

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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<http://www.wcwha.org>

March 16, 2013

Annual Spring Parkland Cleanup

Saturday, April 6

8 AM

**(alternate date for inclement weather is Sat.
April 13)**

Note earlier time than usual, and if you have a chain saw, please bring it to help clear away some larger downed tree limbs, and some leaning trees. We can use your pruners, rakes, wheelbarrows, saws, etc. to help clear brush and get the park in shape for the summer. In the past our children have been a tremendous help working with adults, picking up debris and it's a great way for students to earn community service hours. On April 6th, please meet Al Meyer and others at the Banff bridge for assignments so we can have a coordinated approach to refreshing the park.

Any questions? Contact Al at allanemeyer@aol.com or call him at 703-978-2559.

Annual Dues to be collected by March 31

Just a reminder our community's annual dues for each household will be due by March 31. If you are the homeowner, you should have received a mailing earlier this month with the invoice and instructions. We are happy to report that, once again, our dues will remain at \$140. The monies collected are used primarily to maintain and enhance our parkland, which last year included mowing and removal of fallen trees.

New WCWHA Webmaster Sought

We are looking for someone who can oversee our website and email list. Liz Segall is taking care of it now, but she has other volunteer duties on our Board of Directors, and would love to have some help. It requires very little effort – the website is already set up and is updated infrequently, and we send out emails to our members once a month at the most. Please help if you can. If you can't help, but know someone in our community who might be too shy to reveal their skills, we would be happy to contact them directly to ask for help. Let us know – contact@wcwha.org or elizsegall@aol.com.

Update on the Restricted Parking Permit District

Thanks to Steve Parker and Pete Koenig for their efforts to have part of our neighborhood included in a Restricted Parking Permit District (RPPD). As many of you know the number of NOVA students parking along Wakefield Chapel Road and Banff Street has become a hazard to drivers and students, as well as a problem for our neighbors whose homes are affected.

We were advised that the quickest remedy would be to have a RPPD established along Fidelity Court, Banff Street and part of Wakefield Chapel Drive where the parking is the biggest problem. *That application has been sent to the county, and we expect the RPPDs to be implemented within two months or so.* In addition, we continue to work with Supervisor Cook's office to work toward a partnership with the college to find broader solutions to this and other problems.

Information from Architectural Committee

Some folks are receiving a free newsletter they do not want so they leave it in the yard and road to make a mess. If you do not want to receive it, look in it for a phone number and cancel it, please. Remember your neighbors do not enjoy looking at it disintegrating in your driveway. Also, remember to put your garbage cans away. They are not a thing of beauty.

Have you installed new windows, new walkways, decks, fences? Did you remember to request approval from the Architectural Committee? We can help you make sure that your "house record" is up to date, and we make approvals after the fact.

Our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions requires approval of the Association's Architectural Committee be obtained for "modifications" which would materially affect or change the appearance of the house or lot as viewed from the common Area, streets or other lots. This is important, because when a house is sold, the realtor must obtain a Declaration Packet from our Secretary, which includes your house record. This is a State Law, not one of our rules. If not done, it can jeopardize the sale even after closing. If you have a question, feel free to call me, and I will be

happy to help you. A request form is in this newsletter. We want your house record to show all your information.

Peg Desko
703-978-8284

Share Your Contractor Recommendations, or Find One on Our Website

Have you been happy with work done on your house? Please, contact our webmaster and add the names of the people or companies you recommend to our "Neighbor to Neighbor" page. It's a nice way to recommend a worker you are pleased with. Several houses have had decks replaced and driveways and walkways redone. Let us hear about it. Many of our houses will be needing this work done in the near future, so hearing about contractors you were happy with is very helpful. And not just those items. Tell us about roofers and painters and handymen. Send your recommendations to contact@wcwha.org.

Directory Updates:

Welcome to our new neighbors at 4508 Fidelity Court, Jim Collins and Yuhui Deng.

If you see an error or would like to make an update to our WCWHA, please let me know.

Liz Segall, elizsegall@aol.com

New Block Captain

Thanks to Steve Parker for agreeing to be the block captain for Fidelity Court.

2013 Board Meetings - Meetings begin at 7 PM

March 19 - Jones, 4600 Country Lane
May 7 - Desko, 4504 Fidelity Ct.
June 18 - Segall, 8507 Sugarbush Ct.
September 10 - Schaffer, 4514 Banff St.
October 15 - Annual Membership Meeting,
WFES Cafeteria (date subject to change)
December 3 - Manos, 8439 Toll House Rd.

Upcoming Calendar

Looking for something different to do? Check out the Events Calendars on the Fairfax County website. Here is a sample of what is happening on Sunday, March 24:

Program with Author Brian Greene
2 p.m. at The Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean Join Brian Greene, physicist and bestselling author, for a dynamic two-part event. Part one: *Icarus at the Edge of Time*, a multimedia voyage through space and time featuring a film about a boy challenging the power of a black hole, orchestral music composed by Philip Glass and live narration by Dr. Greene. Part two: Commentary on the film and Q&A with Dr. Greene. Books available for sale and signing courtesy of the Fairfax Library Foundation. Cosponsored by the McLean Community Center. Adults and kids age 10 and up. Please register each attendee separately. [Registration](#) begins March 10.

Jane Austen Tea

Jane Austen set her novels in the natural beauty of the English countryside when England was becoming a nation of gardeners. From 1 to 3 p.m. at [Green Spring Gardens](#), we'll explore the Regency-era gardens and landscapes depicted in Austen's novels and tell you about Jane's

own passion for gardening. Participants must be at least age 13. The \$28 fee includes a full afternoon tea served at the Historic House. To make a reservation, call 703-941-7987.

Dinosaur Egg Hunt at Hidden Oaks

Three to seven-year-olds enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt while visiting dinoland in Nature Playce at [Hidden Oaks Nature Center](#). Make a dino craft. Register online for one of three times: 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m. or 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 per child. For details call 703-941-1065.

March 25- 29 – Spring Break for Fairfax Public Schools

March 31 – WCWHA dues due

April 6 – 8 AM, WCWHA Spring Parkland Cleanup, April 13 is alternate date

Reminder: Website and Email and Contractor Reviews

- Check out our association website at www.wcwha.org.
- Sign up to receive occasional email messages at contact@wcwha.org.
- Share your contractor recommendations

Scouting for Food Results

I just wanted to pass on many thanks from Cub Scout Pack 1864 for the many generous donations of food by many of our WCHWA neighbors. The Pack collected 242 bags (~1000 lbs) of food from WCHWA and Truro.

Please add this to your next newsletter, so the many generous

families will know that they helped a local food bank just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. :-)

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Andrew Miller
(Ordinary Ct)