

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

December 2019

Plan to attend the WKCA Annual Meeting, December 11th Supervisor Pat Herrity is our guest

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 11th 7:00 PM at the Orange Hunt Elementary School Cafeteria. Our agenda will include comments by Pat Herrity (see page 3); election of officers, adoption of the 2020 budget, and other items. This is your chance to ask about taxes, school issues, traffic and what is the future for the Springfield area – Pat is known for telling it like it is. 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 at page 2.

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.wknolls.net

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Above are pictures from our Halloween Parade & Party in October

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, please contact Kathy Sherman, our Directory and Database Chairman at kjsherman3@gmail.com or one of our Board members in order for us to get their information into our database. Once in the database and pay your dues, you are eligible for a community Directory, participation in events, advertise for free in the newsletter or website, and updates on events and local issues.

Message from Winston Knolls President December — 2019

The civic association was busy during the last several months and I hope you had a chance to participate in the events that we sponsored for the community. We started off with the Annual Combined Yard Sale and then we followed that up with the Combined Large Pick-Up and Shredding at the Orange Hunt Elementary School. On 26 October we enjoyed the annual Halloween Parade and Party, although it started out a little slow it was a big success. Besides the moon bounce, games and free food - the balloon sculptor was a big hit. Now these events do not run by themselves, so I want to thank all the individuals who volunteered their time and talent to support the Civic Association, in order to give back to the community. There are a few individuals that deserve special recognition, they are Stacey Ivie and Kate Thorne, our Social Chairpersons and the members of their families were at the event, helping with anything we needed, then there is Ed and Sherrie Linz — who were in charge of cooking the hot dogs for the last several years. On a separate note, I also need to thank Alan and Teri Perry. For the last 10 years they have taken care of the up-keep and planting around the sign area for us and the community – an outstanding job and we are very thankful! Fortunately, we are blessed to have the local garden club take over the duty of keeping the sign area up. If you happen to see Alan or Teri please make it a point to say thank you for their faithful service. In closing, I wish to thank all who joined and supported the civic association. Without your support we would not be able to put on the events and activities, sponsor the local Cub Scout Pack 685 and keep the community looking good. Please see the proposed budget for 2020 on page 7 and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

The Nominating Committee for 2019 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 Roz Johnson and will obtain a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Dec 11th annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

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 or 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 February/March time frame, but check the website for updates.

**WKCA ANNUAL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2019
PROXY STATEMENT**

- I hereby designate _____ to act as my proxy at the Winston Knolls Civic Association Annual Meeting on December 11, 2019. 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 _____

Address _____

Signature _____

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. Pat is an 11-year incumbent and was re-elected for another 4 years in November 2019.

Education Report

by
Ed Linz

I recently spoke with Mrs. Cindy Conley, the Principal of Washington Irving Middle School. She reported that all has been going well this school year as the students seem to have adopted this year's Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) point of emphasis, "Portrait of a Graduate." This program emphasizes the skill sets which the county feels all students should possess when they complete all FCPS studies, such as ethical behavior, being a "global citizen," have communication and critical thinking skills, and being goal driven and a good collaborator. I assume that there may also be some "reading, writing and arithmetic" in this mix?? Mrs. Conley told me that there are now 1117 students at Irving, about the same as last year. She again

made a pitch for more parents to become involved with the PTA (there were only 8 people at the last meeting). Mike Mukai, the Principal of West Springfield HS was happy to report that the long renovation of the building is essentially completed except for identifying issues that remain to be corrected. There remains, for example, work to be done on the baseball field and some electrical issues, but overall all is well. WSHS is currently at roughly just under 2400 students and no one is in trailers. (The new capacity of the building is 2450). He reported that they are experiencing several new families who were previously in private schools being drawn to the school by the new facilities and the courses offered. I was given a tour of the building and I strongly recommend that if you currently have, or will have, students in the school to go over and take a look. It is fabulous. Mr. Mukai reported that student scores on SOL's and national exams continue to be excellent (with a few pockets of disappointment in some AP subject scores). I also spoke with Karen Tuttle, the Principal of our elementary school, Orange Hunt. Their enrollment is now at 985 necessitating that several classes are held in a "Quad" (much larger than a trailer and houses 4 classrooms). She was proud to point out that Orange Hunt has been designated a "Purple Star" school due to its large enrollment of children from military families. Orange Hunt has more such children than any other FCPS elementary not serving Fort Belvoir. The German immersion program remains strong and has approximately 250 students enrolled this year. Mrs. Tuttle was very proud of the improved landscaping around the school grounds and continues to push for even more improvements in this area. Bottom line: each of our schools in our pyramid seem to be doing well and can use your support. We continue to need our residents whose homes have ground on Huntsman Blvd to trim your bushes overhanging the sidewalk so that the children can walk safely to school.

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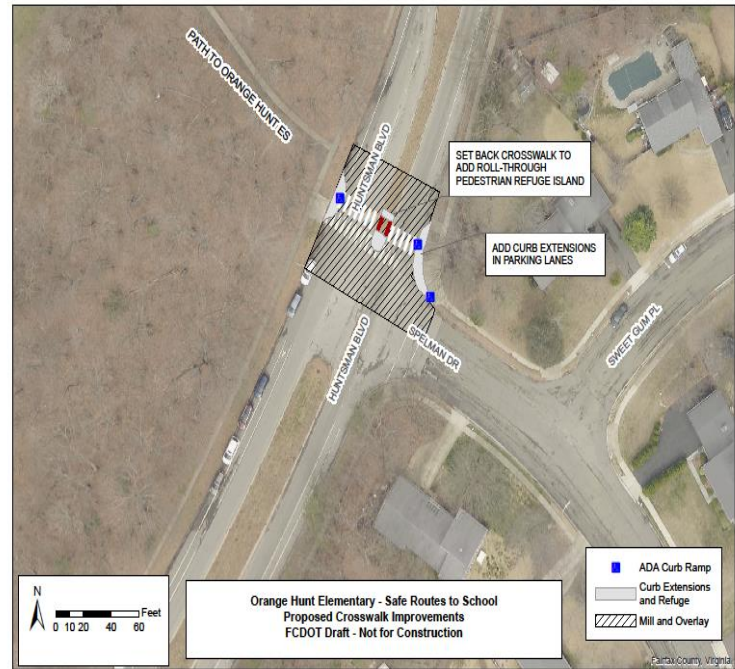
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As of October 1, 2019, Fairfax County no longer accepts glass bottles and jars in the curbside recycling program. Residents should reuse glass containers or bring them to purple, glass-only recycling containers located throughout the region. If this is not possible, glass should be placed in the trash. Glass creates many problems for single-stream recycling. It is heavy, which adds cost to transporting recyclables to and from recycling centers. Glass containers placed in curbside recycling bins break during collection and transport to material recovery facilities, or MRFs, where recyclables are sorted. The abrasive broken glass damages the machinery at the MRFs. Glass also contaminates bales of other more valuable items, such as cardboard and metals. Contamination has become a major problem for the recycling industry in the past two years since China, the largest customer for recycled material, imposed strict standards on the quality of recycled material it accepts. For years, most glass has passed through the recycling process as residue, or waste. Some of the glass is applied as alternative daily landfill cover, an approved use by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, but most of it is simply landfilled with other unrecyclable waste. Glass collected in the purple containers is handled differently. That glass is crushed and reused for county projects. Glass from Purple Cans is collected weekly. For information regarding collection at specific locations, email Trashmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-802-3322 | TTY 711. Broken glass: Carefully package into a rigid container. Label the package "GLASS" and set out with your trash for disposal.



This article is a follow up on the issue on the cross walk at Spelman and Huntsman. Over the last several years we have been dealing with this issue and attending local meetings seeking a safer route to the Orange Hunt Elementary School (OHES) in Springfield. You may know that several parents either walk their children or let them walk by themselves to the Orange Hunt Elementary School and the cross walk is a safety issue. It has been an issue for several years and there have been numerous meetings and initiatives to correct the traffic problem. Fortunately for the community local parents and both WKCA and OHECA representatives are involved in efforts to make the cross walk safer. For instance the speed limit was lowered, the crosswalk was painted and signs erected. However, there still is a problem in regards to speeding vehicles and individuals blocking the cross walk as they let their children out on the curb. The latest effort that the county has proposed is to have a project designed to improve this crosswalk by adding a pedestrian refuge island and curb extensions. The county has applied for funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tap> The application was submitted to VDOT and will be reviewed by VDOT, with recommendations forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). Both the CTB and TPB will make announcements on funding decisions in the summer of 2020.



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Income	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2020 Proposed</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Dues for 2019 and beyond	\$6,800.00	\$5,000.00	goal is 250 homes at \$20
Newsletter and Directory Ads	\$1,220.00	\$600.00	
Misc. Receipts	\$5.00	\$0.00	donations
Total Incoming Funds	\$8,025.00	\$5,600.00	
Cash Reserves at start of year (projected)	\$9,263.22	\$7,850.69	
Total Available Funds	\$17,288.22	\$13,450.69	
Expenses			
WKCA Insurance Policy	\$525.00	\$525.00	
WKCA Communications			
Newsletter/Flyer Printing			4 newsletters
Newsletter/Flyer Distribution	\$1,219.00	\$1,800.00	
Web Hosting	\$297.00	\$400.00	
Directory Printing/Surveys (every two years)		\$300.00	(every two years)
	\$546.85		
Welcome Committee			
Welcoming materials		\$30.00	
Neighborhood Beautification			
Median Strip/Common Lot Mowing	\$2,716.00	\$2,793.00	\$2793/yr in 2020/21
Neighborhood Cleanup Days (2 events)		\$400.00	
Huntsman Sign Area Landscaping/Maintenance		\$150.00	
Spraying of weed killer	\$380.00	\$400.00	
Large item (county) pickup and two shredding	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Boy Scout Project	\$202.86		
Hospitality/Social Committee			
Social Events for Neighborhood	\$2,294.82	\$2,000.00	
(e.g. 4th of July parade and Halloween events)			
Cub Scout Pack Sponsorship			
Sponsor local Pack 685	\$200.00	\$200.00	
General Administrative			
Post Office Box	\$206.00	\$220.00	
Miscellaneous Printing/Distribution	\$50.00	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses		\$25.00	
Total Expenses	\$8,937.53	\$9,593.00	
Year End Totals	\$8,350.69	\$3,857.69	(could be near \$5000)

CLASSIFIED ADS

PLEASE NOTE: The information below is based on the inputs from the 2019 WKCA Membership forms. 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

BABYSITTING:

Carter Baumann (15) call: 937-815-6564
Maddie Borlik (16) call: 703-451-9016
Tuesday Borlik (14) call: 703-451-9016
Tess Borlik (12) call: 703-451-9016
Katharina Hines (16) call: 571-230-2657
Teresa Hines (14) call: 571-230-2657
Raleigh Bristow (16) call: 703-399-4703
Kendall Bower (14) call: 240-535-6734
Laura Nelson (14) call: 703-675-7605
Michaela Mullen (14) call: 703-303-6824
TJ Brantley (19) call: 703-597-1719
McKenzie Roche (13) call: 910-751-0899

PET WALKERS/SITTERS:

Maddie Borlik (16) call: 703-451-9016
Tuesday Borlik (14) call: 703-451-9016
Tess Borlik (12) call: 703-451-9016
John Hines (17) 571-230-2657
Kendall Bower (14) call: 240-535-6734
Joe Burns (17) call: 703-455-1820
Andrew Burns (14) call: 703-455-1820
Michaela Mullen (14) call: 703-303-6824
TJ Brantley (19) call: 703-597-1719
Joseph MacDonald (14) call: 571-533-0003
McKenzie Roche (13) call: 910-751-0899

LAWNCARE/MOWING:

Alec Baumann (17) call: 937-815-5699
Andrew Burns (14) call: 703-455-1820
TJ Brantley (19) call: 703-597-1719

ODD JOBS:

Andrew Burns (14) call: 703-455-1820 (Snow shoveling)

Tutor:

Ed Linz (Adult) call: 703-577-5175 – (edwinlinz@gmail.com) Physics, all levels/including AP; ret. Fairfax teacher
Mike Sullivan (Adult) call: 703-992-3035 – English, Government, History

Music Lessons:

Leonard Seidel (Adult) call: 703-644-1468 Intermediate/Advanced Piano (at least 3 years of study)