

# CWCA GAZETTE



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## Need a babysitter, pet sitter, or yard help?

The CW **Youth Work List** has been updated. Our younger members of the community are eager to help out. Check out the details at [cwcivic.org](http://cwcivic.org).

## Get involved!

The upcoming annual **Parade of Homes** could use your help!

If you like to bring people together in your community, fill the **block captain** spot for Wakefield Chapel Road!

Next year's **Fall Festival** will be around the corner in no time and we're looking for a Chair!

Contact member-at-large **Susan DiMaina** if you're interested or curious about any opportunities.

Email her at:  
[cwca.va.member.at.large1@gmail.com](mailto:cwca.va.member.at.large1@gmail.com)



The last few autumn colors on the Long Branch Stream Valley trail, nearby Canterbury Woods Elementary School. Pictured by Ariana Tackett.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CWCA PRESIDENT

Hello neighbors!

I hope you're having a wonderful fall season. Our Canterbury Woods board members have been busy finding ways to modernize our outreach to you. Stay tuned for big updates and events coming in 2026. To help us help you, please consider our volunteer opportunities!

Happy holidays,  
Louise Chamberlin, CWCA President

## 'Tis the season for some competition!

String your lights, gather your inflatables, and get ready to win! Our 13th annual **Holiday Decorating Contest** has returned. You could be one of six winners, so make sure your wreaths are out and your reindeer are bright! Judging will occur between **December 6th through 23rd**.

Visit [cwcivic.org](http://cwcivic.org) for rules and winner categories. Any questions? Reach out to contest Chair **John Gethins** at [jkgethins@gmail.com](mailto:jkgethins@gmail.com).

## Missed the annual meeting on September 23rd?

Read all about it on [cwcivic.org](http://cwcivic.org)!  
Got to CWCA Board > **Meeting Minutes**.

Over twenty-five neighbors gathered in Braddock Hall at Kings Park Library. We officially welcomed our **CW Board Members**, discussed our **outreach methods**, and went through ways to help our **Aging in Place** community.

We also hosted some guest speakers! Two officers from **West Springfield District Police Station** gave safety tips and answered all kinds of questions from our neighbors. Keep the non-emergency number in your back pocket: **(703) 691-2131**. See the Meeting Minutes for further resources offered.

### IMPORTANT INTERMISSION

What did the mountain climbers name their son?

*Cliff!*

## Coming up in 2026

### \* **Community Yard Sale**

May, TBA

Everyone's got old furniture or clothes or toys no one plays with—the yard sale is the perfect place to find new owners for these!

### \* **Parade of Homes Fundraiser**

Spring, TBA

Share your home renovations—kitchen makeovers and more. Parade map sales support CWCA!

### \* **National Night Out**

August 4, 2026

Gather for cookouts across CW during this community-building event!

## How well do you know Canterbury Woods?

By Susan DiMaina, CWCA Member-at-Large

People often assume that any home near Canterbury Woods elementary school is a part of the Canterbury Woods Civic Association. It's an understandable misconception.

CW is a neighborhood of **517 homes** on many streets—31 to be exact. Other close neighborhoods are Stone Haven, Red Fox, Ilda, Long Branch, Oak Hill among others.

Althea Drive, for instance, has CW houses as well as Stone Haven houses. Andrea Avenue is both CW and Red Fox.

Residents who have volunteered to judge the CW's annual Holiday Decorating Contest are often surprised by the "sprawl" of CW. If you live on Helen Terrace, you may have never had a reason to know that Bede Place exists. The map in the middle page of the paper directory is helpful, but it can't show you exactly where CW houses begin and end.

For history buffs: If you'd like to know more about CW's interesting past, go [cwcivic.org](http://cwcivic.org) and select **CW History**.

### DON'T FORGET!

The **annual \$30 dues** are due in the Spring. It is your contributions that keep this community active and modern. Thank you!

