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# Millwood-Waterford Newsletter P.O. Box 47607 District Heights, MD 20747

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2020

2020 has been an unusual year for the whole World, our lives have been turned upside down, our freedom to roam has come to an end as "Covid-19" slammed us to and fro, and has taken from some of us our loved ones and friends.

To help us to live as normal as possible under these conditions, we went into action. We cancelled our public meetings and started our monthly meeting via phone. We distributed masks to all residents to offset the virus. We continued our other activities with caution.

Our National Night Out in August and our Annual Picnic in September were cancelled. Our Christmas Award Night was changed to a "Drive By" with a live "Santa and his Helpers."

We continued (but modified) our clean up events to pick up trash, remove signs from sidewalks and light poles, picked up trash from our connecting roads — Shady Glen Drive and Walker Mill Road, weeding and clipping our flower beds on Shady Glen Drive, and trimmed our 26 crepe myrtle trees on Walker Mill Road and Shady Glen Drive. All of this was done with caution.

During our Monthly Meetings we had the following speakers:

• Sherma Brisseau – The Health Department. Topic: Healthy Eating and COVID-19 update.

• Wayne Lucus – The Department of Public Works. Topic:Trash and Trash Removal.

• Jason Sproul – Neighborhood Design Inc. Topic: Planting and re-planting trees in the Community and in Prince George's County.

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• Revenue Authority Representative – Topic: Abandoned automobiles in yards and streets and parking on grass.

• Pepco Representative – Topic: Replacing wood poles with taller metal poles in Prince George's County.

• School Board Updates given by Belinda Queen School Board Representative.

• Update on Walker Mill Middle School. A new school to be built by 2023.

Central High School – renovation to be completed by Sept. 2021

We continued to keep our residents informed on County and Health issues by flyers and speakers at our meetings.

The scholarship recipients received scholarship awards (see scholarship report).

Our election for 2021 was completed via phone (see new officers).

Residents who were ill or who lost loved one were remembered (see report).

Our records were audited and found correct. Walkers continued to exercise on the Millwood Walking trail, and I say, "Life goes on."

I appreciate the dedication and assistance the community has shown in our desire to keep our community safe and livable. Each resident, and especially the younger residents, should become involved in the efforts. The community cannot survive without care. Thank you all for being involved. Together we can keep the community attractive, clean, safe and "A Good Place to Call Home."

Respectfully,

# Margaret White

President Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association

2021 Meeting Dates		
January 11	June 14	
February 8	September 13	
March 8	October 11	
April 12	November 8	
May 10	December 13	

# 2020 New Scholarship and Continuing Education Award Recipients

On October 12, 2020, during our virtual regular meeting, the Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc. awarded one new scholarship to a 2020 high school graduate from Central High School who is also a resident of the Millwood-Waterford community. He is the first community recipient in many years. Five continuing education scholarships were awarded to the continuing education recipients. These students were previously awarded Millwood-Waterford scholarships and are allowed to reapply each year through their fourth year of college, as long as they meet the criteria and there has been no break in their college matriculation since their freshman year.

## **New Award Recipient:**

### Name

College/University

Kendall Hughes Griggs

University of MD Eastern Shore

### **Continuing Education Award Recipients:**

Name	College/University
Ashley Gray	Virginia State University
Stephen Thompson	Hampton University
Warren Pinkett	Stevenson University
John M. Coffee, Jr.	Salisbury State University
Kendall Joyner	Prince Georges Community College

# **2020 Scholarship Fundraising**

In 2020, Fundraising and Entertainment Committee fundraising events and activities were halted by the Cornavirus pandemic. We are grateful to supporters of



the planned and paid for trip to the Site and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania to see "Queen Esther" who donated all or a part of their refunds totaling \$1,675 to the Scholarship Program. In addition, we are most appreciative to all residents who responded to our monthly appeal to support the Scholarship Program since we were not able to do any in-person

fundraising activities. We offer a bouquet of red roses to the following 2020 supporters. It is because of their support that we were able to award \$3,900.00 in scholarship awards in 2020.

Tax deductible donations will be needed 2021 in order to continue to award scholarships to deserving high school graduates and our continuing education students. Donations should be made payable to: MWCA, INC. and mailed to P.O. Box 47607, District Heights, MD 20747. Please write Scholarship Fund in the memo line of the check or money order.

### 2020 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS:

- Albertha Smith
- Eudora & Therman Plater
- Walter & Linda Redmond
- Ernest Collins
- Daniel & Eloise Bethea
- Roland & Valeria Wilson
- LueCrecie Gladney
- Dora Russell
- Janice Gaskins
- Marion Criddle
- Benita Nelson-Tutt
- Arnita Shelton
- Vincent & Espanola Turner
- Mary Henderson
- Reginald Russell
- Joann Birt
- Leslie J. Harris
- Daisy Stith
- Helen Harvey
- Bettie Hall
- Mary Ruffin
- Mary Watson
- Thelma Byrd

- Dorothy Mae Butler
- Deborah A. White
- Loubert Johnson
- Doris Hughes
- Cora O. Dixon
- Cassandra Williams
- Sidney & Sadie Hall
- Bettie McClure
- Deserie Curry
- Gwendolyn McFadden
- Reginald & Dorothy Grier
- Gregory Cheseman
- Betty Dent
- Bettye Robertson
- Phyllis Dixon
- Sally Watkins
- Edna E. Simmons
- Margaret White
- Betty Watkins
- Linda Redmond
- Hellen Beard
- Olivio Green
- John Murphy

# **Christmas Celebration Live**

Thanks to many components and friends we celebrated our "Christmas Award Event" in Living Color and masked.

Santa's sleighs all decked out with garland, holly and bells, and residents wearing masks, met in the parking lot of John Bayne school waiting to begin the snowy trail to receive gifts from Santa and his Helpers who were just coming from wonder, wonderland to bring gifts for all.

The trees on Walker Mill snowy trail were all decorated with Christmas garland, bells and holly,

What a beautiful sight.

At last! At the stroke of 1 pm on Saturday, December 19, 2020, thanks to Captain Chad Schmich of District 8





Police Department, his "two men in blue," escorted the parade down Walker Mill Road with traffic stopped, lights flashing, horns blowing, folks waving and shouting out "Merry Christmas" as they drove by to receive gifts from Santa and his Helpers. More than 89 gifts were given to the caravan of masked men, women and children by Santa and his Helpers.

Awards were given to the seven "Shining Star Volunteers" of 2020 for their unselfish service to the community.

A good time was had by all in "Such a Time as This."











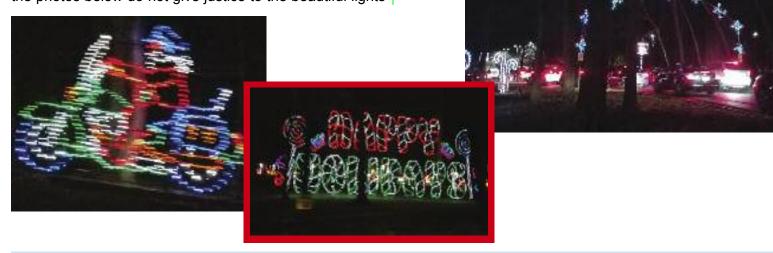


The Village's Voice

# **Christmas Lights Display at Watkins Regional Park**

Some residents from the Millwood-Waterford community took time to enjoy the annual magnificent Christmas lights display at Watkins Regional Park in December 2020. If you have not had an opportunity to enjoy this most beautiful display, you are missing a treat. It seems that MNCPP-Parks and Recreation out did themselves again this year. Yes, it gets better and better each year. While the photos below do not give justice to the beautiful lights

and animation in the Park, you can at least get an idea of what you may have missed. It is a wonderful drive through opportunity for all ages. The display starts the Friday after Thanksgiving and continues through the end of the year. You do not want to miss the 2021 Christmas lights at Watkins Regional Park.



# SYMPATHY

We send our deepest condolences to those who lost family members in 2020. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

James Thompson	Mother
Thomas Johnson	
Goudy Family	Wife
Richard Mosley	Son
Elaine Russell	Mother
Marion Criddle	Sister-in-law & sister
Margaret Branch	Sister
Alston Family	Husband
Reginald Russell	Sister

Barbara Futrell	Husband
Lucas Family	Husband
Diane Webb	Mother
Evans Family	Grandson
Edna Simmons	Sister
Dollie Smith	Sister
Kevin Prout	Mother 🚬
Freddie Dawkins	Daughter-in-law
Robert Frazier	
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## Get Well Wishes

The Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association sends it warmest get well wishes to neighbors who are sick and shut in. We hope you feel better as each day goes by and wish continued blessings to all.

#### MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC., P.O. BOX 47607, DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747 REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc. (MWCA) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution to the scholarship fund is fully tax-deductible as allowed under IRS rules. We would greatly appreciate your financial support to help the youth of Prince George's County pursue their dream of a college or vocational education. Our youngsters are our future leaders. We believe that an education beyond high school is the key to their success. You can be a part of their success by contributing to the Millwood-Waterford Scholarship Fund. Please make your check or money order payable to MWCA, Inc. In the memo line, write Scholarship Fund. Mail to Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc., P.O. Box 47607, District Heights, MD 20747.

Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE:

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

# **Shining Star Volunteer** Awards for 2020

The Volunteer Award Event for 2020 was held via phone. These "Shining Star



Volunteers" were recognized for their willingness to assist in our events and projects at a moment's notice throughout the year.

Crockpot

Crockpot

Many thanks to our Area Manager, Anika O'Niel from Parks and Recreation for the award gifts.

Congratulations to:

- Deserie Curry Gift Card Mary Henderson Gift Card
- Anita Shelton Gift Card
- Karen Queen Gift Card
- Helen Beard
- Anita Wise
- Bobby Gladney Crockpot

# **MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$**

#### Membership Dues for 2021 are due now!!!

Please pay dues with a check either to your Block Captain or mail them to the Post Office Box. Remember our dues help pay for our P.O. Box rental, printing, paper, ink cartridges and stamps. Your dues COUNT and are important to the Association's operation. Please continue to do your part by paying your dues of only \$10.00 per year, per household.

### **Citizens Association Officers** and Committee Chairs

#### **2021 Officers**

Margaret White	President	
Valeria Wilson	Vice President	
Ruth Moore	Secretary	
LueCrecie Gladney	Treasurer	
James Wise, Sr.	Asst. Treasurer	

#### **2021** Committee Chairs

Valeria Wilson - Fundraising Hellen Beard – Scholarship Chair Valeria Wilson - Newsletter Editor Karen Queen - Special Events (Picnic, etc) Felecia Atcherson – Hospitality Hellen Beard – Block Captains

# KEEP IN TOUCH – COMMUNICATE

Thanks to the faithful Block Captains and other volunteers who assisted them during 2020. Some Block Captains have been volunteers for over 10 years and also hold other positions. The Block Captains are the life line of the community: informing residents of new or changes in the County regulations for residential communities. They remind residents of county regulations on abandon vehicles, excessive trash in yard; large items left in yard or in street. Also, they distributed masks to residents early during the pandemic.

# Get to Know Your Block Captains ...

IF YOU LIVE HERE	YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN	PHONE
Ashdale Road, Ashdale Court, Longleaf	Charles & Rosa Harley	(301) 350-3981
Sitka Lane	Thomas Johnson	(301) 336-9096
Applewood Street	Vacant	
Logwood Road	Purnell Hudson	(301) 808-6012
Beechnut Road	Harold Whalen	(301) 499-2502
Bethal Drive	Vacant	
Waterford Drive (1300-1316) <i>a</i> nd (1400-1412)	Sonja Foggie (Delivers flyers only)	(301) 336-6574
Fanwood Court	Andorus Arrington	(301) 499-0252
Elderberry Place	Felicia Atcherson	(301) 336 0222
Orange Tree Court	LueCrecie Gladney	(301) 350-8172
Iron Forge Road (1217-1406)	Vacant	
Millrace Road & Millrace Court	Willie Smith	(301) 336-1192
Millwright Street	Arnita Sheldon	(202) 439-3771
Millwoof Drive	Vacant Bettye Robertson (collects dues only	(301) 336-4653
Millwheel Street	John Murphy	(301) 350-5073
Shady Glen Drive (1211-1405)	Hellen Beard (Delivers flyers only)	(240) 595-3844
Shady Glen Drive (1407 - 1430)	Shirley Montague	(301) 336-8161
Shady Glen Drive & Court (901-1005 and 7600-7603)	Marilyn Brown	(202) 704-4668
Shady Glen Drive (500-604)	Doris Hughes	(301) 350-9659
Walker Mill Road	Vacant	
Waterford Drive (1103 - 1116) and (1200-1216)	James & Arnita Wise	(301) 336-1291

# Helpful Information from the Department of the Environment: Call 311 to Report These Issues

### Please note the following hints and tips regarding preparing your Household Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste and Bulky Trash for pickup: General:

- Collection is not considered missed until after 8 PM on your collection day. Please do not call before that time to report a miss.
- All items must be placed AT THE CURB before 6 AM on your collection day.
- Items must not be blocked by a vehicle in any way.
- Trash and Recycling Containers or Yard Waste may not exceed 60 pounds in weight.
- Recyclables or Yard Waste may not be mixed in with regular Household Trash

### Recycling:

- Trash may not be placed in Recycling containers
- Non-Recyclables may not be placed in Recycling Containers (i.e. plastic bags and film)
- Containers must be clearly marked for Recycling if not a County issued recycling container.

#### Yard Waste:

- Yard Waste must be in paper bags NO PLASTIC.
- Yard Waste may be placed in a container marked "YARD WASTE" or "YARD TRIM"

- Branches must be no more than 4 feet long or 3 inches in diameter
- Branches must be bundled and tied. **Bulky Trash:**
- Additional items may not be added to the Bulky Pickup once the request has been scheduled.
- Household Trash, Recycling or Yard Waste may not be included in a Bulky pickup
- Improper Materials may not be included (ex. Glass/Mirrors, Auto Parts, Construction Materials, etc.)
- Infested items may not be included (bed bugs, rats, roaches, etc.)

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION from Community Standard Committee (CSC) – VIOLATIONS**

Department of Enforcement (DOE) – County Inspectors drive through and inspect all communities. It's their job to inspect and issue violation notices directly to the homeowner(s). The MWCA sends violation notices and if no response, a copy of the violation notice is forwarded to the Department of Environmental Resources for action.

#### HELP CLEAN YOUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD

• Please help keep our community and streets clean of trash and signs. ESPECIALLY THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE!!!

### REMINDER ABOUT YARD WASTE, RECYCLE, TRASH AND BULK TRASH

Pick Up Schedule:

**Mondays only** for yard waste! Put all Grass clippings in paper bags or old trash can ... NO PLASTIC BAGS

### PLEASE ... Do not leave your loose grass clippings in the street! SWEEP them up and bag them up for pick up

**Tuesdays only** for Recycle & Trash Place Recycle in County container and place trash in plastic bags and in appropriate trash can with a cover or the animals will make a mess that you need to clean up!

#### Do you have BULKY TRASH items in your home that you need to get rid of?

There are currently NO limits to the number of Bulky appointments citizens are allowed to schedule per year. Once an appointment is scheduled citizens (homeowners will have to wait at least 24 hours after items are collected to schedule another Bulky appointment.

# **Support Provided by Our Partners**

We express our since thanks to our community partners for their contributions and support. Thanks for keepings us informed by zoom, town hall meetings, mail, conference calls and e-mails of the many new and changed regulations. Our partnerships are still intact. Many new rules and changes were done in haste due to the Covid-19 virus, which caused the world to stand still and lives to change. The Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association continued to have its monthly meetings via phone

in order to stay engaged.

Some of our Partners remembered us with their services in the following ways.

• Senator Melony Griffith gave a generous monetary gift for face masks.

• Captain Chad Schmich, District VIII, provided Police Escort for our Christmas Drive By.

• Major S. Waddy, District III, and Staff gave Food Boxes for the community.

• The School Board Representa-

tive and Coffee Club Chair, Belinda Queen, prepared food trays for the community.

• Parks and Recreation – Area Manager, Anika O'Neil and Peggy Shaffer, gave the Awards and Christmas Gifts.

• For our meetings, we had representatives from our community partners, who spoke on the many changes during this period of isolation.

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We also are thankful to the following partners and representatives who always support us at our meetings and events:

· Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks

- Councilman Derrick Leon Davis
- Delegate Derick E. Davis

#### Delegate Darryl Barnes

- Delegate Nick Charles
- Park & Planning Ladonna Gill

· Dept. of Public Works and Transportation - Terry L. Bellamy and Wayne Lucas

- Dept. of Environment Joseph P. Gill
- Department of Permits, Inspection & Enforcement – Melinda M.

Bolling

· Coalition of Prince George's -John Richardson

· Other Civic Associations and **Community Schools** 

We could not do what we do without the support of all of our community partners.

# Gardening, A Form of Therapy During the Pandemic and Beyond

by Valeria Wilson

Do you have space for a small vegetable garden? If not, no worries. I don't either, because I use that space for flower gardening which I enjoy. However, have you heard of container gardening? I don't mean for flowers, even though I do

both. I am talking about vegetable gardening in various kinds of containers. Gardening is so therapeutic and provides an outlet for movement, especially during the pandemic.

It is so easy. Pick your desired flower pot, wheelbarrow, or other containers. Put in your preferred potting soil, your desired plant or seeds, water, and then watch them grow. During growth, you may wish to feed your plants with organic food or other of your choice. It is really fun to watch your seeds become beautiful plants, and even better when you are able to pick a few vegetables, no matter how small an amount you pick. Below are some photos as the plants grew and the harvested vegetables from containers.



Green bell pepper on stalk



Harvested bell peppers



Squash growning in wheelbarrow



Harvested yellow squash and zucchini Cucumber growing on vine





Harvested cucumbers



White potato plants



Harvested white potatoes



String bean flowers will become beans



Harvested string beans

# **2020 Paid Memberships**

### *If you paid and your name was omitted, please call 301-336-0222.*

*Millwoof Drive – (Vacant)* 402 - Jackson 403 - Taylor, G. 405 - Robertson 407 - Moore 414 - Dunn 500 - Hamlin 501 - Clark 502 - Wilson, R 504 - Russell 508 - Wilson, L 509 - Webb 510 - Bagley 611 - Slaughter 613 - Toupo

#### Millwright Street – Arnita Shelton 7503 - Watson

7503 - Watson 7505 - Walker, Jr.

# Millwheel Street – John

*Murphy* 502 - Yeldale 504 - Murphy 505 - Hampton 506 - Clark 509 - Green 510 - Beard 512 - Greene 513 - Watkins 514 - Gibbs 515 - White 516 - David 517 - Peacock 518 - Dickson 519 - Howard

#### Millrace Road & Court --

*Willie Smith* 7501 - Jackson 7502 - Smith 7504 - Reed 7505 - Johnson 7507 - Penn 7601 - Wilson 7603 - Dugan 7606 - Mosley, Jr. 501 - Waters 503 - Ketchin 504 - Ouzts 505 - Blackeen 506 - Green 508 - Serrano

#### Shady Glen Drive 500-604 --Doris Hughes 503 - Johnson 510 - Hughes 515 - Russell 519 - Ford 604 - Burgess

Shady Glen Drive & Court 901-1005 and 7600-7603 --Marilyn Brown 901 - Ashford 903 - Curry 904 - Brown 905 - Yobani 906 - Dawkins 907 - Dillard 913 - Smith 914 - Wooten 923 - Green 1000 - Cooper 1003 - Taylor 1004 - Green 1005 - Jones Beechnut Road - Harold Whalen 7703 - Frazier, R 7705 - Stancil 7706 - Collins 7709 - Henderson 7713 - Byrd 7716 - Love 7719 - Futrell 7806 - Smith 7812 - Thompson, Jr. 7818 - Whitney 7900 - Taylor 7905 - Frazier, R 7907 - Flgaroore 7908 - McRay 7909 - Wedge 7914 - Plater 7916 - Dixon 7917 - Queen 7924 - Adams Ashdale Road & Court and Longleaf -- Charles Harley 7708 - Davis 7815 - Wright 7907 - Green 7910 - Watford 7911 - Trower Sitka Lane -- Thomas Johnson 911 - Johnson Applewood Street - Bettie Hall 900 - McRae 901 - DeGrasse 903 - Harris 904 - Pinkney 906 - Hall Logwood Road -- Purnell

Hudson 903 - Nelson-Tutt

Elderberry Place – Felicia Atcherson 1001 - Atcherson 1002 - Jordan 1005 - White

#### 1006 - Watkins

# Orange Tree Court -

LueCrecie Gladney 7703 - Green 7708 - Brown 7709 - Kiszewski 7710 - Bethea 7711 - Gladney 7712 - Harding 7716 - Alexander 7717 - James 7719 - Harris

#### Walker Mill Road -- Vacant

7310 - Williams, Jr. 7400 - Hall 7402 - Bates 7406 - Bailey 7408 - Artis 7410 - Jackson 7412 - Dawson 7604 - Wimbush 7606 - Johnson 7610 - Pollard

#### Shady Glen Drive 1211-1405

- Vacant 1302 - Gray 1303 - Wiggins 1309 - Williams, E. 1311 - Gapher 1314 - Williams, A.

#### Shady Glen Drive 1407-1430 - Shirley Montague 1409 - Goode-Brown

1416 - Kelly 1417 - Montague 1418 - Simmons 1419 - Lucas

#### Iron Forge Road 1217-1406 – Vacant

1218 - Brown 1306 - Spriggs 1308 - Holmes 1311 - Turner 1313 - Franklin, A. 1315 - Franklin, D. 1319 - Clark 1320 - Jeffries

#### Bethal Drive -- Vacant

7604 - Ferrell 7606 - Dent 7607 - Davis

#### Fanwood Court – Andorus Arrington

7702 - Arrington/Sanders 7703 - Young 7704 - Southerland 7705 - Williams 7707 - Marshall

Waterford Drive 1103-1116 & 1200-1216 – James Wise

1110 - Wise

1111 - Taylor

1113 - Allen 1116 - Shropshine

1205 - Watkins

#### Waterford Drive 1300-1316 &

**1400-1412 – (Vacant)** 1301 - Foggie 1302 - Watson 1307 - Cheseman 1308 - Evans, Larry 1311 - Evans, L. 1403 - Criddle 1404 - Pamperin 1406 - Bimbo 1407 - Gardner

1410 - Lyles

1412 - Grier