

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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President's Notes

Dear Neighbors-

Hope you are all doing well. Please let us know if you need any help. We have a committee that is here to help buy groceries for you if need be. At this point we have more volunteers than requests and that says a lot of good things about our neighborhood. Thanks to those who were willing to help out.

Please read the note from the playground committee that has a photo of the selected play set and also gives us an update on the expected installation.

See you around – for now, with my face cover on.

Liz Segall
President, WCWHA

Parkland Concerns

Several problems have come to our attention in the past month or so.

Bamboo - A couple weeks ago we found quite a few bamboo poles that had been scattered around the ground near the playground. It looked as if maybe some kids were playing with them and then just abandoned them. In any case, please *DO*

NOT remove any of the mature bamboo from along the stream without the permission of our committee. It is valuable as an erosion preventer.

As usual, the bamboo is trying to spread into its surrounding area, and we will continue to try to get rid of the new spikes that appear. Feel free to lop off or stomp on those.

“Leave Nothing but Footprints” - Several school aged children, as adventurous kids will do, decided to dig “steps” from the creek bank into the creek downstream from the Banff Street bridge. It could have become a larger erosion problem if the parents hadn't intervened quickly to repair the damage. Please remind your children that the parkland belongs to all of us and to enjoy it, but not disturb it.



Al Meyer, Parkland Committee

Architecture Committee

The Architecture Committee has been steadily processing requests for home modifications from house painting and fence construction to driveway expansion and new roofing. It is exciting to see how much pride our residents take in their own homes and to realize how these improvements lift up the neighborhood and property value for all of us.

The spring “walk through” that is part of the committee’s responsibility will occur in June. If you see a couple of people on your street eyeing up your home realize we are not casing the place for a break-in just looking to see that homes are in compliance with the HOA standards. A note may be left in your mailbox if a small or large problem exists. Either way we ask that you read it over and make an effort to resolve the problem or contact a member of the committee if there are mitigating circumstances that you would like us to consider.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather that has finally arrived.

The Architecture Committee

Acting Chairman, Jim Powers

DO YOU NEED A COPY OF “REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES”?

This form can be downloaded from the association website at wcwha.org/Documents

Our New Playground is on the Way!

Friends and Neighbors,

The new playset is backordered until late June/mid July. The Playground Committee is hard at work finalizing the purchase and installation, to happen as soon as possible.

****We are still accepting donations that can be used for further accessories to the playset**** Checks can be mailed to WCWHA, PO Box 1151 Annandale, Va. 22003

The committee has ongoing opportunities to volunteer. Mulching and staining the playset will be necessary at/after installation. If you’d like to help with these projects please contact kimwright648@gmail.com Or F.Brayshaw@gmail.com
Pictured is the new playset



Local Information About COVID-19

For the latest information on COVID-19 in our county, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/>

Changes to Trash and Recycling in Fairfax County During COVID-19 Emergency

Events are moving fast. Residents should visit the following page on the

Fairfax County web site often for breaking information on trash and recycling and county facilities status: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/alert-message>.

New Neighborhood Weekly Newsletter

Two local residents in the Wakefield community (Chapel Square) have started a free weekly newsletter, *Wakefield Weekly*, covering the Wakefield community of Fairfax County, Va. Their stated goal is to foster a stronger sense of connection with neighbors and encourage community engagement. *Wakefield Weekly* is delivered to subscribers' inboxes every Monday morning, offering a concise rundown of topics of importance to Wakefield residents, such as schools, crime, real estate, events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

If interested, you can check out their newsletter on Wakefieldweekly.com.

WCWHA Board Meetings

As usual, all homeowners and/or residents are welcome to attend our board meetings. However, as place or time may change *please let one of the board members know you plan to attend*. For the moment board meetings are being held using virtual means. The remaining meetings for this year are:

August 24 - Caruso (Banff)
October 7 - Annual Meeting
December 7 - Valdez (Banff)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: 2020 Directory Coming!

Because of the current situation with COVID-19 and our need to keep our block captains safe, **we will be distributing, not only the newsletter, but also our updated directory for 2020 by email.** The directory should arrive via email in the next few days.. You can print it out for a handy reference. We apologize that it will not be in the compact booklet form that we previously distributed.

The directory will also be available on our website: www.wcwha.org/members. You will need a password for this access. If you have lost yours or it no longer works, drop us an email at wcwha.org@gmail.com.

Several homes have recently been sold, bringing in new neighbors. As you welcome your new neighbors, take a few minutes to obtain their contact information so that we may update the directory and add them to our email distribution lists. Also, *if you see errors in your information or your neighbor's please let us know using the same email as above.*

PICTURES OF THE PARK, ANYONE?

I know that many of you, like me, have had the opportunity to spend a bit more time in our parkland in recent days. I'm sure you'll agree it really is lovely. Any chance you've got some pictures to share? I'd love to include some in the next newsletter. If you'd like to share your efforts, please email them to me. We'll include them as space allows. I'm at: elainewade@verizon.net.