



March 2013

THE CWCA GAZETTE

CWCA President's Letter Liz d'Alelio, President

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and New Year. At our annual meeting held in September, we elected a new Board of Directors. In addition to myself, the following neighbors were elected: Susan DiMaina: Vice President, Andy Kokkinis : Secretary, Kathy Anderson: Treasurer and Ron Minionis: Member-at Large. We are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you!

I would like to thank the out-going board for all their hard and tireless work, Inger Maslin: President, Liz Brocato: Vice President, Mark Hite: Secretary. We have big shoes to fill!

The theme for our board this year is Community Involvement. We want to build on the great work the previous board did, getting the new website up and running, starting the community email (listserv) and planning and running community events like participating in National Night out and the parties.

Canterbury Woods is a wonderful community to live in and we look forward to meeting and working with you. We are always looking for people to help! We are looking for someone to take over the Directory and also the Treasurer position. Our Treasurer has been serving for 7 plus years and would like to turn it over to someone else. Please let me know if you may be interested.

The board has scheduled the CWCA Annual Membership meeting for May 7th 7:30 pm at Braddock Hall at the Kings Park Library. The Board is currently working on the program. Please look for updates on the meeting.

I look forward to hearing from any of you with concerns or ideas. Please contact me either by phone 703-425-0618 or by email eda777@verizon.net.



**Remember to
return your
CWCA Membership
Form by May 5th!**

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Canterbury Woods Civic Association News

CWCA Had Some Holiday Fun!

On Dec. 7th, the Children's Holiday Party at Olde Creek Elementary hosted by Red Fox Forest and Canterbury Woods Civic Associations was a delightful success. We had over 80 people in attendance — lots of those were kids, of course — and everyone enjoyed the crafts, games, music, dancing and food. Santa Claus even took time out from his busy schedule to drop by and find out what's on the children's wish lists this year.

Thank you to Teryl Pomeroy and Stephanie Haynos for all your work!



Marker Maintenance and Adopt A Highway Update



On Saturday April 6, Marker Maintenance and Adopt-A-Hwy will be held. We will meet at 9:00am at our Southampton Markers. The Civic Association is responsible for the two markers on Southampton and the one on Wakefield Chapel Road. Bring your shovels and rakes and meet your neighbors. Coffee and pastries will be served. We will also pick up the trash on Braddock Road from Wakefield Chapel road to Stonehaven Drive. Canterbury Woods Civic Association is responsible for this side of Braddock and we pick up that area four times a year.

This past year we were able to cap all the markers with Blue Flagstone and we should all thank Paul Wenner for making that a reality. All the stones had to be cut and of course they were all cemented in place. The Blue Flagstone not only will preserve the marker posts but have really dressed up the markers themselves.

- Pam and Tom Reinkober

Canterbury Woods Language Liasons

Do you or a neighbor need help with language translation? We have Language Liasons right here in Canterbury Woods! Please give them a call if you or a neighbor can use this service. Thank you to Allie, Mihee and Karen for your help!

Chinese: Allie Blumstein 703-764-5968

Korean and Spanish: Mihee Corey 703-978 1409

Vietnamese: Karen Pham 703-978-3809

Calling All Young People With Skills!

We are looking to put together a **Youth Work List** to help advertise the jobs that kids in our Canterbury Woods community can do. If your middle/high school-age young person wants his/her name, job category, and contact information (email or phone number or both) on this CWCA website under the heading of Services/Youth Work List, please contact *Susan DiMaina* at 703-323-6098 or sdimaina@yahoo.com.



Take a look at the updated CWCA Website!

www.cwcivic.org

Annual Membership Drive Starts in May

Why do we pay dues each year?

By paying dues, you help us make the following services/events possible:

- *a quarterly paper newsletter mailed to your house to keep you informed
 - *an annual neighborhood paper directory full of useful info delivered to your house
 - *an updated website that enhances our community's image online
 - *delightful social events that can be enjoyed by young and old (ex. Holiday Party, Octoberfest)
 - *house numbers and street names painted on curbs
 - *excellent maintenance of the markers at both entrances to our community and lawn service for common areas
- AND MORE....

When the letter comes to your house *this spring*, please write a check to enable our community to provide the above services and events – your dues are the only funding we have!

Questions? Contact Susan DiMaina at sdimaina@yahoo.com or call 703-323-6098.

Neighborhood Yard Sale Scheduled for May 18th



The Canterbury Woods Civic Association will sponsor a neighborhood-wide yard sale on the morning of Saturday, May 18. We will advertise in the Washington Post, on Craig's List and get the neighborhood signage the week before the sale.

No fees or applications, just set up your sale at your own home on the morning of May 18 to join in this community event.

If you have items that you don't want to sell, but would like to donate, neighbors Kathy Anderson and Tammy Shelton are participating in the neighborhood yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society. Donations are tax deductible. Please contact Kathy or Tammy at 703-425-1249.

Help Sustain Property Values and Lower Crime: Join NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH and C.E.R.T.

CWCA is reorganizing the Neighborhood Watch and Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) initiatives beginning this spring and **needs volunteers**. Volunteers of all abilities can improve the community with minimal effort by representing your neighborhood section in patrol and safety activities. Even a small amount of your time is appreciated.

What are Neighborhood Watch and C.E.R.T.? An organized group of concerned citizens engaged in crime prevention, as well as assisting and preparing the neighborhood for disasters and with emergency response.

Who Can Support These Efforts? Any Canterbury Woods resident who is able to watch for and report suspicious activity.
WALKERS: When on your regular walk, wear bright clothing. Watch for and report unusual activity.

When? Immediately; programs start in the spring as crime increases in warmer weather.

Why? *Less crime means higher property values and an improved quality of life.* Criminals avoid neighborhoods with a visible Neighborhood Watch presence. Join us to grow your leadership skills, advance the community, and meet more neighbors.

How? Contact program manager Cassandra Smith (kjdowellsmith@gmail.com or 703-323-0860).

Anyone can help by keeping an eye out for suspicious activity, even if it's during your daily walk.

Following are crime reduction and safety tips:

Report suspicious or out-of-the-norm activity immediately to the police at 703-691-2131 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency); alert Cassandra Smith for tracking purposes. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, DO NOT ENGAGE OR ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE.**

ALWAYS lock your homes and vehicles. Don't leave valuables in plain sight.

Check in on your neighbors. Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail and check on your property while you're away.

Be extra vigilant when outside groups (such as work crews) are present. Distractions are prime opportunities for criminal activity.

Encourage your children to be safe and avoid playing in culverts and under bridges.

Please spread the word about our need for volunteers. **Watch www.cwcivic.org and the Yahoo! email group for more safety tips and ways you can help.**

Civic Association News Con't.

Student Parking Along Wakefield Chapel Road

Annandale residents who live around the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) want the student cars off their street. According to residents the students not only occupy virtually every parking space along Wakefield Chapel Road and its side streets but are creating additional hazards by walking in the road. Mike Percel who lives a mile from the college and has set up an on line petition said students are flocking to the area every morning not because there isn't any parking on campus but because the school charges \$100 a semester to park and of course on street parking is free. State Senator Marsden said there are a wide range of solutions, some of which would be for the college to spread out the class times, build a new parking garage and create mandatory parking fees as part of the school tuition. All of these solutions are under consideration by the school and state lawmakers to solve the problems. Meetings with the NVCC officials, neighborhood representatives and State and County officials are taking place in the February/March timeframe. - Tom Reinkober

Water and Sewer Line Replacement Programs

Did you know homeowners are responsible for water lines running from the street to the home? Homes in our neighborhood have experienced flooding due to broken water and sewer lines, and the repairs can be costly. Clogged sewer lines are also expensive to repair. Dominion Power offers warranty programs for both, and links are below for information regarding their programs.

Water Line link

<https://www.dom.com/products/home-repair-programs/water-line-replacement/water-line-replacement.jsp>

Sewer line link.

<https://www.dom.com/products/home-repair-programs/sewer-line-repair/sewer-line-repair.jsp>

Canterbury Woods Marketplace Now Open!

Canterbury Woods Marketplace is a great way to buy, sell or give away items here in our neighborhood! Check it out on Facebook by searching Canterbury Woods Marketplace or via the following link or e-mail:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/cwmarketplace/>

cwmarketplace@groups.facebook.com

Not on Facebook? Feel free to use the Yahoo! Canterbury Woods e-mail group to post items.

Please note, this forum is neighbor run and not associated with the CWCA



Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club opens May 25th!

Fairfax Connector from Burke to Tysons Bus is Running!

- from the Braddock Beaon

New Fairfax Connector Express Lanes bus service gives passengers quick and convenient access to Tysons from the Burke Centre VRE station by providing limited stop, express service between the VRE station and Tysons. Commuters can choose from four bus lines to get just where they need to go in Tysons (the 495F, 495M, 495J or 495G). Currently there are three neighborhood stops, at Braddock and Kings Park, at Braddock and Wakefield Chapel and at Guinea and Olley, before the bus enters the Express Lanes. The entire trip from Burke to the last stop in Tysons takes an hour or less.

Fare: The one-way fare for Express Connector service is \$3.65 if paying with a SmarTrip® card, or \$4 if paying with cash.

Hours of Operation: Eight trips will depart from Burke for Tysons each weekday morning, starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 9:00 a.m., each serving select Fairfax Connector bus stops before entering the Express Lanes.

Nine buses will depart from Tysons to Burke weekday evenings, beginning at 4:15 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. In addition, two midday buses will leave Tysons for Burke, one at 11:30 a.m. and the second at 1:30 p.m. These buses will serve all Express Lanes stops throughout Tysons.

For more information, or to submit comments on the schedule or routing, please visit www.fairfaxconnector.com/Express or email fairfaxconnector@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association (FCCPA)

On November 14, 2012 the Braddock District Council heard a presentation from Mary Lipsey, President of the FCCPA. Mary is a retired history teacher who taught at Lake Braddock High School. Over 300 of the 400 cemeteries in Fairfax County are small family cemeteries, many of them abandoned or neglected according to Mary. The purpose of the FCCPA is to identify, document, preserve, protect, maintain and advocate for these cemeteries. In Braddock District there are 18 family cemetery plots. The association seeks to identify, document and clean up old cemeteries and encourages Scout and civic groups to "adopt" them. The closest family plot to Canterbury Woods is the Trumble family cemetery and is located in the backyard of a house on Margaret Lane. It is accessible by following a path from the

parking lot of Parkwood Baptist Church at 8726 Braddock Road. Vance Trumble was born in about 1837 in Ulster County, N.Y. He moved to Fairfax County where he was a carpenter, and a soldier in the Virginia Cavalry and later a justice of the peace. The cemetery has graves for members of the Trumble family and others who might have been connected by marriage. One of the graves has 10 names on it. The subdivision developer put a chain link fence around some of the graves but Mary thinks there are more bodies buried outside the fence. In summary many of these family cemetery plots within Fairfax County date back to the late 17 th early 18 th centuries. According to Mary the real satisfaction is investigating who is buried there and their family backgrounds.

- Tom Reinkober

School Community Happenings

Take a look at 5Ks in our community!

The Woodson 5K/Fun Run will be Saturday April 27th and is open to all runners and walkers in support of the National Eating Disorders Association. The fun run begins at 8:00am at the track; 5K begins at 8:30am near the Woodson track and football field. Bib number & T-shirt pick-up will be outside Entrance 2 on Friday, April 26 from 5pm-7pm and by the track on race day from 7:00am-7:45am. Register online or download forms at www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/.

The Annandale High School Boosters CincoK (5K) Run/Walk is Sunday May 5, 2013 8:30 am at Annandale HS (4700 Medford Drive).
Registration:\$20 by 4/15/13 and \$25 after.
Free T shirts to the first 250 Participants who register by April 15 and awards in 9 categories.
To register or for more information, please visit www.annandaleatoms.com and click on Boosters.



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