

**Canterbury Woods Civic Association Annual Meeting**  
**Tues., September 23, 2025**  
**Braddock Hall, Kings Park Library, Burke Lake Rd.**  
**Start time 6:10pm**  
**30 total: 26 in-person; 4 via Zoom**

CWCA President Louise Chamberlin called the meeting to order and announced the first order of business: vote on the new (currently acting) board.

- a. Louise Chamberlin as president
- b. Ilyas Saloom as VP
- c. Thomas Bailey as treasurer
- d. Karina Wright as secretary
- e. Susan DiMaina as member-at-large

All present voted 'yea' to approve the board members.

- a. Louise noted some open positions, including a block captain opening for Wakefield Chapel Rd. The block captain listing is on our website, cwcivic.org.
- b. Louise recognized Jeff Sinclair, former VP and member at large, and Lisa Warden, who served 8 years as CWCA treasurer and has been instrumental getting our new treasurer oriented.
- c. Louise noted the board is trying to make website more modern and user friendly. A resident noted the CW pool recently revamped their website. We could ask the pool board for ideas and suggestions.\*

### **Financials/Budget**

Thomas Bailey, treasurer, presented the proposed 2025-2026 budget of \$13,500, itemized by General; Social Activities; and Donations. [Budget doc to be uploaded with these minutes once website update cost actuals confirmed\*.]

The board proposed allocating \$2,000.00 to support/encourage National Night Out (NNO) in Aug. 2026 with five designated spots (front yards or cul-de-sacs) to gather as neighbors and enjoy some store-bought food and desserts (costs incurred by volunteer NNO spot leaders will be reimbursable, but no reimbursement if alcohol is purchased )

- a. The Fall Festival for 2025 was cancelled due to unfilled volunteer chairperson role. \$4,000 not spent.
- b. Continued support/donations allocated for Braddock Nights; Canterbury Woods Swim and Tennis Club; Boy Scouts #873; Woodson High School Grad Party; and Annandale Softball & Little League.
- c. Marker maintenance (at entrances to CW): \$1,700
- d. Cwcivic.org needs maintenance plus an update. \$2,500 allocated\*

### **Annual dues update**

- a. Susan DiMaina reported that to date, 45% of 2025 dues collected from 233 homes; 154 residents paid with check, and the rest paid with cash or PayPal on website.
- b. The board plans to update cwcivic.org to offer Venmo as an option to pay dues

### **Gazette and printing update**

- a. The two editions of the Gazette, one in fall 2024, one in spring 2025 cost \$3,000 to print and mail. Editions were two-color vs. black and white, which tend to get lost in junk mail. One resident said the cost is too high and suggested finding an alternative to print.
- b. A supplemental postcard (in color) for the 2024 Fall festival was mailed as a save-the-date.
- c. Discussion about the best approach to distributing the Gazette. Printing gets expensive, especially if it's color vs. black and white. What about a digital option to opt into? Or an email or postcard with a QR code to the Gazette as a pdf posted on cwcivic.org? Would we miss some residents who don't check email often? Would emails get lost in the noise? What about the dues envelope—how would we deliver to all houses?

All present voted 'yea' to approve the proposed budget.

### **Other**

Robin Eddington is stepping up to help check CW list serv requests. Every requestor needs to be verified as living in CW (or a homeowner who rents their home out).

Thomas Bailey suggested placing QR code stickers on poles and signs in the neighborhood as a great way to share information and updates. Neighbors walk kids to school, take their dogs for walks, walk to the trail, etc., so there is a natural audience.

### **Aging in Place Committee update**

Jim Andrukonis, CWCA Aging in Place Committee chair, said we can all help elderly residents retrieve trash cans or a heavy box, companionship, youth work list (on CWCA website), computer/tech support, small appliance fixes (liability concern raised). Ilyas Saloom suggested a fix and no pay approach.

Perhaps there is a service hour opportunity at Green Acres Senior Center. Carol Lubbers suggested a contractors list and/or an ask and answer section on CWCA website or facebook page. A resident shared a George Mason University waiver for anyone 60 years or older to take classes. (Will share with Jim Andrukonis.)

### **Guest speakers**

Community Outreach Officer Liam May and Crime Prevention Officer Tony Capizzi from West Springfield District Police Station

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/District/WestSpringfield>

- The West Springfield District is 68 square miles, with 119 officers, including 90 sworn officers, 8 auxiliary officers, and 21 civilians (police citizen aides, crossing guards, a crime analyst, administrative staff, and volunteers)
- Note the Fairfax County non-emergency number—703/691-2131—to be used for an animal that's a nuisance, a minor accident, suspicious behavior, etc.
- The Co-Responder Program is available for mental health-related incidents/concerns. Callers can request a trained mental health officer accompany the police officer when responding to an emergency or non-emergency. Note: Co-Responder Program hours are 10am to midnight, daily (365 days). Officer Capizzi stated that all police officers are trained in de-escalation.
- If someone needs assistance in a different language, the police department will accommodate to the extent possible. Also, body camera technology will soon be able to translate conversations in real-time.
- The West Springfield Police District holds a monthly Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on the first Tuesday of every month, except for July and August. Officers May and Capizzi run these meetings at the station. Open to the community.
- They offer free security assessments to businesses, houses of worship, or residential. The assessment findings are shared only with the owner, not uploaded to the cloud.
- They also offer personal safety classes, civilian response to active shooter, and Stop the Bleed training,
- Neighbors by Ring Program: A front door camera-sharing program to help with community situational awareness. Doorbell cameras capture things such as porch pirates stealing packages, break-ins, bike theft, etc. Register for free with the station to help with area crimes. Visit police district website for information. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/District/WestSpringfield>
- Real-Time Crime Center relays information from officers.
- If you'd like to revive your Neighborhood Watch Program, identify a liaison volunteer for training, then reach out to the station.

- What is most common crime in our area? Vehicle theft. “Hide it, lock it, or lose it.” Don’t leave information or leave keys in the car, even if you’re running a quick errand. Catalytic converter theft is on the decline.
- Drag racing on Braddock Rd. is a challenge. The exhaust law changed in 2021, then changed back, but drivers still use the enhancements. The road is well-traveled by state troopers and Fairfax County police. You can call the non-emergency number; note the direction on Braddock, if possible.
- Road Shark Program: Virginia state police go after aggressive drivers.
- A resident asked: What about solicitors? Do they need a license to solicit? Advice: Don't answer the door or talk through the door. Ask to see a license/permit, You can call the department of code compliance if a solicitor shows up; take a photo. Note: A no trespassing sign is more effective than a no soliciting sign. The former can be enforced.
- Do cyclists need to stop at stop signs? They should, yes.
- CW residents can contact the district’s traffic enforcement (see website link above)unit if we want a specific area or intersection monitored within our neighborhood.

### **Door prizes distributed to ticket winners**

### **Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm**

### **Post-meeting:**

Two residents volunteered to serve as members-at-large: Ariana Tackett (will help with technology upgrades to cwcivic.org) and Teryl Pomeroy (block captain lead).