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THE CWCA GAZETTE

CWCA President's Letter Liz d'Alelio, President

Dear Neighbors,

I can't believe that the year is halfway over! I wanted to let you know what happened at the Annual General Membership Meeting that was held on May 7, 2013. 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! Reports were given by the Treasurer and the Coordinator of our re-energized Neighborhood Watch program. We had two guest speakers, John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District member of the Fairfax County School Board.

Mr. Cook talked about Braddock Road Construction, NOVA community college's impact on traffic to the neighborhood, traffic in the neighborhood; enforcing zoning rules and the rebuilding of the foot bridge to the CW pool. Ms. McLaughlin talked about the selection process for the incoming superintendent, public hearings on the school

budget, Fairfax High School being overcrowded, and some of the feeder schools will start going to W.T. Woodson. Both Mr. Cook and Ms. McLaughlin took questions from the audience. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the website <u>www.cwcivic.org</u>. Please visit the website to see minutes from all the board meetings.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT! TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

See inside for details



Join the CWCA Yahoo! E-Mail Group

Many neighborhood residents have joined the CWCA Yahoo! E-Mail Group. Sponsored by the CWCA Board of Directors, this internet-based communication system facilitates information sharing and communication among the residents of CWCA. As those who have already joined will tell you, it's a great avenue for requesting and/or sharing information with others in our development. There have even been some freebies advertised. You need to have a Yahoo! ID to join the group. If you don't already have a Yahoo! ID, you can register by clicking the 'Sign In' button at the top of the main Yahoo! home page. Please direct any questions or problems regarding the group to Liz Bro-

cato at 703-323-0587 or Brocatofam@gmail.com..

We look forward to hearing from you on Yahoo!.

Liz Brocato



SLOW DOWN! Speeding has becoming a big problem in the neighborhood and unfortunately facts indicate that it is usually committed by residents living in the neighborhood. Please watch your speed, the speed limit for residential areas is 25 mph.



Join Canterbury Woods Neighborhood Watch!



Who can PARTICIPATE?

Residents of Canterbury Woods who are ready to pitch in a little and get back a lot. Seniors, stay-at-home parents, retirees, and those who love to walk/run/bike/drive in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Watch is ideal for those who walk the neighborhood in groups!

How to JOIN: Contact Kassandra Smith at kidowellsmith@gmail.com.

What is NEEDED:

40-50 residents who can PATROL the neighborhood for 1-1.5 hours per week. Our goal is to have one patrol per day. *ANY number of volunteers is helpful.*

Residents who can serve as 'Home Base' contacts (great for home-bound residents) during patrol activities, giving patrols a safety net

1 volunteer to create and update the patrol schedule (computer required)

1 volunteer to create and update the patrol activity log

DONATIONS WELCOME! Funds for magnetic patrol car signs, NW gear, and supplies are needed (estimated start-up costs: \$150-200).

What to EXPECT:

Give an hour or two of your time once per week

Receive training and instruction, plus supplies (once acquired)

Walk, jog, bike, or drive ("patrol") the neighborhood at a time of your choosing, then report your activities to the coordinator. Check in with your 'home base' contact via cell phone or walkie-talkie throughout each "patrol" to ensure safety.

Volunteers are NOT allowed to engage or confront criminals. Our only action is to call the police immediately and notify the homeowner.

Yes, you can report your patrol mileage on your tax returns!

SERVICES OFFERED:

Home Watch for Residents: Alert the Watch coordinator prior to your vacation and we'll ensure the patrol volunteers monitor your property during your absence.

Street Light Replacement at Braddock Road and Southampton Drive



VDOT will begin construction to replace all four street lights at the corner of Braddock Road and Southampton sometime in July. The work will be quite extensive to include the four large street light poles, replacing curbs and installing new disability ramps on each corner. They also will cut back the median on Braddock Road (east and west) allowing more turning radius for cars turning in and out of Southampton. They will also relocate the signs. VDOT's Project Engineer suggested it will take up to two months since there is a great deal of subcontracting that will have to be done.

Due to the construction, plantings closer to Braddock will be removed since they are also replacing the large electrical box that is currently there with a new one. Moving the larger plantings will be very difficult since they have been in there for years. The Civic Association will replace those plantings at our Fall Marker Maintenance once we find out what we will need.

Water and Sewer Line Repairs in your Future?

As our community ages, so do our water and sewer lines. As you may have noticed as you were driving through the neighborhood, several homes in CW have recently had to repair/replace water lines. Just for your information: Dominion Power offers separate insurance for water lines and sewer lines. If you'd like to avoid a large out-of-pocket expense and are interested in finding out more, go to <u>www.dominionenergy.com</u> and click on Home Protection or call 1-866-645-9810.



Keeping the Canterbury Woods Community Beautiful!

Let's help keep our neighborhood beautiful! Some simple guidelines are below:

1. Keep your lawn mowed, and if you are away for an extended period, have someone come in and mow while you are gone.

2. Don't store items outside in view of others that should be put away in a basement, garage, shed, or attic.

3. Put garbage and recycling containers out of sight until the next pick-up day.

4. If you are out for a walk in the neighborhood, take a plastic bag and pick up any trash you notice.

5. Stand outside and view your house objectively. Is the roof and/or siding badly stained and in need of cleaning? Are the bushes overgrown and untended? Are your shutters in need of painting or repair? Railings rusted? Taking care of the appearance of your home will help maintain property values in the neighborhood!

6. Holiday lights and decorations are wonderful... please take them down and store them when the season is over.

Note: if you have a concern about some aspect of a residence in CW and are uncertain about raising a question or lodging a complaint, you can go to the CW website (cwcivic.org) and use the CONTACT US tab.

Reminder—We Have 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

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