

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

March 2025

Annual WKCA Membership Drive has Started - Your Form Enclosed

Membership Drive March - May, Dues are still only \$20 per year!

Please open this newsletter and pull out the 2025 WKCA Membership form along with a self-addressed envelope to send in your form and dues, or use Pay Pal! Effective immediately residents can pay dues by using Pay Pal. Please go to the Website at <http://wknolls.net> on the home page, scroll to the bottom and you'll find user-friendly directions for Pay Pal. We encourage all residents to fill out the form and mail it in or go to the website and electronically fill it in, to automatically update our database, allowing us to better serve the community. (See 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 wellbeing of our neighborhood!

Website Resource for WKCA
www.winstonknolls.net

The Knolls News is a periodic publication of the Winston Knolls Civic Association and is distributed free to all 489 homes in the community. Classified advertisements are free to members of the Civic Association. Business advertisements are also available for a fee. We encourage you to use our advertisers and expect that you will do your own research before employing persons to work on your home or property. For information on any article or on WKCA advertising rates, please contact Tom Blume at kathandtomblume@gmail.com

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



Cub Scout Pack 685 Annual Blue and Gold Banquet in February 2025
(see page 2)

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 please notify our Data Base Chairman John Flynn at john.flynn2006@yahoo.com, or Board Member at WKCABoard@wknolls.net. in order for us to get your information into our database.

Message From The President

As you can see from the front page, the WKCA Membership drive has started, and I want to thank those who have already sent in their forms/dues and supported us over the years. The last couple of years have been very trying for us all, especially for the Civic Association. Unfortunately, if we are not able to obtain our goal of 50%-55% (244-268) 2024 membership/dues, the Civic Association may be forced to increase our dues to keep up with higher cost. On a positive note, the civic association has updated our website to not only allow electronic payments from Pay Pal, but residents can update their form on line and it will automatically update our database, plus you can log in and review and edit your data, and check your individual status. Each resident will only be able to see their own data. You need to log in at our Website, <http://wknolls.net> and go to the Resident log in/update page. It's very important that we have your correct data in order to send you updates. Besides the printed March newsletter, all other WKCA Newsletters will be delivered electronically to save money.

The WKCA and OHECA will host a Community yard sale in conjunction with Orange Hunt on May 17. In addition, we are investigating the ability to have lights at our sign on Huntsman; joint shredding event; and a joint dumpster day. I ask that you take a few minutes to fill out/update your membership form on line or mail it in. The WKCA can only continue to provide the services, for both owners and those renting a home in the community with your support. It's a small price to pay, with a big return.

Again, thank you and I want to emphasize that Winston Knolls is a great community to reside in, and I wish everyone a great spring and summer.

WKCA Needs Volunteers

The civic association have several officers/Chairmen that have held their position for over 8-13 years, and we are in need of "young/new blood". The board is seeking new volunteers to turn over their role to someone new. The board meets approximately 4 times a year during September through May. Some of the jobs only take a total of 4/5 hours for the total year. 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, and this is a great way to give back to the community.

Pack 685 Holds Annual Blue and Gold Banquet



I attended Pack 685's Annual Blue and Gold Banquet in February and presented checks from both the WKCA and the Winston Knoll II HOA, to help with their activities. The Civic Association is the sponsor for the Pack, and WKCA is very proud to be associated with such

an outstanding organization. As usual, the banquet was fun and an eventful night. I am proud to state that we are fortunate to have one of the best Packs in the area, if not the state. This is due to the Pack/Den leaders, parents, and of course the scouts themselves. At the event, 19 of the cub scouts participated in the Arrow of Light ceremony, these are Cub Scouts who have completed the Webelos rank and prepare to become BSA Scouts. The award is significant in the Scouting experience, so significant it is one of the only Cub Scout badges that can be worn on the BSA Scout uniform. Arrow of Light is its own rank, making it a milestone in a Cub Scout's growth!

FREE SHREDDING EVENT

On March 29, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, there will be a FREE Community Paper Shred & Food Drive at Christ Church, 7600 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039.

Please Keep your Yard and Street Neat

We ask all residents to remember to remove your trash cans from the street and store them accordingly once they have been emptied. Letting the trash cans sit in the road empty overnight or for several days is not recommended. Also, if you have branches or lawn trash -- please ensure that you properly tie up or bag the yard debris for pickup. If not, the debris will not be picked up by your trash company and blow away in the street, ending up clogging one of the many storm drains.

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David & Cindy, Springfield, VA



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BEWARE OF SCAMS

Urgent or Threatening Language. Phishing emails and texts often create a sense of urgency or fear to make you act quickly without thinking. Messages that say things like “Your account will be suspended!” or “Immediate action required!” are designed to panic you into providing sensitive information. **WHAT TO DO:** Always pause before reacting. Legitimate companies, especially banks, will never pressure you with threats or demand immediate action. If you’re concerned, contact your bank using official contact details—never contact the information provided in the suspicious message.

Suspicious Links. One of the most common tactics in phishing scams is including a link to a fake website that looks almost identical to a real one. These websites are designed to trick you into entering personal information, like passwords or account numbers. However, a close inspection of the link often reveals a strange or misspelled URL. **WHAT TO DO:** Hover over the link without clicking on it to preview the URL. If it looks unfamiliar, has odd characters, or isn’t directly related to the company, don’t click it. Always go directly to the company’s official website by typing the URL into your browser.

Requests for Personal Information. Legitimate businesses, especially banks, will never ask for sensitive information like your password, Social Security number, or PIN via email or text message. If a message asks for this information, it’s almost certainly a scam. **WHAT TO DO:** If you receive an email or text asking for personal information, delete it immediately. Never respond or provide the requested information. If you’re ever in doubt, call your bank or visit their official website to confirm if any action is required.



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