

CHESTERBROOK WOODS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

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Annual CWCA Meeting Set for Monday, March 10th

The Annual CWCA Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 10th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Chesterbrook Elementary School located at 1753 Kirby Rd. The meeting is **OPEN to ALL RESIDENTS** (homeowners, renters, soon to move-in, etc.) and will lead with a Social featuring refreshments from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., followed by the Business Session from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.

We contacted multiple potential guest speakers including the McLean Police and Fire Departments as well as Congressman Frank Wolf (10th District, VA) and Supervisor John Foust (Dranesville District). Police Officer Black and Supervisor Foust are available to speak at our meeting. Both Congressman Wolf and the McLean Fire Department were not available on this particular date but would be very interested in attending a future CWCA meeting.

Additionally, the 2008 Annual Meeting will include a number of other elements:

- Desserts created and donated by resident David Guas of damgoodsweet Consulting Group
- Parties Table: 2007 Third of July Party, Annual Halloween Party and new 2008 Memorial Day Weekend Party (Sunday, May 25th, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m). See photos, sign up to help out, etc.
- Neighborhood Vendors with JD Callander (Weichert Realtors), Kevin Connelly (BB&T Mortgage), Eric Glowacki (TwinTech HVAC), Charlotte Jones (Long & Foster Real Estate), Anne Pham (LaGoogle - Smart Cappy for infants), and Jane Price (Weichert Realtors)
- Local Restaurant Gift Certs Raffle for attendees (must be present to win)
- Updates on all CWCA Steering Committee areas and other hot topics

Multiple Babysitters will be onsite in order to facilitate resident participation, so please be sure to utilize this free service and attend this fun and important meeting. Residents interested in using the babysitting services should send an RSVP to ChesterbrookWoods@gmail.com with the number of children and their respective ages soon as the room is already half-full. Snacks, beverages, toys, and children's games will be provided during the meeting. This fun Kids Room will be supervised by local neighborhood teens as well as one adult manager from a local preschool. For any questions, contact Lori Boerner at 703.538.1711 or lboerner@yahoo.com.

Please contact ChesterbrookWoods@gmail.com to submit other meeting agenda items for consideration or to help out at the meeting. Don't forget, CWCA holds only ONE meeting per year! Come and see old friends, meet new neighbors and participate in and show support for the community you live in. See the detailed Meeting Agenda later in this newsletter.



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2007 Neighborhood Watch Supported by 94 Volunteers!

The final tally is in and we are proud to report that CWCA's 2007 Neighborhood Watch Program was supported by 94 volunteer members, all of whom deserve the heartfelt gratitude of our community. Some of these volunteers have been helping out for MANY years by volunteering since the 1980s and one since 1978!



In fact, these 94 volunteers may best be characterized by a new definition of CWCA: Caring, Wonderful, Committed, Altruistic. There are SO MANY of these volunteers that if we forgot to list anyone below, PLEASE contact us so that we can correct our records.

Thanks to the leadership of **Ione Braswell** (Watch Co-Chair & Coordinator of Schedulers), **Virginia Dillon** (Watch Co-Chair & Coordinator of Supervisors) and **John Glowacki** (Security Director), neighborhood residents were under patrol through the hard-working, dedicated, and watchful eyes of the 75 drivers and various supervisors and schedulers named below:

Drivers

Aldrich, Georgian
Ancell, Vince
Anton, Grace
Banks, Charles
Baumbusch, Cherry
Bell, Shirley
Bredehoft, Charles
Burns, Lisa
Carroll, Katherine
Cherkasky, Bill
Condello, Richard & Kathryn
Connelly, Veronica
Corbin, Doug & Susan
Daley, Annette
Dovi, Damien
Dreyfus, Kiky
Emrich, Hanna
Ende, Neil
Fichthorn, Melissa
Giuffra, Donna
Greenwood, Alan
Hanson, Bill
Harris, Rick
Heinzman, Lydia
Hogan, Meg
Holt, John
Hood, Greg & Katie
Hooton, Ann
Hoyt, Charles
Kadyszewski, John
Key, Frank & son
Klarman, Margaret
Kross, Gardenia

Leitch, Dave
Litton, Don
MacGowan, Trish
Marks, Richard & Cheryl
Miller, Gordon
Mullett, Mark
Murray, Liz
Nemeth, Winkle
Offutt, Bill
Ott, Kevin
Ransom, Jody
Rea, Ed
Rosser, Jim
Salkoff, Jonathan
Schneider, Hans
Snider, Britt
Stansberry, Kent & Nancy
Stelter, Chris
Stephens, Bill
Sterling, David
Stone, Brent
Sunderhauf, Steve
Talens, Jim
Tuttle, Barbara
Van Wazer, Tom
Warthin, Whit
Wellens, Richard
Wells, Sherry
Wickline, John
Wilkerson, Brian
Woodson, David/MaryAnn
Zimmer, Gloria & son
Zotter, Bruce
Zylstra, Dirk

Supervisors

Callander, Neal
Fichthorn, Melissa
Francis, Judy
French, Susie
Gates, Janine
Joss, Michelle
Kerns, Lori
Letsche, Tip
MacArthur, Lisa
Mulloy, Frankie
Nedzi, Peggy
Roberts, Joan
Scott, Mary
Stevens, Dave

Summer Coordinators of Schedulers

Daley, Annette
Murray, Liz

Summer Schedulers

Brand, Betsy
Sletten, Melanie
Storey, Frances

Visit
www.mcleanonline.com
and click on
Chesterbrook Woods to
catch up on the latest
neighborhood
information and see
the Directory Ads.

Community Offers Sincere Thanks for Years of Service

CWCA thanks **Bill Stephens** and **Maureen Hurley** for their long service on the Steering Committee. Bill and Maureen will finally get a breather after MANY years - we can't thank them enough for their time, effort, dedication and enthusiasm. **Tom Stoll** will assume Bill's duties as McLean Citizens Association Rep and **Jonathan Salkoff** will take over Maureen's role as E-mail Manager.

The Examiner

For residents that have tried unsuccessfully to cancel delivery of The Examiner newspaper, resident **Mary Scott** has researched ways in which residents can file a formal complaint with Fairfax County's Consumer Affairs' office against The Examiner.

Residents can visit Fairfax County's web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov, click on **Consumer Protection** under the Subject Areas listed on the right side of the page, and then click on **File a Complaint**. Residents may then enter the name and contact information for The Examiner (The Examiner, 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151 / 703.560.4000). You can also file a complaint by calling Fairfax County's Consumer Affairs at 703.222.8435. Simply advising that stoppage of the newspaper delivery was requested, but not honored is inadequate.

If all residents whose requests to stop delivery of this free newspaper have not been honored take this formal step to register complaints, we are hopeful that the Consumer Affairs office may be able to document the magnitude of this nuisance problem and perhaps achieve a timely resolution to this matter. Additionally, residents are asked to advise CWCA of their complaint registration by e-mailing ChesterbrookWoods@gmail.com so that we may be able to develop a database of documented complaints. Any questions, contact Mary at marymccott@aol.com.

Security Presentation Feb. 28th at Marshall High School:

Officer Tom Black to Present Guidance Regarding Window Security

A presentation on residential window security will be delivered by Officer Tom Black on Thursday, February 28th from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Marshall High School located at 7731 Leesburg Pike (Route 7) in Falls Church, VA 22043.



Two companies specializing in home security will also provide demonstrations on how criminals break into homes. Additionally, the companies will showcase a number of different products that can aid residents in preventing break-ins. By the end of the presentation, residents will have received an education in window security and know how to make this area of their homes more secure.

Residents whose homes have older windows are highly encouraged to attend this presentation. Older windows pose a particular vulnerability and this presentation will provide a clear perspective on how criminals are able to unlock these types of windows from the outside without breaking the glass.

Note, while the McLean District Station is not endorsing either of the companies presenting, both companies are good local resources for increasing home security.

Residents are encouraged to attend the presentation. Attendees should enter the school's front doors, proceed down the hallway to the left, and enter Michael Hall located near the library.

Security Director's Update by John Glowacki

- **Multiple Vehicle Break-Ins** - Between the hours of 1:30 - 5:30 a.m. on January 30th, CWCA has heard of eight reports of vehicles broken into at or around Forest Lane and Oakdale Road, some with items stolen. Additionally, a stolen car from Arlington was left in that location on the same night. Please lock all your vehicle doors and do not leave valuables inside the car (or remove them from plain view). Always report such incidences to the police to assist them in establishing trends and patterns of criminal behavior. Police have been asked to increase patrols in our neighborhood. Also, if you see someone breaking into a vehicle, please do not confront them. Go into your house and call 911. Please contact me re: any further break-ins or with questions. John: 571.259.5109 or joke4kiki@yahoo.com
- **Two Christmas Tree Arsons** - (1) During the last week of January on Woodacre Drive at Laburnum; (2) On February 5th close to the intersection of Calla Drive and Dahlia Ct. Had it not been for a quick-thinking neighbor, the residents in the adjacent home would have been imperiled. The suspect is described as a 140-150 lb, 15-year old male, wearing an all-black hooded sweatshirt and white or khaki parachute pants. He left the scene on foot, traveling south on Forest Lane toward Oakdale Road. Both the Fairfax County Police and Fire departments are investigating this as an arson case. If anyone has any information, they should contact the Fairfax County Police at 703.556.7750.
- Please see John's more detailed [Security Letter](#) later in this newsletter.
- Anyone who can provide insight into when/where they have observed **police stationed in our neighborhood tracking speeders** is asked to contact **Arnold Braswell** at 703.536.1681 or awbraswell@cox.net. Coordination with the Dranesville District Supervisor's office may help us combat neighborhood speeding and other types of reckless driving while yielding higher visibility and a more frequent presence of police in our neighborhood.

Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration April 28th

This year's Fairfax County Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled to take place from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College located at 8333 Little River Turnpike. This is the 34th anniversary of Earth Day!



This free community event features a myriad of activities for the whole family, including various exhibits, programs, music performances, and child-oriented activities showcasing environmental-themed games and puppet shows, a petting zoo, and living rain forest demonstrations. The entire event schedule can be accessed at www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org/times.htm



The [Chesterbrook Elementary School PTA](http://www.chesterbrook.org) (www.chesterbrook.org) offers a **Cell Phone and Printer Cartridge Recycling program**. Those interested in participating in this program may drop off used phones and cartridges in the PTA's collection box located in the hallway outside of the Media Center at the school. Proceeds from this program support enrichment and technology programs funded by the Chesterbrook PTA.

CWCA SECURITY REPORT - FEBRUARY 2008

2007 was uneventful in re: to neighborhood security. We had some visitors who were temporarily lost. Please advise guests that our streets can be confusing. 2008 has proven to be quite eventful so far. We have had a rash of car break-ins, Christmas tree arsons, and one recovered stolen vehicle (near where the car break-ins occurred). In all cases, I followed up with my contact at the Fairfax County Police Department. They are investigating possible links with the car burglaries and the stolen car. With regards to the tree arsons, I have contacted both the police and the fire departments, and they are investigating.

Due to these security issues, CWCA is working to increase Neighborhood Watch Car Patrols and possibly, a Dog Walking Patrol as many of you walk your pets regularly.

If these security issues concern you, please attend the CWCA Annual Meeting, March 10th, Chesterbrook Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. Police Officer Thomas Black with Fairfax County is a featured speaker and available to answer any questions. He will be specifically addressing Neighborhood Watch programs and ways that we can deter crime in our neighborhood.

In addition, many of you may have not realized, but Feb. 5th was recognized as national "Disaster Day". I would like to remind us all of the importance of planning and preparation, as individuals, as families, and as a neighborhood, in the event of a disaster. In researching this topic, I learned that in disaster preparedness, one must think about caring for pets, the elderly, and children in addition to immediate needs. American Red Cross Checklist:

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance).
 - Teach children how to call 911 or local Emergency Medical Services.
 - Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
 - Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
 - Get training from the fire department for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept.
 - Install smoke detectors on each home level, especially near bedrooms.
 - Conduct a home hazard hunt.
 - Stock emergency supplies and assemble a [Disaster Supplies Kit](#).
 - Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
 - Determine best escape routes from home. Find 2 ways out of each room.
- Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster.

If we are interested in identifying those among us that have skills valuable in case of an emergency (physicians, veterinarians, electricians) as well as identifying those that may have specific needs, I would be glad to work with neighbors to set-up this up. Shown below are a few websites I found helpful.

http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_601_,00.html

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>

<http://www.webmd.com/mental-health/features/preparing-for-disaster>

John Glowacki, Chesterbrook Woods Security Director

CWCA 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 10th, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CHESTERBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in the Cafeteria

(1753 Kirby Road, near Old Dominion Drive - plenty of free parking!)

OPEN TO ALL CWCA RESIDENTS – Homeowners, Renters, Families & Moving-in-soon

FREE Babysitting - Multiple babysitters, plus, toys, games and refreshments

- RSVP ASAP with # /ages of kids for babysitting (we are already half-full)

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. - NEIGHBORS MEET N' GREET

- Welcome Table - *Ione Braswell, Ann Hooton, Susan Mrachek*
- CWCA Table - *Amanda Majkowski, Sylvia Pierson, Rosemary Ryan*
- Dessert Table - *David Guas* of damgoodsweet Consulting Group
- Parties Table
 - *Rachel Deutsch & Yvonne Mizusawa*, First Annual Third of July Party and *Bea Helguero*, Photos
 - *Michelle Joss*, Annual Halloween Party & *Betty Ende*, Photos
 - *Neal Callander*, *New in 2008*: Memorial Day Weekend Potluck
- Vendor Table
 - *JD Callander*, Weichert Realtors
 - *Kevin Connelly*, BB&T Mortgage
 - *Eric Glowacki*, TwinTech (HVAC)
 - *Charlotte Jones*, Long & Foster Real Estate
 - *Anne Pham*, LaGoogle (Smart Cappy™ for Infants)
 - *Jane Price*, Weichert Realtors

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. - NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES

- CWCA and Guest Speakers
 - *Lori Boerner*, President, and *Kevin Connelly*, Vice-President
 - *John Glowacki*, Security Director, *Ione Braswell & Virginia Dillon*, Neighborhood Watch
 - *Tom Black*, MPO, McLean Station - *30 minutes*
 - *Arnold Braswell*, Traffic Safety
 - *John Foust*, Supervisor, Dranesville District (McLean, Herndon, Great Falls and parts of Falls Church & Vienna) - *30 minutes*
 - *Roger Nucho & Dave Stevens*, Snow Removal Committee
 - *Edie Ashton*, Welcome Committee
 - *Sylvia Pierson*, Newsletter Manager
 - *Jonathan Salkoff*, Email Manager & *Ellie LeBaron*, Website
 - *Tom Stoll*, McLean Citizens Association, CWCA Rep
 - *Charles Hoyt*, Treasurer - 2007/2008 Budget & Dues
 - *Betsy Brand, Roger Nucho & Rosemary Ryan*, 2008 Nominating Committee & Election of Officers
 - *Nicki Watts*, Secretary

9:00 p.m. - GIVE-AWAY

- Gift Certificates - Corkie's and Starbucks - Must be present to win

Meeting Services

Geoff Balleisen, Tech Support

Hanna Emrich, Posters

Jennifer Mendelsohn, Photographer