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THE CWCA GAZETTE

CWCA President's Letter

Liz d'Alelio, President

Dear Neighbors,

It has been a busy year so far, looking forward to the second half. I wanted to let you know what happened at the Annual General Membership Meeting that was held on May 20, 2014. The meeting opened with the Cub Scouts from Pack 873 performing the Color Guard opening ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance. It was a wonderful way to start the meeting. Thank you Pack 873! The Treasurer Kathy Anderson gave her last report as treasurer. We had a guest speaker, John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cook talked about Braddock Road Construction, as well as the development/revitalization of the Kings Park Shopping center. Elections were held; the board remained primarily in tact with the exception of Treasurer. Kathy Anderson who has been Treasurer for the past seven years stepped down. Dan Keary stepped up and was elected Treasurer. Thank you again Kathy for all your volunteer years of service to the community.

Please consider volunteering to help the Civic Association,

we need someone to take over the Marker Maintenance Coordinator. Tom and Pam Reinkober have been handling this for the past 17 years! We also have openings for block captains, neighborhood watch helpers, an organizer for the fall picnic and a CERT leader.

The board has been busy planning events for the rest of the year, we have lots planned and I hope that you will participate. All events will be posted on the website, www.cwcivic.org.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Liz d'Alelio
CWCA President



Enjoy the summer at
Canterbury Woods
Swim and Tennis Club!
Find info on activities
at www.cwpool.org.

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Civic Association News

Queen Elizabeth Blvd. Traffic Calming Update—July 2014

Neighbors,

Many of you have asked about the status of QEB; we thank you for your interest! We are still hard at work, meeting among ourselves, with Supervisor Cook's office, and FCDOT to incorporate your comments into a workable plan.

Here is a quick overview of the process: A community member forms a task force which contacts the Board of Supervisors to request a traffic calming study. The request is shared with FCDOT, which conducts a 24-hour traffic count and speed survey. To qualify for consideration of a traffic calming plan, the street must have between 600-6000 vehicles per day, 15% of which must be over 30 mph. If those qualifications have been met, a proposed traffic calming plan is designed and presented to the Supervisor's office and the task force. From there the community becomes more involved; a homeowner who would potentially have a device (stop sign, speed hump, etc.) placed directly in front of their home are invited to sign an Affected Resident Form giving their approval. If that has been achieved, the community is notified of and invited to a community meeting where the traffic calming plan is presented and explained. After the community meeting, the homeowners in the ballot area receive a mailed ballot to vote on the proposed plan; votes are tallied by Supervisor Cook's office. If the plan is approved, FCDOT will schedule the installation of the traffic calming measures. If the

plan is not approved, the process stops and that particular location cannot be addressed again for two years.

A community meeting was held on May 29 where we presented the following plan: a three-way stop at the intersection of QEB and Woodland Way plus three speed humps (adjacent to 8819 and 8821 QEB, adjacent to 8708 QEB, and adjacent to 8524 and 8526 QEB). We heard many questions and concerns from our neighbors and are considering all the input very seriously. One thing that seemed evident is many neighbors support the three-way stop...some would say it's long overdue! However, the three speed humps are a little more controversial. We are now in the process of adjusting the proposal to reflect a plan more amenable to the community. Once we have a new/ adjusted plan, we will hold another community meeting and welcome your attendance. You are strongly encouraged to attend, this is your opportunity to participate in creating a safer community.

Please share your thoughts and concerns with us! The QEB Task Force is: Kim Sandino (k_hawks@yahoo.com), Liz d'Alelio (eda777@verizon.net), Liz Brocato (brocatofam@gmail.com), Inger Maslin (jamaslin@aol.com), Betty Diggs (bdiggs5@aol.com), and Angela Kokkinis (angelakokkinis@yahoo.com).

We're Still Accepting Dues Payments for 2014

"Why should I pay dues?" you ask.

Perhaps you don't think you need to contribute because you don't attend the social events during the year, or you are a renter, or you're just not sure how the collection of dues benefits you.

Yearly membership in the civic association is encouraged by all residents, both owners and renters. We rely on annual membership dues to continue our efforts to keep Canterbury Woods safe and attractive – in other words, a desirable place to live. Membership dues support our social events such as the Halloween Fall Festival, the Holiday Party, and National Night Out. Dues also pay for the publication of our newsletter (*The Gazette*), the Directory, and the support of our website. Your small monetary

contribution also pays for entrance marker maintenance expenses and lawn service for our common areas. We also periodically have house numbers painted on the curbs.

If you haven't yet paid your 2014 dues, please send your check (made out to CWCA) or cash to Susan DiMaina at 5001 Chanticleer Avenue. If you are not sure if you have paid already this year, send an email with your address to sdimaina@yahoo.com or call 703-323-6098 to see if you are current.

\$15 Basic Member	\$20 Supporting Member
\$25 Contributing Member	\$30 Sustaining Member

American Disposal Rate Update

Right now most of you who are signed up with American Disposal Service are paying \$23.00 a month for once-a-week service (that includes trash/recycle/yard debris). ADS has agreed to **\$18.00 a month** for the once-a-week service (and only \$20 for twice a week!)

If you want to get this rate (for either the once or twice a week service), you must call 703-368-0500 and tell them that you are part of CANTERBURY WOODS and want to get the new rate.

If you have some other trash service (like TripleA/Republic) and would like to switch over to ADS, please call the number above -- and don't forget to cancel with your other trash company.

If at all possible, please call by August 1, 2014 -- they will make the change to the lower rate after that, but it would be helpful to them if you could contact them sooner. For more information, contact Susan DiMaina -- CWCA Vice-president at 703-323-6098.

CWCA Volunteer Openings

Let's Activate Neighborhood Watch

Hello! My name is John Chastain. My family has lived in Canterbury Woods since December 1991. On behalf of the CW Civic Association, I'd like to invite you to participate in Neighborhood Watch volunteer activities. You don't necessarily have to drive around like Starsky and Hutch (or Toody and Muldoon) looking for crimes in progress—some techniques simply involve keeping your eyes open and sharing information with your neighbors and the police (“See something, say something.”) Others include locking your car and house doors.

At a recent training session, J.T. Frey, the Crime Prevention Officer for the Fairfax County Police West Springfield District, described four Watch techniques:

WINDOW WATCHING: Anybody can do this with little or no extra effort. It's a way for our housebound and limited-mobility residents to contribute. Remember Jimmy Stewart in Alfred Hitchcock's “Rear Window”? He saw something, but alas, he didn't say something.

PASSIVE OBSERVATION: Like window watching, even when you're outside. Example: A CWCA member recently posted a

message about two door-to-door marketers who behaved a bit oddly.

WALKING PATROLS: Do these in pairs, in defined areas, with varying routes and times. Patrollers should wear hats or other swag identifying them as NW participants.

MOBILE PATROLS: Like walking patrols, except in cars. The police require a brief training session (conducted regularly) for NW patrollers; however, there is no need to wait before keeping your eyes open. You can find detailed information about Neighborhood Watch on the Fairfax County website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/nw.htm>

Please let me know if you're interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch. I will compile a list of volunteers, and we can meet to discuss organizing our activities.

John Chastain
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We Need Block Captains!

For many years, Canterbury Woods has had a system of volunteers, each of whom oversees a nearby group or “block” of homes. The chart of block captains and their designated areas can be found in the CW Directory on pp. 13-16.

Block Captains help our community by doing various tasks:

- *staying current with neighborhood news and issues.
- *making sure new residents get a welcome packet and answers to their questions.
- *collecting information for the Directory and distributing new ones.
- *hand-delivering communications to residents to help CWCA save on postage.

*encouraging all residents to pay their CWCA membership dues. Presently we need block captains for the following areas. If you live in one of these areas, please consider volunteering. The time commitment is minimal but the help you provide is huge!

- Wakefield Chapel Rd. 4824-5014
- Queen Elizabeth Blvd. 8515-8526
- Ponderosa Dr. 4816-4830 and 8610-8612 Sinon St.
- Fleming Dr. 5015-5105 and 5100-5105 Cicero Court

Contact Kerry Hartley at 703-425-2521 or rkdhartley@aol.com with any questions.

Marker Maintenance Opening

After MANY years of attentive care, Tom and Pam Reinkober are retiring as our Marker Maintenance coordinators. We need a person (or persons/co-chairs) to step up and help us keep the CW entrance markers looking neat and attractive.

Duties include:

Coordinating Marker Maintenance both in the spring and fall for the Southampton and Wakefield Markers. Usually we have between 15-20 volunteers who will attend. During the cleanups we pull weeds, cut both trees and bushes as needed and put down mulch, plant flowers and bushes when they need to be replaced. We also pick up trash from Wakefield Chapel to Stonehaven Drive as our Civic Association has adopted that part of Braddock Road as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program.

Securing the grass cutting contract for the median on Woodland Way and the entrance to Southampton. [Note: at this time we have a contract in place.] The contract covers the grass cutting and edging from April to November. On a monthly basis the coordinator usually makes at least one visit to each marker to spray for weeds and cut bushes and remove old flowers that have already bloomed.

Please contact Liz d'Alelio at 703-425-0618 or eda777@verizon.net if you are interested in assisting with Marker Maintenance.

Why You Need to Sign Up for the CW Community Email

Did you know that in late May a woman was accosted by someone as she was jogging on the trail near the bridge to the pool?

Were you aware of all the changes that are being proposed for Braddock Road?

Do you ever wish you could get feedback or references for a landscaper, electrician, roofer, plumber, etc.?

Do you feel out of the loop when your neighbors are talking about CW social events, contests, fundraisers, plant swaps, etc.?

All of this information and more can be had if you sign up for the CW community email (also referred to as the listserv). You do NOT have to change your email address and you will NOT get spam as a result of signing up. You WILL get useful timely information.

Here's how:

You must register with Yahoo! to join the CW email. Registering is FREE and you can use *any* email address to receive posts from listserv. In other words, you will not have another email address to check; the community emails will come to the email address you designate!

Go to www.yahoo.com

If you are a current member of Yahoo!, sign in. If you are registering for the first time, click on "sign in" and click on "create a new account."

Once you are signed in, click the "groups" tab on the left hand side of the homepage.

In the "find a Yahoo! group" box, type canterburywoodsca.

From this point, follow the on-screen instructions to participate in the group.

Please direct any questions or problems regarding the group to Liz Brocato at (703) 323-0587 or Brocatofam@gmail.com.



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In The Community

Yard Sale Thank You!

Kathy Anderson and Tammy Shelton (8503 Queen Elizabeth) want to send a big THANK YOU to those of you who supported their Relay for Life yard sale on May 17, either through donation of goods or purchases. They appreciate your support and wanted to say thanks and also let you know that they raised \$1400 for the American Cancer Society! CW is such a supportive community!



The Annandale Food Site Needs Your Help

You may have noticed messages about this volunteer effort on the CW community email/listserv or perhaps you have heard CW residents Jane Klug, Tom Reinkober, John Boaz, or Susan DiMaina talk about it. Started in 2009 by former CW resident Ann Woodle and Betsy Clevenger of Danbury Forest, the site serves up to 80 families-in-need and is located in a large room at Immanuel United Methodist Church on 7901 Heritage Drive in Annandale.

The site operates every Thursday from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adult and student volunteers give out canned food, dry goods, fresh vegetables and fruit, bread, eggs, milk to those in need. Once a month, bags of disposable diapers are offered to those families with little ones. Food for Others, Scout troops, various churches, and generous individuals make the Food Site possible.



Every year, students from Annandale H.S., Woodson H.S., and other schools earn service hours by volunteering at the site. Many keep helping long after they've earned the necessary hours.

If you would like to donate – either your time or money or food – call or email Jane Klug (703-425-4136) nvrangers942@verizon.net.

Your help is appreciated by the many families who benefit from the Annandale Food Site.

Seniors Helping Seniors at the Shepherd's Center

The purpose of the Shepherd's Center is to provide services that assist Senior adults to continue to live independently and to offer programs which supply opportunities for enrichment, learning and socialization.

Programs include :

Lunch N' Life—bi-monthly luncheons with guest speakers or musical programs. Come for good food and good company!

Adventures in Learning—seven weeks of interesting and educational seminars and discussion groups.

Day Trips and Outings—local in and out of town excursions providing enjoyment, learning and fellowship

The Shepherd's Center for Annandale –Springfield also offers transportation for seniors in need of transportation support. Handy Helpers can perform minor home repairs and they also offer Friendly Callers who make contact with homebound persons.



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For more information, email shepherdsccas@vacoxmail.com or call (703) 941-1419.

You can also get more information by visiting www.shepherdscenter-annandale.org.

The neighborhood speed limit is 25 MPH!

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