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THE CWCA GAZETTE

A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Woods

CWCA President's Letter

Dale Johnson, President

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful summer and enjoying what the area has to offer. My name is Dale Johnson and I recently volunteered to perform the duties as the Canterbury Woods Civic Association President and was elected in May of 2015. My family and I have been living in Canterbury Woods since July of 2011 and are active on the Civic Association, the Canterbury Woods swim team, and in Canterbury Woods Elementary School (CWES). I have a wonderful wife, Monica Johnson, and two children who are attending CWES and Frost Middle School. I recently retired from the United States Navy after 30 years of service and will be working in the Defense Industry.

The very first official duty that I performed after being elected was to get the board together to determine what the near and far term goals should be for the community. Here are some short-term goals and what we have done to meet these goals.

1. Increase transparency between the board and the community at large. In an effort to communicate effectively and get information out quickly, we have chosen to implement a few tools that can increase the speed at which communication travels.

Develop and maintain Google+ Communities website. You do not need a Gmail account to signup for this group. Go to the link: <https://plus.google.com/communities> Type in Canterbury Woods Civic Association and request access.

Notify as many people as possible during an emergency or when important information needs to be communicated. Go to the following link: <https://rainedout.net/> and type in Canterbury Woods. Click on Canterbury Woods Civic Association and type in your cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Board members will have the ability to type in a single message and it will be delivered immediately and simultaneously to all registered e-mail addresses, cell phones, and be posted on the Canterbury Woods Facebook page.

2. Negotiate group discount rates for trash collection.

We have negotiated a yearly group discount with American and Republic disposal services. One of the benefits of paying your homeowners dues is a continued group discount rate. The current rate is \$18-\$22 per month depending upon the service that you select and the providers that you choose. The providers will verify with the board that your dues have been paid. I am looking for a volunteer to take this on as their primary duty to negotiate the rates annually.

3. Increase cooperation between the community and the local police department. Participate in National Night Out. There is a separate article in the Gazette on National Night Out and the event will be held on the 4th of August from 6pm -9pm.

Establish a Neighborhood Watch program and Dog Walkers Watch program. Looking for a volunteer to head up these duties.

4. Increase participation in voluntary dues. We have 520 homes in Canterbury Woods and only 50% of those homeowners and renters have paid their dues. We have included an article on why it is in your advantage to pay dues and how you benefit. In addition we have set up a PayPal link to make it easier to donate to the community.

Lastly, as a civic association one of our primary long-term goals is to maintain a safe neighborhood for our families to live, ensuring that property values can continue to rise. There is currently a major project that is being undertaken to expand the Braddock Road corridor, which will have lasting implications on the safety and value of our neighborhood. Please educate yourself on the road expansion project at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddockroad.htm>. We have included a short article on the project.

I look forward to meeting you and serving any needs that may potentially arise within our fine community.

Sincerely,

Dale Johnson

National Night Out August 4th, 6-9pm

Neighborhood News

Come Out to National Night Out August 4th!

Come join your neighbors as the Canterbury Woods Civic Association celebrates National Night Out on August 4, 2015 from 6—9pm. We will have several tables set up throughout the neighborhood for families and neighbors of all ages to gather. There will be activities for kids and good conversation for adults. Stations will be receiving a visit from the local police precinct through the night and we can voice our concerns or just get to know who's helping us to keep our community safe. The tables will have light refreshments and flyers about local initiatives that are affecting our community. Please come join your neighbors for a wonderful community gathering and help in the effort to make our neighborhood safer. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Use the link below for more information on the Fairfax County NNO initiative.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/nno/>



Top 10 Reasons to Pay Your Dues!

Here's a **Top 10 list of Reasons Why You Should Pay Your Dues:**

10. Dues benefit every resident of Canterbury Woods both renters and owners
9. Social events such as Fall Festival (October) and Holiday Party (December)
8. National Night Out is just around the corner – August 4 – a great chance to meet your neighbors
7. Dumpster Day – a chance to get rid of that junk for free
6. Negotiated trash removal service rates
5. Maintenance of common areas such as entrance markers that help keep property values up
4. Printed directory delivered to your door step
3. Free painting of house numbers on curbs
2. Quarterly Newsletter to keep you informed, a website and lots of social media communication
1. ***Being an active member in your community makes living in the neighborhood a richer experience!***



If you haven't paid yet, help us fulfill our Top 10! We are still accepting payments for the 2015 calendar year. Please contact Susan DiMaina at sdimaina@yahoo.com.

Friends of the Long Branch Stream Valley Making an Impact in our Neighborhood

FRIENDS OF
LONG BRANCH



STREAM VALLEY

Congratulations to Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley for having been awarded
“**Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District 2015**”!

Carter Murray, a senior at WT Woodson High School, is working with Friends of the Long Branch Stream Valley (FLBSV) to earn his Eagle Award. As part of his journey, he's organizing the next trail improvement day in conjunction with FLBSV between Woodland Way and Guinea Road. Come help spread crushed rock and gravel over the trail, continuing the process of helping to even it out and make the trail easier to use. Any time and assistance would be much appreciated. Come on out **Saturday, August 22nd, at any time between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, with work gloves and sturdy shoes. Lunch and water will be provided. Thanks in advance! Any questions, please contact Carter at carter.murray16@gmail.com.**

General questions, please contact Chris Bauernshub, President of FLBSV at 703-597-1701. Like them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FLBSV>

Neighborhood News, con't.

\$20,000 Sewer Repair Bill?

A hidden danger is lurking inside your front lawn, a danger that could cost you in excess of \$20,000 if you are not properly insured. Can you afford this cost?

Canterbury Woods subdivision was created in the 1960's time-frame when a variety of different types of building material were used to connect the homes sewer system to the city's sewer system. The life expectancy of these pipes varies greatly and depends upon the environmental conditions on how long they will last.

The normal homeowners policy will not cover you if the sewer pipe in your front yard needs to be replaced. The purpose of this article is inform you of the eventuality of having to replace the pipe in your front yard and to investigate the type of insurance that you have to see if you are covered when your sewer pipe needs to be replaced. Fairfax County will not cover the cost to replace your water or sewer lines to your house.

What should I do?

- Determine the type of sewer pipe that was installed when your house was built. If your house was constructed prior to 1975 you can call (703) 324-5015 and they will e-mail you a lateral diagram. In the lateral diagram there will be a table that shows the inspectors name and next to the inspectors name will be initials. If you see the initials "C.I.", then your house was built with Cast Iron pipes. If you see the initials "OB" then you had Orangeburg pipe installed when the house was built. I personally called this number and the process took about 6 minutes before the diagram arrived in my inbox.
- Check into your insurance coverage to see if you are covered for these unexpected expenses. For your awareness only and not as an endorsement from the Civic Association; Dominion Power offers Waterline and Sewer line insurance as well as insurance to re-landscape your yard if you have to have your yard dug up to have the pipes replaced. Do your research to ensure that your

coverage is for all the different pipes including Orangeburg. The cost of the insurance can be added as an expense to your electric bill. Information can be found at:

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/en/home-protection>

Life Expectancy

There are 2 main types of sewer conduits that were installed in the subdivision when it was built. They were Orangeburg pipe and Cast Iron pipe.

Orangeburg pipe is made of ground cellulose (wood) fibers bound together with a special water resistant adhesive, and, thereafter, impregnated with liquefied coal tar pitch. In its most basic form it is a toilet paper roll covered with tar! It has an expected maximum useful life of 50 years, but the lifetime could be as few as 10 years under severe environmental conditions. There were several companies in the United States that made this type of conduit with the largest manufacturer being located in Orangeburg, NY; hence the name Orangeburg (OB) pipe.

Cast Iron pipes have been used as water and sewer pipes since the early 1800s. The average life expectancy of Cast Iron pipes in ideal environmental conditions is 75-100 plus years.

Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) pipes were first used in the United States in 1952, but were not used on a widespread basis until the late 1960's and early 1970's. Most houses in Canterbury woods were constructed in the early to mid 1960's. Some houses have had their sewer lines replaced and when replaced they use PVC pipes. The expected lifetime of PVC pipes when used for the sewer or water system is approximately 400 plus years.

More information can be found on the Internet and the following websites were used to write this article.

References: <http://www.sewerhistory.org/articles/compon/orangeburg/orangeburg.htm>
http://www.sewerhistory.org/articles/compon/pdfs/pvc_sewer_milestones.pdf

Canterbury Woods Elementary is Celebrating 50 Years!

CALLING ALL CANTERBURY WOODS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AND ALUMNI! There are lots of great activities planned for our **50th Anniversary year!** We are kicking things off with our Open House for all current students on September 3rd. We will have the Annual Cougar Crawl for students, alumni and community members in the fall. For details see www.cwespta.org or visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/canterburywoodspta or e-mail prescwespta@gmail.com.



Braddock District News

Help Celebrate the 16th Annual National Farmers Market Week



The Fairfax County Park Authority is celebrating the 16th Annual National Farmers Market Week August 5—15 at the county's 11 markets. There are lots of activities, including cooking demonstration and kid friendly games and contests. Wakefield will be celebrating on August 5, head over to our local community market to celebrate! For more information, use the link below:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir065-15.htm>

Update: Braddock Road Multimodal Study

The purpose of this study is to analyze and recommend a plan for increasing the capacity of Braddock Road from Guinea Road to I-495, including evaluation of managed lanes from Burke Lake Road to I-495. The study will also analyze a potential transit center in the vicinity of the Kings Park Shopping Center.

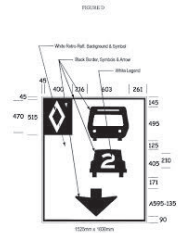
As a result, the study will address three projects that have been part of the Comprehensive Plan for several years:

- Construct/add one HOV lane in each direction from Burke Lake Road to I-495.
- Construct/add one general purpose lane in each direction from Guinea Road to Burke Lake Road.
- Construct a transit center along Braddock Road located in the vicinity of the Kings Park Shopping Center.

Background: A plan for HOV widening on Braddock Road was adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in 1990. The Northern Virginia 2010 Transportation Plan recommended HOV widening on Braddock Road from Burke Lake Road to I-495 and conventional widening from Guinea to Burke Lake Road.

The section of Braddock Road to be studied currently handles approximately 70,000 vehicle trips a day, and is one of the more congested corridors in the county. This project will analyze the feasibility of providing managed lanes along this congested corridor that provides a direct connection to I-495.

The Beltway offers vehicular and transit connections to the entire Washington DC metropolitan region. In 2013, the county launched new bus service from the Burke Centre VRE station to Tysons with stops on Braddock Road near the Burke Lake Road intersection. This and other existing and planned routes in the area will need to be considered in the road widening and transit center analysis.



The Braddock District Supervisor has established a community task force for the Braddock Road Multimodal Study made up of community representatives along the project corridor. Further information on the task force can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddockroad.htm>

Take the Survey Today! Let your voice be heard!

We are requesting your input in order to understand how you utilize the Braddock Road corridor and what you view are the priorities in making improvements.

- Online Survey: visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XBCFQPC>
- Download and mail survey: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/braddockroadmmstudy/>

Braddock Nights Summer Concert Series

The Braddock Nights Summer Concert Series takes place every Friday night from 7:30 to 8:30 during the months of July and August at both Port Royal Lake and Lake Accotink parks. There are a wide array of performances each week, from classical to bluegrass, and everything in between! Performances are free. Note, they are cancelled if there's rain. For performance information, go to the link below:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/downloads/bnflyerweb.pdf>

Remembering the Early Years of Canterbury Woods

An Interview with Mary Ann and Jim Shepherd (5004 Chanticleer):

What did our neighborhood look like back in the early days? In 1965 CW didn't look anything like today's version. At the very beginning the landscape was barren – mostly empty vistas with a few stands of mature trees left by the builder. Each house was guaranteed one tree randomly chosen by the developer, but original owners quickly planted others. Farmers who drove their trucks through the neighborhood with trees made lots of sales!

Who was the original builder? Hyman Bernstein & Sons, a builder from Maryland, planned CW in sections:

Section 1 – by the pool off of Braddock Rd.

Section 2 – Wakefield Chapel Rd.

Section 3 & 4 -- Queen Elizabeth Blvd. and branching streets from Wakefield Chapel Rd. to the second King Richard intersection

Section 5, and 6 – later, expanding Queen Elizabeth, finally enabling the school children to walk to CWES.

[Interesting fact: originally, Bernstein had planned to build 8 sections totaling 872 homes, all the way to Olley Lane, but some financial issues stopped him at around 500.]



How many models of homes were there at first? There were 7 different models originally. Houses were referred to by their model names:

King Richard – two story colonial with “an air of great elegance and luxury”

Duke of Burgundy – “elegant and handsome” colonial with cathedral-high foyer

Prince of Wales – “sumptuous” 70 ft. long rambler

King Henry – “courtly split level” with double-door entrance

Queen Anne – “spacious” rambler with two full day-light living levels

Queen Elizabeth – “true luxury” multi-level with expansive foyer entrance and recreation-terrace room on lower level

King John – “in the English manor tradition” with a colonial façade, “baronial” reception room entry/bedroom & bath, then stairs up to living rm/kitchen.

What were the prices of the first homes?

They ranged from \$24,490 for the King Henry to \$27,990 for the King Richard. Corner lots were \$250 extra.



Who were the original owners? CW was so popular at its start that there was a long waiting list for houses. Original owners tended to be military or government families often with 4-6 children. Mothers generally stayed home with the children while fathers went off to jobs. Young girls babysat for 35 to 50 cents an hour and boys mowed lawns – there weren't the lawn services that many homes employ today!

How did the CW pool come about? In the late 60's several owners, led by Warren Peters (who lived at the corner of King Richard and Queen Elizabeth) formed a committee to start up CW Swim and Tennis Club. One hundred owners were charter members. There was also a garden club, formed with the goal of beautifying CW; this club was responsible for planting the many cherry trees that used to line our streets.

What other memories do you have about those early days? Large groups of children played outside for hours at a time – hide & seek, roller skating, jump rope, ball games, bike riding were all popular. The kids also loved to go to the creek for fishing, wading and exploring. For those who lived on or near Chanticleer Avenue, snowy winters were great fun. This street was a major sledding venue after snowstorms because many days would pass before the snowplows arrived. In fact, homeowners would band together and shovel the streets so that residents could get out of the neighborhood and go to work! Unlike today, many moms were not working outside the home, so there were the occasional coffee parties that made for a lot of neighborly visiting!

Note: Thanks to original owner George Irish (5041 King Richard Dr.) for his wonderful file containing original prices and floor plans of the various homes!

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