

NOVEMBER 2014

The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE
WAYCROFT - WOODLAWN
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WWCA Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: CAPITAL CARING HOSPICE

AGENDA:

- A representative of Evergreene Companies, the developer of the Lacey Lane project, will speak about the design of the project and the timeline.
- Kelly King, a resident of Westover, will speak about the options the County school board is considering to provide an additional 1300 middle school seats for the 2018-2019 school year. Kelly has been actively working with the school board on this issue.

President's Message

Happy Fall!

It's hard to believe that we are already at the holiday season yet again. I hope everyone had a safe and happy Halloween.

At the October General Meeting, the association voted to redraw the boundary between Tara Leeway Heights and the WWCA. We have submitted a joint letter to the Civic Federation for its approval, and then it goes to the County Board for final approval. Once this process is completed, our bylaws will have to be rewritten to reflect the change.

Any change, even to update an action that has been voted on, needs approval by the members. We'll put the draft bylaws on our website, www.waycroftwoodlawncivicassociation.org, prior to a vote at a General Meeting.

We have two speakers for the November 11th General Meeting. First, someone from the Evergreene Companies will come to talk about their project. As many of you know, they are building 9 homes. That will not change. They plan to address timeline questions and what Lacey Lane will eventually look like.

Our second speaker is Kelly King, a Westover resident, who is actively working with the school board on its Capital Improvement Plan. The school board needs to get 1300 middle school seats by the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. There's been lots of discussion around where to create those seats – Reed, Wilson, Stratford.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Tracie

Waycroft-Woodlawn
"The Garden Spot"

Park Improvement Update - Input Opportunities Ahead!

By Patrick Tallarico and Kurt Hyde

New Trees

As we reported last month, the County planted a variety of trees on the south end of the park, mostly around the stream. They include a variety of native species that are meant to replace the invasive species that were removed over the last year. They will also help control erosion and filter pollutants from getting into the stream.

We wanted to send out a big thank you to the watering brigade who will be helping to make sure these trees get off to a healthy start. The watering brigade includes Bonnie Beckett, Christina Headrick, Jill Reuter, John Schell, Joao Freitas, and Bart Naylor. We have been blessed by some strategically timed rain, so it has made our job a lot easier, but we appreciate everyone's effort to preserve our park for future generations.

Playground

On the playground front, we have been trying to schedule a planning session with the County to get feedback from kids and parents about what they would like to see happen at the playground. Scheduling is still in the works, but here is what's planned:

- Given how challenging it is to schedule people for an in-person event, we will be creating an online survey for anyone in the neighborhood to complete. It will include images, so you will be able to provide feedback on different options and ideas for park equipment and other features.
- We will have an in-person gathering for kids and adults in November and/or at the neighborhood Christmas party in December. Stay tuned for an announcement about this, but it will probably be a weekday gathering late afternoon or early evening.
- Based on feedback received through the survey and at the in-person session(s), the County will present some design ideas at the January WWCA meeting. That will be another opportunity for kids and parents to provide feedback.

There is currently no plan for the existing playground equipment that will be replaced. If you are involved in an organization that

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Park Improvement Update (continued)

might want it, please do some legwork between now and January to assess interest and feasibility. You would be responsible for taking the equipment down and transporting it. This might happen as early as this summer. If you have a real interest in taking the equipment, please let the park committee co-chairs know (ptall_2000@yahoo.com, kurthyde@yahoo.com).

Planning for the West Side of the Park between 14th and 13th

At the January WWCA meeting, we will also be announcing the start of the planning process for the other big park improvement effort – the refurbishment of the west side of the park between 14th and 13th. The plan will focus on improving the paths, improving the connection between the benches and the path, and addressing the water retention issues. We look forward to getting neighborhood input on what they would like to see happen with that area starting in January.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Park Committee Co-chairs – Patrick Tallarico and Kurt Hyde (ptall_2000@yahoo.com, kurthyde@yahoo.com)

WWCA Executive Board

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments	
President / Tracie Morris	2014-2015	Civic Federation (Alternate) NCAC	
Vice-President / Sharon Dorsey	2014-2015	Civic Federation (Alternate)	
Secretary / Alex Deucher	2014-2015	Communications	
Treasurer / Diane Letourneau	2014-2015	Membership	
Delegates / Kurt Hyde	Patrick Tallarico	2013-2015	Park
	Kutlay Ebiri	2013-2015	Park
	Hans Bauman	2013-2015	Westwind
	Catherine Sprouse	2014-2016	
	Jimmy Falkner	2014-2016	
	Jim Pebley	2014-2016	Civic Federation
John Schell	2014-2016	Land Use/Zoning	
Past President / Michael Grace	2014-2015	Civic Federation (Alternate)	
Appointed Representatives /			
Wayne Quillin	2014-2015	NCAC (Alternate)	
Jason Rylander	2014-2015	Civic Federation	
Sue Smith	2014-2015	Civic Federation	
John Odenwelder	2014-2015	Civic Federation	

What-All Editor / John Schell

REMINDER of SCOUTING FOR FOOD

The scouts of Pack 116 will be coming around this Saturday, Nov. 8th, to collect food donations for local area food banks. Place donations in the Scouting For Food bag that was distributed last Saturday and leave outside your front door by 9AM. Canned or boxed goods are preferred. No glass jars.

LEAF COLLECTION SUMMARY

Bag Collection: Nov. 3, 2014 - Jan. 9, 2015

- Collected weekly the next business day after trash day
- Always use biodegradable paper bags, no plastic.

Biodegradable paper leaf bags are available at most hardware stores. Use any bags left over from the spring yard waste collection. Free bags are also available starting Oct. 20 at the following locations (while supplies last):

- Aurora Hills Community Center
- Courthouse Plaza Information Desk
- Lee Community Center & Park
- Long Branch Nature Center
- Lubber Run Community Center
- Madison Community Center & Park
- Solid Waste Bureau
- Thomas Jefferson Community Center

Vacuum Collection: Nov. 10 - Dec. 19, 2014

- Two passes for each civic association
- Neighborhood signs posted 3 to 7 days before each pass
- First pass for Waycroft-Woodlawn is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10, 11, 12

[Click here for leaf vacuum interactive progress map.](#)

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION: Jan. 5 - 16, 2015

JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD LISTSERV

Residents of Waycroft-Woodlawn are connected with each other and with nearby neighborhoods online through the Nextdoor listserv. The listserv is not associated with the civic association. You can join the listserv at:

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/ambtbwsjyseghsuywsfn>

WWCA MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP AND DUES PAYMENT FORM

Renew your WWCA membership, or join us, today! There are two ways to sign up:

- Cash or check (made out to WWCA) can be mailed or dropped off at 1521 N. Abingdon St., Arlington, VA 22207
- Or, pay online at www.paypal.com. Click on the "send money" link, leave it on "friends & family" selection, and put WWCAtreas@gmail.com in the "pay to e-mail address". Follow the rest of the prompts. Don't forget to note your household address and the names that you want listed as voting members.

Thanks! Diane - WWCA Treasurer Dletourneau@gmail.com

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Voting Member Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Enclosed is:

\$ 5.00 Household dues of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

\$ _____ Voluntary donation

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**



WHAT ARE YOU DRINKING FOR THANKSGIVING?

By Michael Nolan

It happens every year, the annual ritual of what wine to drink for Thanksgiving. You see it in wine ads, wine columns, and on every food and drink show on television. This can drive some people crazy. Won't chardonnay work, because that's all I drink. And let's have cabernet or that Australian stuff. But I also like sweet wines -- and someone told me to drink sweet with turkey. And I like white zinfandel; would that work? But I have 20 people this year, so which boxed wine is best? And let's face it: shouldn't we drink American wine?!

Whoa, slow down. Take a deep breath. Don't overthink this. We always do, but this year, don't. Let's try something new this year. We're here to help.

Why is this so confounding, to match wines with our Thanksgiving meal? Easy: because of the food. Think about it. We have everything on that table, in all shades of color: green, red, yellow, and orange, including cranberries, Brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing, and more. And then there's that bird. The food is rich and sweet, roasted and baked. And we haven't even mentioned pie.

So what to drink with all that? Two rules of thumb right off the bat: crisp and clean whites, mostly dry; and soft and fruity reds, always dry. Don't fret, there are plenty of choices. Let's start with the whites. Try sauvignon blanc, chilled. Don't freeze it, chill it. Try viognier, a nice, rounder white grape from France, and a lovely alternative to chardonnay. Or try chenin blanc, a grape that does especially well in South Africa. Or try a combination of the two, like the Pine Ridge (CA) chenin blanc/viognier. There's a reason it's popular, including its price—about \$12. You still want chardonnay? Try one of the best white wines made in Virginia—Linden Vineyards chard, made about an hour west of here, straight out I-66 in a beautiful spot. This isn't California chard, oaky and buttery and often flabby. This wine is clean and minerally, more French than California, and will go well with all your food, even oysters as a starter.

But let's also talk about Riesling, the noble grape from Germany. They do it best, but other places make excellent Riesling, including Austria, France (Alsace), Australia, Canada, and here in the US—VA, NY, CA, and WA. Oddly, Riesling is popular this time of year, but really should be drunk year round. Why now? I think most people think they like sweet wine, and they view Riesling as sweeter. It can be but doesn't have to be; often the drier ones are the better ones. And they are affordable, starting around \$15; they can be quite expensive but again, don't have to be.

Riesling is also versatile for all sorts of food; try it with Thai or Vietnamese. It does so well at Thanksgiving because it can taste crisp and clean, with high acidity, but also sweet and luscious at the same time. This is one misunderstood grape, and no wonder—there are five different classifications of sweetness for the grape, Kabinett for driest, then Spatlese, Auslese, and so on, as they get sweeter, all the way up to beautiful dessert wines. Don't worry about that; ask the wine clerk to make a suggestion. Let's start down here: look for Kung Fu with that funky label, a delicious and affordable wine from Charles Smith in Washington State. Or a new wine called Eroica, a joint project from Washington's largest winery, Chateau Ste. Michelle, and one of Germany's best producers, Dr. Loosen. Both wines are about \$12-15. Or look for Willm, affordable wines from Alsace. By the way, Linden makes a great bottle: their Vidal Riesling, about 80 percent vidal, 20 percent Riesling, is lovely, with a relatively low alcohol level at 12.9 percent. It's about \$20. Want to splurge? Buy anything from JJ Prum from the Mosel region in Germany; his wines are all highly rated and not cheap.

Now for the reds—think soft, fruity wines like Beaujolais. No, not that Nouveau you see this time of year (though they also work during this holiday meal), but the more traditional Beaujolais wines from that region of France. The grape is called gamay but don't worry—just know these are soft, fruity, wonderful wines that go very well with food. Look for Morgon, by Georges Duboeuf, the king of the Beaujolais region. Morgon is one of the best areas in the region, and costs about \$15. Want to splurge? Domaine de Prion from Fleurie, another region, is killer Beaujolais; about \$35. Or anything from Pierre-Marie Chermette, one of the best producers. All Beaujolais should be served chilled.

Another red wine popular with Thanksgiving is pinot noir, and for good reason. Most of them are soft, fruity, straight-forward wines that won't over power your meal, like cabernet or zinfandel will. Pinot is popular and versatile, and you will have no trouble finding this wine. Pinots from Oregon and New Zealand are plentiful and more affordable from the best pinots in the world, made in Burgundy, France. The best value in CA is made by Sean Minor, about \$16-20.

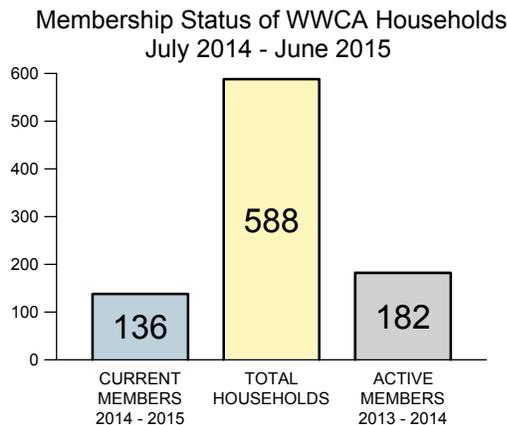
Here's another rule: drink what you like, and have plenty of it to go around.

CHEERS!

1st Quarter Treasurer's Report 10/28/2014

by Diane Letourneau

23% of Waycroft-Woodlawn households are current WWCA members.



Membership Year July 2014-June 2015 Income and Expense Report As of 9/30/2014

Income (including \$30 of Ad income)	\$985
Expenses	\$520
Social	\$450
Donation to Neighborhood Conservation	\$20
Arlington County Civic Federation Dues	\$50
Net (Income – Expenses)	\$465

Income is exceeding expense because we no longer have the cost of printing the newsletter.

Money Market account balance (as of 9/30/14) = \$9,804.24

Coming Event

There's a Field Guide for That? / Nov. 8 2pm-3pm **Free**

The naturalist staff at Potomac Overlook Regional Park will speak about the field guide applications that are available on smartphones & tablets. This program will mostly focus on iPhones & iPads.

Please call to make a reservation. **703-528-5406** [Click for details](#)

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The cost of a listing is \$10 per issue.

Non-commercial, non-political ads are also accepted.
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Civic Federation Report

By Jim Pebley

Notes from the October 7th Civic Federation Meeting –

We received a presentation by Arlington County Staff regarding the results of the recently completed Affordable Housing Study. In summary, continued growth in the need for affordable housing and the rising cost and declining availability of committed affordable rental units on the market pose a continuing challenge for the County. For more information on this see the presentation link at: <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2013/10/092613-Prelim-Data-Report.pdf>

Last year, the Civic Federation undertook a survey of member organizations about what the community's perceived needs are. ACCF member Kim Klingler presented the results of the delegate surveys conducted to sound out priority issues. The response rate was 75%. Areas for improvement included: mission needs greater specificity, need more diversity. Top priorities for our members turned out to be: capital infrastructure, preservation of space and investment priorities, transportation. Other suggestions included organizing forums on issues, networking events, family events, campaigning for sidewalks, providing member organizations help to find event insurance and more. We'll post a link to the survey results when it becomes available.

Rosslyn FAA Building Height Resolution

Jackie Snelling, Martha Moore and Jim Pebley presented a resolution on Federal Aviation Administration building height restrictions in Rosslyn, asking the FAA to adopt more restrictive rules on Rosslyn building height and the County to develop overlay zoning to cover Rosslyn building heights, not approving new buildings in the interim that could narrow the flight path and threaten aircraft with one engine out. Brian Stout of County Staff presented the County's position that the FAA should determine whether a building is a safety hazard or not, and requires that that FAA approve each building. The resolution passed by a vote of 44 to 10 with 7 abstentions. A copy of the resolution can be viewed at <http://www.civfed.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Resolution-Flight-safety-at-Reagan-National-Airport-by-Arlington-County-Civic-Federation-10062014.pdf>

Michael Beer presented the Schools Committee's resolution that seeks to counter the Parks Committee resolution to prohibit school construction in public parks. Both resolutions will be considered in November along with the Public Land for Public Good and Parks Committee resolutions. Resolutions are available on the Civic Federation web page (www.civfed.org).

At the November meeting on Wednesday, 12 November, County Board Member Mary Hynes and County Staff members will be present to discuss the Public Lands for Public Good initiative. This initiative, currently being considered, would allow conversion of public land to be used for affordable housing. An example of such a re-purposing of County land could be conversion of the Edison Street Human Services complex on the hospital's north side into affordable housing units. For such reasons, the WWCA Executive Committee is following this issue closely. Any member of WWCA can attend the Civic Federation's November meeting, held in the hospital's main auditorium (facing George Mason Drive) to observe the presentations and discussions by the delegates.

For more information on any of these topics, contact any of the WWCA delegates listed in this newsletter.



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WAYCROFT-WOODLAWN SNOW BRIGADE

We're expecting another snowy winter per the forecasters. We will again participate in the Arlington County snow blower program, but it was clear from last year that we need more volunteers, more snow blowers, and more efforts by able-bodied homeowners to keep our sidewalks safe. **I talked the county contact into a second snow blower for this year.**

Optimally, it will be housed either south of Washington Blvd. or north of 16th St. and requires a locking garage or shed to keep it safe and a volunteer who can coordinate its use. **Please contact me ASAP if interested in volunteering for the brigade or to house the second snow blower and leave your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, and times of day when you are most available to help. Snow Brigade Leader: Bonnie Beckett, 4903 14th St. N., home (703-524-5534) cell (571-337-1539), bonnie_beckett@hotmail.com**

County Snow Blower Training set for Saturday, November 8th—drop in for about 15 minutes any time between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Location is at the Trades Center DPR small engine shop, 2700 South Taylor St. in Arlington (between the county animal shelter and the central part of Shirlington). **You must take the training to operate the snow blower because of insurance and liability issues.** Volunteers must be at least 18, register at training. The training session will distribute copies of the operating instructions, cover general snow blowing procedures, highlight safety concerns, and give everyone a chance to start and operate the machine.

Volunteers needed: We also need volunteers to help clear walks with their own shovels or snow blowers, especially if we have deep snow. Please be proactive in identifying elderly or disabled neighbors who may require assistance and helping them out. We'd also like to add a list of those willing to shovel for money to help neighbors who are unable to clear their own walks or are too busy but would be willing to pay someone.

What public Areas Are To Be Cleared First? We will try to clear the overpasses on Washington Blvd. over 66 (both sides) and Glebe Rd. (west side only). Additionally, we usually clear the path through Woodlawn Park at 14th St. as many schoolchildren and commuters use those paths, and try to clear the intersection at 16th and Abingdon where the crossing guard works, as well as the metro bus stops.

SNOW BRIGADE (continued)

How to get help: If you are physically unable to clear your own sidewalk, please contact Bonnie, preferably before the first storm, so she can try to arrange for help. Also, if you have a neighbor who needs help, please let Bonnie know. Please leave your name, address, phone number and e-mail. Even if you have had assistance in the past, please confirm that you still need it.

Snow removal is every homeowner's responsibility: We all need to prepare before the first storm by purchasing shovels and ice melt (preferably an environmentally and pet-friendly type) as the local stores run out quickly at the first sign of snow. Arlington's snow removal ordinance requires that homeowners clear their sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow of less than 6 inches for 36 hours if the snow is 6 inches or more. Failure to clear a sidewalk can result in a fine (\$50/\$100). Homeowners who are physically unable to clear their sidewalks may be exempted. Homeowners must put the snow on their own property, not in the street, or risk additional fines. The county snow emergency website has places to identify walks that haven't been shoveled and streets that haven't been plowed. For the safety of our neighbors walking to school or work, our mail carrier, and others, clearing the walks sooner and more frequently than the county ordinance requires would be greatly appreciated.

NEIGHBORS IN BUSINESS



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RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECT; H. John Schell, AIA, LEED AP BD+C; Keystone Architects PC; 30+ years experience in Arlington; 703.549.4216; hjohnschell@verizon.net

KIDS 4 JOBS

B - babysitting	L - lawn mowing	S - snow shoveling
C - cat sitting	O - odd jobs	T - putting out trash bins
D - pet sitting	P - plant watering	
H - house sitting	R - leaf raking	

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