

The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT - WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

April 2017 Newsletter



Gardenology (a reprint from March 2014, but still relevant)

by Betsy Cecchetti

Pruning and Weeding

- **Cut back old seed heads** left for the birds and dried stems left for winter interest. Do NOT prune hydrangeas or most clematis now, as they grow from old wood and won't bloom if clipped this close to blooming season.
- **Prune tea roses**, but let the climbers grow. Aim for a vase shape with an open center for air circulation, and remove old, crossed or rubbing, or inward-facing canes. (If planning to plant a new rose this spring, look for a variety suited to warm, humid climates, and resistant to blackspot.)
- **Cut butterfly bush** down to within a foot above the ground to ensure dense growth and more flowers. Unpruned, this plant can become sparse and leggy or grow larger than the space in which it was planted.
- **Remove weeds** while they're small, and thin out overcrowded plants if not done in fall.

Improving Soil and Edging

- **Gently rake remaining fall leaves** off flowerbeds and from the base of shrubs, to let water and sunlight through. Arlington County provides free, biodegradable bags for leaves and yard waste and collects them through April. (Leaves in plastic bags are treated as trash.)
- When the soil is no longer wet and clumpy, **add organic material** like chopped leaf mulch and compost and dig it into the soil to improve drainage in this wet season. Small gravel also can be added, but avoid sand, which tends to mix with the clay and harden like concrete.
- **Edge or expand bedding** areas as needed.

New Plants

- Those who plan to grow annuals, herbs, or vegetables from seed should **read seed packet instructions now**. Some that must be started indoors require lengthy germination periods. (continued)

- When perusing garden catalogs and magazines for planting ideas, keep in mind that **selecting plants compatible with your yard's light, water, and soil** type will greatly increase your gardening success. Catalogs, books, and garden shop and public garden websites are good resources for researching plants. Keep in mind that some areas sunny now will be more shady once the trees have leafed out. Enjoy your planting!

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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The Woodlawn Park Renovations Are Complete and THE PARK IS OPEN!

By Jackie Hoggins

Come celebrate at the ribbon cutting ceremony!

Saturday, April 22nd 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Woodlawn Park, 1325 N. Buchanan Street

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 at 4:00, a scavenger hunt, snacks, drinks, and more!

We expect members of the County Board, our County Manager, Neighborhood Conservation and our new police liaison to join us in this event. In addition, our **most important VIPs** will be those within the WWCA community who have worked to get this project designed, funded and completed. They deserve the most thanks!

Additional details will be posted to **Nextdoor** as the date approaches.

W-W HOME SALES - 9/30/2016 through 2/28/2017		
Source: Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc.		
Address	Close Price	Close Date
1157 N. Columbus St.	\$685,000.	Sep 30
1228 N. Dinwiddie St.	\$1,075,000.	Nov 2
4909 13th St. N.	\$922,900.	Nov 10
4814 15th St. N.	\$975,000.	Nov 17
1409 N. Edison St.	\$1,035,000.	Dec 9
4714 17th St. N.	\$897,500.	Dec 21
4637 13th St. N.	\$980,000.	Jan 13
4713 16th Rd. N.	\$826,000.	Feb 17

WWCA Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th, 7:30 P.M.

Location: Mt. Olivet UMC, Room L9

Agenda:

- **Excessive Water Bill Issue - County View**
Mike Collins, Deputy Director of Operations
- **Libby Garvey - Arlington County Board**
 - Tax Increase (where is the money going?)
 - Commercial Vacancies (more aggressive in negotiations? Incentives?)
 - Arlington's Position on Refugees
 - Neighborhood Conservation (your position, keep it or absorb into county staff)
 - Hospital Expansion
 - Permit Process

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

It's SPRING and today it's going to be in the high 70's and am I ever happy! For our snow lovers, this winter was a bust and I'm sorry as well, I do love one big snowstorm each season. Oh well, there's always next year!

Our new and improved park is really getting a workout after so many months being closed for renovations. We will soon have a well-deserved formal dedication on April 22nd from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see the article later in this newsletter) Please plan to come, not only to see the park and share drinks and snacks, but to thank all those who have dedicated their time and energy to bring this to fruition!

Speaking of parties... we need volunteers soon (see article) for WWCA officers and delegates but I'll also be looking for a few good men and women to help with our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Detailed information on the July 4th positions will be shared on **Nextdoor**.

Since changing our meetings to every other month, we're averaging 2 dozen attendees at our meetings. THANK YOU! I hope attendance continues and even increases as we have SO many local issues we need to be well informed about. Please try to make time to come to our meetings! If there are topics we haven't addressed, feel free to send me a note at sharongdorse@gmail.com.

As the school year closes out and the weather brings youngsters outdoors to play weekdays and on the weekends, please be more diligent and careful driving through the neighborhoods. It's amazing how many "non-Arlingtonians" consistently speed through our streets.... "Let's be careful out there!" (Sgt. Phil Esterhaus - Hill Street Blues)

Sharon

VOLUNTEERS and NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

by Sharon G. Dorsey

We still need volunteers (don't worry – they don't require much time).

Terms for several of our members are expiring at the end of the year (June 30th) – we need a few good men and women!!! Included are:

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)

Delegates (2) We need 2 delegates, one for the Park and one for Civic Federation. Responsibilities include attending Executive Committee and WWCA General Meetings, and writing articles for the "What All". (time required – no more than 2 hours/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!) Current Streets that have block captains include: North Evergreen St.

Send a note to Sharongdorsey@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteering.

N. Evergreen St. & Washington Blvd. Merge Update

By Sharon G. Dorsey

We met with Arlington County and VDOT to see if there is an interim solution to make it safer for pedestrians and drivers. They have proposed the following: You might have noticed the new merge arrows now on Washington Blvd. and branches trimmed back that hid the "Merge" sign, a first step. All streets south of Washington Blvd.: N. Buchanan, N. Columbus, N. Dinwiddie, N. Evergreen and 11th St. N are scheduled to be repaved sometime this April. Once repaving is completed, Arlington County will return to delineate the "bump out" at the head of N. Evergreen St. (part of our NC project) using reflective tape with "breakaway reflective posts" as well as an island (or "pork chop"). The stop sign will also be moved to make it more visible for drivers, i.e. closer to Washington Blvd so the driver can actually see on-coming traffic.

These interim solutions are expected to slow traffic down and make the head of the street safer for drivers and pedestrians.

We've also asked Arlington County and VDOT to do a traffic study of the intersection of George Mason Drive and Washington Blvd AND Washington Blvd from the George Mason Drive light to Glebe Road. We'd like to see more pedestrian crosswalks at Washington and Edison, Columbus & Dinwiddie particularly for those walking to the Metro and kids walking to school. I haven't yet heard that they WILL do a study of this area or WHEN but we will keep on the county.

WWCA Executive Board

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments
President / Sharon Dorsey	2016-2018	Civic Federation
Vice-President / Diane Kelly	2016-2018	
Secretary / VACANT		
Treasurer / Ann Cole	2016-2018	
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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WWCA MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP AND DUES PAYMENT FORM

Renew your WWCA membership, or join us, today! (For fiscal year 2017: 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017) 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

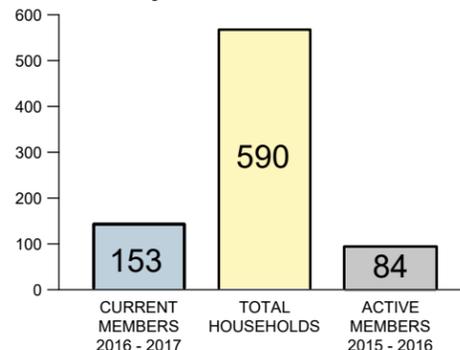
\$ _____ Voluntary donation

\$ _____ **Total Enclosed**

WWCA Treasurer's Report - 3/31/17

by Ann Cole, WWCA Treasurer

Membership Status of WWCA Households July 2016 - March 2017



Income and Expense Report as of 3/31/2017

Checking Account Balance (12/31/16)	\$ 7,370.99
Income (membership dues & donations)	\$ 290.00
\$170 - Dues	
\$ 90 - Donations	
Expenses	
Printing & folding of Feb. What-All	\$ 168.86
Delivery of What-All	\$ 100.00
TOTAL OF EXPENSES	\$ 268.86
Net (Income - Expenses)	\$ 21.14
Checking Account Balance (2/28/17)	\$ 7,392.13
Savings Account Balance (Park Fund)	\$ 2,283.37

Civic Federation Update

By Jim Pebley

The majority of the Civic Federation meeting on March 7th was focused on School board presentations including:

- The Changing Face of Secondary Education, Arlington Tech Principal, Margaret Chung
- Presentation, Arlington County School Board (Nancy Van Doren, Chair; Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair; and Members Reid Goldstein, James S. Lander, and Tannia Talento)

Most of their discussions centered around growth of the student population, projections for future growth and how the APS plans to handle additional load. The presentation they gave are available on line at www.civfed.org and it discusses needs for new schools. Where such new facilities will be considered for siting will be determined after the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (they work for both the County and APS) finish recommendations for future use of County and school lands.

The CivFed delegates also considered a resolution calling on the County Board to revise the rule they recently passed regarding "Consent Agenda Items." The new policy allows the County Board to effectively preclude public comments on County Board agenda items they consider non-controversial (a simplified

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Lee Highway Alliance Update

by Diane Kelly

The recently organized Lee Highway Alliance Advisory Committee and Board met on March 21st. Sharon Dorsey and Diane Kelly attended this meeting representing WWCA. Alliance members discussed the strategy for pressing the County Board to add LHA's request into the County's 2018 annual budget. The County provided LHA an initial one-year non-renewable grant in its 2017 budget. LHA wants to ensure its funding is part of the County's annual baseline budget in future years. They are asking for a \$52.5-\$60,000 line item in the 2018 budget for staffing and administrative costs.

LHA leaders also discussed the latest developments including approval as a 501 c 4 (tax exempt) organization; recent election of officers; priorities under the Work Plan and Communications Strategy, including community events to raise awareness of their work; and objectives for the communities involved and for small businesses.

The Alliance's Budget Strategy includes encouraging participation in the county budget hearing on Tuesday, March 28th at 7 pm. The Alliance's 16 member organizations (WWCA is one) are asked to speak in support of Alliance principles and proposals for land use at the meeting.

Founded in 2013, LHA is a "grassroots a strategic partnership for re-visioning Lee Highway," comprised of 16 civic associations, working toward "a joint community vision for a more economically vibrant, walk able, attractive Lee Highway corridor – one that benefits neighborhoods and the business community". The ultimate goal is the development of a new Generalized Land Use Plan (GLUP) for Lee Highway, to guide future re-zoning and development applications.

LHA has had on-going conversations with the County's Board Members, Planning Commission, other advisory commissions, the Civic Federation, and private sector organizations. Meetings are public and are open to all.

explanation). The resolution passed (39 -0). More details about this resolution as well as other issues are described in depth in the March newsletter at this link:

<http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2017-03/CivicVoice%202017-03.pdf>

The ACCF will host its annual banquet on April 7th and the speakers (Mr. Emeka Monome, Deputy Executive Director of the Federal City Council, and "Dr. Gridlock" Mr. Robert Thomson from the Post) will discuss Metro's challenges.

The April 4th Civic Federation meeting will include presentations on:

- Neighborhood Complete Streets - A County program which "aims to transform Arlington's neighborhood streets to meet the model as described in the Master Transportation Plan (Streets Element). The NCS Program is "intended to make streets safe for all users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and other users and preserve or enhance neighborhood character and desired community attributes" (taken from the County website description of the program).
- Residential Parking policy
- Revenues & Expenditures Resolution on Retirement Discussion and Vote (the issue here is reporting of fund growth and reporting in the annual budget)