



MHCA Newsletter

Marshfield Hills Community Association

Welcome to the Marshfield Hills Community Association newsletter! MHCA sponsors social and civic activities aimed at maintaining the quality of life in Marshfield Hills. We are over 150 families strong and welcome new members at any time.

Jack Conway to headline MHCA Annual Meeting

MHCA's Annual Meeting is set for **Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Audubon Society**. Please join us as we welcome our guest speaker: realtor **Jack Conway**, of Jack Conway & Company, Inc. His talk is titled "**Marshfield Hills, a neighborhood of choice: perspective on the changing real estate landscape.**" The MHCA Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about MHCA's efforts and about ways to become involved. New and current members are welcome; dues for 2004 will be collected at the door. See the reverse side of this newsletter for membership details.

Playground group swings into action

On May 31st, dozens of volunteers capped off a two-year effort and installed new playground equipment at the Old Main Street Fire Station in Marshfield Hills. Strong partnerships between the neighborhood, the town and local businesses made this project a success.

For two years, MHCA raised funds and worked with the neighborhood and town officials to upgrade this town-owned playground. Through grass-roots fundraisers like a Halloween haunted house, yard sales and bake sales and through private contributions, MHCA raised more than \$14,000. In addition, MHCA sought and received town funding of \$2,500 from the Recreation Department. MHCA is grateful to all who supported our efforts.

MHCA purchased the new playground structure from Marshfield-based Childscapes and dozens of volunteers turned out to install the equipment under the supervision of Bill Eckhardt, Childscapes founder. The Playground Committee of MHCA is currently assessing the playground's additional needs and will continue working to make the area a place for all to enjoy. Your ideas are welcome!

Development proposed for Summer Street

There is a significant new housing development being proposed in Marshfield Hills. A developer has purchased a 10-acre parcel of residential property including an antique dwelling, located at 941 Summer Street - which abuts the Audubon Society and Hannah Eames Brook. The Town of Marshfield Planning Board will be asked to determine if the proposed 25 cluster-style

townhouse units, including garages and exterior decks, are compatible with the residential character of the area. The Planning Board will consider any adverse impact to water, sewer, runoff, trash removal, light, traffic and density of the proposal. It is anticipated that the Planning Board will conduct hearings over the next several months. All interested parties are urged to contact the Planning Board at 781-834-5554.

Brooks T. Singer: 1986-2003

As many of you are aware, we recently lost a special member of our community - 16-year old Brooks Singer.



Brooks, a board member of the Marshfield Hills Community Association, is being remembered as a kind, mature, intelligent young man who loved his family, displayed great artistic talent, cared about his community and kept his family, friends and neighbors laughing with his humor and practical jokes. Brooks even ventured to other communities to teach inner-city children algebra and physics.

In recognition of Brooks' strength of character and his contributions to the planning and construction of the new playground at the Old Main Street Fire Station, the Marshfield Board of Selectmen adopted a resolution on September 8 naming the playground the Brooks Thomsen Singer Memorial Park. Selectmen Chairman Michael Moresco will be presenting the resolution to the Singer family at MHCA's Annual Meeting on October 22.

MHCA's thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Singers - Molly, David, Ryan and Taylor. The Singers have established the Brooks Thomsen Singer Memorial Fund to build a scholarship for students to travel to other countries in keeping with Brooks' love for learning about different cultures.

The Marshfield Hills Community Association recently voted to contribute \$1,000 to the Brooks Thomsen Singer Memorial Fund as well as \$1,500 to support the establishment of a memorial at the Brooks Thomsen Singer Memorial Park.

Contributions to the Brooks Thomsen Singer Memorial Fund can be made payable to MHCA, P.O. Box 264, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051.

“Run for the Hills 5k” races to successful finish

More than 220 runners and walkers turned out for the 6th Annual “Run for the Hills 5k,” held September 1st (Labor Day). This popular community event welcomed racers and walkers of all ages and abilities to participate in the 5K (3.1 miles) route. Highlights included our own “heartbreak hill” run to the finish up Prospect Street, an awards ceremony, and a post-race barbeque at the playground. New this year were races for children of all ages and a raffle featuring prints donated by David Brega and Liz Haywood-Sullivan! Proceeds of the “Run for the Hills” - which this year raised more than \$1,900 - support the MHCA scholarship fund and other MHCA activities. Special thanks to our 2003 sponsors: Marshfield Hills General Store, Franklin Sports, Reebok, New Balance, Fuel Belt, Red Bull, Dunkin Donuts, Stop & Shop, McDonald’s, Gu Sports and Balance Bar. For information about participating in or volunteering for next year’s Labor Day “Run for the Hills,” please call Dave Will at 781-985-9455.

Check out our upcoming events!

Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 are shaping up with great activities for the whole family. Aside from the **MHCA Annual Meeting on October 22 at 7:30 PM** at the Audubon on 3A, the annual **Holiday Party will be held on December 13 from 3-7 PM** at the North Community Church on Old Main Street. Next spring, MHCA will host its annual Daffodil Social neighborhood dinner and will sponsor the Memorial Day Parade on Old Main Street. Stay tuned for details of these annual (as well as some new!) events in the next newsletter.

Don’t forget to pay your dues! Annual membership to the MHCA is \$20 per family. If you haven’t yet renewed your membership for 2004, please send in the following information along with your dues: Names of everyone in your family, Mailing address, phone, emails, and if you are a new member or renewing your membership. Please make a check payable to **MHCA, PO Box 264, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051**. Your membership dues go into effect on January 1st, 2004. Thank you!

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