

# The Informant

# Winter 2023

Montgomery County Citizen Academy Alumni Association

## From the Editor-in-Chief's Desk



MCCA AAA President Ken Freeman.

I want to congratulate the members of the last Citizen's Academy for joining our organization. I will do everything in my power to make sure we take care of our members and to do our main purpose to sup-

port the MCPD. It is our duty to show Chief Marcus Jones that we care for all the officers for their hard job that they do.

We had our first social event an "End of Summer Event" that was well attended and everyone that was there seemed to have a good time. I want to thank

our special guests Chief Marcus Jones and his wife and Sargent John Mullaney for attending. We didn't recognize the Chief out of Uniform. The event was catered by Mission BBQ and the food was delicious. We will try to do more socials in the future. It is difficult to plan events with the threat of COVID returning.

I want to thank our board members for doing an outstanding job. I want to congratulate Vivian for finding speakers through May, 2024. I want to also

thank Missi, Rachel, Terry and Phil for continuing to support the association. Our main purpose as an association is to support the MCPD. Our Care for Cops program is underway and we are putting together packages for the officers at the Bethesda District.

If you haven't looked at our new and improved website, please check [www.mccaaa.org](http://www.mccaaa.org).

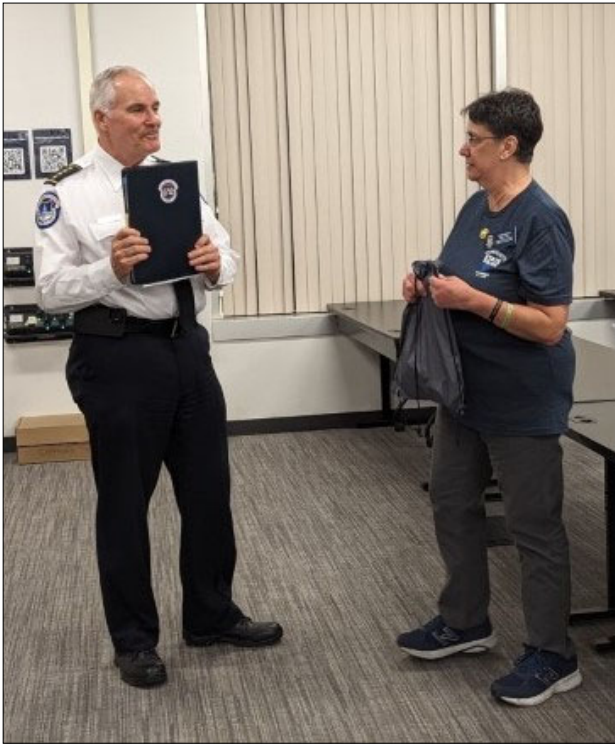
## Rachel Johns, Vice President



MCCA AAA VP Rachel Johns.

As your vice president, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and dedication to MCCA AAA. As we move forward, I want to remind everyone about the impact we can make together. We have achieved so much as a group and I am confident that we will continue to do great things in the future.

We continue to gain new members, and I look forward to gaining more new members from the upcoming graduating class! Let's all work together to stay involved and spread the word



U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger is welcomed by MCCA AAA Program Officer Vivian Wolpers.

On September 21st, Chief Tom Manger spoke to the MCCA AAA. He candidly admitted, "I'm a terrible passenger," illustrating his hands-on approach to policing. One anecdote involved him driving to a meeting with one of his captains when they spotted a traffic violation. The captain insisted on issuing a citation, while the Chief acted as backup during the traffic stop. He overheard the driver saying, "I don't know who he is, but he must be important because the Chief is driving him."

The Capitol Police force, tasked with safeguarding the U.S. Capitol and its surroundings, comprises 2,000 officers and 600 civilians operating on an \$800 million budget. Unlike other government buildings, the Capitol Building grants unimpeded public access, with only screening for weapons and bombs. There are daily public protests, sometimes escalating into violent clashes with counter-protesters.

The Capitol Police's responsibilities extend to protecting three House office buildings, three Senate office buildings, and three Library of Congress build-

## U.S. Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger visits the MCCA AAA

ings. Additionally, they secure the Botanical Gardens, where rare plants have been stolen. Their jurisdiction covers various other facilities on Capitol Hill, including the Police Headquarters near the Monocle Restaurant.

Chief Manger has ambitious plans to bolster the force by adding 400 officers and 100 civilians by 2025. This expansion is essential to effectively address the 8,000 to 9,000 threats made annually, encompassing verbal threats, bomb threats, and email threats, among others. Notably, officers are assigned to protect senior members of Congress, effectively serving as the Secret Service for Congress. They also offer protection during political conventions, accompany congressional delegations overseas, and arrange security at district offices.

One perk of being the Chief of Police is the parking privileges, and the Chief appreciates having fewer nights spent meeting with disgruntled citizens compared to his tenure as Chief in Montgomery and Fairfax Counties. However, during his 22-year stint as Chief in these counties, he never had to contend with a 4-hour-long fight.

Despite the challenges stemming from the January 6th attack on the Capitol, the Capitol Police Department does not face recruitment difficulties. Academy graduates start their careers with an annual salary of \$74,000, with some candidates citing their motivation to join being the events of January 6th.

Unlike typical law enforcement crime-fighting duties, the Department's primary focus lies in protecting Congress. The chief had limited time to discuss the reforms instituted following the January 6th events but acknowledged that the Department had been unprepared. For instance, their riot shields were outdated and damaged, and they encountered issues locating the key to unlock them from a bus.

Chief Manger closed with an interesting anecdote involving actor Samuel L. Jackson participating in a labor protest in Montgomery County. Jackson's staff requested that he be taken into custody, placed in a patrol car, and discreetly dropped off around the corner during the protest.



# Community Get-together at the MCCA AAA Barbeque!



Chief Jones and Vivian Wolpers enjoy a barbeque spread, and Vivian greets the Chief's wife, Angela Jones, below!



Missi Johns, Vivian Wolpers, and Rachel Johns together!



We are accepting **Membership Renewals for 2024** via our website at [www.mccaaa.org](http://www.mccaaa.org)  
Go to the top of page that says Membership Form, then to the page bottom that says **"Click Here for Membership Renewal Form"** and print in PDF. Checks should be made out to MCCA AAA for \$15.00. Bring to a membership meeting, or mail to: MCCA AAA, P.O. Box 8884, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-8884.

## 2023 MCCA AAA Officers

- President - Ken Freeman
- Vice President - Rachel Johns
- Secretary - Phil Gilbert
- Treasurer - Terry Harbonic
- Activities Officer - Missy Johns
- Program Officer - Vivian Wolper
- Advisor - Jerry Mullarkey



## The U.S. Marshals Service by Ken Freeman

U.S. Marshal Service is the nation's oldest and most versatile federal law enforcement agency.

The U.S. Marshals Service houses over 63,000 prisoners in federal, state, local and private jails throughout the nation. In order to house these pre-sentenced prisoners, the U.S. Marshals Service contracts with approximately 1,200 state & local governments to rent jail space.

Seventy-five percent of the prisoners in U.S. Marshal custody are detained in state, local and private facilities; the remainder are housed in Federal Bureau of Prison facilities.

The U.S. Marshals Service is responsible for the safe and secure confinement, care and transportation of federal prisoners from the time of court-ordered custody until the Federal Bureau of Prisons to serve their sentence. Once ordered into custody by a U.S. District Court, the U.S. Marshals Service assumes responsibility for all prisoners charged with federal offense, regardless of which state, local, or federal law enforcement made the arrest.

## Member Spotlight: Vivian Wolpers

My name is Vivian Wolpers and I am currently the Program Officer with the Montgomery County Citizen Academy Alumni Association. I was born in Boston, Mass, and I was raised in Chicago, Illinois and across the US and out of the country. I never got to attend High School because we moved around too much. I went to multiple different colleges, Univ SIU Illinois, CCBC in Dundalk, Md., and HACC in Harrisburg, PA.

I have worked in different positions which include Retail, Red Cross Disaster Volunteer, County Election Board, CHF, Office receptionist, and Medical Office Receptionist. I have also been a County Animal Services Receptionist.

I became interested in Police work in 1972. I took the Md. Park Police exam in fall, 1988 and passed the first time. There were circumstances that



MCCCCA Program Officer Vivian Wolpers.

prevailed and I never got in. I enjoy watching golf and in my spare time I like to bake, cook, crochet, read, walk, and support my friends in any way.

I am most proud of my two adult daughters and my 1 granddaughter. I have 4 rescued cats and several small rescued dogs.

### *Note from the Editor-in Chief*

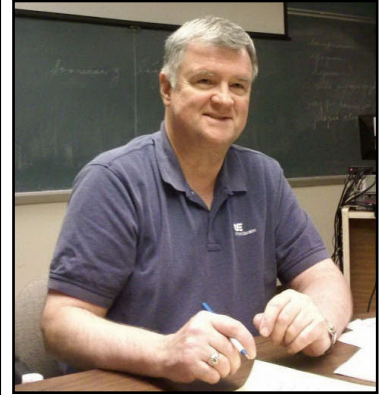
*It is my job as the Editor-in-Chief of the Informant to provide information to our membership about what is happening in the MCPD and any other pertinent news in the county and state level.*

*I will try to find interesting articles from within the community to publish in the Informant. If anyone has any topics that you would like to see published in the Informant, please contact me at kenfreeman49@gmail.com.*

# Treasurer's Report: Terry Harbonic

June 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023, MCCA AAA Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance:	\$6630.68
Deposits:	
6/21/23	\$80.00
8/1/23	\$90.00
8/15/23	\$340.00
8/23/23	\$197.00
9/1/23	\$120.00
10/27/23	\$55.00
Total Deposits:	\$882.00
Subtotal:	\$7512.68
Withdrawals:	
6/2/23, check 504, Ken Freeman, name tags	\$52.47
6/10/23, check 505, USPS, box rental	\$216.00
8/4/23, check 506, Ken Freeman, 4 T-shirts	\$90.00
8/14/23, check 507, Ken Freeman, 11 T-shirts	\$250.00
8/23/23, check 508, Ken Freeman, 5-T-shirts	\$112.50
8/29/23, check 509, Ken Freeman, 2 T-shirts	\$45.00
9/5/23, check 510, Ken Freeman, picnic reservations	\$95.00
9/9/23, check 511, Ken Freeman, 2 T-shirts	\$45.00
9/21/23, check 512, Ken Freeman, picnic expenses	\$434.84
9/21/23, check 513, Terry Harbonic, stamps	\$26.40
9/21/23, check 514, Ken Freeman, 2 T-shirts	\$45.00
9/25/23, check 515, Ken Freeman, 2 T-shirts	\$45.00
10/19/23, check 516, V. Wolpers, C for C supplies	\$74.90
10/30/23, check 517, MCLEORF donation to Sgt Kepp	\$200.00
Total withdrawals:	\$1732.11
Ending Balance:	\$5780.57



MCCA AAA Treasurer Terry Harbonic.

## ***The Informant***

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