

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Notes from the President:

I hope you all had a wonderful winter holiday and had some fun with family and friends. We have been lucky with the weather so far, but I anticipate dusting off the snow blower before too long. Please remember your responsibility to clear the snow off sidewalks in front of your home so pedestrians (especially children) can get to their bus stop without having to walk in the street.

I'd like to thank Don Payne again for his many years of service to our board of directors, most of them as our President. We know he is just an email away if we have a question, so that is reassuring. Thanks to Fred Wright for not making me twist his arm too much to join the board. He will be a great addition to keeping our association moving forward.

Thanks to Ray Boehling who, per our request, spent some time looking over our association's "capital asset" – our parkland and its benches, bridges, play equipment, and walkway, etc. – and presenting the board with his assessment of current conditions and his projections for repairs that will be needed in the future. We gave Ray's report to Al Meyer who then completed the report with costs associated with keeping our parkland in the best possible condition. As quoted in the final report - "The survey found the general condition of our assets to be very good. This is due in large measure to the continual upkeep and maintenance attention given the assets, by volunteer labor and professional tree removal and mowing companies." Thanks to Ray and Al for their

assistance in completing the report and to Al and his group of Parkland Committee helpers who keep our parkland in such good condition.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns

Liz Segall
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Save the Date
Spring Parkland
Clean Up
Saturday, April 1, 2017
09:00 - 11:00

All members and friends of WCWHA are invited to help in the spring clean up of our Parkland on April 1, 2017, between 09:00 am and 11:00. If you have them, please bring gloves, loppers, chainsaws, wheel barrows, elbow grease and enthusiasm. Please contact Allan Meyer [703-978-2559](tel:703-978-2559) or e-mail at allanemeyer@aol.com for assignments and or questions. He will be at the Banff Street Bridge at 09:00 for assignments. This is a great way for Civics students and people required to do Community work to earn service hours. Make this a family affair.

Yellow Dot Program

Stop by The Fairfax County Fire And Rescue Department and get a Yellow Dot. This is a good program that will help in a car accident or emergency situation. You place the yellow dot they give you on the back window driver's side. It tells them to look in the glove compartment for your information form that they have given you. Write down your current medical information (in pencil so you can make changes) on the form – it might help save your life.

Shoveling Snow

Snow Shovels are important! When the storm warning comes place a shovel near your front door. Instead of stepping on fresh slippery snow you can clear a path in front of you as you walk. *Please be a good citizen and shovel your sidewalk.* School children must walk to the bus stop. Our mailman thanks you as do the dogs and their walkers - especially the dog walkers. It is the law in many counties in Virginia but not Fairfax that you must clear your sidewalk. We good citizens and good neighbors do not need a law to make us do what is right.

Directory Update

Many thanks to all the block captains who promptly distributed the 2017 Directory to all the residents despite its being in the middle of holiday preparations for many. Unfortunately, but not surprising, we already have some corrections to make. *Please make the following changes in your directory and let us know at wcwha.org@gmail.com of any additional corrections needed.*

Fidelity Court

We offer profuse apologies to the Weitz's and Kalantzis' for mixing up their residences and phone numbers. Their correct residences and phone numbers are:

4515 Weitz, Steven & Shannon (not the Kalantzis).

Tel. #s: 864-356-2232 (Steven) and 540-435-0059 (Shannon)

4518 Kalantzis, John & Michelle (erroneously listed at 4515)

Tel #s: 703-425-1468 (home)
757-478-6614 (cell)

Bromley Court

8506 Byrd, Patrick & Marie (moved back in August) Tel. 408-781-4820

Just a reminder that we often use emails to notify neighbors of upcoming events or issues. If you have not been getting periodic emails from us about neighborhood events, etc. please send your email to wcwha.org@gmail.com and we will add you to the distribution list. We do not share this list with anyone.

Safety in the Neighborhood

During the past year neighbors have reported a couple of incidents such as an attempt to break into a house and two incidents of theft of items off cars parked in front of residents' homes. These residents reported the occurrences to the Board and we sent out emails to you so you could increase your vigilance. In checking the Fairfax County Police Department crime mapping website, it appears that there have been only 2 incidents reported to them in the past six months in our neighborhood. While there have been no actual home burglaries, it seems a good time to think prevention. Below are a few resources you may find helpful to help keep you and you home safe.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/ offers a printable brochure called *Personal Safety*, offering many suggestions for ensuring your personal safety and home security. Fairfax County Police also offer to do a Home Security Survey - At your request, a crime prevention officer will come to your home and make recommendations you can incorporate in your home that may deter a burglar. This is a free service to the community.

<http://www.webmd.com/women/home-health-and-safety-9/protecting-your-home-from-break-ins>. This has a number of suggestions for preventing burglaries, including how not to advertize when you are away, making it hard to break in, making it hard for burglars to hide, using security alarms (not just commercial alarms) and ways to involve your neighbors.

Please report any suspicious activity, vandalism, theft of property or attempts at break-ins to local police. You can call the non-emergency number, 703 256-8035 (Mason District Station). Also, please let us know of any unusual happenings so we can alert others in our neighborhood at wcwha.org@gmail.com. You can also call any Board member (numbers are listed on the Directory).

Other County Happenings

Braddock Road Community Meeting
Expected Early February (from the December Braddock Beacon)

Supervisor John Cook expects to hold a Braddock Road Community Meeting in early February to update the community on the status of the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. The specific meeting date is pending further study and recommendation by the Braddock Road Task Force, a citizen council formed by Supervisor Cook to provide input and review for potential improvements to Braddock Rd. from Guinea Rd. to the Beltway. Supervisor Cook's office will provide further details in the upcoming Braddock Beacon.

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 meetings for this calendar year are:

January 30 – Wright, Banff St.

March 20 – Segall, Sugarbush Ct.

May 1 – Desko, Fidelity Ct.

June 19 – Valdez, Banff St.

September 11 – Caruso, Banff St.

October 18 – Annual Meeting

December 4 – Mannion, Sugarbush Ct.