

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Notes from the President:

It was a pleasure to spend a beautiful evening in our park with our neighbors on Friday, June 10th. There were about 15-20 people who attended, ranging in ages 2-88. *Thanks to Kim Wright and her committee for thinking of this way to bring our neighborhood together in a casual setting. If you weren't able to attend on June 10th, we hope you will join us on **July 8th (6-7:30ish)**.*

Because of the last minute decision to go ahead with our gathering on an unscheduled evening, we were only able to communicate with our neighbors via our email listserv. If you haven't already done so, please sign up by sending us an email:

wcwha.org@gmail.com.

I hope you have a wonderful summer with time set aside to travel, go camping, go to the beach or the mountains, whatever you and your family enjoy.

Liz Segall

Picnic in September?

We are planning to poll our neighborhood to see if there is interest in resurrecting our annual picnic in mid to late September this year. For this to be a success we will need some help beyond our Outreach Committee. *We will be using Survey Monkey with 7 simple questions to gauge your response and*

to let you know where you might be able to help. This will go out to those on our list serve. Since September will be here very quickly, please respond as soon as you can. *The survey is also at the end of this newsletter for those who would rather have a paper copy.* You can drop off your responses to any members of the Board of Directors, mail it back to us via our PO Box 1151, Annandale, VA 22003, or, preferably, respond to our Survey Monkey. The deadline for responding is July 21st.

Neighborhood Happenings

Our first **Friday in the Park**, which had been delayed because of rain, finally happened on June 10. This first gathering found lots of folks sitting around a table laden with wine and cheese, crackers, and fruit. We enjoyed this chance to catch up with neighbors and to hear the news of our community.

We learned of graduations, knee replacements, 4 a.m. travel for a swim team dynamo, family activities, work in our park, and future plans for this summer and beyond. This was a delightful 90 minutes. Plan to come and join your neighbors at future events.

NOTE: Because the July 4th holiday, the Friday in the Park will be on July 8 from 6-7:30 or so. See you there.

New Neighbor



We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest neighbor on Banff Street, *Autumn Jeanne, born to Kim Pugh and Dale Johnson on May 30*, weighing in at 6 lbs.8 oz. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Author in our Midst

A long time resident on Wakefield Chapel Road was recently discovered by the Meyer family. **Joan Barry** sought out Al Meyer for help with some yard and tree work. Thus was discovered a published author in our midst! Joan's book, *Touch Points in China* reveals an in-depth look at the experiences she had during a six month assignment to teach English to the scientific experts of the day in China. (By Joy Meyer)

Parkland Issues

Having just spent a delightful evening in the park with our neighbors, we are reminded of how beautiful and useable our park area is. We are appreciative of all the work and care that has gone into making it that way. *We especially appreciate Al Meyer and his crew of volunteers who pitch in and clean it up each spring and after storms that bring down branches and wash up debris from the creek.* Al announced that all the piles of debris collected have recently been collected and more dead bamboo stalks have been cleaned out. In addition, Al has recently restained and re-sealed the picnic tables and bench near the Banff Street entrance. Thank you Al and neighborhood volunteers!!

We encourage everyone to enjoy the area, but remind each person to be considerate of others in keeping the park clean, safe and pleasant for all. It would be helpful if everyone picks up any trash encountered

during walks or playtime in the park. If your children are the dog walkers for your family, please remind them to pick up all dog droppings and return the bags to your home for disposal. While we know that most dog walkers are diligent about doing, unfortunately, as we cleaned the park this spring we found a number of bags containing waste that had been dumped along the creek.

Also, if you notice motorized vehicles, unruly parties in the park at night or any other activities of concern, please don't hesitate to notify Fairfax County Police. As you were recently notified by email, homeowners on Bromley Court have had several incidences of attempted break-ins, with the perpetrators escaping into the parkland. No one has actually had their home broken into yet, but there is definite evidence of attempts to tamper with locks and door jambs. The Police have been notified and confirm our concerns.

So, other than advising you to be more vigilant about securing your windows and doors, even when you are at home (these incidences happened at night when the homeowners were at home) especially at lower level access points, our Parkland manager Al Meyer is looking into the feasibility of adding security lights to our bridges.

Please let us know if there are any similar problems on your street.

Note: If you are not getting occasional emails notifying you of events or issues, please send us your email so we can add you to the list (or correct the one we have). Each household can have more than one email if you wish.

Caterpillars in the Trees

One of our homeowners recently detected caterpillars in a neighbor's tree. Al Meyer moved quickly to assist the owner in finding an arborist to take care of the problem. If you are wondering what to do if you see caterpillars in a neighborhood tree, please call Peg Desko, chair of the Architectural Committee, who monitors the houses and yards of the association. In the meantime, all owners are advised to keep their lawns neat and clean. If you notice a nest, use a spray bottle with diluted dish soap detergent to spray into the nest. This will kill all larva and adults and will prevent further spreading.

Architectural Committee

With spring clean-up just about finished for most of us, members of the Architectural Committee have recently been walking about the neighborhood. These committee members are committed to helping us keep our homes and surrounding grounds attractive and neat. To this end, while completing their rounds they may leave a note with areas where your home needs a little sprucing up or is out of compliance with HOA guidelines. While this may seem a bit annoying, we all know previous neighbors who have made our neighborhood look bad. We want to keep looking our best.

For your convenience, we have just posted a copy of the updated Architectural Guidelines on the website. While there are only minor changes, it would be a good idea to review and download these guidelines to make sure you are aware of all HOA guidelines, including when you need the Committee's approval for changes in your house or grounds. You will find a form for getting approval attached to this newsletter.

SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



Local Farmers Markets

With the return of summer we all look forward to fresh local vegetables and

fruits. For your convenience we have included most of those near our neighborhood with their schedules. For a more complete listing and directions check the Fairfax County Website or for additional information call 703-642-0120, TTY 703-803-3354.

Wednesdays

*Oak Marr Park: May 4-November 16, 8 a.m. – Noon

*Wakefield Park: May 4-October 26, 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Thursdays

*Annandale, Mason District Park: May 5-November 10, 8 a.m. – Noon

*Government Fairfax County Center: May 5-October 27, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.

Fridays

*McLean, Lewinsville Park: May 6-November 18, 8 a.m.-Noon

*Kingstowne in the Giant parking lot: May 6-October 28, 4 p.m.7 p.m.

Saturdays

*Burke: May 7-December 17, 8 a.m.-Noon
VRE Parking Lot, 56 Roberts Parkway

*Reston: May 7-November 12, 8 am-Noon
Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive
Closed for Multicultural Festival September 24

Sundays

*Lorton: May 1-November 13, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
VRE: parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

*Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Braddock Nights – FREE Concerts in the Parks

Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

This popular concert series held every Friday at Lake Accotink or Rutherford Park is restarting July 8. While we encourage you to attend, don't miss our own Friday in the Park on that date. For more information, visit the Braddock Nights Webpage, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddocknights2015.htm>

Document Shredding (information taken from Fairfax County

Website:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm>

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. **Documents from businesses will not be accepted.** For accepted and prohibited items, please check the website listed above.

Please note: All cars must be in line by 12 pm. These are drive-through events and residents will be asked to remain in their vehicles. Please visit the above website for Accepted and Prohibited items.

2016 Shredding Event Schedule (those remaining in this calendar year): All shredding events are held from 8 a.m. to noon.

- June 25: Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna 22182
- July 23: Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Mt. Vernon Rd., Alexandria 22309
- Aug. 20: Spring Hill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Rd., McLean 22102

- Sept. 24: North County Human Services Center, 1850 Cameron Glen Dr., Reston 20190
- Oct. 15: South County Governmental Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria 22309
- Oct. 22: Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Rd., Springfield 22152

For additional information, please contact Fairfax County at **703-324-5230, TTY 711.**

The Cook Advisory

Are you subscribed to The *Cook Advisory and Braddock Beacon*, a monthly newsletter and advisory, sent to citizens by Braddock District Supervisor, John Cook? By subscribing, the latest information about Fairfax County and our neighborhood issues will be sent directly to your email. While we try to pick out some of the more important issues and send to you by WCWHA email distribution, it's impossible to know the interests of each homeowner. Also, we may miss some important events or issues of interest to you.

Subscribe by going to the website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/> and click on the link there. Or you may click the link on our WCWHA homepage (WCWHA.org).

Other County Happenings

- Learn More About “Aging in Place Tomorrow” July 17

Aging in Place is a program consisting of a network of volunteers that help older adults live in their current homes longer and remain productive, contributing member of our communities.

If you are Interested in learning more, stop by for a presentation by the Braddock District Council Committee on

“Aging in Place Tomorrow,” July 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Braddock Supervisor's Office at 9002 Burke Lake Road. The topic is “Education Opportunities for Older Adults” at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and Northern Virginia Community College.

- o Live Call in Show on Homeowners, Condo Association Issues

Your Community, Your Call: 2013 Legislative Review

Where: Fairfax County Government Channel 16

Time: July 23, at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
What are the 2013 legislative changes that impact homeowners and condominium associations? How can an association board plan for compliance with the most recent legislative changes? How can community leaders get engaged in the legislative process? Call in (703-818-1445) or email (ycyc@fairfaxcounty.gov) questions related to homeowner or condominium association management or living.

Michelle L. Thompson, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch; Jeremy Moss, attorney, MercerTrigiani; and Daniel Bauman, president, First Service Residential, will respond to your live calls and emails during the hour. View the live broadcast online.

Updates to Directory

Please update your directory to include the changes listed below. Also, please let us know if you see any incorrect information. We will send out an updated directory in November.

Banff

4510 Plewes, Tom & Liz – add Tom Cell – 703 408 6285

Fidelity Court

4502 Decampos, Lidia – 703 250-5068, (C.)703 346-9797

Ordinary Way

8514 Xu, John & Liejun – 571 494-5820

Sugarbush

8515 Mannion, Robert & Sally – add Bob Cell 703 609-4275

Wakefield Chapel

4502 Nguyen, Tommy & Katie 210 265-9548
4503 Nguyen, Mimi & Kenny – 703 -981-5448
4504 Cocar, Inc. – 703 242-8015
4505 Anwarullah, Khan Muhammad 703 953-4985

Whistler Ct.

4506 Breckenridge, Chris & Dawn – 703-425-0283

Scheduled Board Meetings

If you would like to become more active in our Home Association or just want to find out what is going on, you are welcome to come to any of the regularly scheduled Board meetings. If you plan to attend, please let us know to make sure there has been no change in date, time or place. Email us at WCWHA.org@gmail.com. The remaining meetings for this calendar year are:

September 12 – Payne, Whistler Ct.

October 19 – Annual Meeting

December 5 – Mannion, Sugarbush

