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## Board of Education Candidates Forum at April 15 NFCCA Meeting

By Sam Jones

The NFCCA is hosting a Board of Education Candidates Forum on April 15th! The forum will take place on Wednesday, April 15th, from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at Forest Knolls Elementary School (10830 Eastwood Avenue). The NFCCA has invited all Board of Education candidates to join us for the forum.

The forum will have a “speed dating” structure

where each candidate will meet with a small group of attendees for an allotted time, and then move on to meet with another small group after that time is up. At the beginning of the forum, attendees will be split into small groups, and then one candidate will address each group at a time. That’s right—the candidates will come to you to hear your questions and concerns! This structure ensures that all attendees will hear directly from each candidate and be able to engage each candidate in discussion.

Please note that, while Northwood-Four Corners is in **BOE District 4**, residents vote for candidates all in three open seats: District 2, District 4, and At-Large. Below is a list of each candidates; the candidates who RSVPed to attend our forum have an asterisk (\*) next to their name.

### District 2 Candidates

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## Next Meeting on the 15th of April

The next meeting of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, 15 April 2020, at 7:30 p.m. at Forest Knolls Elementary School. The school is located at 10830 Eastwood Avenue, just off Caddington Avenue (there’s no access from other sections of Eastwood). Note: *If County schools remain closed through April 15 due to the coronavirus pandemic, we may reschedule the candidate forum. Check the NFCCA website and listserv (page 2) for updates.*

All residents of the Northwood-Four Corners-Forest Knolls area are invited to attend and express their views. Please note that only paid members of the NFCCA are eligible to vote. (See if you’re a member on page 10.) ■

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It feels like just yesterday winter was around the corner, and now it's already spring. The first three months of 2020 has certainly thrown everyone some curve balls, but I am proud of our neighborhood for sticking together and supporting one another. For updates on how to get involved in the neighborhood, please visit the Civic Association's website at [www.NFCCA.org](http://www.NFCCA.org).

At our February meeting, we had a lively conversation about transit and transportation. NFCCA Board member Sharon Canavan presented information about upcoming WMATA and RideOn bus routes changes and cutbacks (see her article on page 9). Beginning this fall, RideOn 19 will no longer service Dennis Avenue into our neighborhood. Metrobus routes Z2, Z8, and Z11 will also be eliminated. More information on these changes please visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot) and [www.WMATA.com](http://www.WMATA.com).

In February, we also heard from Barbara Coufal with the Citizens Against Beltway Expansion (CABE) group. She provided helpful updates about Governor Hogan's proposal to expand I-270 and I-495, and the impact this proposal could have on our neighborhood. Groups like CABE, and many residents here in Four Corners, have serious concerns about the environmental and infrastructure impacts a beltway expansion would have. Ms. Coufal also pointed out the heavy burden the expansion could have on taxpayers, as the Governor wants to provide state funds to the private developers who would build the expanded lanes. To learn more about CABE and the beltway expansion proposal, please visit [www.cabe495.com](http://www.cabe495.com). If you're concerned about this project, please contact our District 19 Delegates and Senator to voice your concerns. You can find all of our representatives' contact information on the NFCCA website ("About").

We also have a very exciting meeting planned for our April 15th meeting! We are hosting a Board of Education candidates forum from 7:30–9:30 p.m. at Forest Knolls Elementary School. Eleven of the 18 candidates for the Board of Education have RSVPed. This forum will have a "speed dating" setup, meaning small groups of attendees will speak with each candidate for an allotted period of time over the course of the evening. Please plan to attend and bring your questions and concerns to discuss with the candidates!

Given that the primary election has been postponed to June 2nd due to the COVID-19 crisis, our Board of Education candidates forum may be rescheduled for May. Please monitor the NFCCA website and listserv for updates. The NFCCA Board will also post other neighborhood updates on the website and listserv as the pandemic crisis evolves.

If you have any questions about the NFCCA, or want to share your thoughts about how the Board can better serve our neighborhood, please email me at [president@nfcca.org](mailto:president@nfcca.org). Thank you!

—Samantha Jones

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# New Stop Signs Near FKES

By Julie Whitcomb

The recently installed 4-way stop signs on Cavalier Drive and Hannes Street are a great safety addition. The stop signs, installed in January, changed the busy intersection from a stop just along Hannes Street to a stop along both roads. Before this installation, cars would speed through the intersection which is commonly used by children walking to and from Forest Knolls Elementary School. Many people are still not used to the new 4-way stop signs and continue to drive through the intersection without stopping.



Next time you approach the cross roads of Cavalier Drive and Hannes Street, please remember to stop, look, listen, and drive carefully through the intersection. The school children and neighborhood squirrels will thank you!

[Board member Whitcomb lives on Chiswell Lane.] ■



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### Covid-19 Pandemic Intrudes on Life & Season!

Obviously, the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic has had a profound impact across areas where people have taken ill. Even in areas like Montgomery County where at the time of this writing, we have been spared an epidemic level, we are all waiting for it to hit us. This has properly affected people's behavior and hopefully we all are following CDC guidelines, including severe SD- social distancing. This latter strategy has affected owner willingness to open their homes for showing and for buyers to go on tours.

### Working Carefully Using SD-Social Distancing

My Team is still conducting business **SD-Carefully**. We are trying to get under-contract homes to settlement or, through home inspections. For now, I am trying to respond to service requests by expanding my use of standard technologies such as Facetime, eDocs and our very effective virtual tours. This may change as circumstances develop.

### Awards for Our 2019 Production

Our 2019 production won us recognition for the second year in a row as a GCAAR Gold Team and for the sixth year in a row a Best Washingtonian award and once again a Bethesda Magazine Top Producer 2020 award.



### No Outcome Predictions this Year

The uncertainty in the market is too large for any comfortable predictions. Interest rates are low and will head lower for some time. But, many of our neighbors and friends are likely to suffer economic dislocations from this pandemic. So, I have no predictions on market outcomes. My Team is eager to fully get back to work and if we all stay healthy, we look forward to helping you sell or buy a home in the very near future. For now, we are responding to real estate needs **SD-Carefully**.

### Sales in Northwood/Forest Knolls: Since December 1, 2019

ADDRESS	SALE PRICE	SELLER SUBSIDY	CLOSE DATE	STYLE	BR	BA/ HBA	DOM	LOT SQ FT	SUBDIVISION
10206 Sutherland Rd	\$635,000		12/9/2019	Rancher/Rambler	4	3	34	9,322	Northwood
305 Marvin Rd	\$575,888		2/25/2020	Cape Cod	4	2/1	7	5,769	Northwood Village
10420 Edgewood Ave	\$490,000	\$5,000	12/2/2019	Cape Cod	4	3	43	12,597	Northwood Park
10625 Eastwood Ave	\$475,000	\$1,000	1/31/2020	Cape Cod	3	2	40	6,473	Northwood Village
10704 Lombardy Rd	\$453,000		1/27/2020	Ranch/Rambler	4	2	16	8,699	Northwood Park View
1118 Caddington Ave	\$450,000		12/4/2019	Split Foyer	4	3	10	8,777	Forest Knolls
800 Malta Ln	\$445,800	\$2,950	1/15/2020	Ranch/Rambler	4	2	7	8,786	Forest Knolls
913 Loxford Ter	\$445,000		1/27/2020	Split Level	3	2/1	7	19,816	Forest Knolls
10158 Sutherland Rd	\$440,000	\$10,300	2/27/2020	Split Foyer	3	2	188	5,951	Northwood Park
908 Caddington Ave	\$414,000	\$7,500	1/6/2020	Split Level	4	2/1	7	6,011	Forest Knolls
414 Irwin St	\$412,500	\$12,500	2/20/2020	Ranch/Rambler	4	2	8	6,008	Northwood Village
923 Malta Ln	\$410,000	\$12,300	12/11/2019	Split Foyer	4	2/1	15	7,200	Northwood
1304 Caddington Ave	\$404,000	\$8,080	12/13/2019	Split Level	4	2/1	21	7,116	Forest Knolls
10708 Lockridge Dr	\$390,000	\$10,000	12/31/2019	Ranch/Rambler	3	2	59	7,659	Northwood Park View

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# The Rules Regarding Parking in Our Neighborhood

By Linda S. Perlman

Being a good neighbor includes parking your vehicle in compliance with the parking restrictions applicable to residential streets. Montgomery County parking laws can be found in Chapter 31, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of the *Montgomery County Code*. There are dozens of parking regulations, but the following are the most frequent violations seen in our neighborhood.

**Parking too close to intersections, fire hydrants, crosswalks, stop signs, and driveways.** It is unlawful for a vehicle to be parked within 35 feet of an intersection, 15 feet of a fire hydrant, 5 feet of a marked crosswalk, 30 feet of an approach to a traffic control signal or stop sign, or 5 feet of a driveway. There must be a 5-foot clearance for turning on either side of the driveway. Blocking the entrance to a public or private driveway is prohibited, except that an owner may obstruct his or her own private residence driveway.

**Parking on the public street in front of your neighbor's house.** Although it may be inconsiderate, it is *not* illegal to park on the street in front of someone else's house. Since public roadways are "public," no one has the right to reserve spaces in front of his or her home.

**Repairing or leaving a vehicle on the public street for repairs.** No person or business may perform services or repairs on a vehicle parked on a public street or



store or park a vehicle left in the custody of the business for repairs on a public street. This provision does not prohibit emergency service or repairs or vehicle owners performing minor service or repairs on their vehicles otherwise legally parked on a public street and operative.

**Heavy commercial vehicles, buses, and recreational vehicles are prohibited from parking on public roads in residential neighborhoods, except for temporary parking for loading and unloading and when the vehicle owner or operator is engaged in work on property abutting the street.** "Heavy commercial vehicles" have a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, capacity of more than 1 ton, and are more than 21 feet long or 8 feet high.

**Parking on private property.** Vehicles parked in front lawns must be on surfaced areas. In the R-60 zone (all the NFCCA area is in this zone), residents can pave no more than 35 percent of the front yard or 320 square feet, whichever is greater. However, any surfaced area of a front yard paved before October 26, 2010, does not need to be removed.

There also is a parking limit of *one* light commercial vehicle on an owner's property in residential zones. Inoperable or unregistered vehicles are not allowed to



be parked anywhere on the property. On-site parking for registered home occupations is limited to two spaces. Lawn maintenance companies operating as home occupations are allowed only one single-axle trailer or truck at a time.

**Parking, standing, or stopping a vehicle on a sidewalk—or blocking access to a sidewalk—is prohibited.**

## Enforcement

On-street parking complaints are enforced by the Police Department. If a vehicle poses a hazard, then call the police non-emergency number (301. 279.8000). The police officer has discretion as to what action, if any, will be taken in response to a parking violation complaint: the officer can issue a citation or warning, or make contact with the violator and arrange to have the vehicle moved or the violation abated. The officer also can ticket and tow depending on the seriousness of the violation.

Off-street parking issues, including parking in yards and unregistered and inoperative vehicle issues, are handled by the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs or the Department of Permitting Services. Complaints can be submitted online or by calling the Montgomery County 311 call center or 240.777.0311.

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# Nurseries and Garden Centers in Maryland Near Us

By Taffy Turner

The closing of Behnke's Nurseries in Beltsville was very distressing for the gardeners among us, but not to worry; there are still many nurseries and garden centers in our greater Maryland-D.C. suburban area.

I am a certified horticulturalist, a University of Maryland Extension Master Gardener, and a passionate plant collector. So the more interesting and unusual the plant, the more I'm likely to give it a try. Behnke's had a great selection, and many of the plants in my garden came from there. But it's like shopping for anything—the more shops you visit, the more variety you are likely to find. I have found interesting cultivars in the most unlikely of garden centers, many of them listed below.

Here are nurseries I have used over the past 29 years since I've lived in my house on Lorain Avenue. They are listed alphabetically. I have added a few comments (my opinion only).

## **American Plant**

*2 locations, in Potomac and Bethesda.* The Potomac location is larger with more variety, nice selection of annuals in the spring, perennials and woodies, knowledgeable staff. Nice garden shop, lots of pots, etc.

## **Fehr's Nursery & Garden Center**

*Burtonsville.* I haven't been here in years, mostly because I was unimpressed with the place. But I know other



people like it, and it's not too far from us.

## **Good Earth Garden Center**

*2 locations, in Potomac and Sandy Spring.* Small but the staff is knowledgeable. I have found some good things at the Potomac location over the years.

## **Grey Goose Farm**

*Laytonville on Rte. 108.* Mostly hardscape supplies—stepping stones, rocks, nice pots, etc.—not so many plants. Mulch, soil, etc., in bags.

## **Homestead Garden Center**

*Davidsonville, about 35 minutes from here.* A large, very nice garden center on the same order as Behnke's, probably a bit more expensive. A great garden shop, especially during the holidays – all kinds of things like tools, ornaments, furniture, outdoor cooking equipment, knick knacks of all kinds. They also carry pet supplies, an enormous stock of pots and containers, water gardening supplies, etc. Knowledgeable staff; you can sign up for their "garden club" for discounts.

## **Johnson's Nursery**

*2 locations, in Kensington and Olney.* The little store in Kensington is convenient and carries nice annuals in the spring. The Olney store is a lot bigger, good selection of plants, nice garden shop, knowledgeable staff.

## **Meadows Farm Nursery**

*Burtonsville.* There are many Meadows Farm locations all over the greater D.C. area. Pretty basic plant selection, but it's where I usually get my annuals every spring because you can still get trays for a reasonable price. I have found the occasional gem in their "dent and scratch" area.

## **Patuxent Nursery**

*Bowie.* I haven't been here in a while, but I remember it as having a good selection of plants and knowledgeable staff. It's where I got my *Franklinia* tree 17 years ago when they were nearly impossible to find in the trade.

## **Potomac Garden Center**

*North Potomac.* Again, I haven't been here in a while. Mid-size place; worth a visit if you're in the area.

## **Seasons Nursery**

*Gaithersburg.* Small, local; but I have found nice plants here in the past. It's probably not a destination place, but I always stop by when I'm in the area.

## **Stadler's Nursery**

*Laytonville.* Very nice, large nursery, not quite as big  
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## Local Nurseries

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as Benhke's but nice plants, knowledgeable staff. They are known for their trees; if you buy one for over \$200 in the spring or fall, they will plant it for free, which I have done several times.

### Susanna Farm Nursery

*Boyd's.* Not a full service garden center but a specialty nursery for unusual dwarf Japanese maples, conifers, and other shrubs and trees. A real treat for the plant collector, but not cheap! They recently added a garden shop with lovely pots, containers, and other nice stuff. One of my all time favorites!

All of these places sell

native as well as non-native plants. The idea is to plant a wide diversity of plant material—perennials, shrubs, trees—with lots of different flower types and bloom times so your garden will be a sustainable environment for pollinators and other insects. Know your garden and its light conditions, soil, etc. One of the mantras we are taught as Master Gardeners is “right plant, right place.”

If you want a more in-depth opinion of these nurseries as well as a few additional ones, check out the blog of my friend, garden writer Susan Harris: [www.greenbeltonline.org/after-behnkes-where-to-buy-plants](http://www.greenbeltonline.org/after-behnkes-where-to-buy-plants). Keep in mind that she lives in Old Greenbelt when she talks about driving distances, etc. ■



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# Proposed Metrobus and RideOn Route Changes

By Sharon Canavan

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) described their proposals to adjust or eliminate local area Ride On and Metrobus routes at two Open Houses in January and a Public Workshop in early March. According to transit authority staff, the bus route adjustments are largely intended to realign existing routes once the new Bus Rapid Transit route starts operating on US 29/Colesville Road in mid-2020.

Bus Rapid Transit, which has been rebranded as “US 29 FLASH,” will have limited bus stops between Burtonsville and the Silver Spring Transit Center. In the Northwood-Four Corners area, these buses will run every 7.5 minutes during the peak morning and evening rush hours and at 15-minute intervals at all other times and stations (including midday, evening, and weekends).

The two closest FLASH stops in the Four Corners area will be located: (1) at the Burnt Mills Shopping Center, and (2) near the Shell station on Timberwood (going south) and by Montgomery Blair High School (going north). More information on the entire US 29 FLASH route can be found at <https://www.ridetheflash.com/us29>.

## Proposed Metrobus Cuts to Z Bus Service

At the Public Workshop and Open Houses, WMATA

staff described the proposed cuts to Z routes that are being considered as part of their budget process. Metrobus lines Z2 (Ashton-Colesville), Z8 (Fairland), and Z11 (Greencastle-Briggs Chaney Express) will be eliminated. WMATA staff who attended the Public Workshop on March 3rd stated that the Z6 route will expand its service to six buses per hour. Currently, the Z6 runs approximately every 30 minutes.

All of the Montgomery County Council members, as well as seven state senators and 19 state delegates, signed a letter to WMATA’s board of directors opposing the transit cuts. The WMATA board will vote on its budget later this spring and changes, if adopted, will go into effect July 1.

## Proposed RideOn Route Changes

RideOn has proposed significant changes to its current routes operating in the White Oak-Takoma Park-Wheaton-Silver Spring area:

■ RideOn 8/Wheaton-Forest Glen-Silver Spring route is being redirected to run from the Wheaton Metro to south Four Corners, the Forest Glen Metro, and the Montgomery Hills area to the Silver Spring metro. The RideOn 8 route will no longer operate beyond the Schweinhaut Senior Center and along Brunette Avenue to the Silver Spring metro.

■ RideOn 9 will only run on the portion of its current route on University Boulevard back and forth from Four Corners to the Wheaton Metro. The

portion of its current route on Colesville Road that goes to and from Silver Spring will be eliminated.

■ RideOn 13 will be eliminated to be covered by other Ride On routes.

■ RideOn 14 route from Takoma Park, which currently turns onto Franklin Avenue, will be extended west/east on University Boulevard to loop around the “jug handle” in front of Safeway to return to Takoma Park. Riders will be able to transfer to the future Purple Line at the Piney Branch Road stop.

■ RideOn 19 will no longer run on Dennis Avenue and Portland Road in the north and south Four Corners neighborhoods. Instead, this route will primarily serve the North Hills of Sligo and Indian Springs neighborhoods, which will not have convenient access to a US 29 Flash stop.

■ RideOn 21 and 22 will no longer run on Colesville Road alongside our community. These routes will terminate in the White Oak area and riders will need to transfer to the US 29 Flash.

■ RideOn 129 will be terminated and replaced by the US 29 FLASH.

Changes on these RideOn bus routes will be postponed until Fall 2020 (rather than May as originally proposed). Maps showing the proposed changes can be found on the MCDOT website at [https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?Item\\_](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_)

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# Metrobus, RideOn Changes

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One of the ideas that RideOn is considering for serving the Four Corners area is offering "Flex Serve" that will operate small 11-passenger buses which can be called on demand via a phone app. Currently, a pilot Flex program is operating in two zones—the Wheaton/Glenmont area and in Rockville. RideOn staff have indicated that the proposed Flex service in this area will be rolled out as a permanent service, not a pilot. The boundaries for this Flex service, however, have

not yet been established.

Flex is envisioned as a first/last mile service. Riders can request any pick-up and drop-off point within the Flex zone, including a ride to the new BRT/FLASH stops. After summoning a Flex bus, the app will direct a rider to a nearby corner for pickup. Although the bus will generally stop at an intersection within a couple of blocks, it could be a different corner every time depending on a particular vehicle's route.

Persons with disabilities will get picked up and dropped off at the actual loca-

tions they specify. User wait times for the pilots have typically been no more than seven to nine minutes.

A Flex bus will only operate within its established zone. For example, a Flex bus could deliver riders to the future BRT stop on Colesville, but not all the way to Silver Spring.

Depending on where RideOn ultimately decides to set the boundaries for Flex, this service could provide more flexibility for transit users in the Northwood-Four Corners community.

*[Canavan, NFCCA's Immediate Past President, currently lives on Edgewood Avenue.]* ■

## Are You on the List of Current NFCCA Members?

As of press time, here is the list of current civic association members. Glenwild has the highest percentage of members, Lombardy the highest number.

**Belton Rd./Ct.** [2/48, 4%]

313, 428

**Caddington Ave.** [6/81, 7%]

812, 903, 909, 911, 1109, 1203

**Cavalier Dr.** [4/53, 7%]

10601, 10603, 10707, 10713

**Chiswell Lane** [5/39, 12%]

1019, 1025, 1112, 1116, 1118

**Colesville Rd.** [0/22, 0%]

**Dennis Ave./Cts.** [4/44, 9%]

308, 411, 421, 500

**Eastwood Ave.** [4/53, 7%]

10425, 10427, 10619, 10704

**Edgewood Ave.** [6/72, 8%]

10213, 10305, 10400, 10404, 10614, 10707

**Eisner St.** [2/32, 6%]

404, 416

**Foxglove Lane** [0/4, 0%]

**Glenwild Rd./Ct.** [8/32, 25%]

10602, 10606, 10610, 10619, 10621, 10702, 10705, 10713

**Hannes St./Ct.** [4/104, 3%]

229, 330, 404, 10908

**Irwin St.** [2/31, 6%]

303, 314

**Kerwin Rd./Ct.** [2/42, 4%]

407, 410

**Kinsman View Cir.** [5/83, 6%]

3, 5, 39, 45, 139

**Ladson Rd.** [1/18, 5%]

315

**Lockridge Dr.** [4/29, 13%]

10602, 10603, 10610, 10707

**Lombardy Rd./Ct.** [9/88,

10%]

10700, 10706, 10805, 10900,

10904, 10905, 11013, 11107,

11201

**Lorain Ave.** [2/22, 9%]

10207, 10216

**Loxford Terr.** [7/135, 5%]

837, 901, 907, 921, 1107, 1130, 1144

**Malta Lane** [1/45, 2%]

814

**Margate Rd.** [4/50, 8%]

10610, 10703, 10822, 10829

**Marvin Rd.** [1/18, 5%]

300

**Mountain Quail Rd.** [3/23,

13%]

10407, 10426, 10428

**Northwood Ave.** [3/13, 23%]

100, 104, 123

**Ordway Dr.** [5/26, 19%]

10603, 10608, 10611, 10615, 10702

**Pinewood Ave.** [1/13, 7%]

319

**Playford Lane** [0/31, 0%]

**Royalton Rd./Terr.** [2/31, 6%]

401, 414

**Snowy Owl Dr.** [4/23, 17%]

100, 113, 119, 121

**Southwood Ave.** [4/21, 19%]

102, 115, 116, 123

**Sutherland Rd.** [3/31, 9%]

10145, 10209, 10217

**Thistle Dr./Ct.** [1/22, 4%]

208

**Timberwood Ave.** [3/25, 12%]

208, 309, 317

**University Blvd.** [3/43, 6%]

205, 209, 509

**Whittington Terr.** [0/15, 0%]

**Woodridge Ave.** [0/13, 0%]

**The Oaks** [0/126, 0%]

Total: 1,475 homes [1,601 with The Oaks apartments] ■

# NFCCA Begins a Community Cares Network

By Sharon Canavan

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association (NFCCA) is establishing a Community Cares Network to help organize efforts by neighbors to support one another. The goal is to provide assistance for our neighbors who might be:

- part of an at-risk population (over 60, living with a health condition or immunodeficiency);
- staying at home because they are in quarantine, sick or having symptoms; or
- on the front line in responding to the crisis (health professionals, sanitation workers, etc).

Our website now includes a form that will be used to pair neighbors who need as-

sistance with volunteers willing to help. Simply go to the Community Cares Network on the NFCCA website at [www.nfcca.org/ccn.html](http://www.nfcca.org/ccn.html) to fill out the form to request assistance or to volunteer.

Volunteers can offer to pick up and deliver groceries, carry-out food orders, prescriptions, or other essentials. Loneliness may be another negative byproduct of "social distancing," so volunteers may also want to step up and make periodic phone calls to offer social interaction and emotional support.

Homebound individuals may also need technical support, such as computer help or Skype training, so they can stay in touch with their loved ones. Hopefully, coronavirus doesn't hit our neighbors, but those who fall ill may also need help with dog walking and pet care.

So watch this space—as we have more details we will communicate using our various NFCCA social media outlets—our website [nfcca.org](http://nfcca.org),

the NFCCA listserv ([NFCCA@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NFCCA@yahoogroups.com)), Next-door, Facebook (on Facebook search for *nfccamoco*), or sign up to receive messages on Twitter [@NFCCAMoCo](https://twitter.com/NFCCAMoCo). If you have questions, you can also email [nfccacares@gmail.com](mailto:nfccacares@gmail.com) for more information.

Please note, the NFCCA Community Cares Network is limited to the neighborhoods covered by our civic association, which can be found by selecting the "Territory" tab at the top of our website [www.nfcca.org](http://www.nfcca.org). ■

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[NFCCA.ORG/JOINUS](http://NFCCA.ORG/JOINUS)**

## Open to All

The following upcoming MSSC Senior Center activities anyone in the community is welcome to attend:

■ Sat., May 9, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.: **Indoor Yard**

**Sale**—Buy, Rent a Table to Sell, or Donate

■ Sat., June 6, at 1:00 p.m.: **Akhmedova Ballet Performance**—Free ■





# Upcoming Elections for Local Judges, Board of Ed.

By Samantha Jones

Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that 2020 is an election year. Did you also know that Montgomery County is having local elections this year as well (Primary Day is June 2 [postponed from April 28] and Election Day is November 3)? This year, local voters will choose four Judges of the Circuit Court and three members of the Mont. County Board of Education (BOE).

While the judicial race is county-wide, the BOE race is divided into districts and at-large seats. Voters will choose one BOE member in District 2, one in District 4, and one to fill an At-Large seat. Regardless of where you live in the county, you can vote for each

seat. This means that Northwood-Four Corners residents can vote to fill our district seat (D4) as well as the D2 and At-Large seats. You can meet many of these candidates at our April 15 forum (see p. 1).

Primary Day is June 2. If you vote on that day, you will cast your ballot at Forest Knolls Elementary School. If you vote early (as of press time, there had been no determination as to whether there will even be early voting), you can vote at any of the 11 early voting sites county-wide, including Wheaton Library and the Silver Spring Civic Center.

Please note that Maryland has closed primaries, which means voters must be registered with a political party to

vote on June 2. However, this year you can register to vote on Primary Day and Election Day, instead of having to register beforehand. You can also change your registration on the day you cast your ballot due to a recent change in state law.

Finally, the Board of Elections is encouraging people to vote by mail (formerly known as absentee voting). You can download your mail-in ballot, as well as check your voter registration, on the County Board of Elections website at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections). It is never too early to make your vote plan, so mark both Tuesdays, June 2 and November 3, on your calendars today. ■

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