

Woodmont Civic Association

Quarterly Newsletter

April 2006

ELECTIONS

April 27th, 7:30 pm
Woodmont Center

WCA Board met on March 4 to discuss forthcoming elections. Candidates running are as follows. Besides the following list, members may nominate from the floor.

WCA Board

President:

Naïem Sherbiny [2807 N. Lorcom Lane]
Lived on Lorcom Lane since 1978. Sons Ali (23) graduated from Virginia Tech and Zak (20) studies at UVA. Naïem manages the family's property business. He has been WCA president for the last 3 years.

Vice-President:

Toni Gentry [2386 N. Edgewood St]
Professional experience includes: managed commercial properties and homeowners associations, and a real estate agent in Denver, CO. Presently studying philosophy and American literature at Marymount University. She is married to Omar Serageldin, an anti-trust attorney at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. They have two children Tariq, 6, and Malik, 3.

Treasurer:

Sue Bentley [2600 24th St]
Lived in Woodmont for 19 years. Married to Ron Bentley, who has lived in Woodmont over 25 years. They have two children: Scott, 15 (W&L) and Alison 12 (Swanson). Sue served as the WCA treasurer for 3 years. Works as Program Manager at Science Applications International Corp. in Tyson's Corner.

Secretary:

Jacquie J. Heyn [2206 24th St]

Formerly an elementary school teacher lived in the same house in the neighborhood since 1977. With her husband Fred raised 4 children. One of the sons and his wife and 4 of 13 grandchildren live with them. Loves this neighborhood and wants it to remain a peaceful and friendly place for all of us to enjoy. I would like to be helpful in that continuing process and therefore am running for the office of recording secretary.

Delegates to Arlington County Civic Federation [ACCF]

Sharon Rogers [2922 North 24th St]

Retired university administrator; lived in Arlington for 22 years. She has served on a couple of Arlington advisory committees, Central Library and Cherrydale Fire Station. She maintains the WCA website and email list.

Michael W. Chellman [2510 N. 24th St]

Native of Arlington: grew up on Lorcom Lane; father still lives in Cherrydale; graduate of Washington-Lee High School, resident of Woodmont Since 1994. High school teacher and publisher of nationally distributed education journal for secondary teachers. Married to Suzanne Hayes with a 10-year old son, Jack, a 4th grader at Taylor Elementary.

Nancy Kilpatrick [2375 N. Edgewood St]

Resided in Woodmont since 1988. She is a manager with a Federal agency whose programs provide health care to underserved and special populations. She has a special interest in preserving the tree canopy that is the hallmark of Woodmont.

Lee Rooker [2222 N. 24th St]

Lived in Woodmont for over 20 years. He and his wife Nancy have two sons: Ron (14) and Stephen (13). He is the director of the Family Policy Compliance Office at the U.S. Department of Education,

Representatives for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan

Need two candidates.

One candidate already declared: Kevin Love [2705 24th St]; no biography available.

Need an alternate. Nominations from the floor are urged.

Updating the WCA Directory

Can you believe? Two years have already passed by since we updated our Directory. Much change has taken place: some neighbors have moved out others moved in, including at least 14 new houses in the area. We hope to get more email addresses.

WCA Minutes for January 26, 2006

Welcome from President.

Minutes from the October 2005 meeting were presented and approved.

Sue Bentley, our treasurer, presented her report. As of January 26, 2006 we had a balance of \$1,040.83.

Announcement of elections for all officers to be held at the April meeting. Please contact one of the Board members if you know of people who are interested in serving in one of the positions.

Captain David Herbstreit of the Arlington Co. Police Dept. gave a presentation on crime in our community. Highlights from his talk:

- > During the last 3 months there were no reported crimes in our neighborhood.
- > There were 2 random incidents in North Arlington, a car driver was attacked and there was an attempted assault on a jogger.

> In all of Arlington Co there are 16 to 22 officers on the beat at a time.

> 6 Motorcycle police, and detectives are also available when needed.

> State Police monitor only the interstate highways.

Questions for the Officer

> What about Solicitors? All Solicitors need a license. Magazine sells, etc. Never let them into your house without seeing a license first.

> What about cars in Fort C. Smith after dark? Call in complaint. Even if an officer does not come, it creates a record for the department to track.

WCA website

Send any website information to Sharon Rogers [sjdrr@verizon.net]

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It was suggested to post the Woodmont Center schedule on our website.

It was also suggested that a notice be sent to those on our email list when something new is posted to the site.

Announcements

Condolences were extended to Harry Bacas on the recent deaths of his wife and brother.

Notices of up coming street work will be delivered and posted in the neighborhood. If you have questions about this you can call 703-228-0764.

Steve Baur presented a proposed amendment to our Constitution. It concerns the delegates attendance at county meetings. The amendment will be posted and voted on at the April meeting.

Jay Dunn reported he had spoken to Robert Norris about posting signs in the neighborhood that would display fines for speeding as a way to slow traffic.

Meeting Adjourned

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**Proposed Amendment to the
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
WOODMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION as
Approved October 27, 2001 and
Revised July 2003**

Whereas

- 1) The representation of the Woodmont Civic Association (WCA) at the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Committee (NCAC) and Arlington Civic Federation requires active and regular monthly participation, and
- 2) Woodmont's currently elected NCAC Delegate has moved from the neighborhood and County records show that both the Delegate and Alternate have failed to attend *any* meeting of that program since January 2005; and
- 3) The Arlington County NCAC Planning Supervisor has listed Woodmont as "inactive," meaning the Woodmont Civic Association cannot vote and cannot receive any County funds for neighborhood improvement projects; and
- 4) WCA residents deserve active representation from elected residents who have agreed to be a delegate to other organizations, particularly official Arlington County neighborhood benefit programs; and
- 5) WCA officers have failed to act in the best interest of the WCA after being presented with a tie vote for two candidates for NCAC Delegate by advocating alternating responsibility for the position, when one candidate had a perfect attendance record in her prior term and the second candidate, with responsibility as a currently appointed Alternate Delegate had failed to attend even a single meeting which had been missed by the Delegate (and clearly

there were an abundance of opportunities):

Be it resolved that the WCA will advertise the following amendment to its Constitution for discussion and vote at the April 2006 quarterly meeting.

The current text of Article V. FISCAL, OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, ELECTIONS, Section 5. ELECTION PROCEDURE AND TERM, which reads:

"All officers and delegates shall be elected at the April meeting and shall take office as of May 1. Their term of office shall be for one year and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified. However, if such election is not held at the April meeting, the officer's term shall commence on the first day of the following month after their election. Prior to the election, the Executive Committee shall prepare a slate of prospective nominees and give notice to all Association members of said nominees and their qualifications for each office. At the time of the election, additional nominations may be made from the floor provided those persons so named have agreed in advance to serve if elected. All nominees shall be paid-up resident members."

will be amended by the addition of the following sentences:

"Delegates and who fail to attend more than two consecutive meetings of the Arlington County organization or other entity will automatically forfeit their status as a Delegate. For positions where an Alternate Delegate is recognized, representation of the WCA by the Alternate will not be held against the Delegate."