

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

September 2020

The Winston Knolls Civic Association (WKCA) was established in 1975 as a non-profit organization promoting the common interests of the Winston Knolls community (approximately 489 homes). The civic association sponsors Cub Scout Pack 685, the Knolls News, Neighborhood Directory, social events and activities. We pay over \$2,800.00 dollars annually for the mowing of Huntsman median sidewalks, and the sign area to keep up property values in the community. Membership for the WKCA is purely voluntary, the annual dues are a modest \$20 per year. Residents may join the civic association anytime throughout the year, but the annual membership drive runs from March to May each year. Both owners and those renting a home in the community are eligible to join, a big reward for such a small amount.

Winston Knolls

Winston Knolls Civic Association membership is voluntary and offered to each of our 489 homes. We sponsor civic-minded events and promote and protect the wellbeing of our neighborhood!

Website Resource for WKCA
www.wknolls.net

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Fall Picture of the Winston Knolls Sign

I would like to thank the Winston Knolls Garden Club for the outstanding work they have been doing in keeping our sign area looking Sharp. They took over the responsibility last year and they have weeded, planted shrubs and flowers, plus spread mulch to ensure that the area is well manicured. If you see any of the members, please stop to tell them thank you for a job ell Done!

Are you new to the neighborhood?

If you recently have become a Winston Knolls resident or know of a new family that has moved into the neighborhood over the summer or in the last few weeks, please contact a Board Member, Kathy Sherman at kisherman3@gmail.com, or Tom Blume at kathandtoblume@gmail.com in order for us to get their information into our database.



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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors and Friends, because of the latest situation (CORVID-19) most of us are TELEWORKING, home schooling children, or working sparingly to ensure that we keep our distance and do what we can to not get the virus. However, while keeping our social distance, it is good to see more people getting out and walking/running in the neighborhood; working in their yards and maybe having some good quality time with your spouse and family. Unfortunately, we have not been able to participate and have our normal activities since last March. I do want to thank you for supporting the Civic Association's Membership Drive. Although, it was not a great year for our membership drive we had approximately 285 paid 2020 members, 58% membership. This includes 104 that pre-paid their membership last year. The percentage is a direct result of COVID-19, as we were not able to knock on doors and canvas the community with the block captains as in the past. I estimate that we lost about 10-15% of the normal yearly dues that we usually collect because of this situation. Before writing this section, I did check with the county on social distancing, having a large gathering, such as the Halloween parade/ picnic and the Big Item Pick up/shred. Needless to say, it is not wise to gather in a big crowd and partake of food and the county is still not participating in community events. However, I did see that the local dump was operating on a rather abbreviated schedule. Hopefully after the first of the year we can get back to semi-normal. I would like to tell you that we did not just roll over and do nothing the past few months. Through an Eagle Scout Project we were able to fix the fence at Arley Drive, we paid for grass cutting and weed spraying along the median and sign area to the tune of \$2,900.00 dollars, The Garden club was busy ensuring the sign area was looking great, advocated the condition of the community roads and the feasibility of getting them repaired and was successful in getting the county to cut the grass twice at Hanks Place. The Civic Association is looking to revive the neighborhood watch, and we are seeking a volunteer to head up this important position. We are also seeking your help, as the WKCA board is in need of volunteers to fill vacant positions, plus positions of long serving officers and committee chairs who would like to turn over their role to someone new or who have past their service limit according to our bylaws. On a final note, no one is thrilled with the present circumstances, but we need to take advantage of this time to reflect on just what is important and be grateful for what we have, not what we want. I do see a brighter future just around the corner and we in the civic association are ready to bring back our activities to the community as soon as we are allowed to. Until then be safe, practice good hygiene and if you know of anyone in need, please lend a helping hand!

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The Civil Air Patrol

Civil Air Patrol (CAP)– An exciting volunteer opportunity for local Cadets (age 12 to 18) and Senior Members (19+) to gain real world skills in aerospace, cybersecurity, leadership and disaster assessment and relief.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the all-volunteer, US Air Force



auxiliary. Early in World War II, German submarines sunk hundreds of allied and US merchant ships often within sight of our shores. (pins on map inset, source:

https://www.uboot.net/maps/us_east_coast.htm). In 1941, US Navy and Air Forces needed help to search for and report prowling submarines for allied interdiction. CAP organized that year and volunteer pilots took their planes to do this real world, coastal patrol mission and achieved great success. CAP missions have changed and expanded to and retains the energy and a spirit of volunteerism to contribute to our local communities and beyond. Civil Air Patrol has 3 main missions today: Cadet Programs, Emergency Services and Aerospace Education. Winston Knolls resident, Captain (Capt) Sara Demyanovich, CAP, is the Squadron Commander for the local CAP unit, Burke Composite Squadron, with about 70 cadets and senior members. With COVID, the weekly meetings changed from in person to virtual. The squadron welcomes interest and is accepting new members. The squadron meets virtually on Thursday nights from 7-9 pm, with limited in-person activities on other evenings and weekends. Cadet programs. Adults mentor, empower, and guide youth CAP members ages 12-18 (known as Cadets). The program focuses on developing leadership, exposing youth to aerospace, introducing fitness as a lifestyle and including the value of character. Some Cadets join because they are interested in knowing more topics such as flying, aviation, the military, leadership, or cyber security. Emergency Services program. Cadets and senior members may train for both Ground and Air Search and Rescue as real world U.S. Air Force or CAP approved missions. With its fleet of aircraft, CAP provides primary search when possible downed or missing aircraft are reported. Training for interested members include radio communications, how to search outdoors for a missing person, aerial photography, and aerial searches. Aerospace education program. Cadets can elect to obtain training and participate and numerous aviation, space, and cyberspace activities as part of teams

are as individuals. Cadets are offered up to five, no-cost local flights in one of CAP's four seater aircraft flown by CAP pilots. CAP offers cadets opportunities to apply for specific training and experience activities which include local and out of area organized activities. In addition, Senior members share their aviation experiences with Cadets and the community. Organized to help. For many years Civil Air Patrol has provided communications support to Wreaths Across America held at Arlington National Cemetery every December. Recently, members from Burke Composite Squadron have been assisting at a food distribution warehouse providing assistance loading boxes for distribution to families in need. If you are interested in learning more about Civil Air Patrol, please contact Captain Sara Demyanovich, at sara.demyanovich@vawg.cap.gov. You can also see some of the recent activities at <https://www.facebook.com/CAPBurke>.

The Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, with 22 squadrons spread throughout the Commonwealth has approximately 2,000 members, 12 light aircraft, 29 multi-purpose vehicles and two cargo vans. These assets are available to federal, state and local governments, emergency responders and law enforcement agencies to perform search and rescue, homeland security, disaster relief, humanitarian assistance and counter-drug missions. For more information on the Virginia Wing, visit the wing's website at <https://vawg.cap.gov> or on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/VAWGCAP>.



The Civil Air Patrol helping to load food boxes onto a truck at the Prince William Food Rescue distribution center. (Below) Captain Demyanovich conducting a virtual meeting from home.



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As you walk through the community/neighborhood you will see on Arley Drive and on the corner of Applecross and Sontag, little libraries that the residents have set up for your reading enjoyment. Please take a look at the selection on your next walk, maybe you have some books that you would like to donate. Thanks again to the individuals for supporting the community and making Winston Knolls a great place to be

 Below are pictures of William Strickland and his fellow Scouts that replaced several post and rails on the fence at Arley Drive, by the common area near the creek during the latter part of this summer. William presented the idea to the Civic Association for his Eagle Scout Project and we were more than happy to sponsor him. Needless to say the project was a huge success and we were happy to have the fence fixed and allow William to earn his badge.



How Scammers Find You

Ever wonder how scammers get your phone number, address or email? Is it random or is there science to the targeting? Experts say it's both. Fraud Watch Network Ambassador Frank W. Abagnale, a long time FBI consultant whose early life as a con artist was portrayed in the film "Catch Me If You Can," equates it with playing roulette. Sometimes your unlucky number just comes up. But AARP Foundation's Amy Nofziger, who has degrees in criminology and sociology, cites three additional reasons.

1. Data purchases. "Scammers buy phone numbers from companies that sell data," she explains. "They'll use the same methods legitimate marketing companies do, but for nefarious purposes."

2. Con artists network. "If you've been a victim of a fraud or scam, you're put on a so-called sucker list," Nofziger says. "The lists are bought, sold, traded and stolen among scammers because they're perceived as potential gold mines. Scammers will usually target the victims with a 'recovery' or 'reload' scam. They pretend to be from a consumer group or law enforcement agency and trick you into thinking they'll help get your money back — for a fee."

3. Volunteered info. This is personal info you willingly divulge by entering giveaways and sweepstakes, or when filling out surveys. "Scammers use all this to create profiles for who they want to target," Nofziger says. "Often they'll target older adults, who they perceive as holding the majority of wealth in this country." This just might be the biggest consumer scam in the U.S. right now.

Tech support

According to Microsoft, an estimated 3.3 million people, many of them seniors were victimized by a [tech-support con](#), at a total cost of \$1.5 billion. That's one American duped out of an average \$454 nearly every 10 seconds. Here's how the scam typically unfolds: You get an unsolicited call from someone claiming to be with Microsoft or Windows tech support, who says viruses have been detected on your computer. In order to protect your data, you are told to immediately call up a certain website and follow its instructions. A dummy screen may appear that shows viruses being detected and eliminated, but in reality malware is being installed that allows the scammer to steal your usernames and passwords, [hold your data for ransom](#) or even use the webcam to spy on you. Your Plan, Hang up the phone. "Neither Microsoft nor our partners make unsolicited phone calls," says Courtney Gregoire, senior attorney at the Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit. Also, don't click any links in unsolicited emails from "Microsoft" or in pop-up ads promising to speed up your computer. "And if you haven't downloaded Windows 10 or the latest version of OS X, do it," says William Woodworth with Best Buy's Geek Squad. "Each update is free and has lots of new security built in." Ditto for any other software programs you're running.

Medical identity theft

When most people hear identity theft, they think of someone stealing their credit card info and buying a big-screen TV. But you can't legally be held liable for fraudulent purchases like that. It's different, however, with [medical identity theft](#). "You can be required to cover the cost for health care services you never received. These can include tests, prescription drugs and even operations. Your Plan Never surrender [Social Security](#), [Medicare](#) or [health insurance](#) numbers to anyone you don't know and trust. Be particularly wary of free health checks offered at shopping malls, fitness clubs and retirement homes (so-called rolling labs). If they ask to photocopy your cards or ask you to sign a blank insurance claim form, don't do it. It's also vital to review all statements from your insurance provider. If there are any charges you don't understand, call immediately. And when [shopping online for prescription drugs](#) or other health-related items, remember that if a price seems too good to be true, it probably is.

SUPPORT ASHER'S EAGLE PROJECT



USED PLASTICS DRIVE

COLLECTING GROCERY BAGS, CLEAN ZIPLOC BAGGIES, BUBBLE WRAP, AND OTHER STRETCHY PLASTICS TO PRESERVE OUR WATERWAYS.

AT SYDENSTRICKER COMMUTER LOT

8507 HOOES RD.

OCT-10

FROM 10 AM-2 PM

Asher Embry is a scout in Troop 1518, who is working on his Eagle Scout project and needs your help! He is collecting used grocery bags, clean Ziploc baggies, bubble wrap, and other stretchy plastics to preserve our waterways. His goal is to collect 1000 pounds of plastics. We will be at the Sydenstricker commuter lot on Hooes Rd. on October 10th from 10 AM-2 PM. Please condense your bags and ensure they are free of any residue or water. If you are unable to drop off your plastics at the collection location, there is a collection box at Sydenstricker UMC's Agape House at 8508 Hooes Rd. There is also a box at the Newington Forest community pool entryway at 8201 South Run Rd. They will be available for you to drop off plastics until October 10th.

CLASSIFIED ADS

The information below is based on the inputs from the 2020 WKCA Membership form. If you want to add or remove your information before the next membership drive, please contact me at kjsherman3@gmail.com

All non-business ads (For Sale, Garage Sales, Wanted, Babysitters, etc.) are free to WKCA residents – as long as membership fees are up to date. Please submit your request to kjsherman3@gmail.com

WKCA Volunteers:

Database/Directory Support – Next year is another WKCA Directory year and I will be unable to continue in my current role. We are in need of volunteers to step up and help our community in this effort. We're looking for people who have experience in database administration, data entry, and how to streamline data to produce reports and fields included in our directory. If interested, please call Kathy Sherman at 703-569-6171.

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