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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 CWES 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:

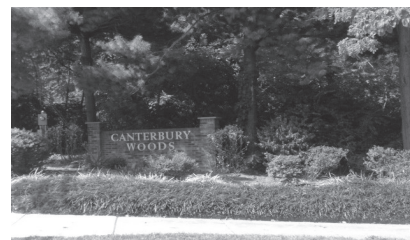
1. The Canterbury Woods Civic Association website at <http://cwcivic.org>.
2. The Canterbury Woods Yahoo Group at: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/canterburywoodsca/info>
3. The Canterbury Woods Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanterburyWoodsCivicAssociation>
4. The emergency notification application that can alert everyone who wants to be notified 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.

5. The Canterbury Woods Gazette. A newsletter that you are now currently reading and one that we try to publish on a frequent basis.
6. 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>. Information will be there about the upcoming event.

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. The most common questions that the CWCA Board receives right now are about the Braddock Road Widening Project that is being undertaken by Fairfax County. There is a separate article (pg. 4) that talks about this project in more detail. Canterbury Woods has been represented by Paul Hopler at all of the Braddock Road Task Force meetings, and we have been posting the results of those meetings as they occur. If you see Paul, tell him thank you for representing Canterbury Woods at these meetings.

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
ANNUAL MEETING MAY 16
CWES Cafeteria 7-9PM**

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SAVE THE DATES!

March— please pay your CWCA dues!
 April 12— Spring Marker Maintenance
 April 29— CWES Fun Fair
 May 6— Community Yard Sale
 May 13— Bulk Trash Pick Up (ADS customers)
 May 16— CWCA Annual Meeting
 May 27— CW Pool season opening at 11:30am

Spring Marker Maintenance Clean Up

This year's Marker Maintenance will be held on Sunday, April 2nd at 2pm. Meet us at the Southampton markers and bring tools if you have them. The markers are a good indication to both visitors and residents that we care about Canterbury Woods so help us make our first impression a great one! Any questions please contact Kerry Hartley at rkdhartley@aol.com. We hope to see you there! - Kerry Hartley and Paul Coughlin



Tips For A Successful Yard Sale On May 6th

Here's how this works: The CW Civic Association advertises the neighborhood sale—scheduled for Saturday, May 6th—in the Washington Post, Craig's List and several other online yard sale finder sites. We indicate that houses in our neighborhood will be participating but we don't list specific addresses. If you live off one of the more traveled streets, you need to post easy-to-read signs that direct people to your particular address/cul-de-sac. You can also specifically list your house on Craig's List or one of the other sites, but that's up to you.

*As soon as possible, you'll want to start making a pile of your treasures that others might like – curtains, picture frames, jewelry, books, baskets, craft materials, pots/pans, dishes/glasses, toys & games, sports equipment, tools, clothes, furniture, rugs – you name it!

*Closer to the date (but don't wait too long), you'll need to plan your pricing and the layout/display of your items.

*Count on starting early on the day of the sale; yard sale shoppers will invariably show up as you are trying to set up your items!

*At your site, it is helpful to have at least two people working – it may be easier to join up with a nearby neighbor (or two) so you don't have to leave your stuff unattended for bathroom breaks, etc.

*In case of light/intermittent rain, you might want to set up your sale in your garage or utilize a tent. Be prepared!

Some other things to think about:

*Do your kids want to set up a lemonade/baked goods stand?

*Who will man your site if you want to go see what some of the other CW neighbors are selling?

*What are your plans for the stuff that doesn't sell?

Further questions? Contact Susan DiMaina 703-323-6098.

check out the latest updates at www.cwcivic.org

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Annual Dues Are Due!

You live in one of the 517 homes in Canterbury Woods – maybe you own or maybe you rent. If you pay the nominal \$30 per year dues, you have access to all the events and benefits of our community. You can bring your children to the Fall Festival in October and the Holiday Party in December. You can drink lemonade and meet your neighbors at National Night Out in August. Your dues pay for the painting of the numbers on the curb in front of your house. The publicity for the annual community yard sale is paid through your dues, as is the negotiated trash service rate with American Disposal Service (which includes an upcoming Junk Day for no extra charge!). Your dues enable you to get the mailed newsletter that you are reading, as well as the semi-annual paper Directory that is delivered to your doorstep. These dues pay for the Canterbury Woods website, upkeep of our entrance markers, prizes for the Holiday Decorating Contest...the list goes on!

If you ask me, that's a LOT to get for \$30.

Please pay your dues. THANKS!

Pay with check, cash, or Paypal. (Envelope is enclosed in this newsletter.)

Questions: Contact Susan DiMaina

CWCA Vice-President/Dues Chair

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Advertising in the CW Gazette

Do you have a business or service that you'd like to advertise in the CW Gazette? This paper newsletter is mailed to each of the 517 homes in Canterbury Woods approximately 3 times a year.

Camera-ready ad rates for each edition are as follows:

\$100 for a half page ad

\$50 for a quarter—page ad

\$25 for a business card size ad

For an extra \$20 charge, we can even help you design your ad. You will receive an electronic PDF file to keep. Please note the newsletter is printed in black and white and is 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size.

To place an ad, contact Editor Liz Brocato—brocatofam@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING

Come one, come all to the...
CWCA ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 16th
Canterbury Woods ES
Cafeteria
7-9pm



Volunteers Needed!

We'd like to find people to chair two separate events: the Community Yard Sale and the Holiday Decorating Contest. Neither of these is particularly complicated and, because they are not new events, they already have plans that are easy to follow. To find out more, contact Susan DiMaina (VP-CW) -- [703-323-6098](tel:703-323-6098) / sdimaina@yahoo.com

Braddock Road Widening Project

As I mentioned in the President's Letter, the most common question that the CWCA Board receives right now is with respect to the Braddock Road Widening Project. Canterbury Woods has had a resident from the community representing Canterbury Woods since the inception of the Braddock Road Task Force (BRTF). This has included Liz D'Alelio, myself, and Paul Hopler. Paul Hopler is the current BRTF representative. He attends all of the meetings and submits reports to the CWCA Board for publishing the meeting information on our community website and webpages. The last public meeting was held in February. The summary of that meeting as first published in the Braddock Beacon is included below. The most important take-away here is that although the task force has recommended certain courses of action, no official decisions have been made. These are only recommendations!

BRTF MAKES FIRST RECOMMENDATIONS "NO ADDITIONAL LANES ON BRADDOCK ROAD"

No additional lanes should be built on Braddock Road from Guinea Road to the Beltway. Instead, a series of intersection improvements, including significant adjustments to the Burke Lake Road and Wakefield Chapel Road intersections, and access management techniques - making some un-signalized intersections right in right out only - should be built. These were the initial recommendations of the citizen task force that has studied the corridor in depth over the last two years. County transportation staff concurs in the recommendations, which were presented to the community at a public meeting last night, sponsored by Supervisor Cook and attended by about 300 residents.

The task force also presented pedestrian and bicycle options, but not recommendations, which will come later in the spring. These include construction of mixed use paths on both sides of the road, completion of all missing trail connections, and one or more pedestrian overpasses. The group is especially interested in residents' opinions on pedestrian overpasses.

The task force set aside the question of whether to build a transit center. Once road and pedestrian recommendations are finalized, then the group will take back up the transit center questions. Options for transit will be presented to the public at a community meeting in the late spring.

Implementation of these recommendations would present only one-third the cost of adding lanes to the roadway. The study showed that adding lanes would increase the number of trips handled by the road, but travel times would not decrease as much as with the intersection and access management improvements because extra cars would be drawn to the road. The intersection improvement plan shows fairly significant reductions in travel time when compared with the no-build option. The study was based on a 2040 planning horizon. The no-build option showed significant degradation in road conditions and significant increases in travel time compared to today.

Again, these are recommendations from the BRTF. I encourage all Canterbury Woods residents to play an active role in this project by reading all of the Braddock Road meeting notes at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/braddockroadmeetings.htm> and to attend the public meetings. The series of intersection improvements that have been recommended could potentially result in an increase of traffic through our neighborhood.

Sincerely, Dale Johnson

American Disposal Bulk Trash Pick Up Day May 13

ATTENTION American Disposal Customers: Bulk trash pick up is coming May 13th!

- 1) 4 "bulk" items max per customer. (bulk could mean anything from a furniture item such as a chair, sofa, mattress, or carpet to bicycle, gym equipment, etc.)
- 2) A detailed list of prohibited items will be available in the near future; however, use the presence of chemicals, solvents, petroleum based products as a guide for what not to try to dispose of...thus, no paint cans, propane tanks, used oil, etc. (These can all be recycled at the Fairfax County Waste Management Complex)
- 3) No "routine" garbage items. (*This is not intended as an extra garbage pick-up day, so they will not pick-up trash bags, lawn debris, etc.)

Please note this is normally a \$50 service you are receiving for FREE. Our thanks to Adam Strickland for organizing. If you have specific questions regarding items, please contact Adam at adam.t.strickland@gmail.com.

Steer Clear of Styrofoam!



Did you know that Styrofoam is highly porous and is mostly air? To sort, press the bale and ship to a company for further processing, the cost of all steps involved (processing it, storing it, baling it, transporting it) would GREATLY outweigh the value of that bale. It just isn't cost effective.

Add that there are a limited number of recycling facilities equipped to process polystyrene, as well as no major markets for

reusing or recycling Styrofoam at this time and it becomes clearer why it is an enemy to the recycling community and causing environmental harm by taking up precious space in landfills.

Since Styrofoam is so lightweight, it only takes up to 0.01 percent of the total municipal solid waste stream by weight. However the weight of this material isn't the problem, it's the volume. It is not biodegradable so it not only takes up too much space in landfills, it doesn't break down.

(excerpt taken from ADS March 2017 newsletter)

Lake Accotink Master Plan Revision

The Braddock Road Widening Project is not the only game in town as far as projects are concerned that will directly affect Canterbury Woods residents. A process has been started to revise the Lake Accotink Master Plan. I have included below excerpts from the county website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/lakeaccotink.htm>

"A master plan revision is undertaken when a park or its surrounding community have notably changed. This is the case of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan. The Lake Accotink Park master plan was first developed in 1964. It has been revised several times over the years, most recently in 1993. The 1993 Conceptual Development Plan reflected the existing marina, concessions stand, and parking areas. The plan also envisioned additional space devoted for family picnics, restrooms, and expanded parking. The carousel was planned to remain with the addition of a new playground and expanded mini-golf in the lakefront area. These facilities have been added while some, such as a boat landing on the west side of the lake and a ball field, have not been constructed. Additional improvements have also been made to enhance accessibility.

The lake was dredged in 1984 and 2004 and will be needed again within the next decade. Examination of options for addressing the continued accumulation of silt, that impacts the health and recreational value of the lake, will be a key focus of the master plan revision process.

In addition, Fairfax County has greatly expanded its approach to watershed management planning and the Accotink Watershed Plan will be an important policy guide for considering lake sustainability options. The master plan revision provides an opportunity to align the park master plan with watershed planning objectives."

The website address above also contains links to the handouts at previous meetings. In addition, at the bottom of the page there are links where residents can complete 4 separate surveys on Lake Accotink and the surrounding trail areas. The results of those surveys can also be viewed. Please take time to let your opinion be heard and complete the surveys!

--- Dale Johnson



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