

MARCH 2016

# The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE  
WAYCROFT - WOODLAWN  
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## WWCA Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, March 8th, 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: Capital Caring Hospice**

**Topic:**

**StormwaterWise Landscapes Program**

*Practices that will reduce storm water runoff  
from resident's property*

**Speaker:**

**Jen McDonnell**

Arlington County Department of Environmental Services

**Note:** Next month's program topic will be about our trees and urban forestry with Arlington County's Forester, Vincent Verweij

## President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

Today, as I write this, it's Tuesday March 1st – the first day of meteorological spring! I was happy to enjoy today's warm weather, sun, tree buds and crocus! I was NOT happy to hear about Friday morning's forecast for snow.

My personal happiness aside, the **cherry blossoms** are expected to be in full bloom from Thursday, March 31 until Sunday, April 3. Last year peak bloom was later, April 10. Block your calendars to make sure you are able to take full advantage of this Washington D.C. wonder! If you can't make it downtown, take a walk throughout the neighborhood – we have many cherry trees in the 'hood that bloom around the same time.

Also, don't forget to block your calendars for our general civic association meeting this coming Tuesday, March 8th, 7:30 p.m. at the hospice. This month's program will continue the "home improvement projects" theme with discussions on the **StormwaterWise Landscapes Program** that provides residents and business owners with funding (up to \$1500) to install small-scale practices that will reduce storm water runoff from their property. Learn how conservation landscapes, pavement removal, pervious surface options, and rain gardens can help. We'll also discuss issues with our mosquito population.

Since the deadline for applying for this program is March 31st - the topic is timely.

I hope to see you Tuesday!

Sharon

## New Yard Waste Cans for Arlington Residents

by Evelio Rubiella

Starting on March 14, 2016, Arlington County will initiate a year-round yard waste collection program. You may have recently received--or noticed that your neighbor received--a green yard waste container from Arlington County. The green or "organics" containers were distributed to residents who earlier indicated an interest in participating in the yard waste collection program. Through this program, the County seeks to increase the amount of materials that are diverted from the trash stream and that end up being transported for incineration to the waste-to-energy facility (WTE) in Alexandria. Currently, 26 percent of what a typical Arlington County resident disposes of in the trash (i.e. via the black trash can) is made up of yard waste material. The new program expands the County's yard waste recycling program year round and provides for better environmental outcomes—previously, yard debris left out for curbside pickup, other than during the 10-week leaf collection in the Fall and a 6-week period in the Spring, was simply transferred to the WTE facility for incineration with the rest of the trash stream.

Although Arlington's recycling rate is one of the highest in the region at over 47 percent, the County hopes to divert an additional 9,000 tons of compostable material per year (increasing the recycling rate an additional 13 percent) from the trash waste stream through the yard waste disposal program. Initiation of the year-round yard waste disposal program was an objective of the County's 2004 Solid Waste Management Plan and is in keeping with the County Board's 2015 resolution adopting a "Zero Waste" waste strategy, whereby 90 percent of the County's waste stream would be recycled or reused by 2038. The overall goal of the County's solid waste policy is to improve environmental and economic outcomes through waste management strategies that emphasize waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting. The year-round yard waste disposal program will result in an increase of \$13.28 to the household solid waste rate currently paid by each Arlington homeowner. Opting out of the yard waste cart will not change the household solid waste rate. In other words, if you continue to use the biodegradable paper bags, set out your yard waste by the curb, use your own personal yard waste can, or choose not to recycle at all, you will still pay the increased rate. Yard waste that is placed in the black trash bins or that is set out in plastic bags (which cannot be composted) will be treated as regular waste and routed to the WTE facility.

Most any yard waste material may be disposed of through the yard waste collection program—including grass, flowers, grass clippings, plants (including invasive plants), shrub trimmings, small tree limbs, twigs, vines, hay/straw, wood chips and weeds. As this is a yard waste collection program, you must not put out any type of food or kitchen scraps in the new green containers or mix these items into the yard waste that you put out for collection. Other prohibited items include construction waste and debris, dirt, rocks, sand, treated wood, and pet waste. Despite the initiation of this new program, the County will continue to emphasize that the most preferred, economical and sustainable method of yard waste disposal is for residents to compost at home—by leaving grass clippings on lawns and by composting your own yard waste. The organic material recovered through the new yard waste collection program will be collected and delivered to a commercial composting facility in Loudoun County and thereafter sold to local farmers, landscapers and other individuals in the region. Additional and more detailed information regarding the year-round yard waste collection program can be found at: <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/yard-waste/year-round/>, or by calling the County's solid waste customer service center at 703-228-6570.

**SHORT SUBJECTS**

**DRAFT OF LEE HIGHWAY COMMUNITY VISION COMMENTS EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 31ST**

The Lee Highway Community Visioning Charrette was held over four days, November 6 – 9, 2015. Following the charrette, design teams used the ideas brought forward to develop the Draft Lee Highway Community Vision. The **draft** is available for review at <http://arlingtonva.us/leehighway>. The report itself is 69 pages long and the website allows for review and comment. WWCA residents are encouraged to review the report and make any comments they feel appropriate prior to the March 31st deadline.

**WWCA Executive Board**

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments
<b>President</b> / Sharon G. Dorsey	2015-2016	Civic Federation
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<b>Secretary</b> / Alex Deucher	2015-2016	
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**WWCA Appointed Representatives /**

Wayne Quillin	2015-2016	NCAC (Alternate)
Sue Smith	2015-2016	



**What-All Editor** / John Schell

**Website** / Alex Deucher

**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 4908 Washington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22205
- Or, pay online at [www.paypal.com](http://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!

Ann, WWCA Treasurer [fritofran@aol.com](mailto:fritofran@aol.com)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Member Names:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is:

\$ **10.00** Household dues for the year 7/1/15 to 6/30/16

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**

**KIDS 4 JOBS**

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

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