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RCHCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING • MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018 • 7:30 PM GRACE EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL • 9411 CONNECTICUT AVE

The Winter Meeting of the Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association will be held on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 PM, at Grace Episcopal Day School, 9411 Connecticut Avenue. Please find agenda items on page 2. Only dues-paid members will be able to vote at the meeting. Dues are \$40 per household per calendar year and may be paid online at www.RCHCA.org, in person by cash or check at the meeting, or by sending a check payable to "RCHCA" to our Treasurer, Maria Marzullo, at 9801 East Bexhill Drive, Kensington, MD 20895, using the enclosed envelope. *Additional contributions are always welcome.*

President's Message

My walks to visit the Rock Creek beavers at the Kensington Parkway bridge (see <http://bit.ly/Beeevers>) have become easier and safer, thanks to the creek-side sidewalk recently installed along Kingston Road.

In accord with votes of the membership at the Autumn RCHCA meeting, we reached out to the County's Transportation Department to request streetscape modifications to make our community safer for all road users—especially children accessing the new Silver Creek Middle School on foot. We received a very upbeat response (You can read the correspondence at rchca.org). So, getting around may become easier and safer!

Best regards,
Jim Pekar, President, RCHCA

Message from the Welcome Committee



We are happy to welcome 14 new homeowners to Rock Creek Hills since April of last year. Several more homes are or will be offered for sale in the near future. If you haven't received your "welcome bag", or if

you have questions about the area, feel free to ask Suzanne Mintz, suzschulman@gmail.com; Kathy Morgan, kmorgan1501@gmail.com; or Erica Weiss, ericahertzweiss@gmail.com.

Thanks to Carol and Jim Branscome!

We are grateful to Carol and Jim Branscome for decades of faithful maintenance of McNeely triangle on Saul Road. The triangle was dedicated by a former neighbor, Sy McNeely, in memory of his wife Lee McNeely, who perished in the 1982 Air Florida crash. We are grateful to the Branscomes for their selfless devotion to keeping that triangle—a main entry to our community—planted with annuals, weeded, trimmed, mulched, and watered.

By the way, St. Mary's County Public Schools presents an annual award in honor of Sy McNeely: "The Simon A. McNeely Honor Award is presented to those individuals who have demonstrated active involvement in school and community affairs, along with outstanding teaching and service in the field of physical education."

Join RCHCA Email Network

The Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association e-mail network, rchcanet, is for families of Rock Creek Hills. We urge everyone with email access to sign up for this, as it allows information about the neighborhood, planned events, etc., to be easily disseminated in a timely manner. This communication forum is not intended to replace any existing communications. Instructions on how to join may be found on the RCHCA website, rchca.org, under the "communications" tab at top.

Other Items?

Please contact any Board member if you know of any other items for the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR WINTER MEETING

Pedestrian Safety & Streetscape Improvements

An update will be provided on correspondence with the County Transportation Department regarding possible sidewalks, traffic calming, and intersection modifications.

Permit Parking

An update will be provided on requests for Permit Parking near the Middle School.

Environmental Update

An update will be provided on correspondence with the County Parks Department regarding enhancing stream bank protection for Silver Creek. Also, Silver Creek Middle School plans to hold a Creek Cleanup event in the Spring.

Neighborhood Signage Update

A proposed design for the signage will be presented for review and feedback.

Under consideration is entry point signage at five locations:

- Beach Drive & Old Spring Road
- Beach Drive & Kensington Parkway
- Connecticut Avenue & Saul Road
- Kent Street & Stoneybrook Drive
- Stoneybrook Drive & Hill Street

Plans for entry point signage have been on the backburner for quite some time. A revitalized push to see this come to fruition has been initiated. We need your feedback and support to finally give Rock Creek Hills the exceptional designation that it deserves.

Covenants Update

An update will be provided on efforts to reach a settlement in the fence litigation. We are grateful for many generous contributions of time and money to support the litigation and the covenants.

Nominating Committee Update

As mentioned at the Autumn 2017 meeting, your President, Treasurer, and Secretary do not wish to stand for re-election. RCHCA Past President John Robinson has agreed to chair a Nominating Committee, and Rock Creek Hills residents Fern

Shepard, Winnie Holbrook, and Gary Ditto have agreed to serve on it. Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to indicate your willingness to serve on the RCHCA Board.

Please note that the election of officers will be deferred until the Spring meeting of the RCHCA, in order to allow time for settlement of the fence litigation.

Treasurer's Report and Dues for this Calendar Year

As of publication the RCHCA checking account has a balance of \$5,419 and the RCHCA savings account a balance of \$10,102. Thus, funds for operations are \$15,521. All invoices are paid. Recent legal expenses related to covenants have yet to be filed by the attorney.

Dues for the 2018 are \$40 and should be sent to Maria Marzullo at 9801 E. Bexhill Drive, Kensington, MD 20895.

Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association Balance Sheet

AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Assets

RCHCA Checking	\$5,419
RCHCA Savings	\$10,102
Total Assets	\$15,521

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