

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Annual Meeting – October 18

Please mark your calendars with the date of our annual meeting. It will be held at 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, October 18 in the cafeteria at Wakefield Forest Elementary School. You will receive a mailing later this month with more information. The meeting is usually very short and we encourage all our homeowners to attend. If for some reason you are not able to attend, please be sure to return your proxy so we will be ensured of a quorum.

Where did our swings go?

Those of you who have strolled through our park in the past couple weeks will have noticed that our swings were badly damaged when a tree fell on them, and have now been removed. We will be making a decision soon for replacements and welcome input from our membership.

2011-12 Directory Being Compiled

We are currently putting together this year's community directory. We do our best to make an accurate listing, and we begin with the names of the actual homeowners. Often, however, the home is being rented, or has been sold to a new owner. If you are new to the community, please let us know so we can put accurate information into the directory.

Email any directory updates to
elizsegall@aol.com

Safety Reminder During Park Flooding

Once in a while during heavy rainstorms such as we had September 8th, our parkland literally becomes a river. The creek overflows its banks and the water becomes torrential. We urge our membership to avoid entering the water, and to be especially careful to keep your children safe during a flood situation. During this past flooding there were several children and a dog playing and running in the creek overflow, which could have been very dangerous. **Please emphasize safety to your families.**

Thanks to our Parkland Manager

Hurricane Irene caused several large trees to come down in the Parkland – most noticeably the large limbs that landed on our swings. The wind and rain affected our area on Saturday, August 28 and on into the wee hours of Sunday morning. Our fearless Parkland leader was out and about looking over the damage by Sunday afternoon. It was actually while he was nearby that the tree came down on the swings. FYI – by noon on Tuesday, August 30, a tree service had been contacted, an extremely good price negotiated, and the trees had been cut up and hauled away or chipped into piles of mulch. Thank you, Al Meyer, for your dedication to our community. You are amazing!

Share Your Contractor Recommendations

Have you been happy with work done on your house? Please, contact our webmaster and add the names of the people or companies you recommend to our “Neighbor to Neighbor” page. It’s a nice way to recommend a worker you are pleased with. Several houses have had decks replaced and driveways and walkways redone. Let us hear about it. Many of our houses will be needing this work done in the near future, so hearing about contractors you were happy with is very helpful. And not just those items. Tell us about roofers and painters and handymen. Send your recommendations to contact@wcwha.org. This year the Architectural Committee found very few items that needed the owner’s attention. It is good that we are proud of our homes and want them to be an asset to our neighborhood.

Peg Desko
Chair, Architectural Committee

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.

Annandale High School Boundary Change

As you are probably aware, the boundaries for Annandale High School have been changed. School Board members, the majority of which were concerned about long-term and projected overcrowding at AHS, voted 10-2 in late July to remove more students/neighborhoods from the AHS attendance area in order to bring enrollment down to about 2270 students by 2016. Next year (Sept. 2012), AHS will begin to lose students who live in Bren Mar/Edsall Park (west of Backlick Road and south of Braddock) to Edison HS, and students from Wakefield Chapel (west of I-495) will begin to go to Woodson HS. **All students enrolled at AHS this fall (freshmen and older) have been "grandfathered" at AHS. This means all current students will be able to stay at AHS until graduation and transportation to/from school will be provided by FCPS.**

Mason District Park Festival

Fall must be here if it's time for the annual Mason District Park Festival at Mason District Park in Annandale, Va. Join in the seasonal spectacular on **Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** Festival goers will find live entertainment, crafts, hayrides, pony rides and a moon bounce. Children will love the rides and

spectators of all ages can watch the police and fire department demonstrations as well. Admission to the festival is free and tickets can be purchased for individual rides.

Mason District Park is located at 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, Va. Directions are as follows: Beltway Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike, Rt. 236) east two miles to right at John Marr Drive to right onto Columbia Pike to park entrance on right just before Sleepy Hollow Road.

For more information, please call 703-941-1730, or check on the web at.

Fall Calendar

September 24, Mason District Park Festival

October 10, Columbus Day Holiday

October 18, Annual Meeting, 7:30 pm, Wakefield Forest Elementary School Cafeteria

November 7-8, Student Holiday

November 8 – Election Day

November 24, Thanksgiving