

Woodmont Civic Association

Quarterly Newsletter **January 2004**

Congratulations to the New Woodmont Officers!

At the October Woodmont Civic Association meeting, the members present voted for a new slate of officers, as follows.

President: Naiem Sherbiny lives at 2807 Lorcom Lane. He is an economist, retired from the World Bank, and now runs his own property investment and management firm. He also serves as a part time research professor at Georgetown University.
703-524-3470; nasher@erols.com

Vice President: Sharon Rogers lives at 2922 N. 24th Street. She is retired from work in university administration and academic libraries. Sharon serves as Woodmont representative to Fire Station #3 Relocation Task Force. She served previously on an advisory group for remodeling Arlington County Central Library.
703-524-0413; sroger7@attglobal.net

Treasurer: Ron and Sue Bentley live at 2600 N. 24th Street. Ron is an engineer at General Dynamics. Sue is a Division Manager at SAIC. She has served as treasurer for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, her children's Girl and Boy Scout troops, and son's Arlington travel soccer team. Ron is the treasurer of a philatelic club.
703-524-1652; bentleys@saic.com

Secretary: David Thacker lives at 2546 N. 23rd Road. For the last 5 years he has been working for Aigvalic as a financial advisor. Before that he had a career as a violinist, teaching and performing in his home town of Roanoke, VA for 13 years.
703 351-5557;

david_thacker@aigvalic.com

The next Woodmont Civic Association meeting will be held on January 22, 2004 at 7:30 pm at Woodmont Center (lower level). Agenda items include:

**** Woodmont Center**

Parking Lot

**** Delegates to Arlington Civic Federation**

UPDATES

Cherrydale Firehouse Task Force

A work session on November 19, 2003 with County Board members was the final meeting of the Fire Station #3 Relocation Task Force. The city manager reported that conversations had been held with all three landowners of sites recommended by the Task Force: Cherrydale Bromptons, Koons Toyota and Brown's Honda. However, there is nothing to report publicly about the progress of negotiations. The Task Force was discharged. When property negotiations have been completed, a new advisory group will be formed to work with County staff on design of the new fire station.

Zoning and Development Seminar

The Arlington Civic Federation sponsored a workshop on planning and zoning issues for civic associations on November 22, 2003. The workshop began with an overview of Arlington County's Planning and Development Review Process, presented by Bob Brosnan, Director of the Arlington County Planning Division. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation will be posted at the Civic Federation website (www.civfed.org). Peter Owen, of the Clarendon-Court House Civic Association provided details of development within the boundaries of a civic association and response strategies on how to manage the process. Michael McHugh, a local zoning attorney, concluded the program with legal steps to influence planning and zoning. While notice to neighbors and civic associations is built into the process, McHugh advocated adding notice when the zoning administrator receives a request for zoning interpretation. He argued that once interpretation is issued, little room would be left for appeal by neighborhoods. The lively and intense question-and-answer period suggested that a follow-up might be scheduled in the near future. If and when scheduled, it will be announced by the Civic Federation.

Woodmont Center Parking Lot

The Office of Support Services of Arlington County has developed a plan

to improve outdoor amenities at the Woodmont Center. The County is asking the neighborhood to comment on the plan before approval. WCA urges neighbors adjacent to the Woodmont Center to review the plan. At the January 22nd civic association meeting, WCA will form its position, vote on it, and send it to the County. One copy of the Plan is at the Woodmont Center, mid-level main office of the Adult Daycare Program. The other copy is with Naïem Sherbiny, president of the WCA (703-524-3470). Written comments may be sent to nasher@erols.com

Neighborhood Conservation

The fall 2003 Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) funding session concluded in December 2003. Woodmont does not currently have any projects up for NCAC funding. Our last project, for traffic calming on North 24th Street, was funded in the fall 2001 funding session. Funding, which comes from voter-approved bonds, is available for projects involving curb / gutter / sidewalk, park and recreation facilities, traffic calming, street lights, and beautification. A sidewalk project has been proposed for Fillmore Street and there has been some discussion of developing a traffic calming project for Lorcom Lane and Military Road. If you're interested in an NCAC project please contact Carla von Bernewitz (703-525-5580), Woodmont NCAC representative, or email at von.bernewitz@verizon.net

WCA Delegates to the Arlington Civic Federation

The new WCA by-laws require that we elect the delegates and alternates to the Arlington Civic Federation (ACF). Election for these slots will be held in the April 2004 meeting. WCA will take nominations from the floor at the January and April meetings. Here are the current candidates for the ACF positions:

Delegates: Sharon Rogers, David Thacker, Steve Baur, Larry Roberts
Alternates: Norm Mosher, Carla von Bernewitz, Rose Kehoe, Stacey Brown

If you are interested in serving as a delegate or alternate to the Arlington Civic Federation, please contact Naiem Sherbiny at nasher@erols.com



Learning by Mentoring

Taylor Elementary School is working to improve our students' reading and math skills and needs your help. *Learning by Mentoring* is a grassroots attempt to bring community support to students in a new way, by mentoring and tutoring.

This year, *Learning by Mentoring* will start small with 10-15 targeted students in grades K-3. *Learning by Mentoring* will be held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons after school (3:45-5:00) and requires a 2.5-hour a week commitment on the part of each volunteer. In addition, you are required to attend an orientation meeting and 3 training sessions (4.5 hours). If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to:

Taylor Elementary / Learning By Mentoring Program
Attn: Ena Bentley Wood
2600 N Stuart Street
Arlington, VA 22207

Arlington Farmers Market

The Arlington Farmers' Market will re-open Saturday January 3 for its second winter. The market will be open, weather-permitting, every Saturday 8 a.m.-noon at the intersection of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. The Arlington Farmers Market is one of only three producer-only markets open all year in the Washington area.

What could farmers be selling in winter? A selection of local fruit, greenhouse vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, fresh milk, baked goods and a handful of other locally produced products. For more information about the farmers' market call 703-228-6423 or email ttyler@vt.edu.

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Save the Date – Neighborhood Day, Saturday, May 8th 2004

As a way to celebrate neighborhood day, Arlington County may host a running festival. The running festival would consist of two races—a 3.1 mile race and a marathon finishing at the Key Bridge Marriott and Gateway Park in Rosslyn. If the County finalizes this event, WCA will set up a refreshment table along the course in the Woodmont neighborhood. The proposed course runs along Spout Run Parkway and Lorcom Lane east of the Lyon Village Shopping Center.

Neighborhood's Announcements

<> A Philippine woman cleans in the neighborhood every other Saturday. She speaks English, reasonable, efficient, and honest. Call Lita 301-779-8913

<> A FREE, large trampoline in good condition available. First come first served. Please call 703-524-3470 or email nasher@erols.com

<> A young Bolivian woman works in the neighborhood once every two weeks. She offers to baby sit or clean house during the week at reasonable prices. Her English is limited, but she is learning. Please call 703-294-6917 or send email to lgadamson@earthlink.net

Senior News

Internet training for seniors made easy:

Register with Cyber Seniors / for 4 one-hour sessions, hands-on, comfortable pace for beginners. Cost is \$30, which includes workbook. Classes held at Lee Senior Center, Kenmore and Williamsburg schools. Call 703-228-6425 for details.

WCA Directory 2004

Lynda Adamson has graciously accepted to help update the Woodmont Civic Association phone directory. Please email your changes to ladamson@alumni.unc.edu

Traffic Calming on Military Road

Consultants from the Arlington County Arterial Traffic Management Study are examining Military Road between Lorcom and Old Glebe Road. They will develop a plan to help address traffic problems. The Donaldson Run residents have shared their ideas about

the problems and potential solutions to the traffic issues on this stretch of Military. The Woodmont Civic Association was invited to share its concerns. County staff will work with the consultants to provide a concept plan that addresses these concerns.

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SUMMER CAMP

The YMCA Arlington offers fun, safe and exciting camps for every age, gender and imagination. We offer traditional Camps, Specialty Camps such as science, theatre, art, Trip Camps and Outdoor Adventure Camps, including overnight adventures and trips to locations throughout Virginia, Maryland and DC. Early Bird Registration begins in February. In order to secure a spot in our lottery system, return a postcard to the YMCA no later than February 6th 2004. To receive a postcard stop by or call the YMCA for more information. If you have any questions please contact Liz Perniciaro at 703-525-5420.