

# WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

## Newsletter

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### President's Notes

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you will be able to join us at our **neighborhood potluck picnic on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**. It was fun last year to catch up with people I hadn't seen in a while and to meet some new neighbors. Without the competition from a Redskins game we are hoping to see even more of you this year. We have a rain date of the following Sunday – still no Redskins game! See the attached flyer for more details. If you have any yard games to share, please bring them!

It's hard for me to believe the summer is almost over and the kids are back in school. Our family has been busy this summer with reunions, celebrations and a new grandchild. Our youngest daughter Abby, plus her husband and 4 month old son, have moved from Boston to live with us as her husband starts med school and she takes a short break from working to take care of Wilder.

There was just an article in the *NY Times* about people saving stuff for their kids that the kids don't want. A large part of our summer has been clearing out our closets and storage areas and donating a lot of those saved "treasures" and making room for baby equipment. It is surprising how much we have accumulated in the past 35 years, including "treasures" from our parents that we didn't really want!

Hope to see you at our picnic and hear how you and your families are doing. We would love to start having more personal information to share in our newsletters – graduations, new family members, retirement plans, weddings, Eagle Scout awards, etc. Let us know when something good happens in your family.

Liz Segall  
WCWHA President

**PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR OUR  
ANNUAL HOA  
MEETING. THIS YEAR IT  
WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER  
18 AT WAKEFIELD  
FOREST ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL. MORE  
DETAILS WILL BE  
MAILED TO  
HOMEOWNERS AHEAD  
OF THE MEETING.**

## **Scheduled Board Meetings**

If you would like to become more active in our Home Association or just want to find out what is going on, you are welcome to come to any of the regularly scheduled Board meetings. *If you plan to attend, please let us know to make sure there has been no change in date, time or place.* Email us at [WCWHA.org@gmail.com](mailto:WCWHA.org@gmail.com). The schedule of meetings can also be found on the website Home Page ([www.wcwha.org](http://www.wcwha.org)).

### **Remaining meetings for this calendar year:**

September 11 – Caruso, Banff St.

### **October 18 – Annual Meeting**

December 4 – Mannion, Sugarbush Ct.

## **WCWHA Directory**

Each year after the annual meeting, the WCWHA directory is updated and distributed to all homeowners and residents. We try really hard to make sure it is accurate and complete. However, each year as soon as it is distributed, we learn of several errors or needed changes of which we were not aware. While it will never be perfect we would like to come as close as possible. After all, if your telephone number is wrong, how will your neighbors call you?

Please take a look at the current directory and if you know of changes that need to be made in either your own or your neighbors' information let us know by sending a message to our email – [wcwha.org@gmail.com](mailto:wcwha.org@gmail.com). If you gave us changes before and we posted them in the newsletter, we will make sure those are updated in the new directory. Also, if you would like to add a cell phone please let us know.

## **Parkland Issues**

### **TURKEY RUN STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Many of us have been following the work in our upstream neighbor Truro's parkland. After many years of planning, construction on this stream restoration and storm water management project began in October 2016. The project is a small component of the Chesapeake Bay Program and will improve downstream water quality and provide small flood peak reductions.

At present the project is in its completion stage, with most stream reconfiguration completed; cleanup, completion of bridge reconstruction, and pathway paving remains. The project should be finished in October (2017). At one time, members of our community were hopeful that this project might continue downstream, through our parkland to Wakefield Chapel Road. That prospect appears slim, however, given the EPA budget situation and the current administration's position on the Chesapeake Bay Program. However, we should see some benefits from this work in our own parkland which is downstream from Truro. (Thanks to Steve Parker, Fidelity Court for this update).

Speaking of our stream, Al Meyer, our parkland committee chair, reports that on 08/21/2017 he contacted Sarah Ribenour, (703-877-2866) Administrative Assistant to Chad Crawford, Director, Maintenance and Storm Water Management, Fairfax County, VA, advising her that a very large portion of a tree had fallen across the storm water channel north of 4508 Banff Street and requested its removal. She placed it on their work sheet.

On 08/29/2017 at 09:00 Al heard the noise of a chain saw, and saw men from the

county cutting up the obstruction. By 09:30 they were finished. Al says, "It is the first time in over 30 years that we have had such prompt action taken." To express our appreciation, our president has sent a letter of appreciation to Mr. Crawford with copies to Delegate Vivian Watts, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova, Braddock Supervisor John Cook, and Senator Chap Peterson.

As usual, Al has also been busy taking care of a number of things in our parkland himself. Just this month, he re-stained and sealed the two picnic tables and the bench by the Banff bridge. He also tied up two of our new trees that had out grown their stakes and plastic sleeves. He frequently cleans up and cuts fallen limbs himself. Our continued thanks to Al and his volunteers for all the work they do to keep our parkland enjoyable. And thanks to all of you who help by picking up stray limbs, trash and other things as you happen to be in the park. The park looks great!



**Come out and join us for the next Friday Night in the Park on September 8 (second Friday of the month) 6:00 –**

**7:30 p.m.**

Although this summer's attendance has been fairly small with varied attendees each time, the monthly Friday Nights in the Park have been enjoyed by those who came out. It's a great opportunity to meet some new neighbors or catch up with those you know in a relaxed informal setting. Just bring a chair, a snack if desired and your beverage of choice. Kids are welcome too!