

THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

October 2022

WKCA Fall Festival Saturday October 29th

1 PM - 4 PM HANKS PLACE PARK
For All Adults and Children
(Dress in Costumes)
Super Slide, Special Guest and Games



We will be serving Free Hot Dogs, Water and Chips. Please RSVP to Stacey Ivie, sdherz@yahoo.com if you can make it! Volunteers needed to make cupcakes, set up, helping with games. Email Stacey at sdherz@yahoo.com or Tom at kathandtomblume@gmail.com if you can help.

*****OPEN TO ALL WINSTON KNOLLS RESIDENTS. SO PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON*****

We will have the Justice League Slide (~12 feet high), Basketball Free Throw game, Popcorn Machine, Connect 4 game, a Balloon artist, and more. We ask each family to bring a side dish or desert to share. This will be the first time in the three years that we have been able to get together and I am sure the kids will have a great time. We are looking forward to seeing you and please pass the word along. The POC for this event is Stacey Ivie and Kate Thorn –they can be contacted at the e-mail address above.



ARE YOU NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

If you know of a new family that has moved into the neighborhood, please contact a Board Member, John Flynn at john.flynn2006@yahoo.com, or Tom Blume at kathandtomblume@gmail.com in order for us to get their information into our database and welcome them to the community.

Message from Winston Knolls President

I would like to address the present situation that we have with the Civic Association. I am not asking for money at present, but rather I want to explain our present situation. We are like the rest of the people in the U.S. digging out of COVID-19 and dealing with the after effects. As I have stated before, the county government has not resumed all of their normal operations, therefore, the Large Pickup, twice a year service that we use to enjoy has not resumed as yet.

We are trying to get back to normal, hence the Halloween party on 29 October, but this leads me to the financial situation of the Civic Association. In the past two years due to the pandemic and other variables we have only had approximately a 45 – 50% participation. One will say if you are not spending that much over the last few years due to COVID-19, then we should be in good shape. However, the cost of maintaining the status quo has gone up, for example, cutting and maintaining the median and sign area has risen by 25% (we explored several options and companies to alleviate the increased expense, but staying with Premium was the best option); insurance and post office raised their rates; the party in October will cost us a little over \$1,000.00; then there is the newsletter; Directory; website, etc. Please do not misunderstand me, I and the Board believe that the Civic Association's charter is to deliver as many services and activities we can for the community and not to have a big balance in the bank. But, we must be able to pay our basic bills and have enough left over to be effective.

Which brings me to another situation, I have been the president of the Civic Association since 2011 and like myself we have board members that also have been serving between 8-10 years and even longer in different capacities. In fact, we have not had a Secretary for the last 15 months. The association is in need of younger and new Board Members, plus new ideas. I am aware of the burden of having young children and also keeping up with their events in school and sports, however, I am asking that if there is anyone in the community that could spare approximately 20-25 hours yearly or some computer time, please give

the Civic Association some thought. Also, ask your teenager if they need community credit, we could use their computer skills, canvassing ability, etc.

My intention was not to come across as doom and gloom, but I do want to be honest and explain where the Civic Association stands at present. I have enjoyed working for the community and we have several remarkable families and individuals in Winston Knolls, I just want to ensure we deliver to the best of our ability. The last thought I want to leave you with is when we start our annual membership drive after the New Year, please think hard about renewing or joining the Civic Association, \$20.00 is a small price for such a big return.

WINSTON KNOLLS II ANNUAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Rolling Valley Section 8-D Homeowners Association (AKA Winston Knolls II) is having its Annual Meeting Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. West Springfield Government Center, 6130 Rolling Road (Next to the post office). For those Individuals living in WK II HOA area (191 homes), your Homeowner's Association Board would like to encourage you to join them in order to update you on what the HOA has been doing and hear from you on any topics of interest or concern. Those on the Board can only represent your interests if they receive your input, so this is a very good opportunity to get acquainted and let the Board know how they can better serve you and the community. Membership is mandatory for these homes with the annual dues voted on by the HOA Board of Directors. Please visit the website at www.winstonknolls.org and check it out today.

“THE ANNUAL WKCA MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AT THE OHES”

Pack 685 was out cleaning up the local area on Saturday, 15 October. This is where the Scouts clean up trash/debris in the woods at Hanks Place and behind our sign area on Huntsman. This has been an annual event for the last several years. At 0900 approximately 20 Scouts were lining up to start the task and the photo to the right is when they received a well-deserved treat after they completed their morning work.



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PACK 685



POPCORN



100% QUALITY

Stop by & pick up your favorite popcorn!

**STOREFRONT SALES
OR EMAIL: JEN.EYBL@GMAIL.COM:**

Pack 685 has started their popcorn sales, Trails End popcorn is the main fundraiser for Pack and it will run through November 30, 2022. Please support our local Cub Scouts when out shopping, or you can also contact Jen Schneider at jen.eybl@gmail.com to order or get more information.

COMMUNITY BULL

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.

 *Houchin Homes presents*

“Fallidays” Community Event

November 5, 2022, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Orange Hunt Swim & Tennis Club

8600 Bridle Wood Drive, Springfield, VA 22152

Join us to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

- Purchase hand-crafted gifts, skin care, kitchen tools and more
- Enjoy complimentary treats from *Captain Cookie and the Milkman*

We will collect gently used coats for [One Warm Coat](#). Please bring a coat to donate and spread some holiday cheer!



Houchin Homes is thrilled to partner with the following vendors:

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