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## Winter Solstice Party

Please join our neighborhood in welcoming Winter and the Holidays.

**Date :** Sunday, December 21st

**Time :** 7:00 p.m.

**Place :** Home of Kate Berman  
508 Lexington Avenue

Please bring a plate of cookies to share and wear warm clothes for caroling about in our neighborhood. MJNA will provide drinks.

### Conservation District Ordinance Delayed

The Planning Commission has delayed a decision to adopt Conservation Districts as a local ordinance. Conservation Districts will be discussed at their next meeting on January 13th. Anyone interested in this issue is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

This has no direct effect on any portion of our neighborhood. Planning Commission is simply considering if a lighter version of an Architectural Design Control District would be an option in the city.

### Update on Martha Jefferson Hospital

Martha Jefferson Hospital is moving forward in the process to select a development partner. Nine responses to the Request for Qualifications were received, and the hospital narrowed the field to three companies. A fourth company has put forward a proposal to simply buy the property. The three companies remain in the game and are ready to move forward, even in the current economic

climate.

According to Steve Bowers, "The hospital has taken a patient approach, which has paid off thus far. We're going to stay the course, now more than ever. While we had hoped to name a development partner by the close of the calendar year, it's a very complex and very important decision. We are working very hard, and continuing to en-

gage Economic Research Associates in Washington as a third-party in the process. Our hope is to name a partner soon after the New Year. It's also worth noting that the hospital is quite appreciative of the collaborative relationship we've developed with MJNA over the course of the last couple of years – and that is not lost on our potential partners."

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#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER AND REQUESTS:

- *January 13th at 7:00 pm Planning Commission Public Hearing for Historic Conservation Overlay Districts.*
- *New MJNA Website: [www.charlottesville.org](http://www.charlottesville.org), then residents, neighborhoods, Martha Jefferson.*
- *Please join the MJNA. To do so, contact Mary Odell, info on back.*
- *Winter Solstice Party at Kate Berman's home on December 21st, 7 pm.*
- *Please consider a donation to MJNA to cover historic survey work.*
- *Burnley Moran is looking for help with Walk-to-School days, which are the first Friday each month. It only takes a few hours a month. Please contact Cindy Cartwright 295-6327 or [cindycartwright@gmail.com](mailto:cindycartwright@gmail.com).*

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*The Martha Jefferson Neighborhood Association was founded as a response to the growth of Martha Jefferson Hospital in the 1980's. With the announcement of the hospital's departure to a new facility at Peter Jefferson Place on Pantops, we once again need strong voices and leadership to ensure our neighborhood remains the friendly, beautiful, and comforting place that drew us all here initially. Any help you can provide during this crucial time is needed and appreciated.*

**The next MJNA Monthly Meeting is January 5th at 5:00 pm at  
the Chapel's home at 1029 Hazel Street.**

## **Goodbye to Grand Old Oak**

This week one of the largest trees in Maplewood Cemetery is being removed. It is believed to be over two hundred years old but this summer I was afraid it had come to the end of its life. The City obviously recognized this and so it will slowly come down this week and by the time you receive this newsletter it will be gone. Limbs had been falling for awhile and damaging gravestones. It is also located very close to a house.

It was a grand, beautiful tree and I will miss it. Maplewood Cemetery is a treasure and our neighborhood's only green space. So I hope you get a chance to walk through some days and enjoy the gorgeous trees that are living because many of them are old and won't be there forever. Due to the efforts of Anthony Smith, Paul Johnson, John Wheeler, and David Zentmyer (our Cemetery Committee) the City is working on repairing damaged gravestones, has installed a motion sensor light for security, and is paying attention to Maplewood. We can all help by passing through, picking up trash when you see it, and enjoying this lovely spot.

Maria Chapel