

# AGWG News

Fall 2025

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

## Halloween Parade and Party

The Halloween parade and party at the Triangle on Sunday, October 26 was the last social event for AGWG in 2025. There was a parade led by costumed officers on horses Ozzy and Whiskey, a hay dig, a tug-o-war, pumpkin decorating, a scarecrow decorating contest, and more!



Please consider joining the AGWG Civic Association by sending in your dues for 2026. Your dues help fund the newsletter, events including the Halloween party, and maintenance of the Triangle. See pages 3 and 4 for some different ways to join. And thank you!

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See page 2 for *In the Neighborhood*: news about volunteers, book club, and more!

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# **In the Neighborhood**

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## **PDF Newsletter Instead of Paper?**

Would you like the AGWG newsletter sent to your email as a pdf instead of having the paper newsletter delivered? If so, send your address to [tam.voynick@gmail.com](mailto:tam.voynick@gmail.com). We would like to move toward pdf/email delivery for more neighbors to save money and paper.

And many thanks to the volunteers past and present who deliver the newsletter!

## **Volunteers in the Neighborhood**

### **Caring Matters. <https://www.caringmatters.org/>**

Before moving to Maryland in 2021 Tam Voynick volunteered as a facilitator for grief support groups in Austin, TX. She is grateful to have found a place to continue that work in Montgomery County with an organization called Caring Matters. They provide caring, compassionate, practical, and high quality, non-medical support services, without charge, to Montgomery County adults and children facing serious illness, caregiving challenges, loss, and grief. If you or someone you know could use these services, consider contacting Caring Matters. Tam found all the staff and volunteers she's met to be kind, welcoming, and helpful.

Volunteers at Caring Matters can help cancer patients get to treatments, spend time with hospice patients, support care givers, offer grief support for children and adults, and help with events throughout the year. The Caring Matters website also offers video and other resources.

### **Montgomery County Volunteer Center <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/>**

The link above is for a website that lists volunteer opportunities and organizations all over Montgomery County. The mission of the Montgomery County Volunteer Center is "... to promote and expand meaningful community service in Montgomery County by recruiting, supporting, and connecting volunteers and nonprofits." There is information there for students interested in SSL (Student Service Learning), and volunteers of all ages can search for work that fits their interests and skills. You can even sign up to have someone from the Volunteer Center walk you through the website in a 1:1 online meeting.

## **AGWG Book Club**

The AGWG Book Club meets roughly every other month. Since January, we have read and had great discussions about the books *An Immense World* by Ed Young, *American Nations* by Colin Woodard, *James* by Percival Everett, *Colored Television* by Danzy Senna, and *Democracy: An American Novel* by Henry Brooks Adams. 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](mailto:janidew@icloud.com) to let us know you are interested and to get the date and address for our next meeting, which will be sometime in January. Our next book will be *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann. You could also let Janet know if you cannot attend in January but would like information about future meetings and book titles.

## **Leaving the Leaves?**

Are you seeing more leaves on lawns in the neighborhood this fall? Some environmental advocates are advising people to keep leaves in place to give a home to insects such as fireflies over the winter. Others say it's best to mulch the leaves, cutting them into smaller pieces so they can remain and fertilize the soil. Still others say that a pile of leaves may harm turf and it's best to gather them and remove them from the lawn. See the link below to check out what Montgomery County is recommending: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/property-care/lawns/tips/leaves.html>

Let us know if you have news for In the Neighborhood. Email [tam.voynick@gmail.com](mailto: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:

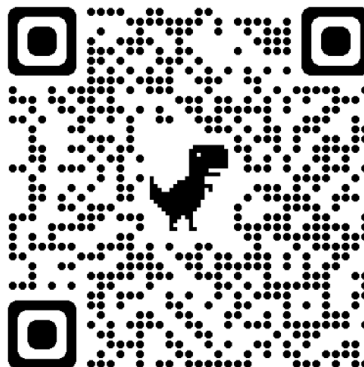


## **...By Signing Up for the AGWG Listserv (3 ways to sign up)**

1) Send an email to <[agwgcivicassoc+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:agwgcivicassoc+subscribe@groups.io)>. You will get an invitation from [agwgcivicassoc@groups.io](mailto:agwgcivicassoc@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 [agwgcivicassoc@groups.io](mailto:agwgcivicassoc@groups.io).

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



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**2026 Membership Application**

(January 1 — December 31, 2026)

**YOUR DUES SUPPORT:**

Newsletter	Fall BBQ
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: