

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Annual Dues to be collected in March

Just a reminder our community's annual dues for each household will be due by March 31. You will be receiving a mailing later this month with the invoice and instructions. We are happy to report that, once again, our dues will remain at \$140.

Help us enhance our Community's Communication

1. Share public thank yous when people in our community have done something "neighborly."
2. Provide information to our webmaster about companies you have used on home improvement projects that you would recommend to the rest of us, or if you have a service to provide, let us know that also. There are already a few recommendations on the website, but we would love to have more. Email: contact@wcwha.org.
3. Suggest ideas for newsletter articles.

Corrections to the Directory

Belated congratulations to *Edwin Newman (8512 Sugarbush Court)* on his marriage to *Anita Ferguson* (they will be able to count on always

having fireworks to celebrate their July 4th anniversary!) Please add Anita to Ed's listing.

Welcome to our new neighbors at 4522 Banff Street, Jake and Pura Valdez. Their phone number is 703-323-2998.

If you are new to the community, please let us know.

From our Parkland Manager

After walking through our Parkland after our recent snowfall and wind events, I found the following: three large trees down behind 4512 & 4514 Banff Street, and numerous large branches in addition to a voluminous amount of deadfall/branches/broken bamboo. There are numerous large branches broken in association home yards plus a few trees that have fallen into the parkland.

We will need many helpers during our annual spring clean up this year. Please plans to make time available to help with park clean up/chain saw work . We will let you know as soon as the date for this event has been determined. We can save thousands of dollars by doing as much as we can to clear the park of debris.

Al Meyer

Helpful Numbers during Weather Events

DOWNED POWER LINES / ELECTRICITY SERVICE:

Dominion Power: 888-667-3000,
<http://www.dom.com>

GAS EMERGENCIES:

Washington Gas: 703-750-1400

STATE ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAVEL:

VDOT urges those motorists who must travel to check current weather, road conditions and traffic cameras before traveling at www.511Virginia.org or by calling VDOT at 511

If your street still requires plowing, or if you have a downed tree in the street, call VDOT Customer Service at 800-367-7623.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

INFORMATION: <http://www.readyvirginia.gov>

FAIRFAX COUNTY

- Emergency Information Hotline: 703-817-7771
- Police Non-Emergency Number: 703-691-2131
- Fairfax Government Emergency Info: 703-817-7771
- FCPS Emergency Information: 800-839-3277
- Online Info:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/status/>

Reminder: Website and Email and Contractor Reviews

- Check out our association website at www.wcwha.org.
- Sign up to receive occasional email messages by contacting Mary Fry, our webmaster, at contact@wcwha.org.

- If you have had work done on your house lately, and have been happy with your contractors, please share their name and your recommendation with the rest of us. Send the information to contact@wcwha.org and it will be added to other reviews on the "Neighbor to Neighbor" page of our website.

Events at Green Spring Garden Park

Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series

Sundays, 1:30–3pm in February and March
Annual, well-subscribed series of presentations by authors, garden designers, scientists, and other garden enthusiasts on the cutting edge of horticulture. After the lecture, meet the speakers and enjoy refreshments. \$10 Limited seating. All fee programs at Green Spring Gardens require advance registration and payment. For adult programs you may register online through **Parktakes Online**. You may also call 703-642-5173 for information and to register.

February 13 – Creating Garden Habitats, Big and Small

Wildlife habitats are lost to urban development at an alarming rate. Sustainable landscaper, Catherine Zimmerman, shows how you can help solve this problem by creating beautiful and sustainable habitats in your own garden. Book sale and signing to follow.

February 20 – Smithsonian Gardens: A Hidden Treasure

Where are the Smithsonian Gardens? Much like the question, 'Where is the Smithsonian,' that you hear from so many tourists...the gardens are everywhere on the National Mall. Cindy Brown, Smithsonian Gardens, Education and Collections Manager, takes you on a treasure hunt through this tapestry of gardens and its collections.

February 27 – Going Green in the Garden

Let's welcome our favorite entomologist, Dr. Mike Raupp from the University of Maryland as he teaches us how to deal with pests effectively, without hurting yourself, your pets and your kids? What products are safe and effective,

neutral, or good for the environment? Dr. Raupp has plenty to say. Book sale and signing to follow.

March 6 – Energy-Wise Landscape Design

Learn how to design your landscape to save energy and contribute to a healthier environment. Our landscapes are full of opportunities to reduce our energy consumption. Most of them involve little or no cost, some will actually save you money. Come find out how from Sue Reed, a landscape architect with years of ecological design experience! Book sale and signing to follow.

March 13 – The Kings Gardener

History comes alive as you meet America's first botanist, John Bartram, a traveler, collector and father of the nursery industry in the original thirteen colonies. Kirk Brown, as John Bartram, takes us back to a time when the new field of plant discovery and identification lead to the development of America's first public gardens. Bartram's humor, passion, and achievements come alive as he shares his historical perspective and hopes for the future.

Other Events: Check the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/events.htm for times and fees.

Saturday, Feb 19 - Lovely Low-Maintenance Gardens

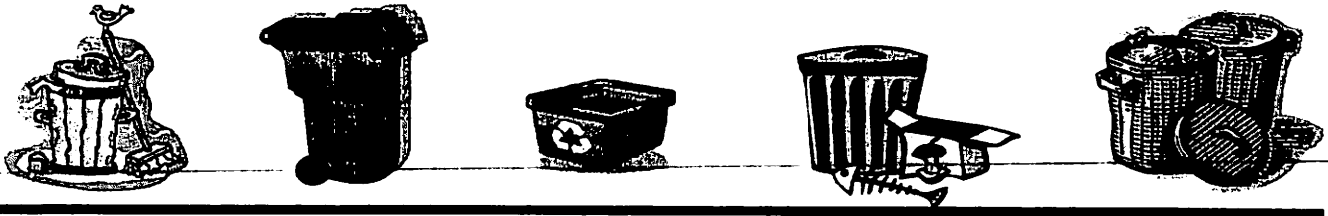
Saturday, Feb 26 - 7th Annual EcoSavvy Gardening Symposium

Saturday, March 5 - Worm Workshop

Saturday, March 5 – Workshop: Pruning for the Homeowner

Saturday, March 12 – Basic Gardening: Grow Plants from Seeds

Reminders from WCWHA Architectural Committee



TRASH CANS

Our homeowner association requires that garbage cans are to be in public view the night before and the day of pick-up only. At all other times, please put them in your garage, carport, or backyard, etc. where they are out of view.

6. SIDEWALK

For the sake of the mailmen, dog walkers, children on their way to the school bus, and your neighbors, please clean sidewalks in front of your house.

