
The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT-WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

January 2014



Angela, Arya, and Alex enjoy a visit with Santa, who made a special appearance at the WWCA holiday party at their home.

Holiday Party a Success!

by Tracie Morris

The WWCA Executive Committee sponsored a holiday party on December 14th at the Deucher-Guzman home. The party was well attended and even Santa dropped by to say hello! He had to leave suddenly when he got a call from Rudolph letting him know that the sleigh was going to be towed if Santa didn't get back to move it!

I especially want to thank Alex, Angela, Arya and Tiger for sharing their lovely home with us. They have been such a gift to the neighborhood. Thanks to those who helped with set-up and clean-up: Betsy Cecchetti, Sharon Dorsey, Carolyn Gecan and Bill Munson.

“The Garden Spot”

WWCA Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th, 7:30 P.M. at the HOSPICE

Agenda:

Ever wonder what those treasure hunters were looking for on the Lacey tract a when the land was cleared?

Bill Munson, whose parents still live in the same house on Evergreen where he grew up, will provide a brief history of the neighborhood from the Civil War era and bring show us some of the relics he found. He will be joined by Tim Landis who was also on the property.

It's a great opportunity to get to know more about the neighborhood in which we live before it became the urban area that it is today.

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

It's hard to believe that I am writing a piece for the January 2014 What-All. This year has passed by so quickly. The civic association had a successful 2013 thanks to many people.

First, the Neighborhood Conservation Plan was approved by the association and submitted to the County for its review in August 2013. The new plan began under the guidance of Dave Springberg and completed during Michael Grace's tenure. Thanks to both for their efforts on this very important plan.

Second, Hans Bauman, Kurt Hyde, Jim Mathews and Patrick Tallarico have worked miracles in the park. We now have a path along the north side of the park just below the hospice property thanks to their efforts. Additionally, Hans, Kurt and Patrick are shepherding a major park renovation project through the Neighborhood Conservation program. The next step is for our project, along with five others, to be submitted to the County Board for their approval. Assuming that the County Board approves the projects, construction will begin by mid-year.

Third, the WWCA has sponsored a number of events this year, including the 4th of July in the Park, Halloween Haunted House, and the Holiday Party (see article).

Fourth, John Odenwelder, Kathy Allison and Dave Walters successfully moved us to NextDoor, the new listserv. As of last count, 319 households have joined the listserv. I understand that the WWCA listserv has the highest membership numbers in NextDoor. Way to go John, Kathy and Dave!

Finally, the What-All is back in circulation. John Schell has stepped up to edit and publish 5 What-Alls since assuming the role in September. Thanks to John and everyone who submitted articles for making this a success. And, none of this could be done without the distributors! If anyone has ideas for articles, please pass them along to John or myself.

Wishing you the best in 2014!

Tracie

SHORT SUBJECTS

SNOW BRIGADE UPDATE

Please shovel or sweep your walks if it snows. If the snow is heavy, the brigade members below will be out with the snow blower and/or shovels to handle the park pathways, 66 overpasses on Washington Blvd. and Glebe (west side only), and to help those who have requested assistance. If you need assistance, please contact Bonnie Beckett (703) 524-5534 bonnie_beckett@hotmail.com or Jack Kincaid (703) 731-7751 jkinkaid@earthlink.net. This year's volunteers include: Bonnie Beckett, Jack Kincaid, Rolfe Larson, Whit and Kristen Wheeler, Lloyd Bell, Brian Sponaugle, Eugene Guillaran, Bill Munson, David Mazur, Yasmin Egge, Sean Mulvaney, Bruce Williams, Mike Clayton, Gerri Maskelony, Thomas Cornils, Michael Bruce, and John Schell.

LACEY LANE DEVELOPMENT SOLD

On December 16th, the Lacey Lane housing development, on the property bordered by Washington Blvd., George Mason Dr., 14th St. and Evergreen St., was sold to The Evergreene Companies. The company has done a number of projects in Arlington.

<http://www.theevergreenecompanies.com/>

They have purchased the construction plans and have indicated that they intend to build the 9 houses with perhaps some slight modifications but nothing that would require re-submission to the County Board of Zoning Appeals for approval.

Construction is expected to be re-started with work on the sewer laterals within 3 to 4 weeks and the home construction in the March/April timeframe.

Gardenology

by Betsy Cecchetti

The Lazy Gardener

While sitting by the fire or sipping cocoa, pull out the gardening magazines and books you didn't have time to peruse during the growing season, to get ideas for the spring. These might include planning a path or border, fixing a drainage issue, researching what plants meet your growing conditions (light, water, drainage, acidity, space, and proximity to a water source), thinking about what feature might be key to enjoying your yard - a bit of shade, a garden bench, foliage or evergreen plants to provide structure and interest when flowering plants are not in season or are resting, or considering a planting that encourages birds or butterflies to visit.

If you're feeling ambitious, check garden tools, gloves, and hoses to see what needs to be cleaned, oiled, repaired, sharpened, replaced, or purchased, and cross those items off your list. Cover fountains and air conditioners, if you haven't already, pull weeds or dig out invasive plants if the harder winter soil allows, and if you can do so safely, verify gutters and downspouts are not blocked with the final fall of leaves, to prevent ice damming in case of a snow-ice combo like a few years ago. Then, enjoy the quiet of the season, visit the Botanical Gardens for a dose of warmth and greenery, and limber up for the spring.

A very happy and healthy 2014 to all of you!

WWCA Executive Committee

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

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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 1503 N. Buchanan St., 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! Lynette - WWCA Treasurer

Mlynettesmith@gmail.com

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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Park Improvement Update

by Kurt Hyde and Patrick Tallarico

We're almost there!!! We received one more round of approvals for reconditioning our park. Next step will be approval from the County board. Thanks to Hans for all his work on the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) that enabled this to happen—we would have been a decade away if not for his effort.

A few of you have asked whether the large tarp will be placed on the field again. The County Parks department has done this in the past, and it preserves the grass in the field. However, all the tarps have already been placed on other fields, with priority going to certain types of grass fields. The field has gotten worn out due to the type of grass we have, and I've been filling the large ruts in the field but we've requested the County to provide us with assistance and alternatives to preserving it.

An Introduction to Westwind

by Kutlay Ehiri



Westwind community consists of 27 townhouses at the Southern-end of WWCA, next to the Custis Trail. The three-story brick houses, which typically have between three or four bedrooms, were built by Albrittain in 1981. A large fenced area on the East side of the community was left open; it now has many oak and maple trees and five river birches.

Currently, eighteen houses are occupied by their owners, and nine are rented. The five directors of the Westwind Homeowners Association

Board are each elected for three years at the annual meetings of homeowners. Monthly Board meetings are open to all homeowners. The community is managed by AAA Management Company. Landscape maintenance and snow removal are done by Hambleton Lawn Care.

Westwind residents can walk to Ballston metro in about twelve minutes. Right across N George Mason Drive is Arlington Traditional School (rated 10/10 by Great Schools.org). Zillow estimates the value of Westwind units between \$680K and \$750K, depending on lot size.

Westwind is represented at WWCA Executive Committee by its president, and actively participates in other neighborhood concerns such as traffic calming, Ballston Pond rehabilitation project and canopy development.

Civic Federation Report

December's Civic Federation Meeting Notes (12/2)

by Jim Pebley

The December Civic Federation (CF) meeting was conducted by Carla Delapava, the Civic Federation's Vice President. There were two main topics discussed. The first action to extend the November meeting's invitation for civic associations to voice their neighborhood's concerns and issues. This is an ongoing effort by the CF's Executive Committee to understand membership issues that the CF can take up for resolution with the County government. At the November meeting there were a surprising number of issues raised by the eight or so civic associations who participated. Issues included concerns about the impact of Metro's new Silver Line on local train riders, conditions of sidewalks, loss of tree cover along Columbia Pike, and slow responses to code enforcement problems to name a few. At the WWCA's Executive Committee in November, it was decided to submit a list of our own. The list the WWCA submitted included:

- County disbanding the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee for neighborhood traffic issues
- Inadequate outdoor public emergency warning. The current outside warning system is limited to the Ballston corridor
- Police force has had no growth in 8 years despite a 10-15% population increase. Police aren't patrolling - just driving from call to call. Traffic enforcement is too spotty.
- Condition of asphalt on many residential streets. The repaving cycle takes too long.
- Is Dominion Power better prepared to rapidly restore power than they were back in July 2012?
- Making neighborhoods more walkable
- Inadequate speed enforcement on major thoroughfares

WWCA's inputs were well received and were mentioned in the Sun Gazette the next day (see:

http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/civic-federation-open-mike-forums-proving-a-success/article_04e3f60a-5dac-11e3-a2bd-0019bb2963f4.html).

The second agenda item featured a talk by the County's Director of Public Health, Dr. Reuben Varghese. His presentation focused mainly on the role of the Public Health service, demographics of how the health of Arlington residents compare to other localities and strategies for healthier families. CF delegates asked a number of questions about such topics as rat control (Dr. Varghese didn't indicate if rat populations are rising/falling), the role of Dept of Human Service nurses in County schools, and the county's readiness to handle epidemics. Dr. Varghese mentioned the important role that citizens, as Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, play in medical disaster planning and urged everyone (not just medical professionals) to consider signing up on the county website at

www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/HumanServices/services/health/

Next month, the CF agenda will include presentations by the County Manager of Schools Superintendent. All members of the WWCA are welcome to attend these meetings held at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month in the Hospital Auditorium (the door is near their auto entrance on George Mason Dr.).

Happy New Year!

IT'S 2014

Resolve to have better meetings!

Try these tips:

- Have an agenda with clear objectives for each topic
- Provide materials beforehand so people are prepared
- Add some movement to keep energy up

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