

Woodmont Civic Association

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2007

Thanks Neighbors

- ◆ The WCA appreciates the generosity of Joe Dimideo and the YMCA for availing Woodmont Center space to our quarterly meetings free of charge.
- ◆ The WCA acknowledges the service of the young men and women from the Group Homes in distributing the newsletter to all homes for the last 4 issues. Special thanks to Giovanni Tricerri for coordinating the effort.

Membership

It is January: membership renewal time. The WCA has coverage of 300 households, and membership of 42 during 2006. We aspire to raise the rate above 14% rate in 2007. If you are a member, please renew (\$10) and urge others to join. We need higher participation to carry out necessary functions – and to represent WCA in the Arlington-wide Civic Federation.

WCA-Police Relations

Last October, Micah Phelan, the Arlington County liaison police officer came to discuss matters of concern to us. Officer Phelan described Woodmont as one on the quietest and safest neighborhood; its crime rate is one of the lowest five in the County. He asked to contact the police not the Civic Association when there is a problem. His voice mail is 703.228.3600 X 9770. He asked we occasionally consult the County website at www.co.arlington.va.us. In crisis, go to the site for "Arlington Alert".

Neighborhood Directory

The new Directory is in progress, and should be out soon. One neighbor described it as the best service of the WCA. Toni Gentry is managing this project and Linda Adams is the custodian of the lists. If you have not updated your entries, please do so at your earliest convenience and send to Toni at 2386 Edgewood St, Arlington, VA 22207. We are ready to go to press. Note: WCA does not authorize publication of any part of the Directory anywhere on the internet nor for commercial use of any kind.

Tree Canopy

In last October meeting, we hosted one of the County arborists to talk about our tree canopy. She reported that the Arlington tree canopy has steadily declined in the last 50 years. In most residential areas, canopy is in the 30-60% range. In the high rise areas the canopy is less than 10%. In Woodmont, most old trees would be gone soon. We must plant trees now, to stabilize the tree canopy. Choose native trees to fit in the planting space at full maturity; be sure to avoid large trees. Trees add \$10-15K to home values.

I-66 Expansion

VDOT is conducting a spot improvement design study for the expansion of I-66. One of the three spot improvements concerns WCA area: the extension of the on-ramp from Route 29 (Spout Run) to Glebe Road.

To learn more about the project, a public workshop is scheduled on January 23, 2007 from 7:00-8:30 pm at Washington-Lee High School. This is your opportunity to make your views known about the implications of the project for our community in general and your property values in particular.

Energy audits

Arlington County recently announced a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The county is offering a limited number of free home energy audits to residents. This is an assessment of your energy use by a trained energy auditor. The audit takes 2-3 hours; it will identify improvements in energy use to reduce your utility bills. Visit this site: www.arlingtonva.us/climate. Be sure to fill out the Energy Audit application by 04/01/07.

WCA Meeting

On Thursday 01/25 at 7:30 PM in the Woodmont Center. Items for discussion: Civic Fed. delegates; the Advisory Conservation Committee; newsletter participation. Other matters?