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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 have been the CWCA President for the past year. 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 Woodson High School. I recently retired from the United States Navy after 30 years of service and I am working in the Defense Industry.

I am excited to update you on new members of our team, along with new positions we've created, as well as projects we are working on to continually improve our community.

The new CWCA Braddock Road Expansion project representative is Paul Hople. Paul took over the duties from Liz d'Alelio, who was the previous CWCA President. Thank you Liz for all of the work that you have done! Check out Paul's update article in the newsletter.

The CWCA Disposal Services Community Liaison is Adam Strickland. Adam is in the process of negotiating a renewal contract with American and Republic Disposal services. We should have an updated contract by the end of July and will post the results of the negotiation. If you have paid dues, you will be able to take advantage of the discounted rates. Thank you Adam!

The CWCA Public Affairs Liaison is Diane Strickland. Diane is responsible for ensuring that all information passed to the community is consistent and posted on all forms of communication that we have at our disposal. This is not an easy job! Thank you Diane!

The CWCA Architectural Control Committee has new members. Andrew Gay and Steve Lloyd. They have already been really busy fielding questions about home additions, land-

scaping, and how to deal with distressed properties, and boats. Thank you gentlemen for volunteering. Check out their article in the newsletter.

The CWCA has a new Treasurer. Lisa Warden has graciously volunteered her services after Dan Keary stepped down. Thank you Dan for your multiple years of service and thank you Lisa for volunteering.

The CWCA has a new Welcome Committee representative. Karina Wright. Thank you Karina for all the hard work and good ideas that you have already incorporated!

Junk Removal Day – Huge success, check out the separate article in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

National Night Out – Thursday, August 2nd

Annual Fall Festival – Date TBD.

Annual Christmas Party – Date TBD.

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. We have spent a lot of money this year to help out the community. Our ability to continue serving the community is based upon paying your dues. We can collect dues at any time, but would like to have them paid when they are due. We have 520 homes in Canterbury Woods and only 57% of those homeowners and renters have paid their dues. We have set up a PayPal link to make it easier to donate to the community that is located on the CWCA website <http://cwcivic.org>. In the past year we have painted numbers on the curbs for all homeowners, which would cost each resident at least \$20 individually, and organized a bulk trash collection, that would have cost each resident more than \$50 if they would have taken the trash to the dump themselves. Our dues are only \$30 annually. Please pay!

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 2nd, 6-9pm



Neighborhood News

Come Out to National Night Out August 2nd!

What is National Night Out (NNO)?

The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

The events are typically organized by block watches, non-for-profit organizations, companies, and police departments. These events can be as simple as backyard cookouts to full-blown festivals like the one on the west side of Columbus, Ohio. The Ogden Block Watch in Columbus organizes one of the largest of this type of National Night Out festival which includes live music, food, and entertainment.

It's an opportunity for:

- Fun, food and fellowship in your community;
- Getting to know your Police and Public Safety team better;
- Heightening crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Sending a message that your neighborhood is organized against crime

What is Canterbury Woods Civic Association sponsoring for NNO?

Between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. neighbors, friends and families lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside together. The CWCA will provide a "few" refreshments, some games for the kids (hula hoops, bubble wands, finger lights, etc.).

What do we need from the residents?

- Attendance- National Night Out only works if the residents come out and participate.
- Additional refreshments - Bring something for you and a neighbor.
- Light snacks - Bring some dessert or light hor d'oeuvres

Will the police be there?

This is a busy night for the police throughout Fairfax. They try to make it to all locations that are hosting National Night Out events, including ours. It might take them a while to get to our locations. When they show up please reach out to them and share any concerns you have with our neighborhood, i.e. theft, vandalism, speeders, etc. This is an excellent night to create rapport with the police officers entrusted with securing our neighborhood.

Come out to any one of the following locations!

- Queen Elizabeth and Woodland Way
- Damian Court
- Queen Elizabeth and N. Centaurs Ct.
- Althea and Prudence
- Woodland Way and Margaret Lane
- Southampton and Canterbury

Suggestions from the Architectural Review Committee

Just a few thoughts/reminders from the Architecture Review Committee on how to keep Canterbury Woods a great and desirable neighborhood. Blighted properties affect everyone's property values and make the neighborhood look bad.

Roll-off dumpsters: these are not permitted to be parked on the street. Now that our roads have been nicely paved (or will be shortly), lets keep them looking nice. The roll off dumpsters not only damage the road, but are a driving hazard as well.

Grass: let's keep it cut. Not only does tall grass look unsightly, but critters big and small like to hide in it. If you are unable or don't have the time to keep your lawn mowed and edged, there are resources available to help. Hire a professional lawn service, or check with a neighborhood teenager. (the CWCA Youth Work List is at www.cwcivic.org under 'Services'.)

Upkeep: Houses are living things and need some TLC once in a while. Nobody wants to look out their window and see a gutter hanging off a neighbor's house. Again, there are resources out there if you are unable to handle any maintenance yourself. Let us know how we can help

Remodeling: Don't know where to start? Check with us. We can help steer you in the right direction for your project.

Architecture Complaints: If you see an issue with a house in the neighborhood, feel free to contact the CWCA Board, and we will talk to them about the property. You can also go to https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fido/complaints/comp_submit.aspx and file a complaint online directly with the county.



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Neighborhood Traffic Enforcement

Several posts have appeared regarding unsafe driving in our neighborhood. During our last annual meeting, an officer with the Fairfax County Police Department encouraged us to call our local Traffic Enforcement Unit to report any concerns or ask questions. Below is their contact information.

Police Officer First Class Andy Janeczko
Police Officer First Class James Thur
 wspstrike@fairfaxcounty.gov
 (703) 644-7377 Ext. 1537067



VDOT Paving Information

As you have noticed, a VDOT contractor is currently paving all streets in our neighborhood. The completion date for our area is December 2nd. Some more FAQ's are listed below:

When will work begin on my street?

Exact work dates are available about ten days prior to work beginning, as contractors set schedules based on personnel and equipment availability. Giving contractors this flexibility allows Virginia to secure paving work at a competitive price. In subdivisions, "no parking" signs with precise date information will be posted at least three business days prior to work starting.



What will happen? What will residents see, hear and observe?

Residents can expect work vehicles in their neighborhood during the project. Motorists are asked to be alert to temporary traffic patterns. We may ask that you temporarily relocate parked vehicles, basketball hoops, or garbage cans while work is under way. Contractors are required to post "no parking" signs at least three business days prior along roads where on-street parking will be prohibited during paving work.

What are the work hours of this project?

Work hours are usually limited to outside of rush hours. Crews typically work in residential areas on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information and to view the road map of planned paving, please visit the website listed below:

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern_virginia/northern_virginia_paving_program.asp

Canterbury Woods Civic Association Communication

Communication is vital to our neighborhood, including renters and homeowners alike. Please bookmark the websites that are listed here to keep up to date on neighborhood news and events.

<http://cwcivic.org> Canterbury Woods Civic Association Official Website.

This website contains a lot of useful info about upcoming events and information about the CWCA. There are links to pay dues and how to register for the Community Emergency Notification APP (Rained Out). You will find the CWCA Constitution, By-Laws, Covenants, and copies of CWCA Board minutes. Historical copies of the CWCA gazette and services available for residents are also available.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanterburyWoodsCivicAssociation/>
Canterbury Woods Civic Association Facebook page. The advantage of the Facebook page is the real-time interaction capability between Canterbury Woods members who wish to share information. In addition, you can receive alerts when new posts have been added to the page. Examples of posts include how to report speeders in our neighborhood or to share information about members in need.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/canterburywoodsca/info> Canterbury Woods Yahoo Group for information posting and discussion forums throughout the neighborhood.

<https://plus.google.com/communities/> Search for Canterbury Woods Civic Association and request access into the community group. It is an information posting and Discussion forum for only CWCA members.

Letter Board Signs located at the entrances. Every once in a while you will see temporary signs posted at the entrances to Canterbury Woods. If you don't have time to read the sign, no problem! This is your "Clue" or "Reminder" to check the websites because there is a special event happening within the next week!



Even More Neighborhood News

Canterbury Woods Parade of Homes

Parade of HOMES

Are you curious about the upgrades and renovations your neighbors have made to their homes—inside and outside? Would you like to get design ideas and see different uses of space in a similar model home as yours?

The CWCA is exploring a Canterbury Woods Parade of Homes event to allow neighbors to see remodeled kitchens, bathrooms and rec rooms, or landscape and deck design. The event, which would take place on a weekend (date and season to be determined), would also be a fundraiser for CWCA (we're thinking \$10 per person to take the tour).

The Parade of Homes will take some coordinating, of course. We're looking for six volunteer committee members to help make the inaugural tour a success. The committee will need to identify homeowners willing to show their homes (or just a specific room or area of their home), schedule the date, manage logistics, keep track of registration and ticket sales, and market the event (open to Canterbury Woods residents only).

If you'd like to be a part of the Parade of Homes committee, or you're interested in showing a remodeled portion of your house, contact Karina Wright at (703) 922-6780 by Friday, September 30.

First Annual Junk Removal A Success!

The Board tried something new this year. As an alternative to renting a drive away dumpster at the pool, we brought junk removal to your curb for added convenience. As we suspected, it increased participation considerably. We contracted with Potomac Home Services to collect bulk item junk and haul it to the appropriate disposal or recycling facilities. Community feedback was very positive, but around the idea as well the service provided by our vendor. They collected almost 24 tons of junk!!!

Charlie Cuevas is the contact at Potomac Home Services. They do bulk junk removal, gutter cleaning and other services (571) 259-9366. Thank you to everyone who participated and who paid their dues to support this large-scale activity.



Recycling Tidbits

Did you know that glass containers can have different formulations of material? Glass on the 'NO' list here can be made up of things other than bottles and jars and will actually ruin a whole batch of new recycled glass. Please read on for what you can and can't recycle — be glass-wise!

By the way, never put plastic bags of any type in with your recycling; they clog up the machinery. Plastic retail bags can be recycled at any grocery store. Also consider using a re-usable trash can when collecting your recycling to cut down on unwanted plastic in the recycling system.

GLASS RECYCLING

YES!

Glass food and beverage containers (please rinse). These are 100% recyclable.

NO!

DO NOT put the following glass items in with your recycling: window glass, picture frame glass, mirrors, drinking glassware, crystal/glass vases, Pyrex/baking dishes, laboratory glassware, light bulbs.



Braddock District News

Update July 2016: 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.

All of you are aware of the increased traffic on Braddock Road. Some may not be aware a citizens Task Force has been formed to study this. This consists of members of the various communities in the area, county employees and a road design contractor and they meet each month. Paul Hopley has been appointed as the Canterbury Woods representative to replace Lis d'Alelio who has done a fine job of representing us for the past 2 years.

Efforts are underway to improve traffic at each intersection and consider the implementation of two additional lanes, possibly HOV lanes. One of the premises is to reduce the number of cross-overs and allow only right turn in/right turn out at many places. The complete study can be seen at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/braddockroadmmstudy.

The intersections used by Canterbury Woods residents include Woodland Way, Stone Haven Drive and Southampton Drive. The current thinking is to restrict cross-flow and improve through flow along Braddock Road. There will probably be significant changes at Wakefield Chapel Road. Burke Lake Road traffic north may not be able to turn left or cross Braddock Road.

An additional consideration is to create a transit center near the Kings Park shopping center to allow auto traffic to park and switch to a bus.

The Canterbury Woods area touches on two churches that are on Braddock Road, Parkwood Baptist and Holy Spirit Catholic. These churches are not represented on the task force yet are the only ones directly on Braddock Road and have the most impact. We felt it important to include them so a special meeting was held along with St Stevens Methodist, the county officials and the task force contractor on June 22 at Parkwood. The current plan is for access to Braddock road only be a right turn in and right turn out requiring members to make a U-Turn on Braddock Road. There was considerable discussion as each entity explained their unique issues of access and traffic and possible solutions were discussed. Concern was expressed that the current makeup of the membership will be affected.

You may provide comments to Paul Hopley phopley4@gmail.com, or directly to the task force.

Braddock Nights Summer Concert Series

Lake Accotink Park
7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield
Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Kings Park Band (Concert Band)
- 15 Billy Coulter (Roots Rock/Pop)
- 22 Jeff Little Trio (Bluegrass)
- 29 The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)

AUGUST

- 5 Andrew Acosta Band Acoustic (Roots)
- 12 The Back Roads Band (Country)
- 19 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)
- 26 City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" (German)



City of Fairfax



Cynthia MacLeod

Rutherford Park

4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax
Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 8 Mr. Sun (Bluegrass)
- 15 The Hula Monsters (Hawaiian/Swing)
- 22 Eric King and the Thin Line (Texas Blues)
- 29 Aztec Sun (Funk/Soul)

AUGUST

- 5 Brent & Co (Rock/Funk/Regge)
- 12 Cynthia MacLeod Duo (Traditional Scottish)
- 19 Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer (Folk)
- 26 Ryan Shupe & the Rubber Band (Country/Rock)

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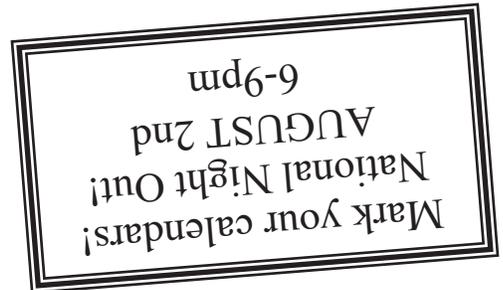
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