

AGWG News

Spring 2026

Allanwood–Gayfields–Willson Hills–Gaywoods Estates Civic Association
<http://www.agwg-civic-association.com/>

Upcoming Events – We Hope to See You There!

<p>Friday June 5, 2026</p>	<p>6–8 pm</p>	<p>Summer Social at the Triangle* Bring your own dinner, drinks, toys for children, and chairs and enjoy time with neighbors. <i>Optional: bring a dessert to share.</i> Meet County Councilmembers running for County Executive!</p>
<p>Saturday July 11, 2026</p>	<p>1–3 pm</p>	<p>Annual Membership Meeting and Social At the Triangle* BYO Drinks and chairs Kristin Mink, our District 5 Councilmember, will be there!</p>
<p>Friday August 7, 2026</p>	<p>6–8 pm</p>	<p>Summer Social at the Triangle* Bring your own dinner, drinks, toys for children, and chairs and enjoy time with neighbors. <i>Optional: bring a dessert to share.</i></p>
<p>Saturday September 19, 2026</p>	<p>9 am–1 pm</p>	<p>Fall Community Yard Sale Throughout the neighborhood Families set up a sale in their yards. A map of participating addresses was made last year and we hope to do that this year. Join the AGWG listserv for up-to-date news. See page 4 for listserv info.</p>
<p>Saturday September 19, 2026</p>	<p>5–8 pm</p>	<p>Social with Live Music At the Triangle* Come enjoy music with your neighbors! Bring your own dinner, beverages, and chairs. <i>Optional: bring a dessert to share.</i></p>
<p>Sunday October 25, 2026</p>	<p>1–3 pm</p>	<p>Halloween Parade and Party At the Triangle* Children can attend in costume, be part of a parade, and enjoy activities such as pumpkin carving and hunting for candy.</p>

*The Triangle is at Tierra Drive and Gayfields Drive.

See pages 2-3 for important news about AGWG and *In the Neighborhood* features!

The AGWG Board Needs a New President—Could It Be You?

A note from Rachel DiLeo, current AGWG Board President

It has been a privilege to serve in the role of president for the last 3 years following the tremendous work that Ernie Benjamin and Larry Campbell carried forward for so long. I'm proud of what we've accomplished together: establishing a neighborhood listserv, maintaining consistent membership dues, and advocating for safer roads. Not to mention meaningful and super fun community events like our annual Halloween parade and party and the fall yard sale. I'm excited to welcome the next leader who will continue strengthening and supporting the AGWG community.

The role of AGWG President entails the following responsibilities (but we have awesome committees & board members who help)

- convening the board for quarterly meetings (mostly over zoom)
- coordinating annual community meeting with guest speakers (including council members & community representatives)
- coordinating annual Halloween parade and party and annual yard sale (with events committee)
- coordinating and resolving AGWG community concerns (with board members & others)
- tracking membership dues and listserv engagement (with treasurer)
- overseeing website upkeep (with neighborhood volunteer)
- managing lawn maintenance needs (with treasurer)
- coordinating the newsletter (with newsletter committee)

I'm glad to help guide the next president through their first year, or however long they need, and I'm always delighted to remain an active and supportive neighbor. Contact me if you have questions or would like to serve as the next AGWG President!

Rachel DiLeo
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In the Neighborhood

Documentary Screening and Discussion with Filmmaker Alex Kronemer

Join neighbors on **Thursday evening, July 16th** to watch the documentary *The Sultan and the Saint* and enjoy a discussion with the filmmaker Alex Kronemer, one of our AGWG neighbors. <https://www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com/about-the-film/>

The Sultan and the Saint tells one of the great, lost stories from history. Set in a past period of East-West conflict, it speaks with urgency to our present. Two men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, bucked a century of war, distrust, and insidious propaganda in a search for mutual respect and common ground.

Contact Tam Voynick at tam.voynick@gmail.com to RSVP and get details about the place and time. It will be at a home in our neighborhood.

AGWG Book Club

The AGWG Book Club meets roughly every other month. Our last three selections were *Democracy: An American Novel* by Henry Brooks Adams, *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann, and *Ship Fever* by Andrea Barrett. We are open to exploring many genres. It's been great getting to know our neighbors this way. We've had lively discussions and tasty snacks!

If you are interested in joining the book club, please RSVP by contacting Janet at janidew@icloud.com to let us know you are interested and to get the address for our next meeting. The next gathering will be in the **evening on Tuesday, June 2** and the book will be the novel *My Friends* by Hisham Matar. You could also let Janet know if you cannot attend in June but would like information about future meetings and book titles.

Volunteers in the Neighborhood

Citizen Science and Frog Watch

Our neighbor Janet DeWoskin got involved in Citizen Science projects when she lived in North Carolina. She worked with the Candid Critters Program, using a trail camera to identify animals in the wild, and with Frog Watch USA to survey amphibian populations. The Oxford English dictionary has defined Citizen Science as *scientific work undertaken by members of the general public, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions*.

Here's how Janet describes her Citizen Science volunteering in Montgomery County: "When I moved to Maryland I was delighted to find Montgomery County Parks participates in FrogWatch USA! I go out to a designated park location and collect data on what species of frogs are active there. Frogs can be amazingly good at hiding, so this is all done through listening at night when they are calling.

"There are 14 frogs species that live in our county, and I learned to identify their calls. MC Parks has a good and supportive program to train volunteers, help them learn the calls, and to answer any questions. In addition to what species are heard, other data I collect include the date, time, air temperature, and wind speed at the time of observation. Then I upload the information into a national database that scientists can access. Since different species call at different times of the season I go out to listen for frogs about every other week.

"I really enjoy FrogWatch. Natural spaces have a different feel at night. It's exciting to go out into a park after hours with my clipboard, flashlight, and FrogWatch-issued MC Park permission document – a must-have to enter a park after dark – and listen for which frogs are there. Occasionally I see a frog, and sometimes I hear owls or see geese as well. I also find it enjoyable that I know who's calling while walking in our neighborhood, when I'm out hiking, or even when driving around town."

Check out these sites for more information about Citizen Science projects:

https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/Community_Science.aspx

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/citizen-science-initiatives>

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/citizenscience/get-involved.htm>

<https://scistarter.org/>

<https://www.usa.gov/citizen-science>

PDF Newsletter Instead of Paper?

Would you like the AGWG newsletter sent to your email as a pdf instead of a paper newsletter? Send your address to tam.voynick@gmail.com. Help us move toward pdf/email delivery for more neighbors to save money and paper. And many thanks to the volunteers who deliver the newsletter!

Let us know if you have news for **In the Neighborhood**. Email tam.voynick@gmail.com

Connect with Your Neighbors...

...By Joining the AGWG Civic Association

(3 ways to join)

1) Use this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11eCXFjm-XPhoNRuxCrxGJGf2PMGNqP8STgfAzUXDo9g/edit>

2) OR: Use the form on the next page.

3) OR: Use this QR code:

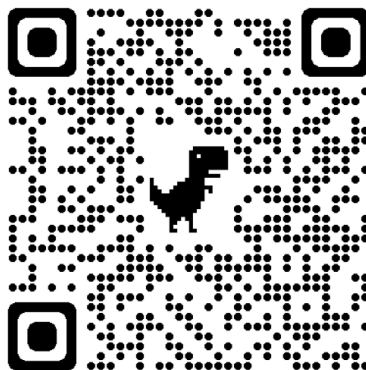


and by Signing Up for the AGWG Listserv (3 ways to sign up)

1) Send an email to <agwgciviccassoc+subscribe@groups.io>. You will get an invitation from agwgciviccassoc@groups.io.

2) OR: Include your email on your annual membership form (on the next page). You will be added to the list when your form is processed. You will get an invitation from agwgciviccassoc@groups.io.

3) OR: Use this QR code; it's different from the one above. You will get an invitation from agwgciviccassoc@groups.io.



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2026 Membership Application

(If you did not send in dues at the end of 2025)
(January 1 — December 31, 2026)

YOUR DUES SUPPORT:

Newsletter	
Halloween Parade	Mowing the Triangle
Welcome Wagon	Socials
Website	Member Meetings

Please make checks payable to “AGWG Civic Association” and mail to:
c/o Joyelle Ogilvie, 2008 Merrifields Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Dues	\$ <u>30</u>
Donation	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail(s): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

I AM INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE(S):

Membership Newsletter Website Welcome Wagon
 County Services Neighborhood Watch Publicity/Social Events

Comments, including special concerns or issues you'd like addressed: