

Woodmont Civic Association

Quarterly Newsletter

July 2006

Message from the President:

About a month ago, a neighbor reported the appearance of a transient on his way to sleep in Fort CF Smith Park one night on a weekend. The neighbor confronted the transient who claimed to know the people at Ivanwald, and was headed there. Later, the neighbor checked at the group home, and the man was there. The following day, the neighbor reported the incident in email to some members of the County- appointed Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC), among others. Sue Bentley of NAC asked the group home representative to the Committee to provide information about the incident. The representative reported that the man was resident at Ivanwald over 20 years ago, but was not a resident now and was not an invited guest. He was taken to a nearby metro station. He did not return to the neighborhood since.

The incident triggered concern among neighbors and a flurry of emails ensued. The NAC met shortly thereafter to discuss the incident, and plans to report to our Civic Association meeting on Thursday July 27, 2006.

Intruders in the neighborhood?

Since the C.F. Smith Park opened years ago, some individuals were occasionally reported to have spent the night there. Those of us who have lived in the neighborhood for the past 25 to 30 years recognize the marked improvement in the community over the years. The end of 24th street was a menace of weeds, trash, drug deals, and "lover's lane". Neighbors recall stolen cars that were abandoned and burned there, and the times they had to call the police to help clean up

the mess. They also recall occasions of pre-teens vandalizing neighborhood cars, stealing rear view mirrors and car emblems as collectors' items. Hopefully, a balance exists somewhere between keeping our neighborhood clean and safe and showing kindness to those needing help, where appropriate.

WCA Summer Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2006

Woodmont Center, 7:30 P.M.

Agenda:

- Intruders in the community
- Updating WCA Directory
- Labor Day Picnic
- Delegates and Alternates

Labor Day Picnic?

Labor Day is not far away, and some have suggested a picnic for the day. Vicky Foster had kindly coordinated the picnic last year and we hope she can take the lead in making it a reality this year. The affair should give us a chance to get acquainted with each other and welcome the new comers in our community.

Updating WCA Directory

With 12 or 13 new homes in the area and others who have purchased existing homes, some volunteers are needed to welcome the new neighbors and collect information on the households so all may be included and informed of community affairs. Toni Gentry, our VP, herself a new comer to the community, will coordinate this effort with Linda Adamson who had produced the Directory in 2004. Please call Toni at 703.528.6369, or write her at toni_g65@yahoo.com

WCA Minutes

April 2006 Meeting

The following slate of officer and delegates were elected.

President: Naiem Sherbiny

Vice President: Tony Gentry

Treasurer: Sue Bentley

Secretary: Jacquie Heyn

Arlington County Civic Federation:

Delegates: Sue Bentley

Nancy Kilpatrick

Sharon Rogers

Lee Rooker

Alternate Delegates: Michael Chellman

Art Lindsley

Norm Mosher

Open

Neighborhood Association Conservation Committee:

Delegate: Kevin Love (later declined)

Alternate Delegate: Kay Hart. (Nancy Kilpatrick offered to help).

The Committee warned that our neighborhood was one of 8 communities who have not had enough participation recently to be considered voting members.

An amendment to the Constitution was presented but because lack of attendance by anyone involved in it, it was tabled until the next meeting in July.

Thanks were extended to Paul Rusinko and David Thacker for their service on the executive board. Both had decided not to run for reelection.