



MCPB Item #6
June 10, 2010

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2010

TO: Montgomery County Park Commission

VIA: Mary R. Bradford, Director of Parks

FROM: Terry H. Brooks, Chairman
Public/Private Partnership Committee

SUBJECT: The Proposed Reclassification of the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Area in Silver Spring to the Calverton Neighborhood Park with a Dedication in Memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner

Staff Recommendation: Approval with Conditions

Background:

On April 28, 2009, the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Planning Board received a preliminary letter of support from Mr. Daniel Epps, Jr., President of the Calverton Citizens Association, Inc. (CCA) requesting to rename and dedicate the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Park located at 2510 Shanandale Drive in Silver Spring in honor of Donald and Marilyn Praisner, their neighbors and well-known former Montgomery County Council Members. Prior to submitting their request, the CCA sought and obtained the approval of the Praisner family to dedicate the Calverton Conservation Area in recognition for their contributions to their community and the general public. The Praisner's daughter, representing the Praisner family, appreciated and accepted the CCA's kind offer. The Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Park is a 1.3-acre park located very close to the home of the Praisner family.

The CCA preliminary letter of support (see Attachment #1) described the many civic accomplishments of both Donald and Marilyn Praisner as committed and tireless advocates for residents all across Montgomery County for many years. (See Attachment #2 and Attachment #3 respectively.)

On October 28, 2009, the Commission received a formal, revised proposal from the CCA (see Attachment #4) based upon discussions and recommendations from the Department of Parks staff. The CCA requests the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Park be reclassified from a conservation park to a neighborhood park and its name changed to Calverton Neighborhood Park. The park type classification is being made because the park has never been in its natural

state since its initial dedication to the Commission in 1971 as part of the neighborhood subdivision. From 1971, when the Calverton community was first developed, until 2009, the CCA requested and was granted approval by the Commission responsibility to maintain the park as their community's formal green lawn, at its own expense, because the park is located in the very center of the residential community. In June 2009, the CCA requested the Department of Parks to take over the maintenance of the park because the CCA no longer had the resources to maintain the park.

The history of the long-term maintenance for Calverton Conservation Park reveals the fact that the maintenance of this park has never been programmed in the operating budget of the Department. The recent conversion of park maintenance responsibilities for this park from CCA to the Department's Southern Region park maintenance obligation will result in an increase of about 2/10th of a work-year, or about \$6,000.

The Park will be maintained out of the Department's Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Park maintenance yard. Park maintenance staff has been caring for the park since early last year. Due to budget cuts anticipated in FY 11, the condition of this park will likely deteriorate along with all of our other parks rather quickly, as the grass will get higher, and the trees and shrubs will not get much preventive care. In the fall, it will be difficult to remove fallen leaves, which may cause some of the turf to die, leaving bare areas of dirt, similar to many neighborhood and community parks.

Separate Request:

Not directly related to the memorial dedication proposal is a request by the CCA for the Commission to consider their desire to re-orient an existing community subdivision sign located in the middle of the park. The sign reads "Calverton" on a white brick decorative wall. The wall was originally built by the developer as part of the community and was intended to serve as a gateway into the community. The gateway sign was used as a functioning community landmark until MD Route 29 was built and roadway sound barrier walls were constructed, which terminated the Calverton community's formal entryway. CCA considers the Calverton sign a community landmark and would like to renovate the sign and re-orient the sign to read in the opposite direction facing Shanandale Drive. CCA is currently in the process of soliciting donated services from a contractor to renovate and re-orient the sign. CCA is requesting the permission of the Planning Board to renovate and re-orient their community sign. (See Attachment #5a.)

Memorial Dedication Request:

With respect to dedicating the park in the memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner, the CCA has accepted the staff recommendations to seek one of several memorial dedication options: (1) a dedication in memory of the Praisners with a memorial plaque applied to a rock; (2) a plaque on a post; or (3) a plaque on a park bench. The CCA has also agreed to cover the associated cost of the sign and its installation by the CCA and/or sponsors. (See typical memorial dedications, Attachment #5a-e.)

The Commission is in receipt of a January 21, 2010, letter of support from the Honorable Anne R. Kaiser, Maryland Delegate, Montgomery County 14th District, supporting the subject request. (See Attachment #6.)

Park Naming Policy:

Commission History & Policy for Park & Park Facility Dedications:

On September 10, 1998, the Montgomery County Planning Board adopted a policy and guidelines for the renaming of parks and park facilities. (See Attachment #7.) The adopted policy and administrative guidelines address the renaming of parks and facilities.

In the past, the Commission has dedicated several park facilities to individuals such as:

- Wheaton Regional Park - Frank Rubini Athletic Complex; and the
- Long Branch Wayne Park - John Durham Athletic Fields.

The Commission adopted policies for park dedications (see Attachment #7) allow the dedication of a person's name to a park facility provided the proposal complies with the generally stated guidelines of requiring the nominated individuals(s) to provide some significant, civic, historic, and/or cultural contribution to the lives of the citizens of Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, or the Nation. The CCA is recommending a park name change only to change the park type. Further, the CCA is recommending a memorial dedication be accommodated in the park in recognition of the Praisners' many contributions to the lives and citizens of Montgomery County.

Staff Recommendations:

Staff recommends the approval of changing the park type from Neighborhood Conservation Park to Neighborhood Park for the Calverton park and that a memorial dedication plaque be approved naming Donald and Marilyn Praisner (pursuant to the Adopted Park Naming Policy Guideline "H: Persons of outstanding civic service to the County or Commission") in recognition of their civic, individual, and collective activism on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County.

With respect to the CCA request to renovate and re-orient the Calverton Neighborhood sign, staff recommends the approval of this request subject to the CCA paying for all costs associated with the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the sign.

Staff approval is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. That the new park sign and its installation cost be paid for by the CCA and/or donors;
2. That the memorial dedication be physically recognized in the form of a mounted plaque located immediately next to the park sign indicating the park is dedicated in memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner for their many civic contributions on behalf of the citizens of Montgomery County;
3. That the cost for the park type and memorial dedication recognition plaque be borne by CCA and/or supporters of the dedication and that all required funds must be received by the Commission prior to the installation of the new park sign and the new plaque;
4. That the cost to repair and/or replace any damage and/or vandalism that may occur to the park sign and memorial plaque must be borne by the proposer for a period of at least the first 3 years (which will be included in the park sign and memorial plaque installation budget), and that the Commission will not be obligated to replace the park sign and memorial plaque if vandalized or damaged after 5 years; and
5. That the cost and/or construction donation services to restore and re-orient the Calverton community sign be paid for by CCA and/or donated by a qualified contractor, be approved by the Department's Park Development Division, and that a park permit for the restoration and re-orientation of the Calverton community sign be issued prior to any work being performed on the sign.

Calverton Citizens Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 21, Beltsville Maryland 20705

April 28, 2009

The Honorable, Isaia "Ike" Leggett
Montgomery County Executive
101 Monroe Street 2nd floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Renaming and dedicating the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Park, as The "Donald and Marilyn Praisner Park."

Dear Mr. Leggett,

The purpose of this letter is to request your approval and comments on our Proposal to Rename and dedicate the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Park, as "The Donald and Marilyn Praisner Park."

The Neighborhood Conservation Park is located at 2510 Shannandale Drive, Silver Spring MD, 20904. It is a 1.3 acre Park located in a residential area very near the home of the Praisner family. The Park has been maintained by the Calverton Citizens Association since the early development of the Community. At that time a White Wall was constructed in the Park with the word Calverton mounted on it in large black letters.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Epps, Jr., President
Calverton Citizens Association, Inc.

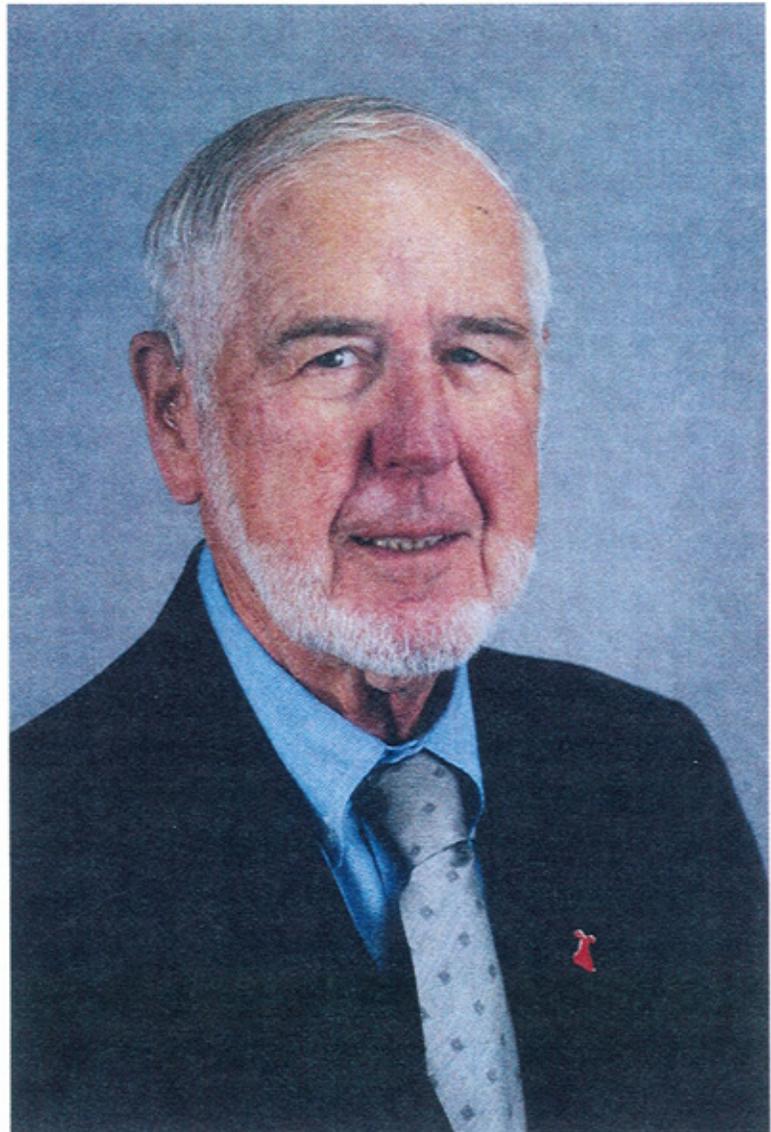
cc: Dr. Royce Hanson. Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board

Enclosures: #1. Calverton N.C.A. Drawing, #2. Snapshots of the Park



Marilyn J. Praisner

Donald E. Praisner



BIOGRAPHY OF MARILYN PRAISNER

Marilyn Praisner was the longest serving woman ever on the Montgomery County Council. She served five terms representing District 4. Praisner served as Council President in 1993, 1997, 2007 and as Vice President in 1991, 1996 and 2006. Praisner chaired the Council's Management and Fiscal Policy Committee and served on its Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee.

As a Council Member, Praisner took the lead on a variety of issues, including child care, technology, the environment, private-public partnerships and fiscal policy. She sponsored the County's Rainy Day Fund, which has garnered high marks from the bond-rating agencies, co-sponsored the Economic Development Fund which has helped attract quality employers to the County, spearheaded special protection areas (SPA) to protect stream valleys in the County, including the Upper Paint Branch, and established the County's Technology Innovation Fund to modernize County government technology to serve citizens better. As a member of the Board of Education (1982-90), Praisner lead efforts to reduce class size, expand counseling to elementary schools and add dedicated space in schools for day care and health services, she initiated the Baby Steps Program, which screens at-risk newborns and links families to County services.

A county official known for her national leadership on technology and telecommunications issues, Praisner represented local government across this country at numerous technology conferences and public safety communications, cable television, the siting of cellular towers, and rights-of-way management. She represented local government on public safety communications committees including the National Task Force on Interoperability (Vice Chair of Governance Subcommittee) and the Federal Government's Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) Program. She served as Chair of the Executive Committee for SAFECOM, a Department of Homeland Security high priority initiative established to help local tribal, State and Federal public safety agencies improve public safety response through effective interoperable communications. She was a Maryland Vice Chair for Cap WIN (Capital Wireless Integrated Network), a public safety communication system for the Washington Metropolitan Area. A member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties (NACO), she served on NACO's Homeland Security Task Force and as chair of its Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee. Praisner was Chair of TelecommUnity, a national organization created to support local government telecommunication interests on Capitol Hill. For six years, she served as Vice Chair of the Federal Communications Commission's Local and State Government Advisory Committee.

Praisner was President of the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO). She also represented Montgomery County on its Legislative Committee and chaired its Education Committee. She was a member of the Board of Education (1982-90) and twice served as president (1984 and 1987). She was President of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Chair of the Northeast Region for the National School Boards Association, and president of the National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts.

Long known for her advocacy on children's issues, Praisner served as Second Vice President of the Montgomery Council of PTA's, on the National Governors Association Intergovernmental Workgroup on Children's Issues, the Board of Directors of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Executive Committee of Children's International Summer Villages, Washington D.C. Chapter.

Known for her outstanding leadership on local as well as state issues, Praisner was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of this area's "Most Powerful Women," and has been included in the Daily Record's "Maryland's Top 100 Women" four times. Montgomery County Business and Professional Women's Club chose her as its 2000 "Woman of the Year." She also received the Charles Willis Award for Outstanding School Board Service from the Maryland Association of Boards of Education. The Montgomery County National Organization for Women awarded her its 2004 Leadership Award.

A 39-year resident of Montgomery County, she was married to Donald Praisner

COUNTY ELECTED OFFICE

Montgomery County Council – District 4 (Democrat) (1990-2008)

- President (1993, 1997, 2007), Vice President (1992, 1996, 2006)
- Management and Fiscal Policy Committee, Chair
- Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee
- Served as a member of the Health and Human Services Committee (1990-2002)
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Outreach (1995 -)
- Montgomery County Board of Education (1982-90)
- President (1984, 1987), Vice President (1983)
- Maryland Association of Boards of Education, President (1998-89)
- National School Boards Association, Northeast Region, Chair (1989-90) Nominating Committee (1988, 1989)
- National Federation of Urban-Suburban School Districts, President (1987-88), Board of Directors (1982-88), Executive Committee (1984-89)

OTHERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

- Member, Chesapeake Bay Executive Council Local Government Advisory Committee (2003-) Executive Committee CAPWIN (2002-)
- SAFECOM, Chair, Executive Committee, Department of Homeland Security (2003-)
- Public Safety Wireless Network, Executive Committee (2002-03)
- National Institute of Justice, Task Force of Interoperability, Vice Chair (2001-2002) C Council of Governments (COG)
- Member, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, Chair (2002)

Maryland Association of Counties (MACo)

- President (2003)
- First Vice President (2002)
- Treasurer (1991); Secretary (2000); Second Vice President (2001)
- Montgomery County Representative to Legislative Committee (1990-2007)
- Maryland Public Safety Interoperability Governance Group (2003-2007)
- Maryland Commission of Education Finance, Equity and Excellence (Thornton) (1999-2002)
- MACo Education Committee, Chair (1992-98) Member (1999-2007)
- MACo Ad Hoc Committee on School Board/County Government Relations, r Chair (1991-93)
- Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) Review Panel (1997-99)
- Maryland Business Roundtable Education-Professional Development Task Force (1995-97)
- Maryland State Department of Education High School Assessment Task Force (1995-96)
- Maryland State Department of Education Charter Schools Task Force (1996-97)

National Association of Counties (NACo)

- Board of Directors (1997-)
- Telecommunications & Technology Steering Committee, Chair (2000-07); Vice Chair (2002); Telecommunications Subcommittee, Chair (2001-02)
- Executive Committee, SAFECOM, Department of Homeland Security (2003-07)
- Executive Committee, Public Safety Wireless Network, PSWN) (2001-2003)
- National Institute of Justice Task Force on Interoperability, Vice Chair (2001-2003)
- Human Services and Education Steering Committee, Chair ((1999-00)
- Sustainability Leadership Team (2003-04)
- Education, Children and Families Subcommittee, Chair (1993-99)
- Governance Task Force (2003)
- Early Childhood Task Force (2002-03)
- Homeland Security Task Force (2001-07)
- Telecommunications Task Force, Chair (1999-00)
- Economic Development Task Force (1999-00)
- Millennium Committee (1998-00)
- Membership Committee (1997-00)
- Children's Initiative Task Force (1993-94)
- Intergenerational and Aging Task Force (1995-97)

Federal Communications Commission

- Local and State Government Advisory Committee, Vice Chair (1997-03)

National Governors Association

- Intergovernmental Workgroup on Children's Issues (1994-95)

County Elected Women of Maryland

- President (1994-99)
- Treasurer (1999-2003)

AWARDS

- “Woman of the Year Award,” Montgomery County Business & Professional Women’s Club (2000)
- Maryland’s Top 100 Women, Daily Record (1999, 2001, 2006)
- Ida Mae Garrott for Local Government Leadership, Allied Civic Group (2001-2002)
- Washingtonian Magazine, “Most Powerful Women” (1993)
- Charles Willis Award for Outstanding School Board Service, Maryland Association of Boards of Education (1990)
- Women in Education Recognition Award (1990)
- PTA Life Membership, awarded by the Montgomery County Council of PTA’s (1984)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Olney Theatre Center for the Arts, Board of Trustees (1998-2007)
- Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital Board of Directors (1977-82)
- Banneker Junior High School PTSA, President (1981-82)
- Suburban Maryland Fair Housing Board of Directors, Education Chairperson (1981-82)
- Montgomery County Council of PTAs, Second Vice President (1979-80), Area IV Vice President (1977-79)
- Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers, Board Of Directors (1978-82)
- District 14A Democratic Club, Board of Directors (1976-78)
- Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Board of Directors (1974-77; 1982)
- First Vice President (1974)
- Calverton Citizens Associations, Officer (1969-71)
- Douglass College Alumnae Association, Washington, DC. President , (1966-67)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Leadership Maryland, Class of 1996
- Women’s Advisory Board, Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital (1988-2007)
- Governor’s School Construction Task Forces (1985; 1987)
- State Superintendent’s Commission on School-Based Administration (1985-86)
- Montgomery County Drug Abuse Advisory Council (1981-82)
- Galway Elementary School, Trustee (1972-78)
- Greater Laurel-Beltsville Hospital Authority (Gubernatorial Appointment) (1976-77)
- Montgomery County Public Schools Secondary Schools Task Force (1975-76)’ Senior High Study (1977)
- Executive Committee, Children’s International Summer Villages, Washington, DC Chapter (1973-77)
- League of Women Voters (1975-2007)
- Girl Scout Leader (1967-69)

Donald E. Praisner

Long Time District Four Community Activist

The brief resume that follows this introduction does not come close to indicating the impact that Don Praisner had upon eastern Montgomery County, especially Calverton. For many decades, Don Praisner was indispensable to the Calverton Citizens Association, his local home owners league. He, more than anyone else, kept the Calverton Citizens Association functioning at an effective level, as it served the community's interests. Unfortunately, decades of steady, unglamorous, but reliable work sometimes results in but one short line on a resume. Such is the case for Don Praisner. For this reason, despite the apparent shortness of the resume, Don Praisner deserves the recognition, along with his much better known wife Marilyn, that is being sought.

Don Praisner, a resident of Montgomery County since 1947, a graduate of Blair H.S. and the University of Maryland, did not become known to the whole of Montgomery County until he was persuaded to run for the District Four seat on the Montgomery County Council. He did so with the support of County Executive Isaiah "Ike" Leggett, several County Council members, and numerous citizen groups. During his campaign for office, Don Praisner vowed to uphold the aspirations of his predecessor, his wife Marilyn, and only remain in office long enough to finish Marilyn's term which was scheduled to expire in December 2010.

Civil Activities

- Member of the Montgomery County Council
- President (1976) and Vice President until 2008 of the Calverton Citizens Association (CCA) which serves a community of 1500 plus homes.
- Responsible for the CCA Fourth of July picnic for decades
- Past President and board member of CHI, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides services to over 1,000 individuals with severe disabilities.
- Member of a joint community/Federal government committee working on relocating the Food and Drug Administration to its new White Oak campus.
- Member of a Percontee planning committee for land development supporting the planned East County Science and Technology Center, the FDA White Oak facility and the planned Washington Adventist Hospital north of White Oak.
- Member, Board of Directors of First Tee of Montgomery County which sponsors golf tournaments in support of charity.
- Member, Colesville Strawberry Festival Board.
- Democratic Party Precinct Chair for Precinct 05-12.
- President of the Banneker Middle School PTA
- President of the Paint Branch High School PTA

Attachment #4

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OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN
THE MARYLAND NATIONAL CAPITAL
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Calverton Citizens Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 21, Beltsville Maryland 20705

October 28, 2009

Dr. Royce Hanson
Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: Renaming and Dedication of Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Area in Memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner.

Dear Dr. Hanson:

This letter has been prepared as a follow-up to our April 28, 2009 letter to Mr. Leggett and yourself, requesting on behalf of the Calverton Citizens Association, Inc., the referenced renaming and dedication (See Enclosure 1).

This letter will serve as our formal proposal for the subject dedication. Since the issuance of our April letter, we have met with staff of the Montgomery County Department of Parks regarding our request. We discussed the nature of our proposal in detail and all of the variables required to make a formal request reference this matter. In addition, we reviewed with park staff the adopted Commission policies on the dedication of park facilities. This request is being made in compliance with adopted Commission policies.

PROPOSAL: The Calverton Citizens Association, Inc (CCA) request that Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Area (NCA), a 1.3 acre green space located at 2510 Shanandale Drive in Silver Spring, Maryland be renamed and dedicated in memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner. The name on the new park sign would read: "*Calverton Neighborhood Park – Dedicated in Memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner.*" The Citizens Association is requesting the classification of the park type be changed from a Conservation Area to a Neighborhood Park because the park has never been in its natural state since its dedication to the Commission in 1971. Since the NCA is, (1) located in the center of a landmark residential area of the community and (2) is accessible from all sides by families living in the area, the CCA considered maintenance of the NCA to be an absolute necessity.

Therefore, from 1971 until recently, the Citizens Association has been maintaining the park as a formal landscaped lawn area. The Citizens Association is requesting this park be renamed and dedicated in memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner pursuant to Commission policy park dedications under *Section 2H. "Persons of outstanding service to the County of Commissioner,"* which recognizes the distinguished and outstanding civic contributions of an individuals(s) who helped improve the quality of life for the general public and the citizens of Montgomery County in particular.

Attached is a description of Donald and Marilyn Praisner's many contributions to the public in response to these criteria (See Enclosure 2) The Citizens association also recognizes, under the Commission park dedication policy, its obligation to fund any and all improvements associated with the park dedication. The costs associated with the park dedication have been identified by park staff as follows: (1) a new park dedication sign costs approximately \$1,840.00 (see the Park Sign Illustration at Enclosure 3); (2) the park sign installation costs for the new dedication sign is approximately \$1,500.00.

The Citizens Association does not have the resources to fund the proposed signage and is requesting as part of this proposal, a grant from either the Montgomery County Council and/or the Montgomery County Executive to cover the costs of the park dedication signage.

The Citizens Association was informed by park staff that the Department of Parks does not have in its operating budget the funds to maintain the park as previously noted. Since the dedication of the park from the Calverton Community Developer to the commissioner in 1971, the Calverton Citizens Association maintained the park with its own.

However, Calverton Citizens Association no longer has sufficient resources to maintain the park, and is therefore including, as part of our proposal, a request for funding to be provided by the Montgomery County Government to the Department of Parks, to cover the cost of maintenance, as well as, a new sign and its installation. The total cost for our park renaming request (signage and installation) is estimated to be approximately \$3,340.00. It is our understanding that the annual maintenance cost for the Department of Parks to maintain the park would be approximately \$14,500.00 annually.

In addition, we also plan to seek the support of our State Delegates in order to secure the required funding for the dedication of the park. When we receive the required funding commitments, we will contact you. However, we would like to proceed with our request with the understanding that identifying funding for these improvements in advance is a condition of your approval of our request.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Department of Parks staff members in guiding us in the development of our proposal: Gene Giddiness, Acting Director; Terry Brooks, Division Chief of the Special Programs Division; Brian Woodward, Division Chief of the Southern Park Region; and Tin-Mala, Park Donations and Grants Manager.

Sincerely,

Daniel Epps Jr.
Daniel Epps, Jr., President, Calverton Citizens Association, Inc.
cc: Mr. Phil Andrews, Council President, Montgomery County Council
The Honorable Isaiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive
The Honorable Rona E. Kramer, Montgomery County State Delegate
Ms. Anne R. Kaiser, Montgomery County State Delegate
Ms. Karen S. Montgomery, Montgomery County State Delegate
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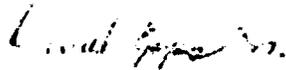
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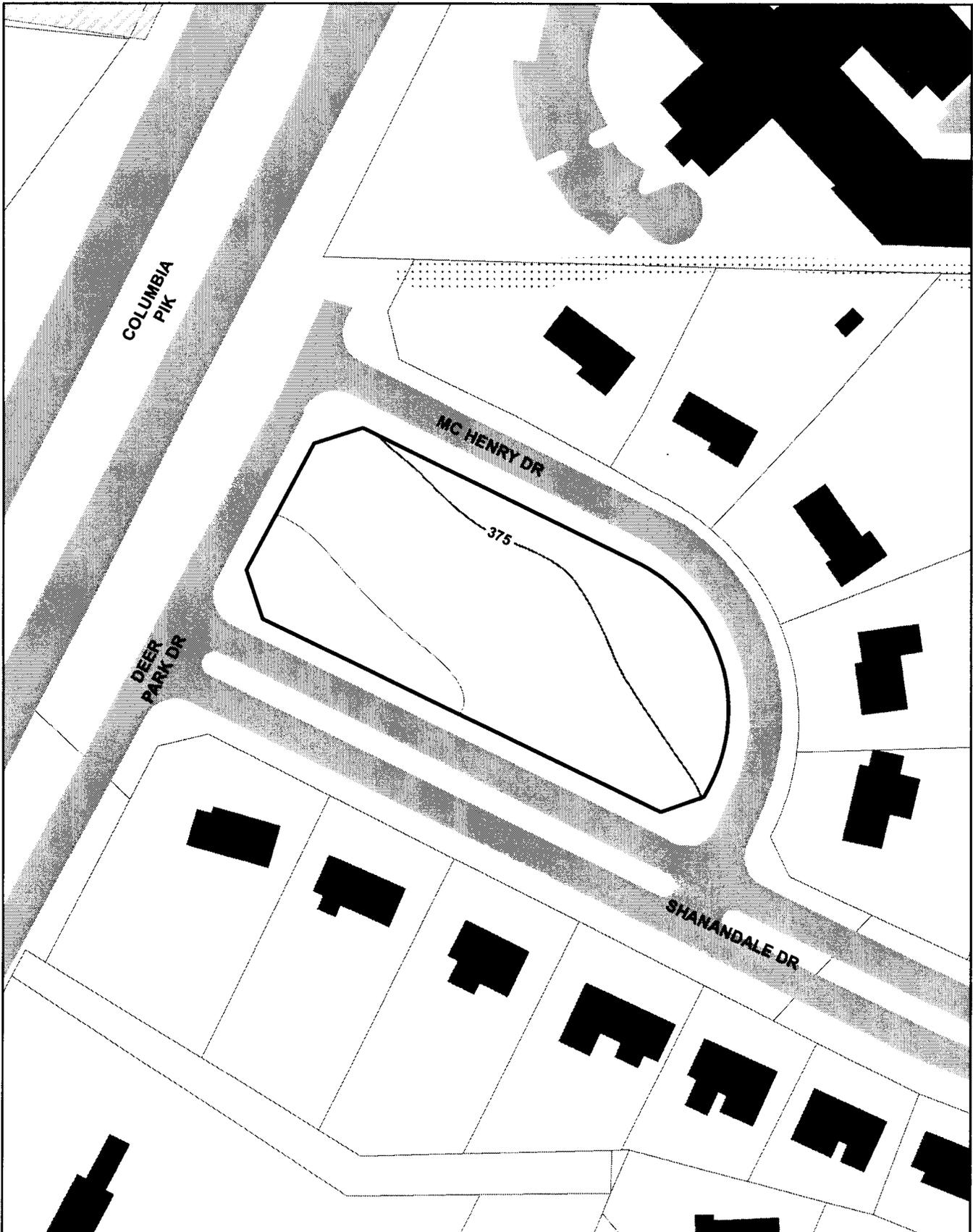
cc: Dr. Royce Hanson, Chairman, Montgomery County Planning Board

Enclosures #1. Calverton N.C.A. Drawing, #2 Snapshots of the Park

Calverton NCA

2510 Shannandale Drive, Fairland, MD 20904

Attachment #5a



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Facility Code B05

Region S
Area ML

Date 06-29-2007



Dedicate a Green Gift for various commemorative purposes, to honor a person, group or occasion; memorialize a family member, friend, or colleague; celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, or other special event. We welcome gifts from groups and associations that are made collectively with individual checks. Each check will be acknowledged separately. If your workplace has a community service program, please consider partnering with Parks to raise funds for a Green Gift that will benefit the communities we serve.

NOTE: These gifts used exclusively for public purposes are **tax-deductible**.

The process is simple. Complete the [Donation form](#) (pdf, 146KB). Print and mail it with your check.

- **Trees**

Parks staff will help you select an appropriate location, and type of tree. We will also procure and plant the tree. The total cost is \$500-\$2,000, depending on the size of the tree. Maintenance for two years is included. Planting season is from October through May, and we take orders year-round. A small tree tag is included that can be personalized with a brief inscription. For an additional \$350, we will arrange for a 4"x 4" bronze plaque on a rock, with an inscription of your choice, that will be placed by the tree.

- **Benches**



We order and install memorial benches with a standard 4"x6" bronze plaque bearing your personalized inscription. Group/family members are welcome to send separate checks to contribute individually to the total cost of \$1,500.

- **Groves**

A grove of trees may be donated at a site of your choice that also meets Parks requirements. Parks staff will guide donors to possible locations, order and install the trees. A gift of \$3000 - \$5000 includes costs of multiple trees and routine maintenance. Group donors are welcome to send individual checks for a predetermined total amount.

- **Save Park Trees**

Non-native Invasive (NNI) plants are species that have been introduced to local areas from other geographical regions. Away from environmental influences that naturally keep them in check in their native lands, NNI can quickly outcompete and replace many native plant species, reduce biodiversity, and have negative impacts on stream buffers, reforestation efforts, wildlife and entire natural communities. Some are extremely aggressive and capable of killing acres of forest canopy or understory in a matter of years. Several vines regularly overgrow and kill our mature trees. Join us in NNI control that is needed in every corner of our parkland by making a donation! We welcome any amount. With \$25 you can save up to 4 trees, with \$50 you can save up to 8 trees, \$5,000 can treat up to 7 acres or up to 700 trees! A gift of over \$5,000 may be dedicated toward your favorite park.

[NNI Donation form](#) (pdf, 264KB)

NOTE: 100% of your contribution will be used for NNI control and is tax-deductible.

Attachment 5c







SMALL Playground Boulder

Dimensions: 3' wide x 6' long x 3' tall

Price: \$2,390.00

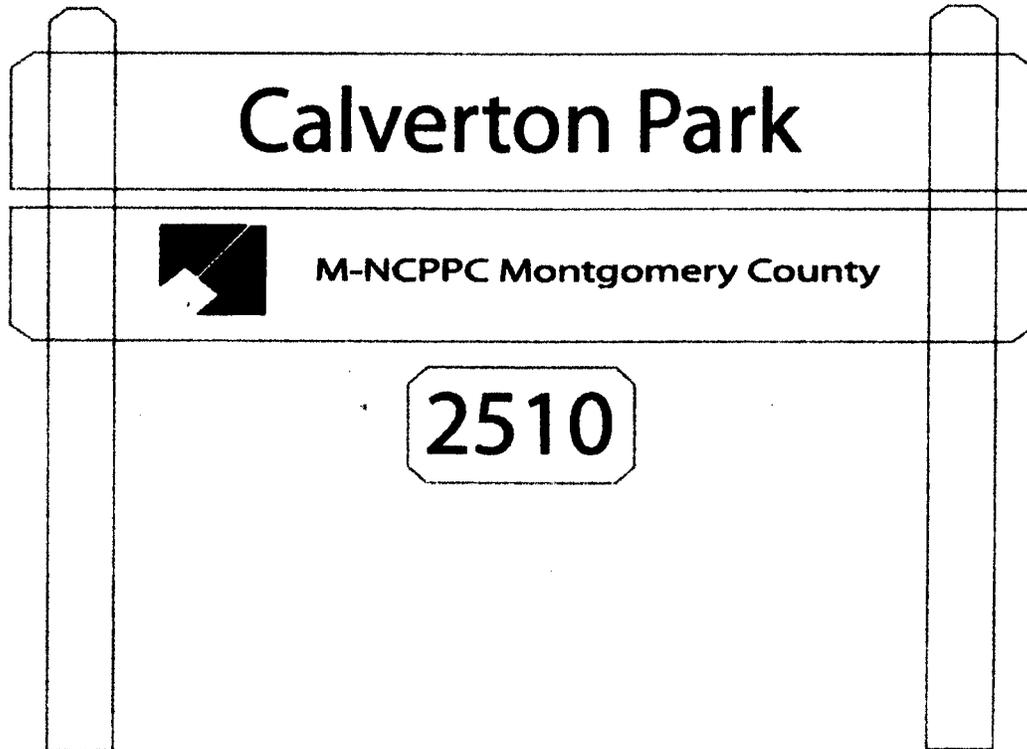
Optional modular climbing hold package with threadings: Add \$600.00

Whether to meet the constraints of budget, space, or to provide just the right size for your kids' playground, the smallest of our Playground Boulders is fantastic for young children. With

safety in mind, especially smooth curves and subtle changes in the rock angle are designed to minimize the chances of injury from a child from grabbing or hitting a sharp edge.



Typical Park Sign Standard



Aproximate cost of Single face sign:

72" panels = $\$250 \times 2 = \500

Address panel = \$90

6 x 6 posts = $\$210 \times 2 = \420

Total = \$1010.00

Aproximate cost of Double face sign:

72" panels = $\$475 \times 2 = \950

Address panel = \$120

6 x 6 posts = $\$210 \times 2 = \420

Total = \$1490.00

ANNE R. KAISER
14th Legislative District
Montgomery County

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January 21, 2010

Dr. Royce Hanson
8787 George Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Dr. Hanson: *Royce*

I would like to offer my full and unwavering support of the proposed name change of the Calverton Neighborhood Conservation Area, also known as the *NCA*, to ***Calverton Neighborhood Park-Dedicated in Memory of Donald and Marilyn Praisner***. This 1.3 acre lot of green, community friendly space has been maintained by the Calverton Citizens Association, Inc. (*CCA*) since 1971. The *CCA* is now requesting the area be renamed in honor of Donald and Marilyn Praisner; under Commission policy park dedications, Section 2H, this may be achieved. It is my firm belief that the legacies of Donald and Marilyn Praisner over the years more than qualify them for this honor.

Marilyn Praisner was a dazzling example of what a good public servant should be. Over her 39 years of residency in Montgomery County she held a plethora of public offices. Marilyn served as Montgomery County Councilwomen for five terms, and served as President of the Council in 1993, 1997, and 2007. It is abundantly clear that Marilyn loyally served not only the citizens of Calverton, but the citizens of Montgomery County for a long time and is justifiably worthy of this recognition of her services.

Donald Praisner is just as deserving of this honor as his wife. While his resume may not have the breadth of his spouse, his actions speak volumes about his character and commendable service. Donald was a member of the Montgomery County Council and previously served on many community boards and commissions. Mr. Praisner was a long serving Vice President of the Calverton Citizens Association, which serves as only just another reminder of his long standing service to the County.

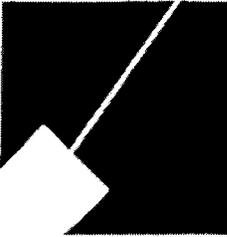
I can think of no other couple more deserving of this praise and honor. Mr. and Mrs. Praisner privileged us with their service and we should honor them with this dedication. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Anne

Anne R. Kaiser

M-NCPPC



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL
PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760MCPB Lunch-time Item
October 22, 1998**MEMORANDUM**

To: Montgomery County Planning Board

From: Donald K. Cochran

Subject: Park Naming Policy: Guidelines Recommendation

Date: October 22, 1998

The Policy

Montgomery County parks and areas and facilities within parks are generally named for a geographic area or a natural historic feature, but, as appropriate, parks and areas and facilities within parks may be named to reflect local folk usage, or significant historic, material, or financial contributions to the Commission, or persons of historic or outstanding civic service. Markers may be placed in parks and on park facilities honoring or memorializing individuals and organizations.

Approved: September 10, 1998

GUIDELINES RECOMMENDATION*Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Parks**Guidelines for Naming or Renaming Areas in Parks and Facilities in Parks**Guidelines for Memorials and Dedications in Parks and on Park Structures and Facilities*

1. Requests for naming or renaming parks, and naming or renaming areas and facilities in parks, and establishing memorials in parks and on park structures and facilities, shall be reviewed by staff of the Department of Park and Planning. A report with recommendations shall be presented to the Planning Board within sixty (60) days of the initial request.

2. Staff recommendations regarding the naming or renaming of parks, and areas and facilities in parks, shall be guided by the following considerations:

- A. Recognized geographic names
- B. Natural historic features
- C. Folk usage
- D. Significant historic contributions
- E. Significant material contributions
- F. Significant financial contributions (at least 25 percent of the total project cost)
- G. Persons of historic service to the County or Commission
- H. Persons of outstanding civic service to the County or Commission

3. Memorials or dedications may consist of (a) structures, such as buildings, or facilities, such as athletic fields, that may be named in memory of individuals and organizations as complete entities, or (b) memorial or dedication plaques or signs on or inside structures and facilities.

4. The name of a memorial or dedication must be approved by the Planning Board.

5. Upon approval by the Planning Board, letters of agreement shall be exchanged between the Commission (or the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc.) and the person(s) or organization(s) requesting a memorial or dedication, authorizing and designating responsibility for the planning, design, construction and funding of the memorial or dedication.

6. Staff recommendations to the Planning Board regarding the establishment of memorials and dedications in parks and on park structures and facilities shall be guided by the following considerations:

A. The location, design, and configuration of a proposed memorial or dedication shall be in keeping with the park purpose and usage and shall not interfere with public use of the park or park facility.

B. Department of Park and Planning staff shall participate in the planning, design, and construction of a memorial or dedication, if relevant.

C. All costs associated with a proposed memorial or dedication, including planning, design, construction, utilities, and maintenance (if significant) shall be the sole responsibility of the person(s) or organization(s) requesting the memorial or dedication. Full funding for the memorial or dedication shall be paid to the Commission or to the Montgomery County Parks Foundation, Inc., prior to the start of planning, design, and construction.

E. In all cases involving memorials or dedications, only the memorial or dedication itself may be named. The park name shall remain unchanged.

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Parks Impacted by the Park Naming Policy

- 1983 Rock Creek Stream Valley Unit #6
Rockville
(The new group picnic area in Rock Creek Stream Valley Unit #6 (Coplen Property) located on Veirs Mill Road, adjacent to the Parklawn Cemetery has been named Parklawn Group Picnic Area.)
- 1984 The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Local Park was renamed to the Norwood Local Park
Potomac
- 1985 Rosemary Hills Community Center renamed to Lyttonsville/Rosemary Hills Community Center
Chevy Chase
- 1986 Robert C. McDonnell Campgrounds
Cabin John Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for a sign and a plaque on a stone and gave family a photo album of the ceremony)
- 1986 Boundary Park Neighborhood Conservation Area
Chevy Chase
(This park has been given a formal park identity, marking historic park sites.)
- 1987 Robert Remington Athletic Fields
Strawberry Knolls Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and gave the family a plaque)
- 1988 Roberth H. Hill Athletic Field
Olney Manor Recreational Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and plaque)
- 1989 Opal Daniels Neighborhood Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign, community paid for plaque on stone)
- 1989 Black Hill Visitor Center
Black Hill Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque in lobby, which dedicates the facility in honor of Norman B. Christeller, former Commission chair)
- 1990 Alvin Robinson Picnic Area
Northgate Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque on stone)

- 1991 Joshua Maggin Hiker/biker Trail
Avenel Park
(Community paid for plaque on stone)
- 1991 Clifford Bland Athletic Area
Darnestown Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign, family paid for plaque on stone)
- 1994 The Ed Wilhelm Athletic Fields
Takoma-Piney Branch Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)
- 1994 The John Durham Athletic Fields
Long Branch-Wayne Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)
- 1995 Johnson's Park
Name of Emory Grove Local Park reverted to property's original name.
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)
- 1997 Little Bennett Golf Course Clubhouse
Little Bennett Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for plaque, which honors former Executive Director and Director of Parks, Jack Hewitt)
- 1997 The Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Court
Cabin John Indoor Tennis Facility
(Western Area Recreation Advisory Board paid for plaque)
- 1998 Brookside Gardens Visitors Center
Wheaton Regional Park
(Dedicated in honor of Elizabeth Turner, whose bequest funded the majority of the visitors center, Commission paid for plaque)
- 1998 The Stuart Kaufman Playground
Garrett Park Estates Park
(Garrett Park ES PTA and Town Council paid for sign)
- 1998 The Becca Lilly Playground
Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park
(City of Takoma Park paid for plaque)
- 1998 Dr. Robert Parilla Pathway
Rock Creek Regional Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

- 1998 The Josiah Henson House
Ken-Gar Local Park
(M-NCPPC paid for historic marker)

- 1998 Thomas Jennings Athletic Fields
Columbia Local Park
(Community paid for sign)

- 1998 Rosemary Hills-Lyttonsville Local Park
Formerly Rosemary Hill LP, name changed to add geographic community adjacent to the park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

- 1998 Glenmont Greenway
Formerly Glenmont Urban Park, name changed to reflect facility as part of total greenway system

- 1999 Leaman Local Park
Name of Germantown Estates Local Park reverted to name of original property owners, whose ancestors were among original settlers of Germantown

- 2002 The Kristin Pataki Special Operations Center
Woodlawn Cultural Park
(M-NCPPC paid for plaques)

- 2003 The Bill and Jan Tait Athletic Field
Olney Manor Recreational Park – Baseball Field #4
(M-NCPPC paid for sign and plaque)

- 2005 The Prather-Kaufmann Park
Montgomery Village Local Park
(Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. paid for sign)

- 2006 South Four Corners Neighborhood Park
Forest Glen-Dallas Avenue Neighborhood Park
(M-NCPPC paid for sign)

- 2008 Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center at Cabin John Regional Park
(Montgomery County Tennis and Education Foundation paid for sign)

- 2008 Jane Lawton Community Center in Chevy Chase
(M-NCPPC worked with Town of Chevy Chase, the County Executive’s Office, the County Council, the Recreation Department and others to coordinate funding and improvements needed to celebrate this name change.)

- 2009 Jeff Kauffman Athletic (Soccer) Field at Aberdeen Park
(Montgomery Soccer, Inc. paid for plaque)
- 2009 Wayne M. Goldstein Playground at Kensington Heights Neighborhood Park
(Kensington Heights Citizens Association paid for sign)