

AGWG News

Spring 2025

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

Upcoming Events – We Hope to See You There!

Saturday June 28, 2025	1–3 pm	Annual Membership Meeting and Social At the Triangle* BYO Drinks and chairs There will be a vote on the proposed slate of AGWG Board members for 2025 at this meeting. (see page 2 for more information)
Saturday September 20, 2025	9 am–1 pm	Fall Community Yard Sale Throughout the neighborhood Families who want to participate set up a sale in their yards. A map of participating addresses was put together last year and we hope to do the same this year. Consider joining the AGWG Listserv for up-to-date news. See page 4 for Listserv information.
Saturday September 20, 2025	5–8 pm	Fall BBQ Party At the Triangle* Come enjoy dinner with your neighbors! BBQ chicken and pulled pork, cole slaw, potato salad, and veggies will be provided by AGWG. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and chairs and drinks for yourselves.
Sunday October 26, 2025	12–2 pm	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.

*The Triangle is at Tierra Drive and Gayfields Drive.

See page 3 for *In the Neighborhood*: news about volunteers, book club, and more!

AGWG Board Members

The neighbors listed below have been nominated to serve on the AGWG Board. An election will be held to confirm these nominations at the Membership Meeting and Social on Saturday, June 28.

Rachel DiLeo — President

2100 Marymont Road

Rachel, her husband Peter Boss, and their 2 children are proud to call Silver Spring home. Rachel got involved with the board after organizing the 2022 AGWG Halloween Parade and Party which had over 150 attendees and became the AGWG President after Ernie Benjamin stepped down in 2023. Rachel's expertise is in Organizational Development and the arts and has enjoyed finding intersections of leadership, arts and community in the role of AGWG president. She has seen the positive impact of increased community engagement and appreciates all of the volunteers who make this civic association work.

Luby Ismail — Vice President

15408 Tierra Drive

lubylouismail@gmail.com

Luby Ismail has lived in AGWG for 20 years. She founded Connecting Cultures <https://connecting-cultures.net/> to break through barriers of communications across cultures. She is a mother of three and married to Alex Kronemer. Since her diagnosis with MS she has been an award winning motivational speaker and speaking coach with Toastmasters International. Luby is serving to strengthen the connections across our diverse community.

Joyelle Ogilvie — Treasurer

2008 Merrifields Drive

ellie4778@aol.com

Joyelle has lived in AGWG for over 35 years. She is currently the Finance and Accounting Manager for American Intellectual Property Law Association where she has been employed for 21 years, and the Financial Secretary for The Society, Inc. Supporting the Arts. She also previously served as Treasurer and Financial Secretary as a member of the Potomac Valley Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the PVAC Fund. Joyelle became Treasurer in November of 2024, taking over after Tim Grahl retired as Treasurer.

Skip Schnapp — Community Events

2010 Marymont Road,

sschnapp5@verizon.net

Skip has been on the AGWG Board as Community Social Events Coordinator for over 11 years. He was the cook for many years at the annual Summer BBQ! He hopes to see you at the Triangle this Summer during our gatherings.

Mary Starich — Secretary

1920 Gayfields Drive,

starichm@gmail.com

Mary took on the responsibilities of acting AGWG Secretary in October 2022. Mary and her family have been part of the AGWG community since 2014 and enjoy the friendly greetings of neighbors. Mary grew up in Wisconsin and has lived in the Silver Spring area for 30+ years.

Members at Large

Lauren Cohen

Savannah John

Taylor Walker

Taylor works on the Welcome Wagon with Rachel.

In the Neighborhood

Volunteers in the Neighborhood

Oak Chapel United Methodists' Food Hub

For about 15 years one of our neighbors, Lisa Holtz, who lives on Gilpin Road, has been donating chickens to food pantries in our area at Easter and Christmas. For the last 4 or 5 years, Lisa has been raising money to purchase whole chickens and coordinating the donation of these chickens to the Oak Chapel United Methodists' Food Hub.

Some of you may have seen the long line of cars occasionally parked near Oak Chapel United Methodists' Food Hub. The Food Hub provides food for needy families regardless of their religious faith. Each week they serve about 140 families. Often these families receive rice, beans, peanut butter, jelly, staples, and some vegetables. A fresh whole chicken is a special item and is greatly appreciated for these holidays.

Lisa has lived in this neighborhood for 30 years and feels truly blessed by kind and generous neighbors. If you would like to assist Lisa and help your neighbors in need, you may contact Lisa Holtz by text or call her at 301-518-3554.

AGWG Book Club

The AGWG Book Club met in January to discuss *An Immense World* and in March to discuss *American Nations*. It's been great getting to know our neighbors this way. We've had lively discussions and also snacks!

On Wednesday, June 11 we will meet in the evening to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. This novel is a re-telling of the story of Huckleberry Finn from the perspective of Jim. *James* won the 2024 Kirkus Prize and the National Book Award for Fiction.

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 the June meeting. You could also let Janet know if you cannot attend in June but would like information about future meetings and book titles.

Composting

Have you ever thought about composting? The EPA offers a 2-page [fact sheet](#) and the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection offers information about composting [here](#). The county offers free bins for composting yard waste, and the bins can be picked up at several locations near our neighborhood. The bins are lightweight (8 pounds), and easy to set up and move around. We've been using these bins for several years and have been very happy with the compost they produce with very little effort on our part.

If you'd rather not compost kitchen scraps yourself, Mom's Organic Market in Rockville accepts compost, and there are companies nearby that will pick up compostable waste.

EPA link: <https://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/pdf/compost-guide.pdf>

MoCo link: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/trash-recycling/programs/yard-trim/composting.html>

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. 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!

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:

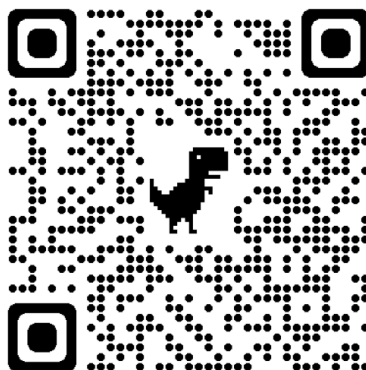


...By Signing Up for the AGWG Listserv (3 ways to sign up)

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

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



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2025 Membership Application

(January 1 — December 31, 2025)

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: