
The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT-WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

March 2014



Bonnie Beckett, coordinator of the snow brigade, clears the path into the park at 14th Street with the snow blower provided by the County.

WWCA Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, MARCH 11th, 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: CAPITAL CARING HOSPICE

THEME: STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN W-W

Agenda:

At the March general meeting the County's storm water management staff will describe how they control flooding and manage rainwater runoff. A planner from the Department of Environmental Services (often called Public Works) will talk about: managing water in the Lubber Run Basin (that's us!); future changes that will reduce flooding risk in Waycroft-Woodlawn; how some storm drains (some crossing residential backyards) will be widened or rerouted; and when changes might happen. Jen McDonnell from Arlington's Department of Environmental Services will also talk about new initiatives to prevent pollution in run-off that ends up in the Chesapeake Bay and the measures you can take to avoid pollution and report it when you see it.

President's Message

Neighbors,

When I originally wrote the President's Message for the March edition of the What-All, I mentioned that there were only traces of the mid-February snow left on the ground. I never thought that a week later, there would be another 6+ inches of it. Will this snowfall end?

Once again, the association owes a deep debt of gratitude to the W-W snow brigade for clearing the overpasses, park paths and other areas throughout the association. The brigade is made up of all volunteers and this year they have been working overtime. When you see them, be sure to say thanks.

During the last snow, I received a couple of complaints about lack of cleared sidewalks around Lacey Lane. I reached out to the Evergreene Companies and was told that they would "look into it." Hopefully, the sidewalks will be cleared of this early March snow. Once the development is complete, snow removal for the perimeter of Lacey Lane will be part of the homeowners' association fees.

Tracie

February WWCA Meeting Report

by Alex Deucher

At the February general meeting, the WWCA welcomed James J. Hughes from Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to talk about the Silver Line and Andrew Schneider, Yorktown Civic Association President, to talk about the future of development on Lee Highway.

Silver Line Phase I, with service to Reston, will be opening this year; Phase II with service to Dulles and beyond is probably 5 years away. Metro users from East Falls Church through DC will see 16% more trains during peak hours and 100% more trains during non-peak hours. A significant number of new rail cars will be on-line by the end of the year with almost half of the current fleet being replaced in the next 4 years.

The Lee Highway development dialogues started as part of the Waverly Hills Civic Association NCAC plan. Since then, presidents of civic associations that border Lee Highway have started having regular meetings to discuss what the future of Lee Highway might look like. All current development on Lee Highway is by-right - - - all property owners can do whatever they want as long as it complies with the current zoning; there is no comprehensive development plan like there is for other areas like the Orange Line corridor.



Gardenology

by Betsy Cecchetti

After this snowy February, most of us are anxious for spring. It's still too early for planting most flowers and all shrubs, but here are a few things to start now.

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.
- 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 planning!

The What-All is looking for tips from other neighborhood gardeners. If you have any ideas to share and can write an article or need a ghost-writer, please contact John Schell at hjohnschell@gmail.com or Betsy Cecchetti at betsyceccch@aol.com.

WWCA Executive Committee

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments
President / Tracie Morris	2013-2014	Civic Federation (Alternate) NCAC
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	
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)
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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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Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Voting Member Names:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Enclosed is:

\$ 5.00 Household dues of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

\$ _____ Voluntary donation

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

Parks Report

by Kurt Hyde and Patrick Tallarico

The park improvement plans continue to move forward through the county system. Our contact at Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Kathy von Bredow, tells us that the contract is in place to start the invasive plan removal process this spring. We will be updating the neighborhood on more specifics about that plan before any work starts.

Arlington County has also submitted a grant application to the Department of Forestry's Virginia Trees for Clean Water program to support our tree planting efforts. If all goes as planned, we should be planting new trees this fall.

As we mentioned last month, we are looking for neighborhood volunteers to help with planting and plant maintenance over the next two years. Please send an email to kurthyde@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.

Also, be on the lookout for information about the 2014 Tree Stewards program that provides free trees to individuals who have the space and the interest. Last year was the first year that WWCA participated in this program, and we will be making a push for those of you that are good candidates to acquire trees through the program and help maintain the look and feel of our "Garden Spot" neighborhood.

PHOENIX BIKES

by Jimmy Falkner



Did you know that Arlington has an independent bike shop specializing in rebuilding and selling quality used bikes at phenomenal prices while empowering youth in the county to learn bike mechanics and leadership skills? Phoenix Bikes, located at 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive, adjacent to Barcroft Recreation Center, is run by a small staff and volunteers dedicated to promoting cycling, cycling safety and cycling culture in Arlington.

Phoenix Bikes is not your ordinary bike shop. Volunteers guide young volunteer mechanics in the craft of repair and rebuilding bikes to offer for sale at the shop. If you have an older bike or bike parts that are not getting any use I encourage you to consider donating them to Phoenix Bikes. The shop is open most afternoons and it buzzes with activity, despite its cramped space. Scores of bikes are moved daily from the shop to the racks outside and back in at closing to allow the mechanics to work on the bikes. Phoenix Bikes is currently trying to achieve support to build a new shop close to the existing one that is provided to them by the county.

If you need a new bike or your child has outgrown his, get down to Phoenix to see the great selection and prices as well as the great work the organization is accomplishing with our youth. Phoenix Bikes is a resource for young and old—you're never too old to learn how to change a flat or lube a chain and they'll be happy to teach you how!

Check out their website: <http://www.phoenixbikes.org/>

Civic Federation Report

February's Civic Federation Meeting Notes (2/4)

by John Odenwelder

Visit by the County Board

Board members in attendance included Chairman Jay Fisetto, Vice Chair Mary Hynes, Libby Garvey, Walter Tejada and Chris Zimmerman. Chairman Fisetto began the session with a set of prepared remarks that were similar to those posted here: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/BoardMembers/FisettoJay/Jay%20Fisetto%202014%20Organizational%20Meeting%20Speech.aspx>

Themes included progress in transit-oriented development, continued strong support for Arlington's schools, affordable housing (6,600 units/15% of housing stock), no net loss of affordable housing along Columbia Pike, challenges in the business competitive environment, initiative to become a hub of the innovative high-tech sector, transit-oriented development along Columbia Pike featuring the new streetcar, environmental sustainability, and zero waste (90% recycled) within 25 years.

Question responses covered: neighborhood preservation, challenges and advantages of the Silver Line, job competition, revitalization of financial controls in lieu of an independent inspector general, capital spending priorities including schools needs will be clear in the new CIP due in May, the Long Bridge Park aquatic facility is being re-examined for budget reasons and the alleged increase in operating costs is not as severe as rumored. Four Mile Run plan preparation will begin in 2015 when staff resources are available. Expansion of schools raises neighborhood issues, requiring balance between fully functional athletic fields vs. noise and light problems. There is a need to address further some maintenance capital needs, including streetlights. Lee Highway planning is beginning, sparked by the Lee Highway Civic Association presidents' group.

Noise Control Ordinance Revisions

Gary Greene from Arlington County presented. Captain Franz Desamour and other Arlington County Police Department officers were in attendance to provide a law enforcement perspective since police receive the majority of after-hours/weekend calls when the Code Enforcement office is closed. The new ordinance will revise standards and measurement techniques. There is a new exemption for generator noise during power outages. Maximum idling time for commercial vehicles is limited to ten minutes. Yard maintenance machine noise and barking dog standards have been revised. Civil penalties are included. There are many other changes. For more information, visit this page of the Civic Federation's website: <http://www.civfed.org/2014/01/planning-zoning-report-revisions-noise-control-code/>

The Planning and Zoning Committee is pushing for a single point of contact within County staff for reporting noise ordinance violations. Many of the issues raised by the Committee have been resolved, but some issues remain: (1) Restriction of protections to only some residential ("R") districts; (2) clarification of where measurements will be taken; (3) definition of holidays and holiday eves. Staff responded with possible refinements of the ordinance draft. P&Z had prepared a resolution incorporating those three points. It was referred back to P&Z.

The March meeting will feature candidate debates for both the County Board special election and for the School Board.

KIDS **4** JOBS

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| 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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It may still be cold outside,
 but the Spring Market's Heating Up!



Liz sold this Buchanan St. home in Jan... and this 16th St. home in Feb.

For information about W-W home sales, real estate trends and preparing for the Spring Market, contact Liz.

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