

WAKEFIELD CHAPEL WOODS

Newsletter

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President's Note

Dear Neighbors –

Hope you are doing well and were able to enjoy the holidays in spite of our current restrictions.

It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter and annual meeting. It is a pleasure that we have so many neighbors to thank! The Architectural, the Recreation Equipment and the Parkland committees' members spent much time and effort to enhance and maintain our beautiful community.

The following is from the **Friends of the Playground** and is the saga of their efforts to have the playset installed in 2020:

Last year (don't worry this is a good thing out of 2020) fellow homeowners, answered a call for funding a new play set.

\$5,650 was raised through the go fund me campaign, flyers, and email. This includes a donation from our HOA of \$500. We had 59 donors, who were

listed in a previous letter of gratitude. Three outside donors included grandparents of WCWHA kids, as well as a couple of neighboring friends of the park. However, the vast majority of donations came from our own homeowners in WCWHA. Thank you to everyone that made it possible and contributed in every way. Those who couldn't give offered encouragement and praise for our efforts.

There were some fascinating (and yes frustrating) hurdles that came along the way...

By March, suddenly, there was no inventory of the play set nationwide. It seems that everyone was installing a new play set for synchronous recess at home.

After placing the order, we waited for months while back orders were filled. Finally, we got the good news that our play set had arrived:).

But then, as only 2020 could frame it, the play set caught on fire in route on 295 as it was being delivered. The

driver/installer was waved over by a passerby, warning of the leaping flame coming off his trailer load. Well, what could have been a sure disaster turned out ok. No one was hurt and insurance took care of the replacement parts and pieces. However, this did create further delay.

Next, the installer required extra days for the install. He normally works with another, but due to Covid, he couldn't hire him to help.

Hooray for the new Play Set, and for the coming together of the WCWHA's community! I hope everyone has been able to see it first hand.

– Kim Wright (Banff)

The day of our playground dedication and celebration came right after we received word of new Covid restrictions for gatherings outside. Nonetheless, we were able to Zoom the ceremony to honor Al Meyer's 45 years of overseeing the maintenance of our parkland. The ceremony was recorded and can be viewed on a link from our website – www.wcwha.org. Al was indeed surprised, so good job at keeping the secret dedication from leaking out to him!

Thanks to the many people who worked to make this a fun and special day for those of us who could attend. As always, please let us know if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Liz Segall
President, Board of Directors



Bob Mannion –

As most of you know by now, our neighbor and former board member Bob Mannion (Sugarbush Ct) recently passed away. I remember the annual meeting when I presented the problem that we were unable to find a volunteer for the required fifth member of our HOA board. This was followed by the sound of crickets.... Not too long though because, without hesitation, Bob raised his hand and said he was willing to step up and help us out. Bob has always been a cheerful and kind member of our community and is sorely missed. Our thoughts remain with Sallie and his family.

Eagle Scout work in Parkland -

A big thank you to Brendan Read (Bromley Ct) who is currently in the process of completing his Eagle Scout requirements. Under Brendan's leadership his Boy Scout Troop 1523 completed a lot of work in the parkland in October. They painted the handrails on both bridges, flattened out the areas where trees were removed, moved a ton of rocks out of the creek, cleared out the drainage culvert that was filled with rocks and mud and reset the stand of the bird house with concrete. AND, as if that wasn't enough, they returned a couple weeks later to plant trees and bushes along the creek bank. As a result of their efforts, this will help maintain a level of sustainability along Turkey Run Creek for years to come. Our community is so grateful to have young neighbors who volunteer to improve our common area! We would like to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT to Brendan Read and Boy Scout Troop 1523!**

Help Wanted - Handrails Along Stairs Leading into the Parkland

It was suggested to our board that it would be helpful to have handrails installed along the three entrances to the parkland that have stairs (Banff, Bromley and Sugarbush.) Jim Powers and Tom Herrmann are looking into the possibilities. The type of handrails, materials to use, overall cost – these are some of the questions that need to be answered before proceeding. Is there anyone else in our community that might have expertise for such a project? If so, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please let them know via Tom's email – tom.e.herrmann@gmail.com.

Website Help Needed

If you haven't visited our website, take a look. Lots of information and useful links there. For instance, we have links to important HOA documents, important County sites (including COVID information), libraries, transportation, utilities, our up-to-date member directory and others. However, we have been using the current website for several years but are feeling that the platform is a bit clunky and limiting in flexibility of use. While I enjoy working with it, I do not have the skills needed to build another from scratch using another platform, such as WordPress, which allows more flexibility and creativity. If you have website building skills and would like to help with this, please let me know by emailing me (Donna Caruso) at wcwha.org@gmail.com.

Service Providers

Have you been looking for a service provider for an upcoming project – landscaper, painter, plumber, etc.? Did you know we have a list of providers on our website (<http://www.wcwha.org>) that have been recommended by your neighbors. If you visit our site, you will find a number of services that have been recommended. However, you will also notice that they do not cover all areas of service or that there may be only one or two are in some sections. *If you have recently used someone whose service pleased you, please share that person's name and contact information along with a brief description of your experience with them by emailing it to wcwha.org@gmail.com.*

WCWHA Board Meeting Schedule

As usual all homeowners are invited to attend Board meetings. Currently, because of COVID precautions, all meetings are being held by Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please let a board member know so that you may receive access information. The dates for 2021 meetings are listed below (and on the wcwha website). Meetings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise stated.

February 22

May 3

September 13

October 13 – Annual Meeting

December 6

Welcome New Neighbors

We would like to welcome new neighbors, the *Reksidler family*, Alan and Juliana Tessarolo with their two children, Luca (12) and Laura (10). They recently moved to 8506 Bromley Ct. from Vienna, VA. They

Please make sure your dog is leashed when in the park

are Brazilian but have resided in the US for 5 years.

Also, welcome to *Kurt and Fallon Hansen* who recently moved to 8517 Sugarbush Ct. from Florida with their daughter, Lily (8).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Stuff the Bus Food Drive is Back:

Fairfax County is excited to announce the next Stuff the Bus Food Drives that will take place on **Saturday, January 30, and Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.** On these two dates, buses will be parked at locations throughout Fairfax County to collect nonperishable food donations for area food pantries. In the Braddock District, donations will be received at:

- The Braddock Supervisor's District Office (**9002 Burke Lake Rd, Burke, VA, 22015**)
- The Commons Community Center in Burke (**5701 Roberts Pkwy, Burke, VA, 22015**)
- The Pennino Building (**12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA, 22015**)

Mardi Gras at the Workhouse

See attached flyer for more information



In Fairfax County, dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless they're in a designated off-leash area.

Section 41.1-2-4. Unrestricted dogs prohibited; leash law.

(a) No dog shall run unrestricted, as defined in Section 41.1-1-1, in the County. Any person who is the owner of a dog found unrestricted in the County shall be in violation of this Section. This Section shall not apply to any person who uses a dog under his direct supervision while lawfully hunting, while engaged in a supervised formal obedience training class or show, during formally sanctioned field trials, while a dog is in an area owned, leased, controlled, or operated by Fairfax County designated by resolution of the Board of Supervisors as an off-leash dog exercise area ... ***our parkland is NOT an off-leash area.*** It is a violation of this Section for any owner of a dog to place such dog or allow it to be placed into custody of any person not physically capable of maintaining effective control of restricting such dog.

FYI - Violations of the above are subject to issuance of a summons for violation of this Section. (26-04-41.1; 10-11-41.1.)

For more information about Fairfax County laws related to dog ownership, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/sites/health/files/assets/documents/pdf/animal-control-ordinance.pdf>

Fairfax County Health Department COVID 19 Information

For those of you who haven't already found this information, Fairfax County Health Department has two pages that may be of interest to you:

Vaccine Registration: Information for Vaccination Registration, as well as online registration information, can be found at: [COVID-19 Vaccine | Health \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/covid-19-vaccine)

The Health Department also has a good dashboard to show trends of infection, including by zipcode at: [COVID-19 Case Data for Fairfax Health District | COVID19 \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/covid-19-case-data)



Workhouse
ARTS CENTER

Let the Good Times Roll: Mardi Gras



*Classes, Tutorials, Demos, Parade,
Drive In Comedy Show, Art, and More!*

Family Friendly Virtual Activities on Social Media (No Cost)

February 1 – 13, 2021

- ❖ Make the Most Fabulous and Festive Masks
- ❖ Learn how to decorate your float - Make Your Car/Stroller/Wagon a Parade Winner
- ❖ Enjoy mixology workshops: Hurricanes, Sazerac, Pimm's Cup and a Hangover Cure!

In Person Socially Distant Activities: Fun for All Ages

Saturday, February 13, 2021

- ❖ Two Culinary Art Classes. Learn to make Beignets, King Cake, Po'boys, Etouffee, and more!
- ❖ Two Socially Distant Glass Bead making Demonstrations
- ❖ Two Drive In Comedy Shows Rahmein and Friends! (Space is limited, buy tickets now)
- ❖ Mardi Gras Parade & Decorating Contest – Stollers/Wagons/Floats/Cars – Cash Prizes

Check www.workhousearts.org for more opportunities, schedules and tickets.

Art Galleries & Lucy Burns Museum Open
9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton (5 minutes from Historic Occoquan)