

# The What-All

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAYCROFT □ WOODLAWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## President's Message

Hello everyone!

I'm writing this while also watching the trees around my house get buffeted by the windstorm with gusts of up to 50-60 mph – hoping we don't have a derecho scenario – we lost electricity for 5 days then! I've had a few blips in electricity this morning and keeping my fingers crossed!

This is the first "What-All" of 2018 – Happy New Year! Remember, we've moved to an every other month meeting schedule. Our meeting on March 13th is going to be great with Noah Simon, District Director for Rep. Don Beyer talking about the service offerings available and Sam Wolpert, the new Executive Director of the Animal Welfare League of Arlington – talking to us about the services for our pets and homeless animals.

There is much is going on in the county and a few things that have direct impact on our community. Read on to find out what you need to know and what you can do.

- In May we'll have elections for many positions on the WWCA board – please consider serving – you'll learn so much about how Arlington works and what you can do to make our community heard.
- There are many issues discussed in this newsletter that need your attention and input – the Virginia Hospital Center Edison expansion could adversely impact our community – see the article for what you can do; APS is conducting a survey on elementary school walkability as a prelude to redistricting – see the article for information and what you need to provide.

Don't forget to renew your membership! We've reached 25% membership and need a minimum of 35% to pay for our annual activities!

Sharon

P.S. If you haven't renewed your membership, please do! (You can go to our new website to do so!)

MARCH 2018 SUPPLEMENT LINK:

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/snfybzgepnt95qn/What-All\\_Mar2018sup.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/snfybzgepnt95qn/What-All_Mar2018sup.pdf?dl=0)

## PLANT GRANT for WOODLAWN PARK

by Evelio Rubiella

The WWCA Executive Board has approved an application for a grant from Earth Singha to provide matching funds to buy native plants. The organization, which currently provides grants to groups in Fairfax County, is expanding their reach. This gives us the opportunity to apply. The funds we are putting up (\$1000) and hoping the grant will match are from a separate WWCA account of approximately \$2,000 that has been designated for Woodlawn Park use only. The application for the grant can be seen at the Supplement Link shown above.



*Santa waves to neighbors on his way to the WWCA holiday event. Thanks to our Arlington County 1st District Police Liaison, Kwame Domfe, for the escort and Arlington County Fire Station 8 for the ride!*

## WWCA Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday, March 13th, 7:30 P.M.**

**Location: Mt. Olivet UMC  
1500 N. Glebe Rd., Room L9**

### Agenda:

- **Noah Simon, District Director**  
**Office of Congressman Don Beyer**

Mr. Simon will present an overview of the district, Rep. Beyer's priorities and ways their constituent service operation can help residents (passports, social security, VA claims, IRS).

- **Samuel Wolbert, President & CEO**  
**Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA)**

Mr. Wolbert will share information regarding the resources that AWLA offers to the community including: animal sheltering and control services (Arlington County and Falls Church City); facilitating adoptions of homeless animals; reuniting lost pets with owners; educational programs and events to promote animal welfare; and an array of services to help people care for and keep their pets healthy, happy and home.

**Call for NOMINATIONS!** - Sharon G. Dorsey

The following Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association positions will be vacated this coming June 30th and we're asking for nominations for the following positions:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Delegates** (2, one for Civic Federation)



Send a note to [Sharongdorsey@gmail.com](mailto:Sharongdorsey@gmail.com) if you're interested in running for or nominating someone for an upcoming position.

**WWCA Executive Board**

Office / Name	Term	Committee Assignments
<b>President</b> / Sharon Dorsey	2016-2018	Lee Highway Alliance CivFed & NCAC (Alternate)
<b>Vice-President</b> / Diane Kelly	2016-2018	Lee Highway Alliance
<b>Secretary / &amp; Webmaster</b> / VACANT		
<b>Treasurer</b> / Cathy Ax	2017-2019	
<b>Delegates</b> / Evelio Rubiella	2017-2019	Park
Jackie Hoggins	2017-2019	Social
Kutlay Ebird	2017-2019	Westwind
Kurt Hyde	2017-2019	Park
Lee Davis	2017-2019	Civic Federation
John Schell	2016-2018	Land Use/Zoning
Pam Nichols	2016-2018	Welcome
OPEN	2016-2018	Membership (VACANT)

**WWCA Appointed Representatives /**

NCAC	Tracie Morris & VACANT
Lee Highway Alliance	Sharon Dorsey, Diane Kelly

**What-All Editor** / John Schell

**Virginia Hospital Center Expansion Task Force /**

Tracie Morris, Sharon G. Dorsey, Rob McDonald, Michael Bruce, Louise Megargee

**MT. Olivet Construction** — Tina Marcus

Beginning any time after April 1, 2018, depending on the permit approval timeline, Mount Olivet United Methodist Church will embark upon two building projects – a Fellowship Hall renovation and a small building addition (on the Glebe Road side between the Sanctuary and the Education Wing.) For a few months the projects will impact church events and constituencies, and some construction activities will be visible to our neighbors. Our general contractor and project manager will be presenting an information session in the Mount Olivet UMC Sanctuary on **Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 pm**. They will go over the schedule of work and address any questions or concerns you might have. All are invited! (NOTE from Sharon G. Dorsey: At this time, we do not believe this will impact our meetings at Mt. Olivet. Should anything change, we'll notify you via Nextdoor.)

**Civic Federation Update** - Lee Davis

The January meeting of the Civic Federation was held with the County Board which followed their New Year's Organizational meeting. The County Board addressed questions on a variety of topics from the members of the Civic Federation, including property taxes, contributions to the Metro system, and the new tolls on Interstate 66 and their impact on Arlington.

The February meeting addressed redistricting reform. It featured a presentation by Brian Cannon, Executive Director of OneVirginia2021, an organization is promoting the idea of establishing a non-partisan independent commission to draw the new districting maps for state delegate and senate districts. The issue of redistricting is relevant nationally leading up to the 2020 Census with members of both parties making vigorous arguments in various states on why existing districts are too partisan, and the need for redistricting reform. After the presentation by Brian Cannon, a panel discussion was held on redistricting, including Brian Cannon of OneVirginia2021 and Don Gurney of the League of Women Voters. Following the panel the resolution Arlington Civic Federation Resolution on Fair Redistricting was presented by the Legislative Committee. The proposed resolution is aimed at preventing gerrymandering by establishing an independent, impartial redistricting commission.

**Waycroft-Woodlawn Neighborhood Egg Hunt!**



Hop on down to Woodlawn Park for a neighborhood egg hunt! Weather permitting, we'll gather at the playground on **Saturday, March 24th at 4 pm** and kickoff the hunt around 4:15 pm. Bring your own basket to participate in the hunt.

We have lots of plastic eggs but are looking to gather candy/egg-filling donations from neighbors. Small, individually wrapped candies, stickers, bouncy balls, anything kid friendly that will fit in a standard size plastic egg! We're also looking to a few volunteers to help stuff eggs (a few days prior) and to help hide eggs (Saturday afternoon). If you'd like to help out, please send an e-mail to Jackie at [jackieann99@gmail.com](mailto:jackieann99@gmail.com) for details.

Look for additional details on Nextdoor as the date approaches!

**WWCA Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018**

**Percentage of Budget Spent:** 53%

**Summary**

Total Annual Budget	\$3,552.00
Total Annual Expenditures to Date	\$1,886.00
Total Member Dues Received to Date	\$1,534.00

**Account Balances**

Checking Account	\$6,819.75
Savings Acct. Balance (Designated Park Fund)	\$2,290.82
Petty Cash Balance	\$ 66.34

Data as of 3/4/2018 Fiscal year runs from 7/1/17 - 6/30/18

by Cathy Ax, WWCA Treasurer

For additional budget information see the Supplement Link on Page 1.

## Walk Zone Study and Elementary School Boundaries (NOTE: Please provide feedback)

by Christina Headrick and Mike Britz

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is in the early stages of discussing future elementary school boundaries. The discussion is next fall, but APS is engaging WWCA and other neighborhood associations now to collect perspectives on walkability for all elementary schools this spring.

**APS asking our opinions on school walk zones,** specifically: *what sections of WWCA are walkable to our nearest elementary schools?* This spring's outreach is part of the Elementary School Planning Initiative to Review Elementary Boundaries. This is an early stage exploring walk zones only – we are not being asked school preferences, busing preferences, or if kids should be grandfathered as part of redistricting, etc.

**We believe it is important for our neighbors understand the ask and share their opinions.** To do this – below is information on 1) *how WWCA is structured*, 2) *schools in scope for discussion*, 3) *who should really get involved*, 4) *WWCA events to assess walking*, and 5) *how to provide feedback to APS*.

**1) How is our community structured?** APS organizes WWCA into 4 planning units. They are described below with nicknames to simplify discussions:

- 15061 (SCHOOL) is immediately surrounding Glebe Elementary
- 15120 (NORTH) is north of 16th street between the hospital and Glebe RD.
- 15121 (MIDDLE) is the area between 16th street and Washington BLVD, between George Mason DR and Glebe RD to include the hospice and Woodlawn Park.
- 14090 (TRIANGLE) is south of Washington BLVD, bordered by I66 and George Mason DR.

**2) What schools are in scope?** APS policy limits walk zones to planning units that entirely fall within 1 mile of the school – and in reality the actual walk zones are mostly within 1/2 mile. Distance is measured on streets and sidewalks and cannot include biking trails. Options schools (like ATS) may become neighborhood schools and vice versa. For WWCA, there are two schools where our 4 planning units are close enough to be considered part of this walkability study:

- Glebe Elementary** – all of WWCA is within 1 mile, with the SCHOOL, NORTH, and MIDDLE planning units already within the current Glebe Elementary walk zone.
- Arlington Traditional School** – the southern part of WWCA is within 1 mile, with the MIDDLE and TRIANGLE planning units within conceivable walk zone.

**3) Who should really get involved?** We want to get the planning units that are conceivably walkable involved to share their opinions and make sure their voice is heard.

- For Glebe:** Only one planning unit in WWCA could be conceivably added to the walk zone – TRIANGLE
- For ATS:** There are two planning units that could be conceivably added to the walk zone – TRIANGLE and MIDDLE

**4) What is WWCA planning to help assess walkability?** To help those in TRIANGLE and MIDDLE form opinions, we held two walking tours. The purpose of these tours is to replicate

the walk to school, and identify 1) is it walkable, and 2) what improvements could make it more walkable (e.g., crosswalk, crossing guard, etc.). Maps were provided during the walk.

- To Glebe:** 12pm SAT 03 MAR, starting at 11<sup>th</sup> and Columbus: We walked up Buchanan ST to assess walk timing and improvements.
- To ATS:** 12pm SUN 04 MAR, starting at Woodlawn Park playground, we walked down Buchanan ST, across 11th ST, and down George Mason DR.

**5) How do we provide feedback to APS?** The county has provided a survey for walkability feedback. Unfortunately it only includes *ways to suggest walkability*, and no ways to note that a *planning unit is not walkable* – risking biased results. We are sharing the survey link as requested, and make the following requests to make sure we get accurate feedback:

By March 13th:

- Please **share feedback on your planning unit** so that APS gets real, relevant feedback
  - Glebe (TRIANGLE): [tinyurl.com/Glebe-Walk-Zone-Questions](http://tinyurl.com/Glebe-Walk-Zone-Questions)
  - ATS (MIDDLE, TRIANGLE): [tinyurl.com/ATS-Walk-Zone-Survey](http://tinyurl.com/ATS-Walk-Zone-Survey)
- Please **share your thoughts with our WWCA walk zone task force representatives** so we can aggregate and share with APS as a community association:

Michael Britz ([michaelwbritz@gmail.com](mailto:michaelwbritz@gmail.com))

Christina Headrick ([cheadrk@yahoo.com](mailto:cheadrk@yahoo.com))

## KIDS 4 JOBS

<b>B - babysitting</b>	<b>L - lawn mowing</b>	<b>S - snow shoveling</b>
<b>C - cat sitting</b>	<b>O - odd jobs</b>	<b>T - putting out trash bins</b>
<b>D - dog walking</b>	<b>P - pet sitting</b>	<b>W - plant watering</b>
<b>H - house sitting</b>	<b>R - leaf raking</b>	

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## Virginia Hospital Center Expansion

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BE HEARD!**

By Sharon G. Dorsey

Virginia Hospital Center has submitted its site plan for the Edison Street property to Arlington County for approval. The vote from the County Board is expected to happen in May. In its current state, the building design includes a 2000+ space, 8 story parking garage with entrances on both 19th St. N. and N. Edison St. as well as an Outpatient Medical building that will bring more traffic and all that entails into our neighborhood. The 3 adjacent civic associations, Waycroft-Woodlawn, John M. Langston and Tara-Leeway Heights formed a neighborhood task force in 2015 specifically to ensure the Edison project doesn't adversely impact our culture and community. We've met with the hospital many times over the past 3 years and held several public meetings to ensure we represent the neighborhoods appropriately. To date there are still major issues with the submitted site plan that will adversely impact us in the following categories:

- *Traffic and Pedestrian Safety*
- *Building setback, design and height*
- *Noise – Street, Garage and Light*

The current VHC expansion plans fails to effectively address our resident's feedback gathered over 3 years and we're concerned our voices are now hostage to an aggressive development agenda and

## Membership - Sharon Dorsey

To continue providing you quality programs and events that cost us nearly \$3500 annually, we need to have a minimum of 350 (61%) out of 575 households – to date we're only at 143 (25%). Membership is only \$10 annually. (less than 2 Starbuck's coffees!) Please signup via PayPal (on our website – [www.waycroftwoodlawncivicassociation.org](http://www.waycroftwoodlawncivicassociation.org)) or cash/check mailed or dropped off to 4808 14th St. N, Arlington, VA 22205.

If you're not sure you're paid up – send me a note – [sharongdorsey@gmail.com](mailto:sharongdorsey@gmail.com)

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.	45	17	0.33
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0.25</b>

commercial interests that will drown out our needs. (**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** *Google* Arlington County Site Plan Review Committees – information and documents can be found for the hospital beginning on December 18, 2017.)

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

*Please keep in mind whatever gets approved now will be the starting point for future VHC plans. Based on the current age of their buildings, we expect older buildings will be torn down (all except 1635 and the main building) with the next project to start within the next decade*

### Site Plan Review Committee Meetings

- Mar 8 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM Key Elementary School 2300 Key Blvd
- Mar 22 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (TBD)
- Apr 19 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (TBD)

**Open Door Mondays – Chat With A Board Member About Any Topic:**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM Mondays

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| <u><b>1st Monday</b></u><br>Mar 5, Apr 2   | <u>Langston-Brown Community Center</u><br>2121 N. Culpeper Street    |
| <u><b>2nd Monday</b></u><br>Mar 12, Apr 9  | <u>Arlington Mill Community Center</u><br>909 South Dinwiddie Street |
| <u><b>3rd Monday</b></u><br>Mar 19, Apr 16 | <u>Central Library</u><br>1015 N. Quincy Street                      |
| <u><b>4th Monday</b></u><br>Mar 26, Apr 23 | <u>Aurora Hills Library</u><br>735 South 18th Street                 |

**Write the County Board - encourage them to hear and address our issues now!** (Also see the Supplement Link on Page 1)

## WWCA MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP AND DUES PAYMENT FORM

Renew your WWCA membership, or join us, today! (For fiscal year 2017: 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018) There are two ways to sign up:

- Cash or check (made out to WWCA) can be mailed or dropped off at 4808 14th Street N., Arlington, VA 22205
- Or, pay online at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). Click on the "send money" link, leave it on "friends & family" selection, and put [WWCAtreas@gmail.com](mailto:WWCAtreas@gmail.com) in the "pay to e-mail address". Follow the rest of the prompts. Please note your household address and the names that you want listed as voting members.

Thank you!

Cathleen, WWCA Treasurer [cathleen.ax@verizon.net](mailto:cathleen.ax@verizon.net)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 7/1/17 to 6/30/18
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary donation
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed**