

# Woodmont Civic Association

## Quarterly Newsletter

October 2006

### **Thanks for help**

The WCA wishes to acknowledge the service of the young men and women from the Group Homes for distributing the quarterly newsletter to all homes for the last four issues. Special thanks to Giovanni Tricerri for coordinating the effort.

### **The WCA Officers**

- Naiem Sherbiny continues as President; Sue Bentley as Treasurer. New officers:
- Tony Gentry (Vice President). She lives on Edgewood in the same house where her husband grew up.
- Jacquie Heyn (Secretary). She has lived on 24<sup>th</sup> Street with her husband and children since 1977.

### **Membership**

The WCA has coverage of 300 households, and membership of 42. We would like to have more than the 14% rate we currently have. If you are not a member, please become one. If you are a member, talk to your neighbor to become one. We need higher participation from the 'silent majority' to carry out needed functions – and to represent WCA in the Arlington-wide Civic Federation.

### **WCA-Police Relations**

Sergeant Michael Watson of the 1st District of Arlington came to our July meeting to talk about issues of concern to us. He described Woodmont as one of the quietest neighborhoods in the County. Sergeant Watson said it was important to contact the police not the Civic Association when there is a problem. At the moment there are no active Neighborhood Watches, which are generally good for prevention. When there is a crisis in Arlington, information can be found on the website [www.co.arlington.va.us](http://www.co.arlington.va.us), then go to: "Arlington Alert".

The officer directly responsible for our neighborhood is Micah Phelan. He drives around the neighborhood frequently, and plans to come to meet you in the 10/26 meeting.

### **Neighborhood Directory**

The 2006 Directory is in process. One neighbor described it as the best service of the WCA. For easier logistics, we are distributing the forms with this letter to all. Toni Gentry is managing this project and Linda Adams is the lists custodian. Please follow instructions as listed in the leaflet. Toni underlies the caveat that WCA does not authorize publication of any part of the Directory anywhere on the internet nor for commercial use of any kind.

### **Group Homes**

In view of the intruder incident a few months ago, the young men at Ivanwald set up the following policy. "Two types of guests are allowed: potential applicants, and family members and friends. Prior approval of Homes senior leadership is now required for all guests before they arrive. All guests are required to have a point of contact to serve as character reference. Uninvited guests will not be accommodated."

A member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee reported in WCA July meeting that the Group Homes are operating as initially set out. The Committee now meets as needed.

### **WCA Meeting**

On Thursday 10/26 at 7:30 PM in the Woodmont Center. Items for discussion: open. County and Voting brochures are available. Announcements: Please bring relevant stuff.