive. Asking the child for help is a good way to do that — “Can you help me carry all the magnet tiles over to this bin?”

Giving the child a role is transparent, Dr. Busman notes. “They're not pretending the parents aren't leaving, but they're helping your child get involved in the classroom, be part of the community. Kids for the most part love to please adults and want to be part of the activity, so it can really help take their minds off anxiety.”

For more information, visit:

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/tips-to-ease-back-to-school-anxiety-620832>.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Communications 7 p.m. SRA 7 p.m.	2 Covenants Sub-Comm 6:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Community Yard Sale
6 Community Yard Sale	7 Community Events 7 p.m.	8	9 Board of Directors Executive 7 p.m. Open 7:30 p.m.	10 Covenants 7 p.m.	11 LFMC Signage Sub-Committee 10 a.m.	12 ASHA 9 a.m.
13	14	15	16 Landscape & Facilities Mgmt. 7 p.m.	17 IHA 7 p.m. WETA 7:30p.m.	18	19
20	21 Lake Management 7 p.m.	22 Triathlon 7 p.m.	23	24 Covenants 7 p.m.	25	26 Trunk or Treat 3 p.m.
27	28	29 History 7 p.m.	30	31		

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