

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Swing Set News

A big thank you to the 25 volunteers who showed up on March 31st to help with our spring clean-up and swing set installment. This was an excellent turn out, especially considering it was the first day of Fairfax County Schools' spring break. Some special thanks go to:

- ❖ Peter Reed & Ron Jones/Heather Warden for their chain saw use.
- ❖ Boy Scout Michael Runyon for helping to dig the foundation holes for the swing sets.
- ❖ Jack Griffin for shoveling the sand from the walkways and cutting up fallen and bent over bamboo.
- ❖ Barcroft Builders - Tom Augliere, owner, for his expert advise/help/truck, and Mariano Perez for digging the foundations for the swing sets.
- ❖ Swing Set crew - Al Meyer-Banff, Toussaint Griffin-Bromley, Bill Bowman-Fidelity, Outside Help-Barcroft Builders.

The bright red swing set looks wonderful and is being enjoyed every day by our young neighbors!

Grant Application Success!

Best of all, because of the efforts of WCWHA Vice President Ron Jones and our parkland master Al Meyer, our application to receive a \$3000 grant from the county to help us pay for

the swings has been successful. This would not have been possible without the time and energy of our many volunteers, or the many hours Ron and Al put into doing all the paperwork, ordering the swing set, making a strategic plan for carrying out the installation, tallying all the volunteer hours, and staying on top of the county's timetable for submission and reimbursement. Thank you for working hard to make our community a great place to live, not to mention finding a way to help our association save a ton of money!

Bluebird Nesting Box

You may have noticed a bird house along the parkland path between our two bridges. Cub Scout Patrick Read, with the help of his dad, Peter, constructed a bluebird nesting box as part of his Cub Scout requirements and in accordance with standards set by the Virginia Bluebird Society. Let us know if you see any bluebirds nesting!

Board Change

Our WCWHA Secretary Michael Phan has taken advantage of a wonderful career opportunity, and has accepted a new assignment to Alabama. We will miss him and his family and wish them well. Thank you for your many volunteer hours on behalf of our community, Mike. Mike's neighbor, Mike Manos has graciously agreed to take up Mike P's board tasks. Thanks again to both Mikes!

New Block Captain

Fidelity Court resident Jerry Blum has agreed to be our Block Captain on that street. Thanks, Jerry!

Reminder: Website and Email and Contractor Reviews

- Check out our revised 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.

Summer in Fairfax County

There are many free outdoor concerts and activities close to home that your whole family can enjoy this summer. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ and check out the list of brochures on the webpage. As an example, we've attached a copy of the Braddock Nights calendar. There are activities in other areas of the county that you might also enjoy.

Movies Under the Stars

The David R. Pinn Community Center will be hosting their movies under the stars program starting April 27 and running until September 28. Movies will be shown every Friday night at 8:00 p.m. at the community center located at 10225 Zion Drive in Fairfax. You can enjoy free movies on a 12 foot outdoor screen. If you have any questions please call 703-250-9181.

Animal Instincts

6/22 Marley & Me

6/29 King Kong PG-13

Super Heroes

7/6 The Incredible Hulk PG- 13

7/13 X-Men: First Class PG- 13

7/20 Captain America: The First Avenger PG-13

7/27 Green lantern PG -13

Video Games Come Alive

8/3 Dungeons & Dragons PG- 13

8/10 Super Mario Bros. PG

8/17 Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children PG-13

8/24 Street Fighter PG- 13

8/31 Lara Croft: Tomb Raider PG- 13

World Cup

9/7 Bend It Like Beckham PG- 13

9/14 Goal! The Dream Begins PG- 13

9/21 Kicking and Screaming PG

9/28 The Big Green

Local Farmers Markets

If you would like details on the vendors that will be present, or other markets in Fairfax County, please go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm>

Wednesdays, 2 – 6 p.m.

Wakefield Farmers Market at the Wakefield Recreation Center, 8100 Braddock Road, until October 31

Thursdays, 8 a.m. – noon

Annandale Farmers Market, Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, until November 1

Saturdays, 8 a.m. – noon

Burke Farmers Market at the VRE Station at 5671 Roberts Parkway until November 17

Summer Boat Cruises at Lake Accotink

Soak up the sunset as you cruise the beautiful shoreline of Lake Accotink from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You may spot a heron settling in for the night or a deer coming down to water's edge for a late drink. Sit back and listen while your tour guide shares interesting facts about local

wildlife and some of the fascinating history of the park. Keep an eye out for the park's resident eagles. Beverages are served on board. The cost is \$6 per person. Participants must be at least age 13. To make a reservation, call 703-569-0285.

Read for Fun: Library Summer Reading Program

The Fairfax County Public Library invites kids to participate in the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Held in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, the Reading Program will run from June 15 to September 1. To participate you may register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or visit a branch beginning June 15.

Preschoolers through sixth graders read 15 books (kids can have books read to them), and those in grades 7-12 read eight books.

Those who finish reading the required number of books by Sept. 1 will receive a coupon book with a variety of prizes and discounts, including free ice cream, pizza, bowling, laser adventures, admission to water parks, admission to some Fairfax County Park Authority facilities including RECenters, nature centers and miniature golf, as well as craft supplies, a free doughnut and other discounts.

Are You Making Improvements Now That the Weather is Nice?

If so, remember that exterior changes require approval by the Architectural Board. A copy of the form necessary for this approval is attached to this newsletter.