

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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Annual Spring Parkland Clean Up Saturday, April 5

All members and friends of WCWHA are invited to help in the spring clean up of our Parkland on *April 5, 2014, between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Come as early as possible.* If you have them, please bring gloves, loppers, chainsaws, wheelbarrows, elbow grease and enthusiasm. Please contact Allan Meyer 703-978-2559 or e-mail at allanemeyer@aol.com for assignments and or questions. This is a great way for civics students and people required to do community work to earn service hours. Make this a family affair.

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 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, as well as a replacement of a section of the walkway approaching the Bromley bridge.

Any Directory Corrections?

You recently received your new WCWHA Directory. I know there have been some new homeowners that have moved in since its publication. Please review your information and let me know corrections to be included. Thanks,

elizsegall@aol.com

Correction #1 – Please change Steve Parker's phone number on the back of the directory under "Block Captains" to 703-425-6387.

Email List

Thanks to those of you who gave us your email addresses so you can continue to receive occasional emails from our association. *If you didn't recently receive an email letting you know about the Spring Parkland clean up, please email us your name, your address, and obviously your preferred email address to our new Gmail account: wcwha.org@gmail.com and we will put you on our listserv.*

Thank you to Donna Caruso who graciously volunteered to take over our website duties. Check it out at www.wcwha.org

Boy Scout Food Drive Results

Thank you very much to those who participated in this year's Scouting for Food event. A total of 45 parents and 50 scouts collected 310 bags of food weighing 1,550 pounds. Pack 1864 collected food from Wakefield Chapel Woods, as well as several other surrounding communities. The pack meets at Wakefield Forest Elementary School and is made up of at least three boys from WCWHA.

Thanks again,
Andrew Miller, Ordinary Ct

WCWHA Board of Directors Seeks New Volunteers

One of our directors will be moving out of our area this summer, so we will need to have someone volunteer to take over that spot. We are always looking for volunteers for other board and committee positions. Please let us know if you are interested or if you think one of your neighbors might be persuaded to help out. Our neighborhood is pretty stable and that means that many of us have already served on the board in the past. How about some of our newer homeowners stepping up? Our association runs very smoothly and has few problems that pop up. We only meet every other month on Tuesday evenings. Our meetings are rarely over an hour long. Please

let us know if you have questions or suggestions. wcwha.org@gmail.com

From the Architectural Committee

Now that our snow-soaked yards are starting to dry out it's time to take a good look at our homes and yards. You may have mildew growing on your siding. It can be powered washed off easily. We have wet leaves and twigs and some branches lying around. Recycle day will take all your lawn debris. The ACC will be doing their annual walk around and leaving you notes about outside problems they have noticed. Get ahead of them. Look at your house from across the street and see what your neighbors see and take a walk around the house and yard. We get used to something that maybe is not just right and don't notice it any longer. It could be driving your neighbor crazy! Now, unless you enjoy driving your neighbor crazy, think about making it right. Your committee also thanks you.

NOVA Parking Issue

Please keep an eye on any impact on our neighborhood from the NVCC students parking beyond our designated restricted areas. *If you begin to see students parking in front of your home, please note the days and times, take photos to document the problem, etc.* We are willing to push the county to enlarge the Restricted Parking Permit District if it becomes necessary, but we will need your testimony and evidence to do so.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Venture into Volunteering Fair on Thursday, March 27, 10 a.m. to noon at Frying Pan Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon. Agency reps will be on hand to discuss a wide range of community outreach opportunities including helping kids with homework, meals on wheels and serving as a court-appointed advocate. Free and no registration necessary.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to **drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs.**

Meals on Wheels needs drivers in **Fairfax, Reston, McLean and Falls Church.**

For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

Spring Calendar

March 15 – Children’s Book Sale, Fairfax City Library

March 21-23 – Book Sale, Fairfax City Library

March 27 – Volunteer Fair (see above)

April 5 – Parkland Clean Up, 8AM

April 14-18 – Fairfax Public Schools Spring Break

April 29 – WCWHA Board Meeting, 7PM

May 1-4 – Book Sale, George Mason Library

May 8-10 – Book Sale, Kings Park Library

May 26 – Memorial Day Holiday

Green Spring Gardens

Check out Green Spring Gardens (the entrance is located just a block north of Little River Turnpike on Braddock Road) for its interesting teas and historical programs, as well as tons of helpful information as you begin to enhance your garden/yard this spring. There is also a garden shop on the premises and frequent plant sales.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>