

## **2014 Good Neighbor Award Nominations**

### **Nancy Keefe**

#### **Nominated by an anonymous neighbor**

Nancy is the mother of 5 wonderful children and grandmother of 10, and yet she has always found the time to be an active volunteer in our neighborhood, serving on the Fallsmead Homes Corp. Board, specifically the architectural Control Committee, the social committee, the history committee etc. She has served as block captain and given endless time to help with swim meets, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities, park clean-up and more. Her focus is always on the neighborhood children, helping them feel cared for and good about themselves with her friendliness and kindness. Outside of the neighborhood, she cooks for the homeless, is involved with the Boy and Girl Scouts, and volunteers at her children's schools. Nancy is always giving friends rides when they can't drive for themselves, cooks for friends, babysits and cares for friends in need with her loyalty and support.

Our neighborhood is a better place and has a better quality of life because of Nancy Keefe, because she is a loving, kind hearted woman, always working tirelessly to help anyone she can. It's who she is.

### **Fred Newton**

#### **Nominated by Maude Kilgo**

Fred Newton has shoveled snow from my sidewalks each winter. Before the snow stops falling Fred is outside my home shoveling snow to prevent any build-up. He is very conscientious to make sure that the walkways are clear and ensures there is no danger.

Fred has always demonstrated that safety comes first and my sidewalks are always impeccable. Although he volunteers to do this, he is always very professional, very attentive and has always gone above and beyond to ensure the job is complete. In addition, Fred has exemplary customer service skills.

I just wanted to take this time to say just how much I appreciate Fred Newton's dedication.

### **Jonathan Smith**

#### **Nominated by Tricia Kassiday**

The nomination is for Jonathan Smith. He has been the instigator and moderator for our New Mark Commons community on-line board using the NextDoor web application. He previously administered our on-line board, which was unwieldy and difficult to use. He researched other alternatives, and has coordinated the migration of our transformation to the new NextDoor medium. In addition to providing oversight to this mode of communication, he also is very active at provoking online discussions, sharing community information (swim team, wi-fi access, pool outages, realty information, gardening club, etc.) which has successfully brought our community even closer.

He also is a strong proponent for community support at New Mark Commons, and has organized and held several community-wide "game day" events at our clubhouse. They have been well attended and great community builders.

**Ida Wallenmeyer**

**Nominated by Rose Sharkey and Patty Neame**

Ida Wallenmeyer is being nominated for the Good Neighbor Award for her tireless efforts at Dr. Stonestreet's Medicinal Garden on the grounds of the Beall-Dawson House. This garden was designed by the Montgomery County Master Gardeners Design Team and installed by a Boy Scout for his Eagle Scout project. No plans were made, however, for maintenance of the garden. It soon became overgrown with weeds and desperately needed attention. Ida took the garden under her wings, recruited two additional volunteers, and tends the plants each Friday morning during the warm weather months. She has replaced plants as needed, contacts Rob Orndorff at City Hall to obtain mulch and other needed materials, and does not hesitate to stop and educate admirers as they pause by the garden fence to thank the volunteers for their work.

Ida demonstrates a determination to beautify the City for all to enjoy. Her efforts extend beyond the City as well. As a member of the Herb Society of America, she can be found at the NIH National Library of Medicine herb garden once a week, and periodically works with fellow Master Gardeners at the Agricultural History Farm Park's Demonstration Garden in Derwood. We extend our thanks to Ida for ensuring that our landscapes continue to bloom brightly.