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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 we are very active in the community, including the Civic Association, Canterbury Woods Swim Club, the FCPS school system, and many community projects. I have a wonderful wife, Monica Johnson, and two children. Jordan, who attended CWES, Frost, and Woodson, is currently attending college in Virginia, and Gabriella who is currently attending Woodson HS. I am a retired United States Navy Officer and work full-time for a Defense contractor.

One of the CWCA Board's primary objectives is to keep our residents informed on issues concerning our neighborhood and to facilitate discussion among our residents about those important issues. We have a separate article in this newsletter that discusses the various forums that we have at our disposal to keep our residents informed, so please read that article.

The CWCA board has been hard at work improving the content on our website and representing our residents at the recent hearings by Fairfax County on

setting up a Sanitary District within the Canterbury Woods boundaries. There are articles in this newsletter that will update you on the latest and greatest on these two subjects, so please look for them and read them.

As always, if you need any help or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your block captain or any of the board members. Our names, addresses, and phone numbers can be found on the Civic Association website and also in the directory that was delivered to every address within Canterbury Woods this past winter.

Sincerely, Dale Johnson



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Neighborhood News

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| April | — please pay your CWCA dues! |
| April 10 | — CWSC Market Day event, 10am-4pm |
| May 14 | — Community Yard Sale |
| May 28 | — CWSC pool season opening, 11:30am |
| August 2 | — National Night Out, 6-9pm |
| August 21 | — 14th Annual CWCA Triathlon |

SECOND ANNUAL CW SPRING MARKET

APRIL 10TH 10:00-4:00 PM

CW POOL PARKING LOT

Come enjoy FREE coffee from Dunkin Donuts while you browse items like pottery, chocolate sauce, notecards, scarves & hats, dog treats, reclaimed art, and more!!



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**KEEP
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AND
**PAY YOUR
DUES**

See page 4 for
more info on
how your dues
help our
community!

CWCA Community Yard Sale (May 14)

Spring cleaning can earn you some cash! Join your neighbors on May 14 for the CWCA Community Yard Sale. We'll take care of the advertising, you focus on getting your goodies ready to sell. More details to come on our website and in email.

Pool Opening (May 28)

Looking forward to seeing you at the official pool opening on May 28! More information about Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club can be found online at <https://canterburywoodspool.com> or email cwspool@gmail.com, as well as page 6 of this newsletter.

National Night Out (August 2)

NNO is an annual neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event, that is an opportunity to show neighborhood spirit and strengthen partnerships with local police. More info to come closer to August!

Neighborhood News, con't.



Ways to stay LOCALLY INFORMED!

- Are you always the last to know about VERY local news? Fix that by signing up for:
- *The Braddock Beacon [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov] -- Supervisor James Walkinshaw's monthly newsletter, and also his Walkinshaw Advisory email.
 - *CityProtect.com -- an online mapping and analysis of criminal activity in your area [formerly CrimeReports].
 - *Our very own Canterbury Woods listserve -- You can post/read about concerns/questions when you go to cwca@groups.io
 - *Our very own Canterbury Woods website -- cwcivic.org
 - *Our CW Facebook page -- if you are on Facebook, you can find us at Canterbury Woods Civic Association. Ask to join and give us your street address so we know you are a CW resident.

What's a CW Directory?

All homes in CW get a paper Directory every other year. Your home should have received one sometime around the end of 2021 (or early in 2022), delivered to your house by your Block Captain. The dues we collect from residents of CW and various advertisers pay for the cost of printing the directory.

If you haven't looked through it, you should do so. Not only can you find names and contact information of residents in our neighborhood, but contact info for all sorts of services you might need -- as well as useful websites. In addition, we've included a list of CW Board and Committee members as well as Block Captains. [Note: The most up-to-date listings are on our website at cwcivic.org]. You can also check out the "Frequently Asked Questions" and see the map of our neighborhood in the centerfold.

As a bonus, you'll find advertisements -- literally, on the yellow pages -- for some local businesses and services that support our community.

Liz Brocato and Susan DiMaina work on this together. Questions/comments? Contact brocatofam@gmail.com or sdimaina@yahoo.com.

What is a CW Block Captain?

For many years, Canterbury Woods has had a system of volunteers, each of whom oversees a nearby group or "block" of homes. The most updated list of block captains and their designated areas can be found on the CW website at cwcivic.org (Select CWCA Board and then select Block Captain Listing)

Block Captains help our community by doing various tasks:

- *staying current with neighborhood news and issues.
- *making sure new residents get a welcome packet and answers to their questions.
- *collecting information for the published Directory and distributing new ones.
- *occasionally hand-delivering communications to residents to help CWCA save on postage.
- *encouraging all residents to pay their CWCA membership dues.

Presently **we need block captains** for the following areas:

Wakefield Chapel Rd. 4824-5014

Canterbury Drive 8513-8532/ Bede Place 5114-5116

Please help out by volunteering. Contact Susan DiMaina at sdimaina@yahoo.com or call her at 703-323-6098 if you have questions.



Neighborhood News, con't.

CWCA Welcomes New Furry Friends!

Like many other communities across the nation, Canterbury Woods has welcomed many new pets to the community during the pandemic. Neighbors have come to recognize both new and old pets, especially dogs, as their owners take them on daily walks through the neighborhood.

This is a good time to remind all owners that Fairfax County has a Leash Law stating that ***“dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless they're in a designated off-leash area.”*** Please remember how *“friendly”* you feel your dog might be is a very subjective assessment. Animals are unpredictable and owners may not know the comfort level of both adults and children sharing the sidewalks and trails with you as you walk your pet. Also, please be informed that pets are not allowed on FCPS school grounds at any time for a number of health and safety reasons. Please stay off school property with your pets. Thank you for being responsible with your dogs and if you prefer off-leash experiences please seek out a formal dog park where that behavior is safety allowed.

It should also go without saying as well that it is the law to clean up after your pet - State of Virginia Code, **“It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, or having custody or control of a dog to fail to remove immediately the dog's excrement ...”** You would be surprised how often poop is left on the new paved trail for unsuspecting walkers, runners and bikers to come upon. Let's all enjoy a safe and clean community for both humans and their pets.

Dog-related Information for the Community

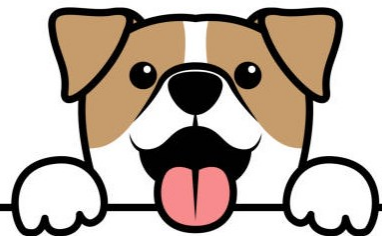
What should I do if I see a dog running free or in a hot car in Fairfax County?

*Call the non-emergency dispatch number, 703-691-2131.

Keep in mind: An Animal Protection Police Officer must witness a violation for a law enforcement action to take place. (Otherwise, a citizen may secure a warrant.)

What happens if I have an incident involving a dog bite?

*Call Animal Control Animal Protection Police at 703-691-2131.



What are these Annual Dues you are asking me to pay??

All those living in our 517 homes are busy people, and most are happy to have others do any volunteering associated with CW. Your payment of our nominal annual dues (\$30) is a great help to Canterbury Woods - especially if you are unable to assist in any other way.

Your dues pay for the painting of the numbers on the curb in front of your house. 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, Fall Festival ...the list goes on!

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

If you don't want to work on the Holiday House Decorating contest, serve as a block captain, solicit advertising for the directory, help with the Fall Festival, or participate in the Parade of Homes that's understandable and your choice. But – OWNERS or RENTERS -- paying your \$30 dues each year goes a very long way to make it a lot easier for those who are willing/able to do these tasks.

How to pay \$30 dues?

*use the envelope enclosed in this newsletter and mail it -- or drop it off
[cash or check made out to CWCA]

*use PayPal (\$31.17) on our website -- cwcivic.org



County Trash Collection Services

County Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Collection Services to begin in July 2022

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on 8 February 2022 approved the creation of a sanitary district within the boundaries of Canterbury Woods as a result of the petition that we submitted to the board in June 2020. What does that mean for our residents?

Fairfax county will now provide our trash collection, yard waste collection, and recycling collection. Our collection will begin the first week in July, 2022; however our collection day of the week has not yet been decided upon by the Solid Waste Management office. Canterbury Woods residents will receive letters in the mail around the second week of April with information about transitioning to county services that will include our day of the week. When that letter arrives, we will be sure to post it on the Canterbury Woods website, Facebook page, and Groups site.

You will be billed for the services on your Real Estate bill, so you will see an increase on your bill. You will still pay in the method that you are currently paying your real estate bill. The current rate is \$400 for the fiscal year which runs from July 1st through June 30th.

Please visit Fairfax County's website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/county-collection-customers> for more information about trash / recycling / trash collection and how to schedule special pickups.

The county will provide trash carts (gray) are for household trash and recycle carts (blue). Yard waste is collected during March 1st through December 24th. You are entitled to 5 free special collections per household per fiscal year. This needs to be scheduled by the homeowner. Some quick details follow:

Yard waste (March 1st – December 24th) - Must be placed in compostable paper bags or rigid containers (no plastic bags). During the period of Dec 25th through the end of February, if you have yard waste, it must be bagged and placed in your trash cart.

Recycling – Recycle the following: metal cans for food and beverages, cartons (milk, juice, etc.), plastic food and beverage bottles, mixed paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, and collapsed cardboard.

[All cardboard must be collapsed. Styrofoam™, packing peanuts, plastic, bubble wrap and any other material must be removed from the collapsed boxes.]

Trash – Normal household trash, glass must be boxed up and labeled as glass, Syringes, needles and other sharp items should be placed in a sturdy plastic container and marked as “residential sharps”

Special Collections (5 per fiscal year) You must schedule online different trucks are sent to your address depending upon the item being picked up. Example items that can be scheduled for special collections include: Refrigerators/Freezers, Dehumidifiers, Air Conditioners, Shrubs, Tree limbs and branches under 6” in diameter and 6’ in length, furniture, lumber, doors, mattress & box springs, small roll of carpet, wood pallets, computers, phones, cameras, stoves, washers and dryers, televisions, grills, exercise equipment, and water heaters.

NOTE: Different types of material should be in separate piles due to being picked up by different trucks. For safety reasons, there must be a 20 ft. clearance above and on all sides of special collection items, do not place under utility wires or tree branches. If materials are placed at a location other than the curb of your address (due to safety concerns) then you need to annotate this on the pickup form.



County trash information continued....

Why did the county vote to create a sanitary district for Canterbury Woods?

The short answer is that Canterbury Woods submitted a petition to have the county provide our services. A summarized version of why a petition was submitted follows: Canterbury Woods has always had private trash collection since the development began in 1965. The two main providers in the recent past were American Disposal Services (ADS) and Republic. Members of the CWCA Board have negotiated community rates for Canterbury Woods with both ADS and Republic. However, within the last few years both ADS and Republic stopped negotiating community rates for Civic Associations. They will still negotiate rates with the HOAs. Our rates from both ADS and Republic have increased every year since after they stopped negotiating rates with Canterbury Woods. They stopped twice a week collection and now only provide once a week service. Upon contacting ADS and Republic, they stated that our rates would continue to rise due to the increased cost for hiring drivers, truck maintenance, and fees for dumping the trash. The rates in our neighborhood were drastically different from house to house. Rates were ranging from as low as \$20/month (\$240/year) and as high as \$55/month (\$660/year). In addition to the two main providers, we have at least three other companies providing service to our neighborhood. That's a lot of trash trucks rolling through our neighborhood each week.

In response to rising costs and reduced services from the private companies, and in response to our residents asking the CWCA Board for alternatives, the CWCA board submitted a petition to the neighborhood to gauge the community's desires to move to Fairfax County provided trash collection services. The petition had to be submitted to Fairfax County by 30 June 2020, with at least 55% of the community voting to request Fairfax County services. We met the minimum percentage of 55% and submitted the petition to the county by the deadline.

The results of the petition were as follows: 434 out of 517 homes within Canterbury Woods submitted a vote with 56% of those homes voting to submit the petition. Several homes did not submit a "Yes" or "No" for the petition. The voting by the Board of Supervisors on our petition was delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic and delayed further to ensure that the county could provide adequate services.

Event timeline:

March – June 2020 - Trash Petition signatures were collected from Canterbury Woods homeowners

30 June 2020 – Petition submitted to Fairfax County

26 Aug 2020 – CWCA Received notification from the County Solid Waste Management Department about our petition. The hearing was postponed at least 6 months due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic among other issues.

25 Jan 2021 – Braddock Road District Supervisor, James Walkinshaw, was interviewed by the Braddock Buzz and specifically commented on the status of the Canterbury Woods Trash Petition. His full interview is located at: <https://www.braddockbuzz.com> in the 25 January edition.

5 Oct 2021 – Scheduled for vote on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors agenda. The result was that the decision on our petition was delayed until the Waste Management office could ensure the board that they were able to take on new sanitary districts and provide quality service.

8 Feb 2022 – Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the petition resulting in the creation of a sanitary district within the boundaries of Canterbury Woods.





Canterbury Woods Swim Club is excited to open this summer for pool fun, swim team, tennis, and more... including favorites like raft nights, food trucks, the annual triathlon and wine downs... We are working hard behind the scenes to for a great opening day on May 28 and a safe and fun swim season!

Speaking of swim team....the C-Serpents are in Division 7 this year!

Summer is almost here and there is no better way for kids to spend their days than swimming with the C-Serpents! Did you know that you don't have to be a competitive swimmer to swim on the team? Whether you are newer to swimming or swim with a club team, if you are between the ages of 5 and 18 then there is a place for you on our team. C-Serpents is also a great way to connect with neighborhood kids - we have social activities, pep rallies at the pool, and a buddy program. Come fill your summer with friends, fun, and swimming!

The team season is May 31st through July 30th and includes practice options five days a week, competitive "A" meets on Saturday mornings, and developmental "B" meets on Monday evenings. Division 7 includes some fantastic teams: Ravensworth, Waynewood, Lakevale Estates, Dominion Hills, Fairfax Station, and this super awesome team from Canterbury Woods - SERPENT PRIDE!!!

We are looking forward to seeing new and returning swimmers this summer! For more information, contact our Swim Team Representatives: Elizabeth Bauernshub and Mary Abigail Reinhardt at cswimteam@gmail.com. You can find out more about the swim team on the website: <https://cserpents.swimtopia.com>



SUMMERTIME

SWIM, BIKE, RUN AND LOTS OF FUN!

Time to start training for the community triathlon!

The Canterbury Woods Swim Club will host the 14th annual triathlon this summer. Join us on August 21 for a beloved annual tradition in the neighborhood!

This has become a real community tradition for both adults and children. It is a low-key event for individuals or teams of all abilities. And who could forget the amazing soft shirts that mark you as a "triathlete!"

Adults swim 250m, bike 8 miles, run 2 miles

Children 12 and under swim 100 or 200m, bike 1.2 miles, run 1 mile



Teams welcome!

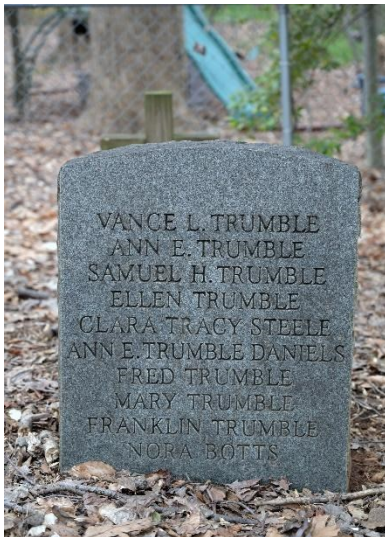
Questions? Contact
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Can you solve this Canterbury Woods History Mystery?

Who is Nora Virginia Botts and why is she buried on a small tract of land between behind the Holy Spirit church?

The CWCA Board started a history section on our website at <http://cwcivic.org>. There are several tabs that you can explore, but we would like to include more or to capture more detail for the tabs that are there, so if you would like to write an article or provide more content on existing articles, please contact the board. Now, on to the mystery within feet of sections of Canterbury Woods and Stone Haven.

There is a family cemetery located on a small tract of land behind Holy Spirit School and Althea Drive. If you walk up Althea Drive and pass English drive to your left, you will soon see Charter Lane on your right. There aren't any houses on Charter Lane, it is very short and it dead ends. If you walk up the hill from Charter Lane towards Margaret Lane and take a few steps to your left you will find a grave yard that contains a single graveyard marker with ten names listed.



This small graveyard is commonly referred to as the "Trumble Family Cemetery".

At one point in Virginia history most of the land in Fairfax County was owned by the Fitzhugh family who had purchased the Ravensworth Tract. The land was divided into parcels as it was passed down by inheritance through the Fitzhugh family. It was common for the land owners to rent the land to farmers who would work the land to make a living.

Vance L. Trumble (b: 1837, d: 1898) is one such entrepreneur that left the state of New York to look for land to farm in Virginia. He found land that belonged to the Fitzhugh family and began living and working the land. The land on which he settled is now partly occupied by the Holy Spirit church and surrounding neighborhoods.

In 1871 Ann Battaile nee Fitzhugh's estate was passed down to her children through parcels, except for 11 acres that were sold to Vance L. Trumble. By the time of Vance L. Trumble's death, he had accrued 27 Acres, 1 Rood (1 Rood = 1/4 an acre), and approximately 30 Poles (1 Pole = square with sides equal to 16.5 ft in length). After his death, his land was sold to settle his estate. The estate sale was advertised in the local newspapers including the Fairfax Herald. As stated in the listing, terms of the sale required that 1/4 of an acre is to be reserved for use as a family burying ground with access from the burying ground to the road. That "road" is now called "Braddock Road". You can still walk from Braddock Road through the parking lot of the Holy Spirit Church, past the Holy Spirit School, and down the trail behind the school to the Trumble Family Cemetery.

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Vance L. Trumble had a very colorful past and I will not go into a lot of detail in this short article, but he was a farmer, confederate soldier, prisoner of the civil war, and a Justice of the Peace for Fairfax County. Vance L. Trumble had a fairly large family (9 children that I was able to find with 7 living to adulthood). It was obvious by looking at the names of his children that he was very close to the Fitzhugh family. Two of his sons had the names Henry “Fitzhugh” Trumble and Lawrence “Battaile” Trumble.

The only family members buried in the family burial grounds behind the Holy Spirit School are Vance L. Trumble (1837-1898), his wife Ann Elizabeth Trumble nee Beach (1841 – 1918), his son Samuel H. Trumble who was hit and killed by a train (1861-1904), Samuel’s wife Mary Ellen Trumble nee Beach (1856-1938), Samuel and Mary Ellen’s daughter Clara Tracy Steele nee Trumble (1891-1956), Vance and Ann’s daughter Ann Elsie Daniels nee Trumble (1882-1907), Vance and Ann’s grandson Franklin Trumble (1900 – 1904), Vance and Ann’s son Frederick Trumble (1861-1861), Vance and Ann’s daughter Mary Trumble (1862-1862), and finally Nora Virginia Botts (1897-1910).

So, who is Nora Virginia Botts and why is she buried in the Trumble Cemetery?

I don’t have the answer, but I find history fascinating, and through my research I do have some clues. Her father was Peter Botts. Peter Botts was born in Germany and was married to Mary Curfield of Ireland. Mary and Peter had two daughters and a son. The daughters were named Bridgett and Janie and the son was named Michael. Mary Curfield died at a young age and Peter remarried shortly after her death. His new wife was Nora Virginia Mitchell who was the daughter of Martha “Patty” Fairfax and John Edward Mitchell. Peter and Nora had one child together and she was named Nora Virginia Botts.

Nora Virginia Bott’s mother died shortly after her birth and Nora ended up living with her aunt and uncle as evidenced by a 1900 Census record. Her aunt and uncle were Patrick and Florence Archer. Florence was Nora’s Aunt from her mother’s side of the family. So, I’m not sure why Peter Botts was not taking care of his children, but the children from his first wife were being taken care of by William H. Botts and his child from his second marriage was being taken care of by his deceased wife’s sister.

William H. Botts while supporting Nora’s half-sister’s Bridget and Janie Botts, tragically died at the age of 36 in 1899. The Fairfax Herald from 1899 stated: “He also had the care of his cousins, Misses Bridget and Janie Botts, nearly since the death of their beloved mother, which occurred when they were quite young.” I have found witness testimony from a “Chancery” that stated that William’s death occurred as a result of the “Great Blizzard of 1899”. The “Great Blizzard of 1899” was recently ranked as the worst snowstorm in Northern Virginia history and dumped 20-30 inches of snow in this area with snow drifts as high as 8 feet. Temperatures were below zero with wind chills that were absolutely miserable. William Botts was out in the snow storm trying to take care of the livestock when his legs were essentially frozen. He managed to make it back to his house but became ill and died within a few weeks.

William H. Botts’ pall bearers included several members of the Trumble/Beach family including John Trumble, Walter Beach, and Charles Beach. So, it’s likely that Nora Virginia Botts was well known to the Trumble family and was in need of a good family who knew her and had the means to support her, so the Trumble family likely took her into their home. Nora Virginia Botts died in 1910 while living with the Trumble family after becoming ill. She was only 13 years old and was buried in the Trumble Family Cemetery.

Interested in more neighborhood history? Go to www.cwcivic.org and click on the CW History tab.



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