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President's Report for 2023

"KEEPING THE PROMISE"

When I took office many years ago, I made many promises over the years. The progress became challenging. As time passed, we developed more ways to keep the residents informed and engaged in County and community activities. Today, I will say we have stayed informed and remained active.

We continued having virtual meetings through April 2023 due to the "life-changing Covid-19 virus." When the ban was lifted in April 2023, we began to meet physically at the Millwood Center in May and June. There were guest speakers at both virtual and regular meetings.

Speakers in 2023 included: Representatives from Department of Public Works, Jackson Hewitt Tax Services, Head Planner of Walker Mill Regional Park, NUSUN Solar Systems, District 3 and District 8 PGCP Department, Department of Inspection and Enforcement, Health Department, Harmony Memorial Gardens, and Blue Line Corridor. In November, Delegate Nick Charles, a veteran, addressed our veterans.

Our regular bi-annual Community Clean-Ups were suspended, as were some of our community garden and flower contests. Our entertainment and bus trips were also cancelled.

However, in August the community became alive again. With the Covid-19 virus ban lifted, residents began to clean up the flower humps and their own streets. We celebrated "National Night Out" with over 100 guests, county officials, and residents in attendance (see photos page 5).

Special thanks to our Parks and Recreation partners for their assistance and support with our picnic. We celebrated our Community Picnic with over 125 friends and county partners (see photos page 4).

Police, State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, Councilwoman Wala Blegay, and former County Executive Jack Johnson and his wife Leslie were in attendance. Others were Major Waddy, District 6, COP officers, and Park and Recreation Partners. There were food and other vendors, games, skate mobile, basketball and many other activities.

In October 2023, we awarded four (4) new scholarships and one (1) continuing education scholarship for a total of \$3,800 (see Scholarship Report, page 8).

November brought cooler weather. However, our veterans were honored (see photos on page 5). Our two young volunteers, Sheila Russell and Tawana Wilson, ordered and delivered ten Thanksgiving dinners to our homebound residents. We also gave food bags and turkeys to needy residents.

As we came to the close of 2023, we ended the year with a joyful Christmas Award Night. Many of our community partners and county officials joined us for our Christmas celebration. We enjoyed a delightful rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas, as well as a humorous educational Bible quiz, by Domino Blaske.

Our guest list included Delegate Derick E. Davis, Delegate Nick Charles, Capt. Bryant, District 3 Police, Councilwoman Wala Blegay, Denise Roberts, Belinda Queen (CEO-Coffee Club), Walter and Linda Redman, President of D'arcy Woods Civic Association, and Daisy Maggett, President of Wilburn Civic Association, to name a few.

What a joyful night. Santa Clause handed out gifts to attendees. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and conversation. Thanks to the planning committee.

The community enjoyed the Watkins Park "Festival of Lights" which was outstanding again this year. It was like "Disney World in Prince George's County." (See photos on page 8).

I wish to thank all of the community and our partners for their support. Together we have maintained our community. We will continue to grow and develop new ideas for a more livable community.

With sincere appreciation to everyone,

Margaret White

President
Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association (MWCA)

MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$

Membership Dues for 2024 are due now!!!

Please pay dues with a check or money order and mail to the P.O. Box 47607, District Heights, MD 20747. 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.

Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association at State and County Events



Annual Picnic



National Night Out



Veteran's Celebration



MWCA Christmas Celebration



MWCA Christmas Celebration



MWCA at 2023 Coalition Christmas Brunch



Festival of Lights



2023 Scholarship Fundraising

Again in 2023, the Fundraising Committee was unable to go on any trips or have other events. Thanks again to a supportive group of donors for their tax deductible contributions to the Millwood-Waterford Scholarship Fund. We sincerely appreciate those who consistently donate year after year and for all new donors who joined our group of supporters to the scholarship fund in 2023.

Please know that we sincerely appreciate everyone for whatever contribution you made. Without all of your donations, we would not have the funds to keep the scholarship program going. Therefore, your support made it possible for the MWCA to award four (4) new scholarships and one continuing education scholarship.

If awarded a scholarship their first year of college, students may reapply each year thereafter. If they meet the criteria for continuing education support, they can receive an award for the remaining three years. Therefore, we must ensure that we always have sufficient funds available to support the continuing education program.

Our donors are the wind beneath our wings. You help MWCA soar and provide financial support to the students

in reaching their goals of obtaining higher education at a four year, two year college or a trade school. Your donations are used exclusively for the MWCA Scholarship Program.

Again, we sincerely thank each of our donors for your support of Prince Georges County students.

Below is a list of our 2023 donors to whom we offer a bouquet of virtual red roses.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

2023 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS:

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| • Steven Proctor & Associates | • Mary Frances Frazier |
| • Albert Turner Charitable Trust | • Herminone Slaughter |
| • Hellen Beard | • Arlean Windle-Dillard |
| • Sidney Hall | • Betty Watkins |
| • Sally Watkins | • Ernest Collins |
| • Peggy Hampton | • Dora Russell |
| • Katherine Dawkins | • Carolyn Green |
| • Marcia Pollard | • LueCrecie Gladney |
| • Reginald & Dorothy Grier | • John Murphy |
| • Albertha Smith | • Dolores Alexander |
| | • Gwendolyn McFadden |
| | • Roland & Valeria Wilson |

Spotlight on 2023 Scholarship Recipients

In October 2023, MWCA awarded four (4) new scholarships and one (1) continuing education scholarship.

The four new recipients are:



Jysen White ... graduated from CMIT South Academy PCS and attends Towson University.

Jysen is majoring in Forensic Chemistry. He stated that his first semester was quite an adjustment and he had to adapt to new challenges. He says, "to succeed I needed to become more independent and learn to rely on myself." Also, "I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for selecting me as a recipient."

"I lived in the neighborhood all of my life and really appreciate everything the neighborhood offers from the basketball courts to the summer cookout."

"The scholarship holds significant meaning for me as it provided the financial support needed to purchase essential items for my classes such as books, science lab goggles, and a scientific notebook. Moreover, it allows me to cover the expense of additional classes for the upcoming spring semester," he said.



Jevon Johnson ... graduated from Oxon Hill High School and attends Norfolk State University.

Javon is majoring in Computer science/ Cyber- security. He expressed his appreciation for the scholarship. He said, "It was definitely a blessing as it helped me to close the gap on my balance that was owed. I didn't have to stress about money while trying to study and maintain good grades. I was selected to be part of a rigorous STEM

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The Block Captains Motto!

Wherever you live, rain or snow, we will keep you informed by flyers, newsletters, mail or in person of community and county events.

The Block Captains are a dedicated group and are a vital resource whose main responsibility is to inform and motivate the residents to get involved. Thanks to the faithful Block Captains and other volunteers who assisted them in 2023 for taking pride in our community. Some Block Captains have been volunteers for over 10 years and also hold other positions.

Get to Know Your Block Captains ...

IF YOU LIVE HERE	YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN	PHONE
Ashdale Road	Harold Whalen	(301) 499-2502
Ashdale Court, Longleaf	Camilla Samuels	(202) 569-1822
Sitka Lane	Thomas Johnson	(301) 336-9096
Applewood Street	Betty Watkins	
Logwood Road	Purnell Hudson	(301) 808-6012
Beechnut Road	Eudora Plater	(301) 350-0974
Bethal Drive	Joseph Davis	(301) 512-7690
Waterford Drive (1300 - 1316) and (1400-1412)	Joseph Davis	(301) 512-7690
Fanwood Court	Vacant	
Elderberry Place	Betty Watkins	
Orange Tree Court	LueCrecie Gladney	(301) 350-8172
Iron Forge Road (1217-1406)	Terry Johnson	(204) 784-0670
Millrace Road & Millrace Ct	Willie Smith	(301) 336-1192
Millwright Street Millwoof Drive (610-613)	Derrick Watson	(301) 350-3263
Millwoof Drive (400-512)	Christal Davis	(301) 675-1890
Millwheel Street	John Murphy	(301) 350-5073
Shady Glen Drive (500-604)	Elaine Russell	(301) 350-0870
Shady Glen Drive (1211-1405)	Janet Goode-Brown	(301) 787-3984
Shady Glen Drive (1407-1430)	Shirley Montague	(301) 336-8161
Shady Glen Drive & Court (901-1005 and 7600-7603)	Desiree Curry	(301) 336-8455
Walker Mill Road	Sadie Hall Samantha Artis and Apryle Sashir	(301) 350-6734 (202) 246-7150 (301) 350-0780
Waterford Drive (1103 - 1116) and (1200-1216)	Joseph Davis	(301) 512-7690

program called DNMAS, and the first year is really tough. I ended the semester with a 3.733 GPA which I will try to go even higher next semester.”

Imiyah Richardson ... graduated from Oxon Hill High School and attends Towson University.

Jaden Coffie ... graduated from Grace High School and attends the University of Maryland, Baltimore.



Continuing Education Student
Simone Thompson is a sophomore at Howard University. She is majoring in dance.

Plans for 2024

- Out of Town Trips and Tours
- Downtown DC Plays and Shows
- National Night Out Celebration in August
- Community Picnic in September
- Christmas Celebration and Play
- In person Volunteers Award Night
- John Bayne School – Spring Clean-up and shrubs planting
- Beautiful Flower Yard Contest
- Largest Tomato Contest
- Holiday Decorating Contest

Special Events in 2023

- August — National Night Out
- September — Community Picnic
- October — In-person Scholarship Presentation
- November — Veterans Celebration
- December — Christmas & Awards Night
- December — Birthday Celebrations

2024 Meeting Dates

January 8	June 10
February 12	September 9
March 11	October 14
April 8	November 11
May 13	December 9

Citizens Association Officers and Committee Chairs

2024 Officers

- Margaret White President
- Valeria Wilson Vice President
- Ruth Moore Secretary
- LueCrecie Gladney Treasurer
- Bettye Robinson Assistant Treasurer

2024 Committee Chairs

- Valeria Wilson Fundraising
- Hellen Beard Scholarship Chair
- Valeria Wilson Newsletter Editor and Website Coordinator
- Desire Curry Block Captains
- Karen Queen, Renee Collins, Anita Shelton and Brenda AshfordSpecial Events (Picnic, etc)
- Latroy Bailey Hospitality
- Brenda Ashford Membership
- Felicia Atcherson Birthday

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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 \$ _____
NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SYMPATHY

We send our sincerest condolences to our resident families who lost loved ones in 2023. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

James Wise – Brother and Sister
Betty Clark – Husband
Minnie Williams - Husband
Mary Cooper – Brother-in-Law
Betty Dent – Husband
Patricia Lewis – Husband
McChell Jackson – Brother
The family of Terrance Samuels
The family of Janie Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Bethea – Daughter
Dennis Jordan – Sister
Jean Crosby – Husband

Brenda Ashford – Brother
The family of Vonda Brown
The family of Lois Clark
The family of James Foster
Grace Taylor – Brother
Dorothy Gilliam – Sister
Charvais Butler – Mother
Patricia Glenn-Finlay – Son
Caroline Stokes – Mother
Renea Collins – Brother
The family of Bonta Bagley-Jefferies
The family of Mr. Peterson

Rev. Harry English – Sister
Reginald Russell – Sister
Elaine Russell – Brother
Yvonne Byrd –Husband



Get Well Wishes

The Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association sent heartfelt well-wishes through cards to residents who were sick and shut-in during 2023. We hope that everyone is doing much better. We wish you continued blessings of strength and wellness this year and beyond.

New Residents

The Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association would like to welcome all of our new residents and families to the community. We look forward to having you join us on our monthly teleconference calls and/or at our in-person meetings. If you have not received your new resident's package, please call President Margaret White at 301-336-6550.

Backyard Gardening *by Valeria Wilson*

Yes, backyard gardening is easy and therapeutic. It does not take a lot of ground space to enjoy a few vegetables. A small space in the ground or a flower pot or other container, even an old grill, or old wheelbarrow, as examples, can provide just what you need to grow delicious food.

Yes, I grew string beans in an old grill and a flower pot. White potatoes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and bell peppers were grown in a flower pot, as well as in a small space in the ground. It is fun to watch green bean seeds come up, develop into plants, then blooms, and finally little green beans that get larger and larger. Finally, it is time to pick them and prepare a meal, no matter how small the amount of produce. Also cucumber, zucchini or other seeds should be planted in the ground because they need space for the vines to spread.

Don't forget to plant some tomatoes, no matter what variety you like. I have reaped the benefit of cherry tomato plants coming up for two years without planting new ones. The seeds drop and they come back the next year. I took some of the plants from the ground and put them in a flower pot and they produced in the flower pot as well. So get your flower pot or other container ready, the soil of your choice, your seeds or plants, and get ready to grow what you like.

Other known 2023 backyard gardeners: Margaret White – cucumbers; Willie Smith – tomatoes; Betty Robertson – herbs

and eggplants; and Dora Russell – string beans.

Below are some photos of my results: string beans, cherry tomatoes, largest tomato in the community, white potatoes, egg plants, bell peppers and zucchini.



2023 Paid Memberships

If you paid and your name was omitted, please call 301-336-6550.

Millwoof Drive – (Christal Davis)

400 - Miles
403 - Taylor, G.
405 - Robertson
407 - Moore
414 - Dunn
501 - Clark
502 - Wilson, R
504 - Russell
505 - Taylor
506 - English
508 - Davis, Jr.
611 - Slaughter
613 - Jabbie

Millwright Street – Vacant

7501 - Shelton
7503 - Watson
7505 - Walker/Butler

Millwheel Street – John Murphy

502 - McFadden
503 - Higgs
504 - Murphy
505 - Hampton
506 - Clark
509 - Green
510 - Beard
512 - Greene
513 - Watkins
514 - Gibbs
515 - White
518 - Dickson
519 - Howard

Millrace Road & Court – Willie Smith

7501 - Jackson
7502 - Smith
7505 - Johnson
7601 - Wilson
7602 - Fenrick
7603 - Dugan
7606 - Mosley, Jr.
7607 - White
500 - Gee
502 - Henry
504 - Ouzts
505 - Blackeen
506 - Green

Shady Glen Drive 500-604 – Elaine Russell

507 - Akinwumi
513 - McKinley
515 - Russell
519 - Ford
521 - Lewis
604 - Burgess

Shady Glen Drive & Court 901-1005 and 7600-7603 – Desiree Curry

901 - Ashford
903 - Curry
904 - Brown
906 - Dawkins
907 - Dillard
914 - Wooten
921 - King
923 - Green
1001 - Russell
1003 - Taylor
1004 - Green

Beechnut Road – Eudora Plator

7703 - Frazier, R
7705 - Stancil
7706 - Collins
7708 - Williams
7709 - Henderson
7710 - Mangiapone
7713 - Byrd
7716 - Love
7720 - McNeill
7806 - Smith
7810 - Gilford
7812 - Thompson, Jr.
7814 - Thompson
7900 - Taylor
7902 - Whalen
7905 - Frazier, R
7909 - Wedge
7916 - Dixon
7922 - Harrison
7924 - Adams

Ashdale Road & Court and Longleaf – (Camilla Samuels)

7702 - Harley
7805 - Harrison
7815 - Wright
7901 - Lipscomb
7905 - Carter
7910 - Watford
1000 - Samuels

Sitka Lane – Thomas Johnson

900 - Ewings

Applewood Street - Vacant

900 - McRae
911 - Crosby
912 - Cunningham

Logwood Road – Purnell Hudson

903 - Nelson-Tutt
913 - Watts
915 - Hardy

Elderberry Place – Betty Watkins

1001 - Atcherson
1002 - Jordan
1005 - White
1006 - Watkins

Orange Tree Court – LueCrecie Gladney

7703 - Green
7707 - Mitchum
7710 - Bethea
7711 - Gladney
7715 - Blagmon
7716 - Alexander
7719 - Harris

Walker Mill Road – Vacant

7311 - Jenkins
7400 - Hall
7406 - Bailey
7408 - Artis
7410 - Jackson
7411 - Taylor
7412 - Dawson
7604 - Wimbush

Shady Glen Drive 1211-1405 – Janet Goode-Brown

1302 - Gray
1303 - Wiggins
1314 - Williams

Shady Glen Drive 1407-1430 – Shirley Montague

1417 - Montague

Iron Forge Road – Terry Johnson

1217 - Evans
1219 - Johnson
1302 - No Name
1303 - No Name
1305 - Margge Miles
1306 - Spriggs
1307 - No Name
1308 - Holmes
1311 - Turner
1315 - Smith
1319 - Clark
1320 - Jeffries

Bethal Drive – Joseph Davis

7602 - Favorite
7604 - Ferrell
7606 - Dent
7607 - Davis

Fanwood Court – Andorus Arrington

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

Waterford Drive 1103-1116 & 1200-1216 – (Vacant)

1111 - Taylor
1216 - Gilliam

Waterford Drive 1300-1316 & 1400-1412 – (Joseph Davis)

1301 - Foggie
1304 - Beale, Sr.
1402 - Jones
1403 - Criddle
1406 - Bimbo
1407 - Gardner
1410 - Lyles
1412 - Grier