

The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT - WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

February 2017 Newsletter



Membership Report

By Diane E. Kelly

Welcome to all new WWCA members and families! We appreciate the support of those of you who have already joined the community association and encourage those who have not yet done so to send in your membership form. We have interesting events planned for 2017 and we encourage you to send us your suggestions for additional activities and events. (please send suggestions to wwcaemail@gmail.com)

We look forward to hosting Arlington County Board member John Vihstadt at our February 15th general meeting at Mount Olivet Church and hope to see you there. We know your time is limited, so please tell us what issues, topics and events would be of interest/useful to you as a member of our community (e.g. Ballston and VHC expansion, Lee Hwy development plans, tax or traffic concerns, to name a few). Again, we hope to see you on February 15 and at future meetings and events!

Thanks to the 25% of you who have joined the Civic Association. Below is the current # 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	9	0.23
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	15	0.38
N. 17th St.	54	13	0.24
N. Aberdeen St.	2	0	0.00
N. Abingdon St.	44	12	0.27
N. Buchanan St.	48	17	0.35
N. Columbus St.	10	1	0.10
N. Dinwiddie St.	12	3	0.25
N. Edison St.	27	6	0.22
N. Evergreen St.	29	13	0.45
N. George Mason Dr.	50	5	0.10
N. Glebe Rd.	18	2	0.11
N. Washington Blvd.	40	6	0.15
N. Woodstock St.	9	0	0.00
TOTAL	578	143	0.25



Santa waves to neighbors on his way to the WWCA holiday party. Thanks to Arlington County Fire Station 8 for the ride.



Accident at N. Evergreen St. & Washington Blvd.

By Sharon Dorsey

On Dec. 27th, the residents at the northeast corner of N. Evergreen St. have yet again had a car land in their yard. This is an incredibly dangerous area (daily horns blaring when drivers play chicken in the merge lane) and while injuries to drivers include bumps and bruises, as of today there have not been pedestrians involved. When that happens (and it will), we have no doubt there will be deaths.

Neighbors in and around this area have engaged with a number of agencies within Arlington County over the years to make this safer. Currently, a AC Neighborhood Conservation project to narrow the mouth Evergreen Street and connect sidewalks is on the books but will not be completed for a number of years. Recent discussions with AC Traffic, Engineering and Operations (TE&O) will hopefully result in more markings and perhaps temporary restrictions in the merge lane.

The issue will not be resolved until Arlington County and VDOT work together to restructure the entire intersection, add in turn lanes north and south and remove (or restrict to buses) the east bound merge lane on Washington Blvd.

Other areas for traffic safety being discussed with Arlington County TE&O include the rest of Washington Blvd. to Glebe Road, Edison Street from Washington Blvd. to Lee Highway and N. George Mason Drive from the 66 overpass to 11th Street N.

WWCA Monthly Meeting Wednesday, February 15th, 7:30 P.M. Location: Mt. Olivet UMC

Agenda:

- John Vihstadt, Member - Arlington County Board
John will begin by sharing the 2017 priorities of the Arlington County Board as well as his own. We have also asked John to speak on county solutions to the following subjects and their impact on WWCA:
 - Excessive Water Bill Issues
 - Permit Process
 - Neighborhood Conservation Project Planning
 - Hospital Expansion
 - Redevelopment of Ballston Quarter
 - Lee Highway Development

President's Message

Happy New Year neighbors!

As I write this, you're probably wondering, whatever happened to winter, the temperature was 50 degrees today! No snow is good for some, hateful for others. I have yet to see a year when we didn't get our fair share so be patient and know Bonnie Beckett (our snow blower team coordinator) is ready for any accumulation that may come our way!

As always, we have been very busy but first...a big thank you to all our neighbors who braved the frigid temperatures on December 10th to have a visit and photo with Santa (wonderfully portrayed by our very own Richard Hoggins). Our wonderful firemen from Fire Station 8 passed out fireperson helmets to the kids and drove our Santa around the neighborhood like the Pied Piper of Hamelin! We had hot chocolate & spiced cider, cookies and candy canes for all to enjoy. Games were planned but most attendees left for warm homes after their photo op so we'll make sure to have them next year. I promise Santa will be **indoors** in 2017!

The park continues to be one of our main topics of conversation – the vandalism that occurred after the safety surface was poured has put construction completion back a couple of weeks. I have had reports that children AND adults continue to break into the area – and while I'm pleased many are excited to use the equipment, please stop and be patient. It will soon be available to all.

IMPORTANT NOTE: I moved our February meeting to WEDNESDAY evening, February 15th so all who want to buy flowers, chocolate, diamonds, etc. for your sweetheart cannot use the civic association meeting as an excuse (Just kidding!). I would love another full room as we welcome our speaker, John Vihstadt of the Arlington County Board. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Sharon



Save the date!
WOODLAWN PARK DEDICATION
on APRIL 22nd

Please join us for the official dedication of the newly renovated Woodlawn Park on Saturday, April 22nd at 3:30 pm. There will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting, games, snacks, drinks, and more! Additional details will be sent out and posted to Nextdoor as the date approaches.

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

BUDGET for 2017

By Sharon G. Dorsey

Below you'll find our initial thoughts on our 2017 budget. This is based on previous expenses. Our income is dependent on membership dues and contributions. In order to bring in the income we need for our events, we need a minimum of 320 households or 56% of our neighbors to join annually. (Our year runs from July 1st to June 30th.) Currently, 25% of our households are current in their membership - if you're not one of the 25%, please join - see attached membership form. ALSO NOTE, to simplify things, we now accept multiple year memberships - up to 5 years.

What All Printing - 4 issues	\$ 800.
What All Delivery - 4 issues	\$ 400.
July 4th Parade and Picnic -	\$1,000.
Holiday Party	\$ 400.
Snow Brigade - Salt & Gas	\$ 150.
Website Updates/Annual Fees	\$ 400.*
Civic Federation Dues	\$ 50.
Administrative Expenses (paper/ink, etc.)	\$ 100.
TOTAL	\$3,200.

*actual \$'s to be determined

VOLUNTEERS!

Still need volunteers (don't worry - they don't require 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 Captains: 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.

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

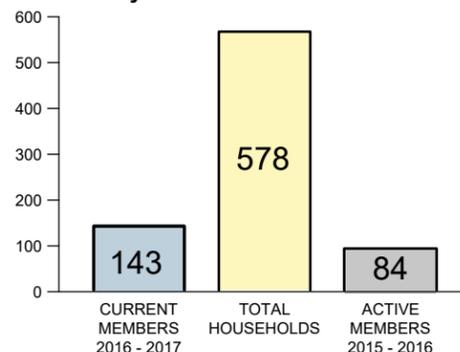
\$ _____ Voluntary donation

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

WWCA Treasurer's Report - 12/31/16

by Ann Cole, WWCA Treasurer

Membership Status of WWCA Households July 2016 - December 2016



Income and Expense Report as of 12/31/2016

Checking Account Balance (9/30/16)	\$ 8,247.07
Income (membership dues & donations)	\$ 805.00
Expenses	
Printing & folding of Dec. What-All	\$ 150.00
Delivery of What-All	200.00
Party Supplies	74.31
Holiday Party Supplies	1,220.10
Bags of ice melt	36.67
TOTAL OF EXPENSES	\$ 1,681.08
Net (Income - Expenses)	- \$ 876.08
Checking Account Balance (12/31/16)	\$ 7,370.99
Savings Account Balance (Park Fund)	\$ 2,283.37

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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Park Report

By Evelio Rubiella

We are getting close! Arlington County Park staff have informed the WWCA that completion of the Woodlawn Park renovations will take place sometime in the next 2-3 weeks. Recent work has included pouring the concrete footings for various play equipment, benches and other park infrastructure, as well as asphalt walkways to replace those that existed prior to the park's renovation. Damage to some of the concrete work in December by vandals set back the project by approximately one month and cost an additional amount of money to fix but, the park project manager for the renovation hopes that good weather will make up for the earlier setback to the project. In order to proceed in a timely way and ensure that no further setbacks to the project occur, it is imperative that no one trespass onto the construction zone. Various neighbors have reported individuals in the construction areas over the last several weeks milling about, walking dogs, and playing on some of the equipment. The WWCA has sent out several alerts via NextDoor to refrain from entering these areas for safety reasons and to ensure that no further damage occurs. Therefore, please avoid these areas and let neighbors that you see in the construction area know that they shouldn't be in there. If in doubt, stay out!

The park renovation project was many years in the making and received final approval and funding from the County Commission in February 2014 as part of the County's Neighborhood Conservation Project program. Improvements to the park include removal of invasive plants along the stream banks, reforestation with native trees (the only project of this kind in the County at this time), removal of existing walkways, play equipment and furnishings, and replacement with new accessible pavement, installation of two new age-specific playgrounds, safety surfacing, and accessible park furnishings. Redirecting the walkway along the playground area and the reforestation work is part of a plan to improve the streambank. An earlier and ongoing park project funded through a US Department of Forestry grant in 2014 installed approximately 180 tree and shrub seedlings along the western part of the stream (which is a tributary of Lubber Run)—opposite the playground—and involved the hard work of several WWCA neighbors who helped conceive, propose, and install the project.

For additional information regarding the project: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/woodlawn-park/>.