



Woodmont Civic Association

October 2008

Quarterly Newsletter

Renovation at Woodmont Center

A renovation project started at the Woodmont Center started on September 11 with an estimated completion date of April 18, 2009. The community notice of the construction appears at www.geocities.com/woodmontca/2008_woodmont_construction_notice.

At the Woodmont CA quarterly meeting on October 16, Brent Stagnaro, project manager, will be present to address the following questions –

- 1) what exactly does the work entail?
- 2) How long will it take? What will the hours of construction be? Weekends?
- 3) Has the Arlington County Public School system been informed so that bus routes can readjust?
- 4) Who employs the construction workers--are they Arlington County employees, contract workers or employees of a construction company? Have they gone through a background check?
- 5) What are the arrangements for access pm Election Day?
- 6) Where will all the parents of the 700 kids who use the gymnastics studio park? Can parking be restricted on any of the side streets?

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<http://www.geocities.com/woodmontca>

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NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2008
7:30 p.m., Woodmont Center, lower level

AGENDA

- Renovation project at Woodmont Center (see story) – Brent Stagnaro, Construction Management Specialist and Project Manager
- Discussion of other Woodmont Community business

Renovation at Woodmont Center, continued

If you have additional questions but are not able to be present at the meeting please email them to Sharon J. Rogers, President, Woodmont CA (sjdr@verizon.net)

The construction manager, Anthony Jones, anticipates that it will be possible for residents to view project progress on the County website. When this is arranged it will be announced by a community email and also linked from the Woodmont website.

Beat the Election Lines on Election Day!

Vote by absentee ballot if you're outside Arlington for work or other reasons on election day. Call the election registrar at 703-228-3456 for details or check the Arlington County Election 2008 Survival Guide at www.arlingtonva.us/vote. Absentee voting started on September 22 and may be completed by mail or in person at the County Court House.

You can check your registration status on the website (above) any time or by calling during business hours.



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Beat Election Lines, continued

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Even with new electronic poll books, additional machines, and the option of an optical scan ballot, there will be lines at this election, with the longest early in the morning or late in the afternoon. The shortest lines are likely to be in mid-afternoon.

Some key dates to remember to participate easily in this presidential election:

October 6: Deadline to register to vote or to update your address.

October 28, 5 p.m.: Deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail.

November 4: General (Presidential) Election

Emergency Preparedness

September was preparedness month, but it's still not too late to take the following steps to get ready for an emergency:

- Be informed by signing up for emergency alerts at www.arlingtonalert.com. Be aware that emergency information is also available through the County's website, 1700 AM radio, and AVN Cable Channel 74.
- Make a plan following suggestions at www.arlingtonva.us/oem
- Prepare an Emergency Kit – for what to include go to www.arlingtonva.us/oem
- Get involved – has anyone in Woodmont completed CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training? If so, please contact Sharon Rogers at sjdr@verizon.net

Community Engagement: What's your "Next Phase?"

What is your Next Phase? How can the talents and skills of Arlington be shared to improve our community? How can nonprofit and county agencies better involve the growing population of folks who will retire? Take a few minutes to share how you may already be or wish to be involved in Arlington as you transition in your career. The Arlington Community Foundation is assessing the community engagement of older adults in Arlington. We want to learn about how older adults (55 and better) are volunteering or employed in the Community. The survey results will be widely shared in the Spring along with the results from surveys of nonprofit and public agencies.

For more information about this project and a link to the online survey, go to:

<http://www.arlcf.org/ACFOlderAdultsinCivicEngagement.htm>

New County Center Provides Adult Day Services

Easter Seals Adult Day Services Center now provides County residents with an additional day placement option for loved ones experiencing symptoms of Alzheimer's, dementia or physical handicaps. Located in the Walter Reed Community Center, this newly licensed facility has partnered with Arlington County to offer quality medical and therapeutic recreational services to disabled adults and seniors who need extra support and assistance to safely continue residing in the community and post-pone or avoid nursing home placement. The Center also strives to provide support for family members who often bear the burden of caring for disabled or aging family members. This pet-friendly Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Meals include a light breakfast, catered lunch and afternoon snack. For more information please call Deborah Greenbush, Center Director at 703-228-0965.



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Fire Station Open House: Saturday, October 11

The Arlington County Fire Department hosts an open house at all fire stations on Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event is held in celebration of Fire Prevention Week. All community members are welcome. Woodmont is generally served by the Cherrydale Fire Station at 3900 Lee Hwy.

Household Hazardous Materials Collection: Saturday, October 11

The **Arlington Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE)** is a twice yearly event where Arlington residents can safely dispose of household hazardous materials, or recycle bikes, small metal items, electronic equipment, shoes, eyeglasses, and durable medical equipment. In addition, compost bins will be for sale. Before you come to the E-CARE

Household Hazardous Materials Collection, continued

event, talk to your neighbors! Combine your items and save a trip to the collection site.

Get rid of your unwanted paint products (25 can limit), flammable solvents, automotive fluids, garden chemicals, household cleaners, and many other flammable, poisonous or corrosive household products. The County provides environmentally safe disposal for your hazardous materials. Complete details of materials that are accepted appear at www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/Documents/ECARE_Spring08.pdf

This collection is open to Arlington residents only.

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. One block east of Glebe Rd and one block south of Rt. 50. (703) 228-5900. The entrance will be marked.

Woodmont Civic Association Meeting Schedule

2009

January 15: Woodmont Center, lower level, 7:30 p.m.

***Deadline for ads and newsletter content:
December 29***

Deadline for newsletter delivery: January 1

April 16: Woodmont Center, lower level, 7:30 p.m. -- New elections

***Deadline for ads and newsletter content:
March 30***

Deadline for newsletter delivery: April 2

Advertising Rates: Woodmont Civic Association Newsletter

1/4 page (15 s.i.): \$25
1/3 page (21 s.i.): \$35
1/2 page (30 s.i.): \$50
Full page (60 s.i.): \$100

Personal ads from Woodmont Association members are welcome at reduced cost.
Please send inquiry to sjdr@verizon.net

Please send text of advertisement by email attachment before the stated deadline to sjdr@verizon.net. Please send check for ad to Sue Bentley, Treasurer, 2600 N. 24th Street, Arlington, VA 22207