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THE CWCA GAZETTE

A Newsletter for the Residents of Canterbury Woods

CWCA President's Letter

Dale Johnson, President

Hello Canterbury Woods Residents! My name is Dale Johnson and I have had the honor to be the Canterbury Woods Civic Association President since 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 the Fairfax County School System. I have a wonderful wife, Monica Johnson, and two children who are attending Frost Middle School and Woodson High School. I am a retired United States Navy Officer and work full-time for a Defense contractor.

One of the hardest things to do within the Canterbury Woods community is to maintain good communication and transparency of information about how the CW Civic Association works on your behalf. We have several ways in which we try to get information to everyone. This includes the following:

- 1) The Canterbury Woods Civic Association website at: <http://cwcivic.org/>
- 2) The Canterbury Woods Yahoo Group at: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/canterburywoodscainfo>
- 3) The Canterbury Woods Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanterburyWoodsCivicAssociation>
- 4) The Canterbury Woods Gazette. Our community newsletter.
- 5) The "Sandwich Board" signs. If you see the signs out but didn't get a chance to read the sign or understand what it was saying, then all you have to do is to go to the website <http://cwcivic.org>

As a civic association one of our primary long-term goals is to promote an all-inclusive, safe, and friendly neighborhood for our families to live and grow. I want to mention a few upcoming events here that deserve your attention so that you don't miss out on them.

Yard Sale (5 May): The Canterbury Woods Community Yard Sale is on the 5th of May. We will advertise that there will be a Community Yard Sale with signs at the entrance, so there will be traffic in the neighborhood looking for the various locations. You are more than welcome to put signs on your own property or advertise your specific address, however the Civic Association will not be listing each individual address.

Bulk Goods Trash Collection (12 May):

The 12th of May is scheduled as our "Bulk Goods" collection day. As part of the CWCA negotiations with American Disposal Services we receive ONE free Bulk Trash pickup for the year. This is supposed to only be for ADS customers as Republic would not negotiate a free pickup day, however, you may be able to negotiate a free one for only your address. Each address is only allowed to place 3 "Bulk Goods" items on the curb and you have to make sure the items are on the allowable list as defined at the ADS website. "Bulk Goods" consist of non-electrical, oversized items that can be compacted in the back of a collection truck (i.e. sofas, mattresses, box springs, etc.). This is not a "White Goods" pickup (i.e. refrigerators, etc.) Make sure that your items are curbside the night before. The truck came early in the morning last year and some homeowners had to drag their items back inside their house!

Annual CWCA Meeting (16 May): The annual CWCA meeting will be at the Canterbury Woods Elementary School library from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Most of our meetings throughout the year are attended by only the board members, but at the annual meeting we invite all residents to attend. We will go over the budget, special interest items, and have a guest speaker. This year we are looking for a speaker that is associated with the Lake Accotink project. Supervisor John C. Cook from the Braddock District is usually in attendance and will also speak for a few minutes. This is a great chance to learn what the CWCA does on your behalf, meet some of your neighbors, and to hear about current issues affecting your community. Please attend.

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

Sincerely,
Dale Johnson

Happy Spring

Neighborhood News



SAVE THE DATES!

- April — please pay your CWCA dues!
- April 28— CWES Fun Fair, 11am—3pm
- May 5— Community Yard Sale, 8am
- May 12— ADS Bulk Trash Day
- May 16— CWCA Annual Meeting, 7pm
- May 26— CW Pool season opening, 11:30am

Spring Time is DUES TIME in CW!

The envelope included in this newsletter is for payment of your Canterbury Woods annual dues. You live in one of the 517 houses in CW and -- whether renter or owner -- you *all benefit from the nominal \$30 dues*. You can bring your children to the Fall Festival in October and the Holiday Party in December. You can meet your neighbors and socialize at National Night Out in August.

Your dues pay for house numbers painted on the curbs, publicity for the annual neighborhood yard sale, our website, our paper directory, the holiday decorating contest, maintenance of the entrance markers, and this newsletter you are reading. **That's a lot for very little money!**

Pay with check, cash (envelope is enclosed in this newsletter) or Paypal (go to cwcivic.org)
 Questions? Contact Susan DiMaina, CWCA VP/Dues Chair
 5001 Chanticleer Ave. 703-323-6098



DIRECTORY UPDATE: *The following neighbors were accidentally left out of the 2018/2019 directory. Please add them back in.*

Tackett, Ariana and Paz America.....5113 Southampton Drive.....703-978-8475

Block Captains

All of the nearly 520 homes within Canterbury Woods are divided up into areas or "blocks". Each block is assigned a block captain. You, as a resident, will see this block captain periodically throughout the year distributing information, passing out directories, and introducing new neighbors with a welcoming packet. Do you know who your block captain is? The answer can be found in the directory, but the most complete listing is available on the CWCA website (www.cwcivic.org under "board" then block captain listing).

Need a Translator?

We are fortunate to have quite a bit of diversity in our community, but not all of us speak several languages so sometimes it makes it difficult to communicate with our neighbors. Below is a list of residents who have volunteered to act as translators. Our Block Captains, for example, may use them to contact non-English speakers in their "blocks" to explain our annual dues or to gather info for the directory. If you would like to communicate better with a neighbor about a dangerous tree, broken fence, or any other issue, refer to the list below.

CHINESE—Allie Blumstein 703-764-5968

KOREAN/SPANISH—Mihee Corey 703-978-1409

VIETNAMESE—Deirdre Vo 703-937-7340

GERMAN/PASHTUN/LIMITED FARSI—Tom Dalton 703-913-3275



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3 Ways to be a Good Neighbor

1. After trash day, pick up debris that has fallen out of the garbage truck or has blown into your yard. **Don't** be like the little kid who says, "I didn't drop it. Why should I pick it up?"

2. Look at your yard – front, side, and back – with a critical eye. Do you have a lot of junk that you've taken to "storing" outside and in plain view of your neighbors? Does your carport look like a messy workshop? The CW Covenants say: *No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish or appliances. Trash and garbage containers shall not be permitted to remain in open public view at the curb except on days of trash collection or on the evening before such days. No accumulation or storage of litter, new or used building material, or trash of any other kind shall be permitted on any lot. Trash, garbage or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers or as otherwise prescribed by Fairfax County Ordinances. All other equipment for the storage and disposal of such material shall be kept in a clean condition. Recycling shall be kept in closed containers if stored outside of a residence or garage.*

3. What's in front of your house? The CW Covenants say: *No junk vehicle, house trailer, or commercial vehicles, such as but not limited to moving vans, trucks, tractors, wreckers, hearses, compressors, concrete mixers or buses, shall be kept on any lot or any portion of the common areas. Storage on any lot of boats, travel trailers, camping equipment or trailers shall be hidden as much as possible from view from the street.*



Pet Manners

WAG 
MORE
BARK
LESS.

Pick up your dog's poop! The unpleasant trend in the neighborhood seems to be people who walk their dogs but don't pick up the poop once the dog does his "business." Block captains have reported this problem all over the neighborhood. Notice to parents: if your child walks your dog, make sure he/she is accomplishing that part of the task!

No unleashed dogs! Be very careful when you open your front door so that your dog does not run out. Small children playing nearby have been frightened, and people have been knocked down by a "playful" dog on the loose. You may know that your dog is "friendly" but others (especially those who are uncomfortable with dogs) do not know that. Also, a dog zooming into the street can get hurt and/or cause an accident.

No incessant barking! Good weather is coming and while you may have a fenced-in yard and want to let your dog sit outside, please monitor his barking. Constant barking is really irritating and distracting to your neighbors. Remember lots of people work from home or have children trying to nap, or just don't enjoy your dog's endless barking.



Yes, we're ALL in a hurry...

The speed of cars as well as stop sign roll-throughs on our streets is a chronic problem in our neighborhood. We'd like to think it is only THOSE OTHER PEOPLE who are passing through, but as many residents have observed, a lot of the speeders and stop sign scofflaws live right here in CW. We recognize you! PLEASE slow down, and obey the stop signs.

Summer Fun's Around the Corner!



Join the Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club

2018 Pool Operating Hours

School in Session:

Mon-Fri: 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Sat: 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Sun: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Summer Hours:

Mon-Fri: 11:30 am - 9:00 pm

Sat-Sun: 12:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club is the place to be this summer! From swimming and playing tennis, to raft nights and wine downs... there's enough fun for everyone—and no better way to cool off during the dog days of summer!

May 19—Spring Clean Up and Swim Team Sign Ups

May 25—Pool Opening Party for Adults

May 26—the pool officially opens for the season!

2018 Dues are as follows:

- Early-Bird Discounted Member Dues: \$450 (if received or postmarked on or before 1 May 2018)
- Regular Member Dues: \$475 (if received or postmarked between 1 May and 25 May 2018)
- Late-Payment Member Dues: \$500 (if received or postmarked on or after 26 May 2018)
- Summer Memberships (for non-bond holders, and for non-bond holding military/fed govt members): \$500
- Inactive Dues: \$90

For more information, visit <https://cwpool.wildapricot.org> or email cwspool@gmail.com.

Canterbury Woods C-Serpents Swim Team



Pool season may be a couple months away, but the excitement for summer swimming has already begun! Many of our swimmers have been practicing all winter long and are looking forward to friends, fun, sunshine and some friendly competition!

The Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club “C-Serpents” welcome you to become part of the swim team; and we accept swimmers from ages 5 through 18 of different experience levels. You could be a beginner swimmer or a junior Olympian... the “C-Serpents” will embrace you as one of their own! In order to participate, swimmers must be registered members of the Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club.

This year the “C-Serpents” will be in Division 10 out of 18 Divisions in the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL). For A meets this year, we will compete against Somerset Olde Creek, Annandale, Virginia Hills, Highland Park, and Great Falls. For our B meets, we remain in the Woodson League, and will compete with local pools, Long Branch, Rutherford, Truro, and Fairfax. Maggie Neubig will return for her 4th season as our head coach.

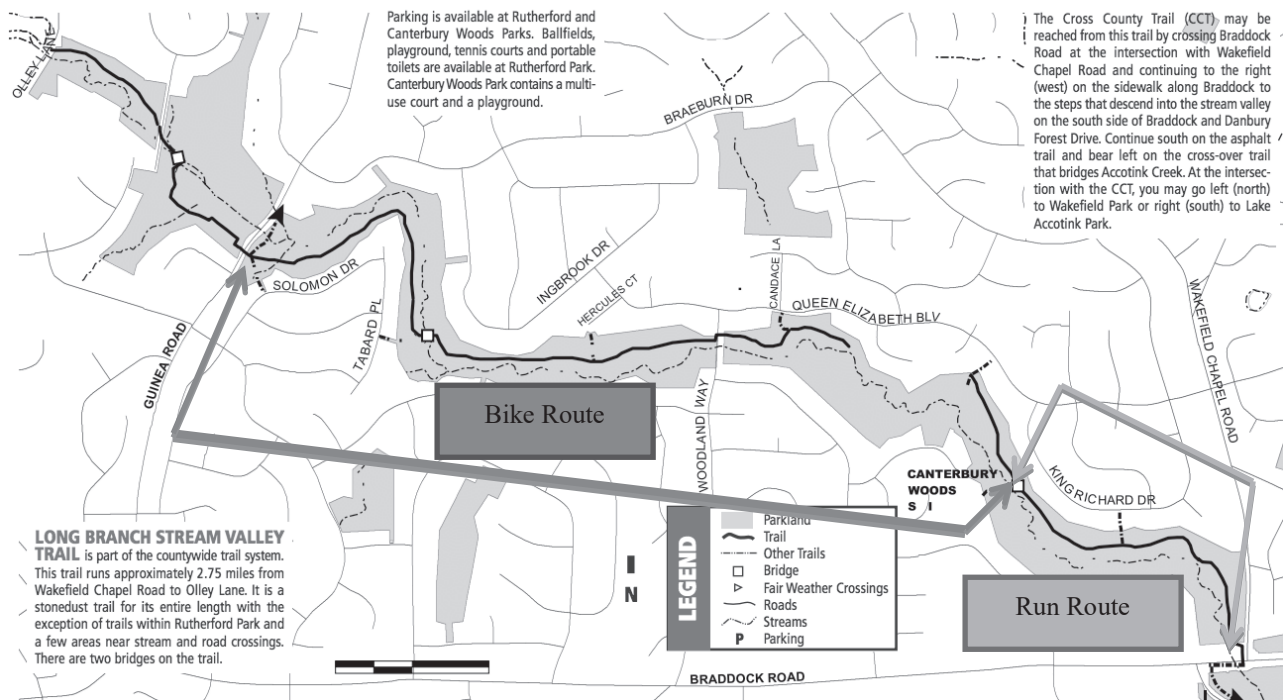
For more information, you can visit the Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club webpage at <https://cwpool.wildapricot.org/Swim-Team> or you can send a question to cswimteam@gmail.com.

CWSTC is Celebrating the 10th Annual Modified Sprint Triathlon

This year marks the 10th annual sprint triathlon hosted by the Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club! While this year's date has not been set yet, planning is already underway and the event will be held on a Sunday morning in July. There are both kid (13 and under) and adult events. You can participate as a team or go solo. Be on the lookout—specific event details will be posted on the CW Swim and Tennis Club website when we get closer to the event. In preparation, below outlines official trail etiquette. The trail system is a multi-use trail that can be used for walking, jogging, or riding a bike and is for public use. Therefore, we have to share the trail and be cognizant of other activities that are taking place on the trail. The triathlon happens only once a year with a small number of participants, and takes place on the Long Branch Stream Valley Trail. A picture is shown below with routes highlighted. The bike portion takes place between the Canterbury Woods Swimming pool and Guinea Road. The jogging portion takes place between Wakefield Chapel Road and the Canterbury Woods Swimming pool. The event is over before noon.

Trail Etiquette- Trail etiquette is included as part of the official Park Rules. The rules are guidelines for behavior on the trails and includes the following:

- Maintain proper control of bicycles at all times
- Faster users pass on left, slower traffic stay to the right!
- Announce your passing –“Passing on your left”
- Stay on existing trails
- Stay off single-tracks when raining or muddy.
 - Do not disturb vegetation or wildlife
 - Pets must be leashed at all times
 - Trails and park close at dark

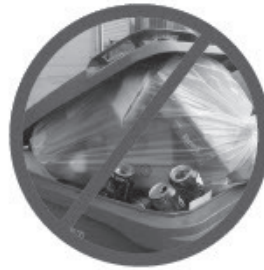


Check back with
[www.https://cwpool.wildapricot.org/](https://cwpool.wildapricot.org/)
 for more details closer to the date

Did You Know... No Plastic Bags or Trash Bags in Recycling Bins!

Did you know that recycling any kind of plastic bag in your weekly recycling bin can get wrapped around the moving and rotating machinery at your local recycling center, forcing the workers to shut down and manually cut the plastic off the mechanisms? Plastic bags can and should be recycled but only at special facilities. Most large grocery chains, home improvement stores, and retailers like Wal-Mart and Target provide collection bins that are usually by the main entrance. The bags go to facilities that are specifically made to handle them. Many people use plastic trash bags to hold their recyclables, which is just as bad as recycling any other plastic bag. Alternatives include using paper bags or just leaving what you would like to recycle loose in the bin. Consider forgoing bagging your recycling at all and to using reusable shopping bags versus plastic ones. We all know that recycling is excellent for the health of our environment and we should do our best to do it as much as possible.

- Submitted by Shannon and Charlotte, who are earning their Girl Scout Silver Award by helping communities understand the importance of proper recycling



Do not put plastic bags
in your recycling cart.



Place recycling loose in
your recycling cart.

Spring Time is Clean Time!

Spring is here and it's a great time to focus on outside maintenance. Renters and owners alike have a responsibility to keep your home and surroundings presentable. Not only do your neighbors appreciate you keeping your house in good condition, but potential buyers in the area are looking at the neighborhood as a whole, and the upkeep of every home makes a difference in house values! Renters, be sure you know what your responsibilities are as the renter. If you are unsure, please review your lease or contact your landlord for more information. Below are some suggestions for indoor and outdoor cleaning while spring is in the air!

OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANING

- trim overgrown shrubs
- cut back vines (they can damage brick!)
- clean gutters
- plan for routine lawn mowing/edging
- wash siding
- organize your carport/garage
- take down out of date holiday decorations
- fix any outdoor issues, such as shutters and screens
- wash your deck and deck furniture
- turn on outside water, make sure the hose is in working order

INDOOR SPRING CLEANING

- change batteries in your smoke detectors
- wash windows, inside and out
- clean out dryer and air vents
- clean bathroom exhaust fans
- wipe down ceiling fan blades
- wipe down the inside of your refrigerator and throw away expired food
- clean out your fireplace
- clean the inside of your oven
- dust those hard to reach spots by attaching a microfiber cloth to your broom with a rubber band
- replace your air filters





Celebrate the 4th of July Safely!

It's never too early to be thinking summer and 4th of July celebrations! We have a lot of new homeowners in the community who are coming from areas of the country where all fireworks are legal. In Fairfax County, ignorance of the law, at the very least, can cost you a lot of money. In addition, setting off unauthorized fireworks in our community can damage your relationship with your neighbors. Many people are injured each year in Fairfax County due to fireworks. Some are injured seriously and left with permanent damage. We want you and your family/friends to celebrate safely, so here are some tips:

- 1.) Illegal Fireworks** - Many fireworks are not available in Northern Virginia because they are illegal. Firecrackers, cherry bombs and skyrockets are just a few examples of fireworks, which may be purchased in other areas, but are illegal here. Since even the possession of unapproved fireworks is prohibited in Fairfax County, such fireworks will be confiscated and you can be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of a \$2,500 fine and/or one year in jail. Any firework, which explodes, emits a flame or sparks higher than 12 feet, or performs as a projectile is prohibited.
- 2.) Keep a Safe Distance** - If you're setting off legal fireworks, keep all bystanders at least 25 feet away and light only one firework at a time.
- 3.) The Danger of Sparklers** - Maybe you consider sparklers innocent and safe, but sparklers actually account for the majority of injuries. Pieces can break off and burn bystanders. Young children should not use sparklers because they can reach a temperature as high as 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. The video above shows some examples of mannequins quickly burning due to a sparkler.
- 4.) Be Considerate** - Some people, including young children, elderly people and veterans, don't like the loud sounds and bangs from fireworks. Pets aren't usually fans, either. Think about those people and furry pals as you plan to celebrate — or you can skip your own fireworks and attend a celebration in the City of Fairfax, at Lake Fairfax (Reston) or Lorton.

Congrats to our Holiday Decorating Winners!

The 2017 Holiday Decorating Contest winners were posted on our website (cwcivic.org) but if you missed them, here are our winners. It is great fun to drive around the neighborhood at the holidays and see all the sparkling creativity! By the way, we need a small committee to take on the running of this contest. If you are interested, contact Susan DiMaina to find out more about it. (sdimaina@yahoo.com or 703-323-6098)

BEST IN SHOW

- 1st 8415 Queen Elizabeth Blvd. (Prillaman)
- 2nd 5104 Southampton (Ries)
- 3rd 4919 Althea (Mosel)
- HM 4814 Hercules (Pearson)
- HM 5014 Wakefield Chapel (Restrepo)

BEST USE OF LIGHTING

- 1st 8800 Prudence (Kessler)
- 2nd 4914 Althea (Benesch)
- 3rd 5016 Fleming (Stinson)
- HM 8521 QEB (S. & K. Smith)
- HM 8507 QEB (Kokkinis)
- HM 8513 Canterbury (Napoli)
- HM 4900 King Richard (Reingruber)
- HM 4928 Andrea (Gueavara)

BEST WREATH DISPLAY

- 1st 8707 Nero (Grant)
- 2nd 5023 Fleming (Purkat)
- 3rd 5009 Althea (J. & K. Smith)
- HM 8611 Canterbury (Tousignant)
- HM 5005 Althea (Adamus)
- HM 4913 King Richard (Kinhead)

MOST ORIGINAL/CREATIVE

- 1st 8505 Canterbury (Bird)
- 2nd 4916 King Richard (Garrison)
- 3rd TIE 4811 Woodland Way (d'Alelio) and 5003 Chanticleer (Lloyd)
- HM 4825 Candace Lane (Kirchner)
- HM 8503 QEB (Anderson/Shelton)
- HM 5010 Althea (Bonafede)
- HM 5000 King Richard (Willcox)
- HM 8803 QEB (Lee)



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