

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

February 2013

Annual WKCA Membership Drive - Your Form Enclosed

Membership Drive February 17 – April 1, Dues still just \$15 per year!

Open this newsletter and pull out the WKCA Membership form along with a return envelope to send in your form and dues, we need you to renew your membership! The WKCA can continue to provide the services, events and activities we all enjoy only through the continued membership of our Winston Knolls residents – both owners and those renting a home in the community. **Even if you decide not to join the WKCA, please update the form and send it in, so your listing and our data base is up to date.** If you need a new copy of the Annual Membership Form, you can download a copy at www.winstonknolls.net anytime. Be a good neighbor and please support our Association – a small price with a big return!

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

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 WK advertising rates, please contact Sue Guthrie at austriasb03@yahoo.com.

Advertising Rates:

Business card size: \$20.00
One-fourth page: \$35.00
One-third page: \$45.00
One-half page: \$60.00
One-Full page: \$100.00



Among the activities sponsored by the WKCA

Neighborhood Watch – patrolling our neighborhood.

Knolls News – Quarterly – Providing information on WKCA activities, home improvement tips, committee reports, neighborhood news, and more!

WKCA Website and Email Updates – Check out www.winstonknolls.net offering 24/7 access to neighborhood resources and information.

Neighborhood Directory – An excellent resource that is published biennially. Members will receive the new 2014 directory in the spring.

Social Events – Sponsoring events like the 4th of July Parade Ice Cream Social, Halloween Parade and Party, Community Picnic, and more.

Service – 2/3 times per year Dumpster Day saves you the time and effort of going to

the dump or paying \$75 for a special pickup and community yard sale.

Beautification – Sponsoring a Cleanup Day in the spring around the sign area, planting scrubs and flowers, pay for mowing the Huntsman median and sidewalks and sign area throughout the summer- -keeping up property values and supporting the natural beauty around us.

Charter/sponsor - Cub Scout Pack # 685 and Pack #686.

Message from Winston Knolls President - February 2014

Dear Neighbors and Friends – 2013 was a busy year for our Association and I truly hope you had a chance to enjoy one or more of our sponsored events. Now that the holidays are over, we have weathered the snow storm and our lives are back to semi-normal, I want to **thank you for your contributions in making our community a great place to live and to the many volunteers** who plan and support our activities. I'd like to personally acknowledge and thank the members of the WKCA Board, Committee Chair Persons and Block Captains. The WKCA Board has approved our calendar for 2014, see below and also on the WKCA website. I look forward to a great year, we have several activities planned, but if you have any thoughts about programs/activities that you think would be good to add, please contact me anytime to share your ideas. The WKCA Annual meeting was held 16 December 2013 at the West Springfield Community Center and the minutes are located on the website under the Business section. Besides the normal business of the association, the 2014 Budget was passed and the election of the 2014 WKCA Officers. The 2014 Officers are: **President-Tom Blume, Vice President-Kerry Wilson, Treasurer-Ed Linz, and Secretary-Jennifer Williams**. I would be remised if I did not give out a BIG THANK YOU to our former Treasurer Jeff Lins. He was our treasurer from 2008-2013 and although he has stepped down, he remains active in the Civic and Home Owners Association – outstanding support.

Our Membership Drive has started and I hope you'll be renewing your membership or starting a new membership, in order to help support the many important services, events and activities provided by the WKCA. We are counting on a strong membership drive to be able to continue to offer these benefits to the community. **The Civic Association has 495 homes in the area and we need at least 350-400 join in order to conduct business and keep our reserve**. Our Dues are still only \$15.00 dollars per year. I ask that you please fill out the enclosed insert and mail it back to the Civic Association in order for us to update our data base, print the 2014 Directory, and continue to provide activities for the community. **Again thanks to all who support the Civic Association, without you we would not exist.**

Mark your calendar and save the date "The WKCA 2014 Spring WKCA Calendar"

- Board meeting – February 11th at 7PM, Jennifer William's House – 8915 Spur
 - Deadline for articles to the WKCA Newsletter – February 19th
 - *Membership Drive - February 17th – April 1st, dues still only \$15.00 dollars per year**
 - Board meeting - March 18th at 7PM, Jennifer William's House – 8915 Spur
 - Deadline for articles to the WKCA Newsletter – March 23
 - **Dumpster Day- Cleanup Day Sign Landscaping - Saturday, April 12 - Dumpster opens at 7:30am.**
 - **Cleanup Day and Sign area landscaping starts at 9am - meet at the sign.**
 - Board meeting – April 15th at 7PM, Place TBD
 - **Spring Community Yard Sale with Orange Hunt HOA - Saturday, May 3**
 - Board meeting - May 20th at 7PM, Place TBD
 - **Community Large pick up day at OHES with Orange Hunt HOA - May 31**
 - **"Possible Community picnic 4 June" – more details later**
- No board meetings in June and July
- *4th of July Parade and Ice Cream Social - July 4, 2012 - Parade Starts at Hunt Valley ES, 1:00 PM**
 - Board meeting - August 12 at 7PM, Place TBD

WKCA COMMITTEE Chairs

Membership - Bob Hafer, Shari Burghart, Tom Blume
Social - Joanne Zamfino
Education - Ed Linz
Biennial Directory and Member Data Base - Shari Burghart
Home Improvement - Karen Brown
Neighborhood Watch - Bob Hinson
Newsletter - Susan Guthrie
Newsletter Delivery - Carolyn Rapoza
Grounds Maintenance – Fred Blum
Sign Area Beautification - Terri & Alan Perry, Bob Hafer
Public Service/Communication – Tom Blume
Welcome Wagon - Vacant

WKCA 2014 BUDGET – Annual Meeting 12/16/2013

Annual Dues Rate: \$15	Approved Budget 2013	Projected 2013	Approved 2014
DUES RECEIPTS for 2013	\$3,825(255 homes)	\$3,335(316 homes)	\$3,825(255 homes)
PREPAID DUES FOR 2013	(95 homes)		
PREPAID DUES FOR 2014/15	\$1,005	(63 homes)	
NEWSLETTER ADS	100	0	100
COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT	1,000	—	
MISC. RECEIPTS	—	—	—
CASH RESERVES	01/01/13 6,797	6,797	5,948
TOTAL Available Funds	\$11,722	\$11,137	\$9,873
<u>PROJECTED EXPENSES</u>			
WKCA INSURANCE POLICY	\$ 400	\$ 425	\$ 450
WKCA COMMUNICATIONS			
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	175	140	175
Newsletter/Flyer Distribution	400	308	400
Web Hosting	100	—	100
Directory Printing/Surveys	0	0	500
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE			
Stamps, Copy, etc. (Neighborhood Dues)	50	—	50
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION			
Median Strip/Common Lot Mowing	2,650	2,500	2,500
Neighborhood Clean-up Days (2 events)	400	375	400
Sign Area Landscaping/Maintenance	175	162*	175
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH			
Equipment/Copying	100	—	100
HOSPITALITY/SOCIAL COMMITTEE			
Neighborhood Activity/Social Events Including "Spring Fling" Picnic, July 4th Parade, and Halloween	2,700	943	1,000
CUB SCOUT PACK SPONSORSHIP			
Sponsor Local Packs 685 and 686	150	150	200
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE			
Post Office Box	200	186	200
Miscellaneous Printing/Distribution	100	—	100
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	100	—	100
MISC.	165	—	—
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,865	\$5,189	\$6,450
RESERVES	\$3,857	\$5,948	\$3,423

EXPLANATION OF NOTED(*) ITEMS

Sign Area Landscaping/Maintenance – 2013 projected expenditures leave \$110 included in Reserves dedicated to future expenditures for this activity.

The Civic Association keeps a reserve of at least \$3,000 dollars in our account, thus allowing us to conduct our banking business for free.



(Picture is courtesy of the Office of the Public Affairs, Fairfax County)

Mr. John White, who was highlighted in our October 2013 Newsletter article, was recognized for his outstanding volunteer work at a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting, December 3, 2013. This award was a combined effort between the Orange Hunt Estates Civic Association and the Winston Knolls Civic Association. John was recognized for the countless hours of time and work in support of the community. Pictured here from left: first row: Pat Cook, Kitty Keeter and Patty Kimmel, representing OHECA, John White, Pat Herrity, Sharon Bulova, Nancy White (John's daughter), Pete Fontneau and Dick Elliott representing Winston Knolls. Second Row: remaining Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Got Big Items for Trash/Got Papers to Shred

The Winston Knolls Civic Association and the Orange Hunt's Civic Association, in conjunction with Fairfax County will be sponsoring a big item trash drop-off/pick-up at Orange Hunt Elementary School on Sat. May 31st from 8am-12pm. This is a chance to get rid of any large items that you would not put out with your regular trash pick-up. Examples include large appliances, furniture, lawn mower (with gas/oil removed), tires, electronics, computers, TV, and old lumber. They will not accept normal household refuse, yard waste/brush, rock, concrete, or toxic/hazardous waste. The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document-shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. These events are open to all Fairfax County residents. **Documents from businesses will not be accepted.**

March 22: South County Governmental Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

April 26: North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

For more information, check out the shredding section of the Fairfax County Government website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.html>



The Neighborhood Watch will be kicking off 2014 patrols starting in March and we can always use new volunteers, so if you are interested, it is never too late to sign up. We accept volunteers all year long. I also need to extend a huge THANK YOU to our Chairman Bob Hinson who works hard all year to make sure all of our patrols are covered. Our neighborhood, is thankfully, relatively free of crime and we currently have not seen any serious crimes in our area. However, a few incidents have occurred with theft from unlocked vehicles. It can't be stressed enough that you should never leave any valuable items in your car and you should always lock your car. If you do find items missing from your car, contact the non-emergency number immediately. I know it is very tempting to start your car on these cold mornings and then return back into your home while it warms up. If you can avoid this, please do. Remember to be safe and secure your valuables.

The purpose of Neighborhood Watch is to see and be seen. We want to continue to deter crime in our area, no matter how large or small. If you see something, say something. For serious crimes, always call 911. For non-emergencies, call 703-691-2131. You can keep track of crime in our area by visiting the West Springfield District Station Webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield. You can also use a handy tool by visiting the Neighborhood Police Incident Mapping. You can visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime and click on crime mapping under crime in our county. This site allows you to view specific information by neighborhood. Again, we are always in need of new volunteers. If you have 3/4 hours out of an entire calendar year to give, then we are the place to be! You can feel good about serving your community and you will be in the loop on the most important neighborhood watch news. So, if you get a telephone call from a representative asking if you can volunteer and patrol the community – please say yes.

ON-LINE Sign-Up: You can sit at your computer with your calendar or planner and look at monthly a calendar on the screen. Click on a date, click on position(s), your wish to serve, and then close out. Just visit the "NW Schedule" page to the left to access. QUESTIONS: Contact the Watch Coordinator at wkwatch@winstonknolls.net.

Winston Knolls Home and Garden Club

Want to serve the community, have fun while learning something new, get to know your neighbors and meet new ones, then think about joining the Winston Knolls Home and Garden Club! The Winston Knolls Home and Garden Club was established in 1976 and continues to be a very active organization in the neighborhood and always open to new members. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at member's houses and have a 'focus' for each meeting - sometimes a speaker, activity, and etc. Over the years, the Club has planted and cared for the trees along Huntsman Boulevard and has maintained the plantings around the Winston Knolls sign. But, the group activities only start with gardening - there's allot more going on. The Garden Club also holds many special events, for example s going as a group for dinners out at local restaurants or taking in a play/musical at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. Meetings begin in September and end with dinner-out in June. For information on joining or upcoming activities, please email the President Carol Benedetto at carol.benedetto@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY BULLINTIN BOARD

Keep your Yard and Street Neat!

I would 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, possibly ending up clogging one of the many storm drains.

Certified Spanish Translations

We recently required the translation, notarization, "authentication" and consulate "legalization" of several documents for use in a foreign country. We had not known how difficult it is to find a reliable and reasonably priced certified translator in northern Virginia. Fortunately, we found a certified member of the American Association of Translators, just about a mile from Winston Knolls, willing and able to work with us through multiple drafts of some complex documents. His name is Ceferino Rodriguez and his phone number is (703) 451-0130. His work was flawless, and his efforts were a lifesaver.

Kris and Jerry Leedom.

Volunteers needed

The WKCA board is seeking 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 and this is a great way to give back and stay in the know about our community - Call me at 703-569-2368

Newsletter Delivery Help Wanted

Have you been thinking about giving a little back to your community? Do you have two-three hours every two months to help get the Winston Knolls Newsletter out to your neighbors? If you would like to support the Winston Knolls Civic Association, but do not have a lot of time, a perfect opportunity is opening up. The Civic Association is looking for a young responsible person to assist in the delivery of the Winston Knolls Newsletters. This is a paid job and would require 2-3 hours of work every two months. If interested please contact Carolyn Rapoza at 703 451 5276 or at crapoza@hotmail.com

WSHS Touchdown Club Boosters "Mulch for sale":

It's not spring yet, but the weather certainly is changing from one day to the next! During these warmer spells, one thinks of spring gardens, and of course mulch. The West Springfield High School Touchdown Club Boosters are pleased to announce our annual mulch sale. This fundraiser allows us to purchase much needed training equipment, uniforms, subsidize summer camp fees, and assist students who otherwise may not be able to participate in all aspects of the football program. Our premium double-shredded hardwood mulch is guaranteed to be free of additives, chemicals or dyes and comes in 3-cubic foot bags.

- Orders of 20 bags or more qualify for free delivery.
- Delivery available in the following zip codes: 22151, 22152, 22153, 22015, 22009.
- Delivery will take place on Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29.

Orders less than 20 bags or outside the delivery zip codes must be picked up at West Springfield High School on March 28 between 4 PM and 7 PM or March 29 between 8 AM and 4 PM. For more details contact Chris Busky at 703.405.4468 or cbusky@hrsonline.org.

Clifton Community Women's Club

The Clifton Community Women's Club would like to invite you to a day of touring beautifully decorated homes, shopping at our unique Marketplace Boutique and enjoying the many wonderful eateries and shops in the historic Town of Clifton. Please join us for our 42nd Annual Homes Tour and Marketplace on Thursday, May 15. Visit the homes from 9:30am-4:00pm and Marketplace until 5:30pm. Proceeds support many local organizations such as food banks, woman's shelters and scholarships to name a few. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 the day of the tour. For advance ticket sales and ticket locations visit CliftonHomesTour.com or call [703-609-3479](tel:703-609-3479).