

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

November 2017

Plan to attend the WKCA Annual Meeting, December 6th Supervisor Pat Herrity is our guest Speaker (BIO on page3)

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, **December 6th 7:00 PM at the Orange Hunt Elementary School Cafeteria**. Our agenda will include Comments by Pat Herrity, election of officers, adoption of the 2017 budget, and other items. **We need a quorum of 5% or more of the general members to transact business, I truly hope you plan on attending. If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to a neighbor or board member to vote on your behalf. The proxy form is included in the News Letter page 2.**

WKCA Halloween Parade and Party an Outstanding Success!

We had approximately 70 plus people participate, children, parents and grandparents that came out for this event. The weather was fantastic and it was great to see everyone come out and spend a few hours letting the children have a good time. For those who missed it, we started off with the parade at the corner of Spur and Hanks Place, the activities included a moon bounce with a slide, several games and free hot dogs/drinks chips and desserts. To all the volunteers who baked cupcakes, supported in running the games, set up and cleaning the grounds afterwards - thank you! A big thank you goes out to Stacey Ivie, who is our Social Chairman, the Thorn family, Brian Williams, plus Ed and Sharon Linz; who were in charge of cooking and serving the hot dogs.

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 well-being of our neighborhood!

Website Resource for WKCA
www.winstonknolls.net

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One-fourth page: \$35.00
One-third page: \$45.00
One-half page: \$60.00
Full page: \$100.00



Are you new to the neighborhood?

If you recently became a Winston Knoll resident - - Know of a new family that has moved into the neighborhood over the summer or in the last few months, please contact Kathy Sherman, our Directory/Database Chairman at kjsherman3@gmail.com or Sue Ehlers, our Welcome Wagon Chairman at sue.ehlers@verizon.net in order for us to get their information into our database. Once in the database, you are eligible for a community Directory, updates on events and local issues.

Message from Winston Knolls President November — 2017

Dear Neighbors and Friends – the fall were busy months for the civic association and I hope that you were able to participate and enjoy in the activities. We started off with the Annual Combined Yard Sale and then we followed that up with the combined pick up at the Orange Hunt Elementary School, which produced excellent results. Getting rid of excess junk and cleaning out your garage, saving you a trip to the dump and a fee! You read about the Halloween Parade and Party – a big success. I want thank all the individuals who volunteered their time and talent to support the Civic Association, in order that we can give back to the community.

Nominating Committee for 2017 officers - As required by the WKCA bylaws, a Nominating Committee of non-board members were appointed to come forth at the annual meeting with a slate of officers for election. The Nominating Committee is headed up by Jeff Lins and he and the committee volunteered to obtain a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Dec 6th annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. *Please join us and get the latest status from our Supervisor Pat Herrity.*

The WKCA board is seeking and in need of new volunteers to fill positions of long-serving committee chairs who would like to turn over their role to someone new. Please contact me to learn more about the board and the role you could fill as a volunteer for the community. No prior experience is necessary! This is a great way to give back and stay in the know about our community. We are only talking about an hour every 6weeks for Board meetings and 4/5 hours one afternoon in the fall/spring for an event- - call me!

As the Holiday season is almost here, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday and all the best to you and your family for a joyful holiday season! The next edition of the newsletter will be distributed in the January/February time frame, but check the website for updates.

WKCA Annual Meeting
December 6, 2017
PROXY STATEMENT

I hereby designate _____ to act as my proxy at the Winston Knolls Civic Association Annual Meeting on December 6, 2017. The above-mentioned person shall have the right to represent me, by voting on my behalf, on all matters brought before the membership at that meeting.

NAME (print) _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

**Supervisor Pat Herrity to speak at
WKCA annual meeting**

Pat Herrity was raised in the Springfield District of Fairfax County. He attended St. Bernadette's grade school in Springfield, graduated from West Springfield High School in 1978, and earned a Bachelor's degree in



Accounting in 1982 from Virginia Tech. Having grown up in the eastern part of the Springfield District and now raising his family in the western part, Pat has a unique understanding of Fairfax County. As the son of former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Herrity, Pat grew up attending community meetings and budget hearings; he was raised with regular discussion of issues concerning Fairfax County at home giving him a deep understanding of our County and the issues we face today.

**Education Chair Report
by Ed Linz**

I recently conducted our semi-annual meeting with each of the three Principals in the Fairfax County Public Schools in our pyramid. What is common in each school is the Principal's desire that more community members join the PTA and become active partners with school leadership. This need increases as the children progress into middle school and high school; many parents seem to be eager to assist when their children are in elementary school, but lose interest in the PTA as their children are in higher grades.

Each of our schools has experienced significant enrollment increases since last year. **Cindy Crowley**, the Principal at Washington Irving Intermediate, told me that her enrollment is now at 1130, an increase of nearly 100. This has led to staff increases, but not yet overcrowding. In addition to an emphasis on reading, writing and speaking skills this year, there is also a focus on "kindness and responsibility" in an effort to increase the social skills of the students. She is

anticipating partnering with our local West Springfield Rotary Club to use their "4-way test" to promote this plan. I found the school to be extremely clean with the students quietly moving about between classes.

Our Orange Hunt Elementary Principal, **Karen Tuttle**, also reported a significant increase in students this year, from 865 to 942. As a result, they have had a staff increase of 5, in addition to having to increase class sizes. They have had to convert a computer room to a classroom, but the largest impact has been the crowding in the cafeteria. Several parents now come to the school to eat lunch with their children, but this does increase the crowding problem. She is not discouraging this, but asks that parents exercise judgment on when to come. Mrs. Tuttle sends out a weekly online letter to parents, **News You Choose**, which can be found via the FCPS website. You can also email her if you wish to be added to the distribution list. This is an excellent source of information and is a good way to keep informed on what is happening at Orange Hunt.

The big story at West Springfield High School remains the ongoing renovation of the building. The Principal, **Mike Mukai**, told me that due to the good weather the schedule is still on track for the first major phase to be completed in December. If all goes well, the entire Science Department will move over the holidays to the top floor of the new wing at the rear of the building, with the admin offices and library moving into the lower levels. The remainder of the renovation is on track to finish in 2019. Mr. Mukai discussed the recent issue with mold in the trailers which developed over the summer. This made the local news and was an ongoing concern through most of September. He acknowledged that the situation could have been handled better, but that two different FCPS departments were involved with testing the air and the coordination was not perfect. Apparently once the mold was cleaned, the air levels inside the trailers were better than the outside air, although several of the staff that I talked to expressed a different view. The enrollment is now at 2263 with class size now at 31, not a good situation in my opinion as a former teacher. SOL test scores, I was told, remain among the highest in the state. Mr. Mukai encourages citizens to come over for a tour.

Large Item Pick-Up

In case you missed it, our "Large Item Pick-Up" was Saturday September 30th. This is a combined WKCA & OHECA event at Orange Hunt Elementary School. At 8:00AM Fairfax county workers started hauling away mattresses, old TVs, monitors, grills, lawn furniture, etc., - much of what was not sold the previous weeks at the yard sale. The event saw an excellent turn out, we counted over 100 families that used the dumpster. Several new families took advantage of the dumpster as they were moving into the neighborhood and they also joined the civic association.

"The Large Item Pick-Up" will be offered again in the spring and fall for 2018 and we are pleased to announce that shredding will be available at both events – your Civic Association in action!



Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

My name is Keli Jacewitz and I'm the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for Winston Knolls. My family and I moved here in July of 2016 after selling our house on Huntsman Blvd. I'd like to get Neighborhood Watch organized and ready to roll out with patrols in early March. I'd like to have patrols out in the neighborhood most week-ends from March to November of 2018. I think our team is ready to participate in the Winston Knolls Neighborhood Watch Program. Here is some helpful information you need to know.

HOW IT WILL WORK:

You will sign up for the patrol dates of your choice using the online program, signup genius.

Signup Genius will send you a reminder of your upcoming commitment one week prior to patrol so that you may change your date if needed.

On watch night, you will pick up the patrol materials from the porch of the Coordinator's house, located at 7203 Flower Tuft Dr. Your patrol will go out approximately at 8:00pm and will last until approximately 11:00pm.

As soon as you learn of a schedule conflict for an assigned patrol night, please notify me and update sign up genius so that I may make arrangements to cover your patrol date.

I will send a different email with the Winston Knolls Neighborhood Watch schedule.

Thank you for participating in Winston Knolls Neighborhood Watch! You are helping to keep our neighborhood a safe place.

If you have any questions, please email me.

Sincerely Yours,

Keli Jacewitz

2018 Proposed Budget

Income	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 <i>Proposed</i>	Notes
Dues for 2016 and beyond	\$6,840.00	\$6,680.00	\$5,000.00	315 of 489 homes paid
Newsletter Ads	\$605.00	\$801.00	\$500.00	
Misc. Receipts	\$5.08	\$5.00	\$0.00	Donations + bank interest
Total Incoming Funds	\$7,450.08	\$7,486.00	\$5,500.00	
Cash Reserves at start of year (projected)	\$7,390.96	\$8,531.91	\$8,500.00	
Total Available Funds	\$22,291.12	\$16,017.91	\$14,000.00	
Expenses				
WKCA Insurance Policy	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$475.00	
WKCA Communications				
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	\$1,194.73	\$1,106.11	\$1,800.00	5 newsletters thru Nov
Newsletter/Flyer Distribution	\$420.00	\$252.00	\$500.00	WKCA youngsters
Web Hosting		\$0.00	\$300.00	contingency
Directory Printing/Surveys (every two years)		\$413.40	\$0.00	(every two years)
Welcome Committee				
Welcoming materials			\$30.00	
Neighborhood Beautification				
Median Strip/Common Lot Mowing	\$2,550.03	\$2,632.00	\$2,632.00	rate for next 2 years
Neighborhood Cleanup Days (2 events)	\$129.00	\$19.00	\$400.00	
Huntsman Sign Area Landscaping/Maintenance	\$167.01	\$223.54	\$300.00	
		\$500.00		2017 one time Arley Dr. fence replacement
Large item (county) pickup and two shredding			\$200.00	
Hospitality/Social Committee				
Social Events for Neighborhood (e.g. 4th of July parade and Halloween events)		\$58.30	\$1,800.00	June picnic, \$58.30
		\$9.54		July 4 parade, \$9.54
		\$876.91		Halloween parade
		\$85.55		Halloween picnic
	\$1,033.36	\$1,030.30		Total Social Committee
Cub Scout Pack Sponsorship				
Sponsor local Pack 685	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
General Administrative				
Post Office Box	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Miscellaneous Printing/Distribution	\$0.00	\$58.30	\$60.00	
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	\$0.00	\$11.45	\$25.00	
Total Expenses	\$6,369.13	\$7,121.10	\$8,922.00	
Year End Totals	\$15,921.99	\$8,896.81	\$5,078.00	could be as high as \$7000

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

We need your support for our Neighborhood Watch program to assist in the maintaining the safety of our neighborhood. Anyone who is 18 years or older may join. **Please contact our WKCA coordinator: Keli Jacewitz kjacewitz@gmail.com, or call 703-912-7610**

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Fisher-Price Little People, Kid K'nex, Lego Duplo, and other name-brand children and toddler toys for sale. All gently used, but clean and in good condition. All priced between \$5 and \$15 for each set or kit. Inquiries to Ann at annbsun@aol.com or 703.451.5647 for details.

BABYSITTING:

Sydney Schaffer (teen) call: 703 303-6824
Grace O'Grady (teen) call: 703-913-3464
Amanda Richardson (teen) call: 703-644-0508
Rebecca Richardson (teen) call: 703-644-0508
Audrey Valentine (teen) call: 703-625-7299
Amy Peterson (teen) call: 703-912-6363
Reed Gray (teen) call: 757-705-8835
TJ Brantley (teen) call: 703-451-0077
Marie Cluff (teen) call: 610-704-6087

PET WALKERS/SITTERS:

Sydney Schaffer (teen) call: 703 303-6824
Joey MacDonald (teen) call: 571-533-0003
Amy Peterson (teen) call: 703-912-6363
Reed Gray (teen) call: 757-705-8835
Lauren Cluff (teen) call: 610-505-0440
Erin Burns (teen) call: 703-455-1820
Joseph Harris (teen) 202-255-3068
Sam Harris (teen) 202-255-3068

LAWNCARE/MOWING:

TJ Brantley (teen) call: 703-451-0077
Joe Burns (teen) call: 703-455-1820
Andrew Burns (teen) call: 703-455-1820
Ian Elkins (teen) call: 937-903-9441

SEAMSTRESS/SEWING:

Carol Cluff (Adult) call: 610-505-0440

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS:

Home Painting Interior/Exterior – Freddy's Contractor Service www.fcservicesinc.com Freddy Vargas (owner) 703-499-7959. Referred by Kathy Sherman (Winston Knolls Resident)

Scams to look out for

Telephone Scams:

Telephone scammers try to trick you out of money or get access to your personal information. Scams may come through phone calls from real people, robocalls, or text messages. The callers often make false promises, such as opportunities to buy products, invest your money, or receive free product trials. They may also offer you money through free grants and lotteries. Some scammers may call with threats of jail or lawsuits if you don't pay them.

Report Telephone Scams: Reporting scams to federal agencies helps them collect evidence for lawsuits against people committing these scams. However, federal agencies don't investigate individual cases of telephone scams.

- Report telephone scams to the Federal Trade Commission, either online or by phone at 1-877-382-4357. This is the primary government agency that collect scam complaints.
- Report all robocalls and unwanted telemarketing calls to the Do Not Call Registry.
- Report caller ID spoofing to the Federal Communications Commission either online or by phone at 1-888-225-5322.

Also report the scam to your state consumer protection office. Some consumer protection offices help residents resolve consumer problems.

- The tactic for scammers to record you saying "yes." Scammers record your "yes" response to use as proof that you agreed to a purchase or credit card charge.
 - Don't provide your credit card number, bank account information, or other personal information to a caller.
 - Don't send money if the caller tells you to wire money or pay with a prepaid debit card.

Banking Scams: Banking scams involve attempts to access your bank account. Some popular banking scams include:

- Overpayment scams - A scam artist sends you a counterfeit check. They tell you to deposit it in your bank account, and wire a portion of the money back to them. Since the check was fake, you'll have to pay your bank the amount of the check, plus you'll lose any money you wired.
- Unsolicited check fraud - A scammer sends you a check for no reason. If you cash it, you may be authorizing the purchase of items or signing up for a loan you didn't ask for.
- Automatic withdrawals - A company sets up an automatic debit from your bank account, as part of a free trial or to collect lottery winnings.
- Phishing - You receive an email message that asks you to verify your bank account or debit card number.

Report Banking Scams: The proper organization to report a banking scam depends on which type you were a victim of.

- Report fake checks you receive by mail to the US Postal Inspection Service.
- Report counterfeit checks to the Federal Trade Commission, either online or by phone at 1-877-382-4357.
- Contact your bank to report and stop unauthorized automatic withdrawals from your account.
- Forward phishing email to the Federal Trade Commission at spam@uce.gov.

IRS Imposter Scams: IRS imposter scams occur when someone contacts you, pretending to work for the IRS. The imposter may contact you by phone, email, postal mail, or even a text message. There are two common types of scams:

- Tax collection - You receive a phone call or letter, claiming that you owe taxes. They will demand that you pay the amount immediately, often with a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may even threaten to arrest you if you don't pay.
- Verification - You receive an email or text message that requires you to verify your personal information. The message often includes a hyperlink phrase "click here" or a button to a fraudulent form or website.

Report IRS Imposter Scams: Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) if you believe that an IRS imposter has contacted you. Report IRS imposter scams online or by calling 1-800-366-4484. Forward email messages that claim to be from the IRS to phishing@irs.gov.

You can also report IRS imposter scams to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

Ticket Scams: Ticket selling scams often happen when tickets for popular concerts, plays, special venues, and sporting events sell out quickly but there is still a very high demand for tickets. Scammers including individuals and fake resale ticket sellers will take advantage of the situation by:

- Charging prices higher than the face value of a ticket
- Creating counterfeit tickets with forged barcodes and logos of real ticket companies
- Selling duplicates of a legitimate ticket in the form of electronic tickets that they email to multiple buyers
- Posing as sellers of tickets that are stolen and telling you a hard luck story about why they can't go to the event at the last minute
- Pretending to sell tickets online for the purpose of stealing your identity or credit card information

Report ticket scams: There are several options to report a ticket scam.

- Contact your state consumer protection office.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) using the Online Complaint Assistant.