

The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT - WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

December Newsletter



WWCA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:30 P.M.

Location: Mt. Olivet UMC

Agenda:

- Linda Kelleher, Executive Dir., **Culpepper Gardens**
Linda will share the role of and volunteer opportunities at Culpepper Gardens, which provides affordable housing for seniors in Arlington
- Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation representatives will continue the discussion regarding the pedestrian safety **project on George Mason Drive** from the entrance of the bike path to 11th St. N. The results of the traffic study they performed will be presented.
- Discussion among neighbors on **planned traffic studies** for Washington Blvd. and Edison St. N.

President's Message

Hello Neighbors!

As you probably realized, winter arrived last night – it was pretty crispy this morning as I took my dog, Lucie G. Dorsey, out for a walk! Check out Bonnie Becket's article on our snow blower brigade! Forecasts are calling for less snow than last year – but that's now saying much! Clean off those shovels!!!

Our executive committee has been very busy the past couple of months on behalf of our community working on: traffic/pedestrian safety, Neighborhood Conservation Projects, Lee Highway Alliance (future development), VHC Expansion, Website Redesign, Enhancement, and planning additional social events for early next year (just to name a few).

October's meeting brought out over two dozen neighbors to our new location at Mt. Olivet. Please review the planned topics for this month's meeting and join us!

Here's hoping you all have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Year!

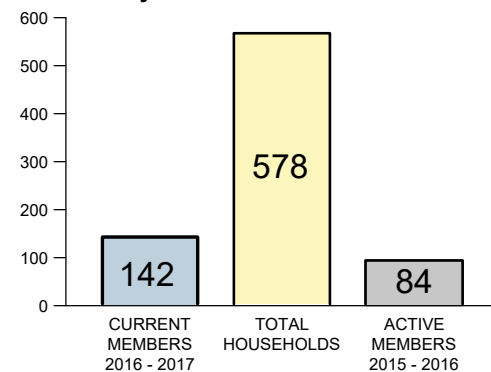
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WWCA Treasurer's Report - 11/18/16

by Ann Cole, WWCA Treasurer

25% of Waycrot-Woodlawn households are current WWCA members.

Membership Status of WWCA Households July 2016 - November 2016



Income and Expense Report as of 11/18/2016

Income (membership dues & donations)	\$535.00
Expenses	
Printing, folding, & delivery of Oct. What-All	\$324.31
Net (Income - Expenses)	\$210.69
Checking Account Balance (11/18/16)	\$8,467.76
Savings Account Balance (Park Fund)	\$2,284.07

MEMBERSHIP:

Thanks to the 25% of you who have joined the Civic Association. Below is the current number of members by street. Please consider joining. Your membership, attendance, and dues enable WWCA to stay engaged throughout the county and provide you with other events during the year.

Street Name	Homes	Members	%
N. 11th St.	24	8	0.33
N. 13th St.	40	7	0.20
N. 14th St.	53	14	0.26
N. 15th St.	44	15	0.34
N. 16th Rd.	34	4	0.12
N. 16th St.	40	12	0.30
N. 17th St.	54	26	0.48
N. Aberdeen St.	2	0	0.00
N. Abingdon St.	44	12	0.27
N. Buchanan St.	48	15	0.31
N. Columbus St.	10	1	0.10
N. Dinwiddie St.	12	2	0.17
N. Edison St.	27	4	0.15
N. Evergreen St.	29	10	0.34
N. George Mason Dr.	50	4	0.08
N. Glebe Rd.	18	2	0.11
N. Washington Blvd.	40	6	0.15
N. Woodstock St.	9	0	0.00
TOTAL	578	142	0.25

Holiday Fun!

Neighborhood Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 10th!

Santa will make his way through the neighborhood streets on a fire truck beginning at 3:30 PM and ending at the Mt. Olivet UMC parking lot. We invite all neighbors to join the festivities - - waving to Santa and then gathering in the Mt. Olivet parking lot for a tree lighting, pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, warm spiced cider, and cookies! Additional details will be posted on Nextdoor as the date approaches.

SNOW BLOWER BRIGADE UPDATE

by Bonnie Beckett

The big drop in temperature last night hints at the winter to come. The county has delivered the first of our two industrial snow blowers, and we have a record 19 volunteers ready to use them when the need arises. When the forecast calls for significant snowfall, we first try to put ice melt on critical areas for which no one is responsible (sidewalks on Washington Blvd. overpasses over 66 both sides and the east side of the Glebe Rd. overpass over 66, Woodlawn Park paths used by school children and other walkers). Once we have at least 3 inches of snow, the brigade will be out with the snow blowers. Our first priorities are the above-listed common areas and assisting elderly/disabled residents who request assistance. If you need assistance, please contact Bonnie Beckett at (703) 524-5534 or bonnie_beckett@hotmail.com.

Arlington's snow ordinance requires that homeowners clear their public sidewalks and the walkways to their doors. This is critical for the safety of mail carriers and others on foot. If we're expecting a major snowfall, it makes a huge difference if you can make an initial pass at shoveling when the snow is six inches or less. Even the snow blower has a hard time handling untouched snow that is more than a foot deep. We are able to help with many neighborhood sidewalks on our way to the common areas and those who have requested help. We can accomplish a lot more and help many more people if neighbors do their part in shoveling before the snow gets too deep.

NEW NEIGHBOR WELCOME PACKETS

Are you new to Waycroft-Woodlawn or did you happen to notice a moving truck on your street? If so, the New Neighbor Committee wants to know so that we can properly welcome all new neighbors to our great community! This year, we are distributing Welcome Packets to new neighbors and we don't want to miss anyone. With well over 500 homes in Waycroft-Woodlawn, we need help knowing when new neighbors have moved in, and there are two ways you can help us:

- (1) If you have a new neighbor on your street or you've recently moved into the community, let us know by sending an email to wwcaemail@gmail.com OR
- (2) Volunteer to be a *Block Captain* for your street! You'll let the WWCA Board know when you have a new neighbor or if there are any other concerns the neighbors on your street might have. There are NO meetings to attend - you are just a voice for your street. Volunteer by sending an email to wwcaemail@gmail.com

WWCA VOLUNTEER NEEDS

(don't worry - they don't take much time)

WWCA Secretary: Job responsibility includes: attending Executive Committee and WWCA General Meetings, taking notes and submitting to Webmaster to update website. (Time required-- no more than 2 hours - 1 time each month)

Block Captain: Block captains are the primary point of contact for each street to feed information proactively to the executive committee via the president. Examples include: new neighbor - welcome packet to be delivered; power outages; snow removal; crime, etc. Time required - as needed. Thank you to those who already have volunteered - but we need at least one for every street. (We'll take backups too!)

Send a note to sharongdorsey@gmail.com if you're interested in helping.

NEW WEBSITE COMING TO WWCA! (We need photos)

WWCA's website is in desperate need of an upgrade and the executive board approved hiring a web designer. We're hoping to have a new site up and running early next year. Our goals are to have current information available in real time, particularly to support those neighbors in our community who do not use social media.

We have much content to use for this redesign and would welcome pictures, particularly of the July 4th event from this year. Other photos that would be great could include photos of the community from years ago. Recommendations are welcome! If you have and are willing to have photos of you and your family from our celebration, please forward to sharongdorsey@gmail.com with a note giving us permission to publish.

WWCA Executive Board

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments
President / Sharon Dorsey	2016-2017	Civic Federation
Vice-President / Diane Kelly	2016-2017	
Secretary / VACANT		
Treasurer / Ann Cole	2016-2017	
Delegates / Evelio Rubiella	2015-2017	Park
Jackie Hoggins	2015-2017	
Kutlay Ebiri	2015-2017	Westwind
Patrick Tallarico	2015-2017	Park
Jim Pebley	2016-2018	Civic Federation
John Schell	2016-2018	Land Use/Zoning
Pam Nichols	2016-2018	

Past President / Tracie Morris 2016-2017 NCAC



WWCA Appointed Representatives /

Wayne Quillen 2016-2017 NCAC (Alternate)



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Website: www.waycroftwoodlawncivicasociation.org

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. 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

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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Voting Member Names:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I am interested in being my street liaison to the WWCA Executive Board (no meetings required).

Enclosed is:

\$ 10.00 Household dues for the year 7/1/16 to 6/30/17

\$ _____ Voluntary donation

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

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	
Megan Goodell (B)	465-1919	mc.goodell@hotmail.com
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Civic Federation Report

by Jim Pebley

November's Meeting – On November 1st, we heard discussions about predatory vehicle towing (i.e. towing your car away if its parked illegally, without notice), a zoning rules change the County is considering about short term room rentals (described below) and a resolution was introduced (and deferred/postponed for a committee review) about legalizing the use of marijuana in Virginia (this will come back for the membership to consider at the December meeting).

December Civic Federation Meeting – At the December meeting, the membership will hear presentations by the County Manager and the Superintendent of Public Schools. The Planning and Zoning committee will also provide an update on zoning rules for single family homes with accessory dwellings. The Civic Federation meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Hazel Auditorium of Virginia Hospital Center at 7pm. It's open to any member of the WWCA, although only delegates and alternates can vote.

What's up with "Short Term Home Rentals?"

On December 10th, the County Board will take an important vote on whether to legalize Airbnb-type home rentals in Arlington. Currently, short-term rental of rooms(s) for less than 30 days at a time - are prohibited in private residences by Arlington's zoning ordinance. A change to this ordinance is moving through the County's zoning revision process very quickly, without the usual level of public outreach and input.

What's the hurry? Legislation is pending in Richmond that would preclude Arlington from regulating such short-term rentals or collect hotel-type taxes that other Arlington businesses are required to pay. In other words, Arlington is hurrying to get some rules on the books before the state passes a law preventing such regulations. That's where this gets complicated and what

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Park Report

By Patrick Tallarico & Evelio Rubiella

We are excited to report some great progress on the playground and park renovation efforts! As you may have seen, the 13th Street path has been poured and will be completed soon. This will include finishing up the edges and removing the remaining construction fencing nearby. In addition, the fence is being restored along the west side of the stream.

On the east side of the stream, it's starting to look like a playground again. The reforestation along the stream is complete. Additional plants and seeds will be added, and the area will be watered through the fall. The water fountain vault was installed, and the concrete work associated with footers, walls, boulders, and the play area are underway.

You will be seeing more play equipment installed in the coming weeks along with the new site furnishings, signage, trash and recycling containers, and tables/seating. Some of the final touches will include new fencing along the stream and the new pathways. The County is still anticipating a completion time frame of the first quarter of 2017, assuming no major weather delays as we head into winter.

Please stay tuned to Nextdoor for any significant new developments.

the rush is all about. If we have such rules before the law is passed (as early as February-March), the County is hoping that the new regulations would be "grandfathered."

What does this mean to our neighborhood? Short term rentals (1-30 nights for each visit) would be permitted in neighborhoods like ours. That's not the same as long term sharing of your home to reduce housing costs (like the Accessory Dwelling rentals) now permitted). Without our own County ordinances, under the pending state legislation, we could see additional traffic, noise, overnight party rentals, etc. without the County able to enforce numbers of rooms rented, how many persons could stay, third party rentals, etc.. These new state laws pending in Richmond are probably being advocated by well funded PACs/lobbyists and the initiative has not been opposed by the Governor's Office. Author's opinion: I look on it as essentially a "legislative neighborhood invasion" by such organizations.

What can you do? I recommend looking at a table the County has provided about the proposed ordinance rules on this web page: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/zoning-studies/short-term-residential-rentals/zoning-elements/> to see what the County is considering. Secondly, you can contact our state legislators (Patrick Hope if you live south of Washington Blvd.) DelPHope@house.virginia.gov - (703-486-1010) or Rip Sullivan, Delegate District 48 (north of Washington Blvd.) DelRSullivan@house.virginia.gov - (571-210-5876). Supporting the County ordinance is probably the less painful choice. If you have questions, you can contact me via Nextdoor or contact Martha Moore, Chair of the ACCF's Zoning and Planning Committee (Martha@civfed.org).

