Life On The Lake

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Hull Street Entrance Near Completion

Yes, Woodlake, there is a light at the end of the tunnel! To many of you, it probably seems as though work has halted altogether at the Hull Street entrance. In fact, there has been much activity behind the scenes.

In early March, the Board of Directors called a special meeting to make a final decision on the overall design of the monolith, settling on the design as you see it now. Permanent lighting will be added soon, making the "Woodlake" panel and compass rose more visible at night.

On March 23, the flagpoles were reset to allow for adequate space for eight-foot flags - a United States, Virginia state, and Woodlake flag.

The contractor has remobilized, and crews will be working full-force to complete work on the brick walls, installing the final caps and adding lighting.

Once heavy-duty equipment is no longer needed, work will begin on the final landscaping. Completion for the front entrance is slated for the end of April.

Throughout Woodlake's interior, installation of lighting at the neighborhood entrances has begun. All 53 signs have been ordered, and their installation, with lighting, will be complete by the end of 2011.

Proxy/Ballots were mailed March 26. If you didn't receive yours, turn to pages 14-19 for voting materials.

Woodlake Community Association

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2011
Woolridge Elementary School
Doors Open at 6:30 PM
Business Meeting 7:00 PM

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Board Of Directors Approves Neighborhood Entrance Lighting Design

New Lights Will Be More Modern And Energy Efficient

The WCA recently contracted to change out the lamp fixtures at the entrance to each neighborhood - 53 in all. This effort represents completion of another part of the Long Range Planning Committee's work and recommended actions, for which the WCA Board of Directors approved funding. The new fixtures are intended to modernize the looks of our entrance lamp posts and use commercial grade fluorescent-induction bulbs, which are much more efficient than the metal-halide bulbs they replaced (0.9 amps and 108 watts compared to 1.75 amps and 210 watts used by the old bulbs).

Beyond modernizing the look with an attractive fixture, these lamps are also very effective at projecting light downward where it is needed, minimizing upward directed light pollution, and minimizing vandalism - more so than the glass globe-topped fixtures that they replaced. The manufacturer claims that the bulbs will last 100,000 hours, which translates into approximately 24.5 years, assuming an average of 11.2 hours of use per day.

Best of all, these bulbs are expected to reduce energy consumption and maintenance costs by about 50%. This means that instead of costing us approximately $230 per fixture per year in energy costs, the new lamps will only cost an estimated $115 per fixture per year. On an annual basis across all 53 fixtures, we hope to save about $6,300 per year in operating and maintenance costs - funds that can be used for some other useful purpose. So, be sure to thank our volunteer members of the Long Range Planning Committee at the upcoming annual meeting for another nice improvement to our community!

Position Open On Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board is a committee of volunteer residents who review and approve plans submitted by homeowners for exterior improvements to their property. The ARB meets at 8:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Meetings generally run one hour.

It is helpful to have construction-related skills, such as engineering, construction, decorating, real estate, etc.; however, it is not required.

If interested in being considered for appointment to the position, please contact Brian Hoyle at 739-4344.

HELP NEEDED:

Marquee Volunteer needed to change messages on marquees 2-3 times per week as needed by WCA.

What Does The Board Of Directors Do?

Around the time of the annual election of the members to the WCA Board of Directors, there are usually questions about the role of the Board and what they actually do for our community. Actually, the role of the Board is defined specifically in the Covenants, the Articles of Incorporation, and the Bylaws of the Corporation. These documents assign the purpose, roles and responsibilities of the Board. If you've ever reviewed these documents, chances are that your mind starts to drift off as soon as you see the word "Whereas." Below is an explanation that we hope will help you to understand how and why the Board operates.

First, the Covenants contain a provision that provides for the creation of a corporation (WCA) that will help to preserve values, but also to provide for maintenance of common facilities and a vehicle for the administration and enforcement of the covenants and restrictions. Then the Articles of Incorporation outline the purposes and powers of the corporation, and that the affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors.

We really gain an understanding of the Board's significant responsibilities through the Bylaws of the Corporation. The following is a summary of the powers and the duties of the Board:

The Board of Directors shall have the power to:
(a) adopt and publish rules and regulations concerning the use of common properties…and to establish penalties for the infraction thereof;
(b) suspend voting rights and right to use of the common properties…for non-payment of assessments;
(c) exercise for the Corporation all powers, duties and authority vested in or delegated to the Corporation…;
(d) employ a manager…

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to:
(a) …keep a complete record of all its acts and corporate affairs
(b) supervise all officers, agents and employees of the Corporation
(c) fix the amounts of all assessments
(d) send written notice of all assessments to every owner
(e) foreclose the lien against any property for which assessments are not paid
(f) provide for an Architectural Review Board
(g) procure and maintain adequate liability and hazard insurance
(h) cause all officers and employees having fiscal responsibility to be bonded
(i) cause the common properties…to be maintained or improved.

In essence, the documents that govern the Association specify that the Board of Directors' responsibilities and duties are to the corporation. Even though the Board is elected by the members, it is more like the governing Board of a business than a state or federal representative who is elected to represent the people. Ideally, the best interests of the people will be the same as the best interests of the corporation, but that may not always be the case.

The Board manages the affairs of the Corporation, following the appropriate laws of the Commonwealth, directives of the Covenants and governing documents, and the goals they have outlined for the community. Every decision is somehow based on these documents with the best interests of the community at heart.

Board members meet once per month to review the general business of the Association. During the meeting, the directors review the financial statements of the Association, staff reports, hold Covenant violation hearings and then discuss any pertinent business. Starting in August, the Board reviews draft budgets and approves the final budget for the following fiscal year in October. In addition, Board members attend community meetings on behalf of the Association when necessary and participate in meetings with local government officials throughout the year. While the job of a director is a challenge, particularly when decisions must be made, the contribution to the community is immeasurable. Our past and current Board members give time, energy and enthusiasm to the Association and help keep our community great!

PONTOONS begin running May 1!

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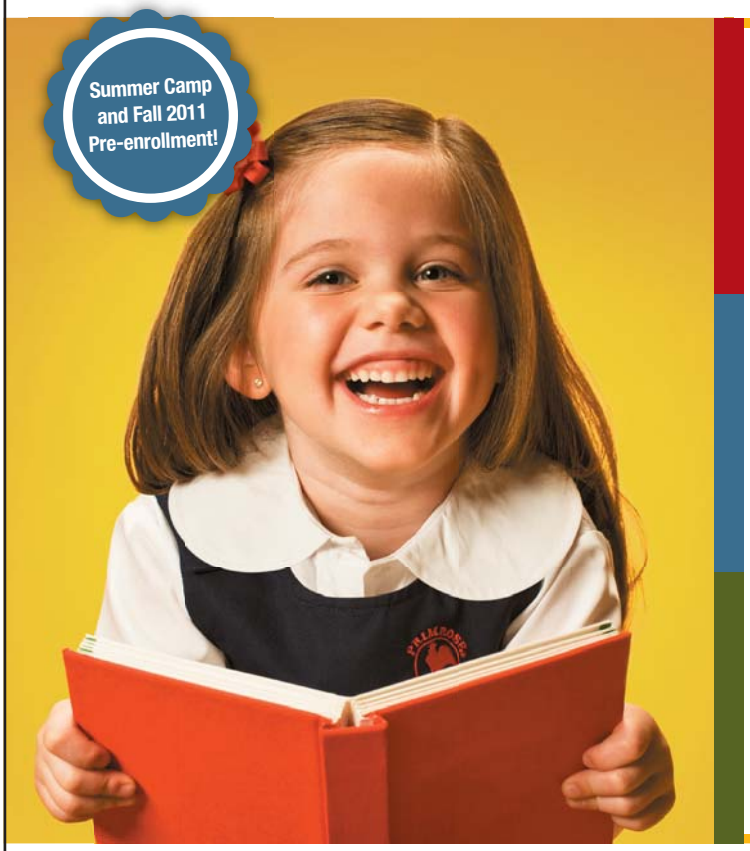

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WCA Community Cleanup

April 15 & 16, 8AM-4PM
Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club

The WCA wants to help you improve your property at no additional cost to you! Mark your calendar now for the 2011 Spring Community Cleanup. We'll be accepting yard waste, Goodwill items, and documents for shredding. All you have to do is get it to us at the Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club parking lot (the tennis location). Take advantage of this WCA-sponsored event to get a jump on your spring cleaning!

This event is open to Woodlake residents and property owners, only. A photo ID with Woodlake address will be required, or HANG YOUR WOODLAKE PARKING PERMIT ON YOUR REAR-VIEW MIRROR, and you'll be waved right through!

Acceptable INDOOR WASTE

• Goodwill items - please bring us gently used items that would be acceptable for resale at Goodwill such as:

clothing
small kitchen appliances
toys

• Documents for shredding - please bring your paper documents in a box or paper grocery bag. Shred-It will be there to shred them on the spot!
Saturday only, 8AM-2PM

NOT ACCEPTABLE

•• Do NOT bring household garbage or items that you wouldn't be able to sell at a yard sale
••Do NOT bring paint, pesticides, lawn chemicals, motor oil or other hazardous waste products

Acceptable OUTDOOR Waste

• Bagged leaves or grass • Tree limbs
• Dead shrubbery • Small tree stumps

NOT ACCEPTABLE

••NO lawn furniture
••NO household or kitchen garbage

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CALL GAIL AT WCA, 739-4344.

BOARD*briefs*

March 1, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present with the following officers and directors present: President Caryl Quinn; Vice President George Rogerson; Secretary Jay Hackleman; Treasurer Mark Riblett and, Directors David Faulkner, Sharon Markowski and Del Rio Walkey. Also present was Recorder Gail Fenske.

Member Voice
•The Board received an email from a Clipper Cove resident with concern about a need for more frequent communication to residents about the landscape plan.

During the business portion of the meeting the Board took the following actions:
• Motion to approve the original monolith sign panel and compass rose design flush to the monolith.
• Unanimous consensus of the Board to thank VP Rogerson for all his work on the Landscape Plan.
• Motion to approve ordering the neighborhood signs once the sign permits are issued to the WCA.

Next meeting. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday March 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the WCA office.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

March 16, 2011 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors of the Woodlake Community Association, Inc. receive a packet of information every month before the regular Board meeting. This packet contains the agenda, financial statement, reports, and other information that relate to the business that will be addressed by the Board during the meeting.

The regular monthly meeting is held at the Woodlake Community Association offices at 14900 Lake Bluff Parkway. It typically starts at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with a motion to adjourn and go home after two and a half to four hours. Owners are welcome to visit the Woodlake Community Association office to get a copy of the minutes of a meeting, however we think you will find this column convenient and informative. It is being created in response to input from members to provide an executive summary of the most important decisions and actions taken by the Board, and it will appear in each monthly newsletter.

President Quinn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was present with the following officers and directors present: President Caryl Quinn, Vice President George Rogerson, Secretary Jay Hackleman, and Directors David Faulkner, Sharon Markowski and Del Rio Walkey. Treasurer Mark Riblett was absent. Also present was Recorder Gail Fenske.

Member Voice
A Laurel Trail resident noted continued concern about the clogged inlet near the Laurel Trail neighborhood sign.

During the business portion of the meeting the Board took the following actions:
• The Board commended Maintenance Manager Russell and his staff for fixing the WCA maintenance equipment in-house and also for sharing cost saving ideas in relation to the landscape plan.
• Motion to accept proposal to replace pavilion steps and floor.
• Consensus of the Board to consider including EPDs along with the proposed causeway electric project.
• Motion to accept the Community Services Manager's changes to the Boating Rules for Section C.13 and section C.4, and to recommend that pontoon boat owners use a rear stern anchor for stabilization, limited to placement a maximum of 6 feet out from stern.
• Motion to appoint Tom Hoekstra as an Election Proctor for 2011.

Next meeting. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the WCA office.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

The Woodlake Board of Directors Meeting Info

The BOD meets on the third Wednesday of every month unless otherwise announced. Meetings take place at the WCA office, 14900 Lake Bluff Parkway and begin at 6:30 p.m. A member voice session is held at the start of each meeting to hear resident concerns, comments and questions. All residents are welcome to attend for member voice and to observe the remainder of the meeting.

Sue Sheppard Completes Her 50th Marathon!

Sue Sheppard is a marathon junkie. The Woodlake mother of two finished her 50th marathon since 1991 in March, and said though she started as a reluctant runner, she quickly grew to love it.

"Your first marathon is rough, because it's a long distance," Sheppard said. "Some people do it once and say 'never again,' and other people get hooked."

It was over dinner with friends that Sheppard was first challenged to train for a marathon, defined as a race of 26.2 miles - which is slightly farther than the distance from Woodlake to the Virginia State Capitol. "My husband first ran marathons, and I played other sports," Sheppard, who grew up in South Africa, said. "In South Africa, most people are involved in sports, and a lot of people do distance running."

Sheppard even ran one ultramarathon before moving away from her homeland. The Comrades Marathon is an annual event in South Africa that covers 89 kilometers, or about 56 miles. "The first year I trained for that, but had an injury and wasn't able to complete it," Sheppard said. "The second year I finished it. The training is very rigorous. You run a marathon a month and build up to longer runs. I did it once and was thrilled to do it, but I had no desire to do it again."

The Sheppards moved across the equator in 1992 and made their first American home outside Boston, home to America's most famous marathon. "I remember my son making me these little cards every year when I would run in Boston," she said. "And he would say, 'You're going to win, Mommy, you're going to win!' "

Well-known races like Boston and New York have qualifying requirements that the marathons Sheppard runs annually in Virginia don't carry, but that doesn't stop her from pushing herself to achieve. "I try for a sub 3:40,"she said, meaning a race time of less than three hours and 40 minutes. "That's the qualifying time for the youngest women for Boston, so it's fun because I get to run with all these young girls who are trying to qualify for their first Boston."

One thing 20 years of running has taught Sheppard, though, is that a race can be affected by many things besides the runner. "If it's too hot or very windy it can be tough," Sheppard said. "Last year at Virginia Beach it was too hot, and I finished in 3:44."

With a personal best marathon time of 3 hours and 36 minutes and - roughly estimated - enough miles logged to have circled the Earth one and half times, Sheppard said there's no substitute for feeling her shoes pounding the pavement. "I bought a treadmill when I lived in Massachusetts, because we'd get black ice up there," she said. "One time I did a three-hour training run on the treadmill. I watched two movies. I didn't like it. I run on the treadmill only if I have to. I'd much rather be outside."

A physical therapist by trade, Sheppard said she's been fortunate to not lose too much time to injuries - but that could be because she's cautious. "A lot of people have to give up because of various things," she said. "I've been very fortunate with injuries and I've never had anything too bad. I really listen to my body, and if I feel a little twinge here or there I back off and swim or something else until I feel better."

Sheppard typically logs 35 to 40 miles a week on the trails, more when she's training for one of the two marathons she runs every year - the Shamrock marathon in March and the Richmond marathon in November. "I run five times a week," she said. "I run year-round, though I typically run more when I'm training for a marathon. I have a base, since I run all the time, but for 10 to 14 weeks before a marathon, I do one long run a week, and I do hill training and speed work and other things I don't really do the rest of the time."

The Shamrock was special this year because she ran it as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and a tribute to her father. "My dad died of cancer two years ago, right after this marathon," she said. Though the race is finished, anyone who wants to donate can still do so online by visiting http://teamacs.acsevents.org/site/PageServer?pagename=tacs_FY09_homepage and clicking "Donate to a participant" and then entering Sheppard's name in

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Yard Sale signs may be placed only at the entrance to your neighborhood and only on the day of the sale. The sign must be acquired from the WCA, and a $20 deposit will be collected for its use. The deposit will be refunded in full if the sign is returned to the WCA in good condition within 30 days.

Signs not acquired from the WCA, signs placed anywhere other than the neighborhood entrance, or signs put out on any day other than the day of the sale will be removed.
WCA-acquired signs that are found anywhere other than at the neighborhood entrance or at any time other than on the day of the sale will be removed, and the deposit will not be returned. Residents may be charged a fee for "illegally" placed signs, in accordance with the Woodlake sign policies. (See the November 2008 issue of *Life on the Lake*, available at woodlakeonline.com.)

Neighborhood yard sales will be posted on the marquees, space permitting, when there are three or more households participating. WCA scheduled events and meetings take precedence over all other postings; therefore, advertising of yard sales is not guaranteed, but the WCA will try to do so.

When residents acquire the "legal" YARD SALE SIGN from the WCA, the sale will be posted at woodlakoneline.com FREE OF CHARGE!

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Covenant Clips

BOATS, TRAILERS, RVs, OUTBUILDINGS, ETC.
No mobile home, trailer, tent, barn, or other similar structure shall be placed on any residential property at any time, either temporarily or permanently. Boats, boat trailers, campers, recreational vehicles, oversized vehicles, or utility trailers may be maintained on a residential property, but only within an enclosed or screened area such that they are not generally visible from adjacent properties.(General Covenants, page 13).

The Board defines "oversized vehicle" as any vehicle which exceeds any of the following measurements: twenty feet (20') in length, six feet seven inches (6'7") in width, eight feet six inches (8'6") in height.

The ARB meets twice monthly to consider residents' applications. ARB forms can be found at woodlakeonline.com.

For questions regarding ARB requirements, call Brian Hoyle at 739-4344.

ARB Approvals
February & March

Chatmoss - Color change
Chestnut Bluff - Vinyl siding
Fiddlers Ridge - Fence
Gates Mill - Garage door
Grove Forest - Color change
Grove Forest - Roof
Hickory Grove - Color change
Highberry Woods - Color change
Highberry Woods - Driveway extension
Highberry Woods - Patio
Lansgate - Shutters
Lansgate - Garage door
Lansgate - Gazebo
Lansgate - Vinyl siding
Lansgate - Window replacement
Maple Brook - Windows
Meadow Chase - Roof
Mill Spring - Deck
Moss Creek - Deck replacement
Moss Creek - Vinyl siding
North Chase - Roof
Powell Grove - Color change
Red Fern - Fence
Ridge Point - Front door
Rosebay Forest - Fence
Sandstone Ridge - Deck replacement
Shelter Cove - Screened porch
Windy Ridge - Fence
Windy Ridge - Vegetable garden
Windy Ridge - Window replacement

The Birds of Woodlake

Bird Walks Scheduled

by Tom Dilts, Sandstone Ridge

Spring is right around the corner, and it's time to check out the birds in Woodlake. Many of the ducks that spend winter on the Swift Creek Reservoir will be leaving to go north in a few weeks. But the spring migration of birds from the south will be visiting Woodlake in April and May, and there will be many species of birds to see.

There will be a bird walk on Saturday, April 30 (with a rain date of Sunday, May 1). We will meet at 8:00a.m. near the Legacy Properties office - just up from the Woodlake Aquatic & Fitness Center. Bring some binoculars and good walking shoes, and we are sure to see lots of birds.

I plan to do a bird walk each season of the year in Woodlake. We will do a summer one in August, a fall one in October, and one for winter bird watching in February. Watch the Woodlake Newsletter for future dates and times.

Woodlake Environmental Committee presents

Spring Water Barrel Workshop

Saturday, May 7 • 10 AM - Noon • Legacy Park Pavilion

The workshop will include brief instructions on how to set up and use a rain barrel, and construction of a barrel to take home, ready to use! All tools and supplies will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring work gloves.

$30 per barrel,
credit card required
to reserve your space.
Space limited to 24,
so call now to sign up,
WCA, 739-4344.

If you can't make the WEC workshop, see info below about one sponsored by the Chesterfield County Extension.

Chesterfield County Extension Sets Rain Barrel Workshop

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 PM
Chesterfield County Fairgrounds
$35 per barrel

Registration and payment must be completed online at http://tinyurl.com/4mn7kr5.
For more details, contact Lorne Field at (804) 748-1920 or e-mail fieldl@chesterfield.gov.

Have you changed your mailbox to BLACK yet?

All mailboxes must be black by December 31, 2011. If you haven't changed yours yet, stop by the WCA office where you can purchase the Woodlake black paint or a new black box for self-installation.

To have the WCA install a new box for you, call us at 739-4344.

Family Skywatch

Friday, May 6
8:30 PM
Legacy Park
FREE!

Join the Richmond Astronomy Club for a night of stargazing in the park. Telescopes will be provided, or you may bring your own. Call now to reserve your space, 739-4344.

Eye On The Environment

The ABCs Of Spring Lawn Maintenance

By Susan Edwards, Chesterfield Cooperative Extension

Avoid fertilizer
Battle weeds
Compost your lawn

With spring right around the corner, you may be itching to get outside and work on your lawn. I know I am. There's just something about walking through lush green grass that signifies spring's arrival and the promise of warm weather. After the cold we've experienced this winter, I can't wait!
So what can you do to "help" your lawn become thick and emerald green this spring? For one thing you can skip the fertilizer. Blasphemous, I know. But, unless you have a warm-season lawn like zoysiagrass or bermudagrass you really don't need to fertilize in the spring. Most lawns in Chesterfield County are cool-season turfgrasses, typically tall fescue.

Cool-season and warm-season turfgrasses have different fertilizer needs and very different application schedules. Warm-season turfgrasses, as their name implies, are most active in warm (and even hot) weather; this is when they create and store food for later use so this is when they need fertilizer. Cool-season turfgrasses, as you may have guessed, make and store most of their food in cool seasons such as spring but more so in fall. That's why we fertilize them on the SON schedule: September, October, November.
It's true that you can make one fertilizer application in the spring at half the normal rate of nitrogen, but unless you're diligent about how much you apply you may be causing yourself more headaches down the road. Too much nitrogen in the spring promotes weak, leggy growth that is susceptible to insect and disease damage in the summer. If you have problems with brown patch in the summer, I'd steer clear of the spring fertilizer. Fescue will green up on its own, and before you know it you'll be back to cursing the lawn for how frequently you need to mow.
What can you do in the spring? One thing is to improve your soil by raking 1/4-inch compost over your entire lawn. Compost adds much needed organic matter to the soil and makes it a more hospitable place for turf to grow. Don't overdo it though. Stick to a maximum of one-quarter of an inch - any more and you can damage the grass. You can apply another application in about three months.

What else can you do? Control weeds. When weeds are present they're constantly competing with your turf for the limited resources they both need to survive: nutrients, water, light, and space. Unfortunately, weeds survive better under stress than turfgrass. We've all seen deep green crabgrass thrive in drought conditions while the rest of our lawn is brown. That's why it's important to nip those weeds in the bud now before they get out of control and the stressful summer heat arrives. Once you've established a dense turf you're less likely to have weed problems in the future - there's not enough space and sunlight for weed seeds to germinate.
You'll want to apply two different types of weed control in the spring: crabgrass pre-emergent and broadleaf weed post-emergent. Apply the granular crabgrass control first, typically when the forsythia starts to bloom in your neighborhood. In April, follow up with a liquid (like those ready to attach to a hose) broadleaf control. Use a broadleaf product that contains two or three active ingredients. This will give you better control over multiple types of weeds. Apply both products to the entire lawn. You may not see many weeds yet but this is when you want to hit them - when they're young and tender and susceptible to herbicides. Make a second application of both about six weeks after your first applications.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Annual "Lake Safe" Fertilizer Sale!

This fall, the Woodlake Environmental Committee will once again team up with Boy Scout Troop 806 to provide the community the opportunity to purchase the best fertilizer for your lawn AND for the reservoir, so watch this newsletter for details in late summer!

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2011 Red Cross Lifeguarding Classes

Session 3 - April 9, 10, 16, 17
Session 4 - April 18-22 (Spring Break) (M-F, 12-5)
Session 5 - April 23, 30 May 1, 7
Session 6 - May 14, 15, 21, 22
All sessions will meet Saturdays and Sundays except for spring break class. Class times for weekends are 12-7.

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2011 Swim and Dive Team Registration

Saturday, April 30, 2011
2:30-5:00 PM, AFC

Swim – $75
Dive – $100
Swim & Dive – $125
Family Maximum – $300

Woodlake participates in the Richmond Metro Aquatic League each summer. The local league has both swimming and diving for children as young as six through age eighteen.

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For information about practice schedules, meet schedules, and other topics concerning the Woodlake Hurricanes, visit www.woodlakesrc.com, select the Swim page, then Summer Swim & Dive Team.

11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 10th
2:00 PM
Aquatic & Fitness Center

$2.00 Gold/Existing Silver
$3.00 Full Facility/Existing Family Swim

Join the Easter Bunny at the AFC to look for lots of eggs filled with great surprises!

RSVP at the front desk, or call 739-3454.

WSRC Club Offices	**Club Hours**
14710 Village Square Place	AFC Indoor Pool & Fitness Center
Midlothian, VA 23112	Monday-Thursday: 4:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
AFC (804) 739-3454	Friday: 4:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
SRC (804) 739-4120	Saturday: 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
	Sunday: 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m

Club Corner

Woodlake Community Association, Inc.

2011 Board Of Directors Candidates

Brian Krezel, Shelter Cove

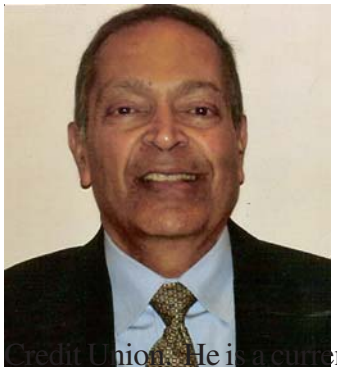
Brian and his family came to Woodlake from Newport, Rhode Island in the summer of 2005. Right away, he and his wife Colleen, son Gavin (age 8) and daughter Caroline (age 6) found that it felt like home! Brian graduated from Virginia Tech in 1997 with a Bachelor's degree in Production & Operations Management and Info Sytems. He is currently employed with Bank of America as IT Program and Project Manager. The family belongs to the Swim & Racquet Club and are very active in their church. Brian also stays very busy coaching Caroline's soccer team and fundraising for Muscular Dystrophy.

Q. Why would you like to serve on the Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors?
A. "Woodlake is a fantastic place to live, and we really love living here. I simply want to give back and serve the community."

Dale McIntosh, Lansgate

Dale and his wife Teena moved to Virginia from Beaumont, Texas, settling in Lansgate 22 years ago, where they raised two sons, David and Damon. Dale holds a B.S. in Accounting with a Minor in English from East Texas Baptist University. After college, Dale spent 12 years in the U.S. Navy, last as Commanding Officer at the Naval Training Station in Sherman, Texas. He also spent 20 years in various management positions with J.C.Penney and worked for a while as Retail Management Consultant for G.A. Wright, Inc. Dale currently works for the Internal Revenue Service, where he's been employed for three years. Dale has long been active in Kiwanis, both here and in Texas, serving as president in both locations. He has also served as Chairman of the Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club Advisory Board. Many Woodlake residents with children in middle school will recognize Dale's wife, Teena, as Swift Creek Middle School's Clinic Assistant, a position she has held for 21 years.

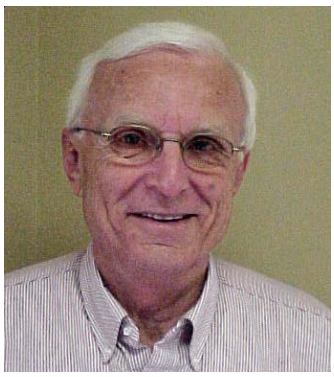
Q. Why would you like to serve on the Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors?
A. "First, to protect and defend the property values of the homeowners, and secondly, to maintain and improve the amenities of our first-class community. If elected, I would be honored to serve."



Navin Tejani, Watercrest

Navin Tejani brings many years of diverse experience to Woodlake! Before settling here fifteen years ago, he spent some time living in Spain, Switzerland and Ireland. Navin is now a retired engineer, but he holds an MBA and a Master of Science in Textile Technology. He is a member of the Supervisory Committee at DuPont Fibers and also works with the Board of Supervisors for the DuPont Credit Union. He is a current member of the Board of Trustees of the Hindu Center of Virginia. Other community activities include volunteering with the local Food Bank, serving as Treasurer of the DuPont Retirees Association, and serving for eight years as Treasurer of the Festival of India. Navin is a regular member of the Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club and plans to join their Book Club.

Q. Why would you like to serve on the Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors?
A. "I consider Woodlake a great place to live with very friendly neighbors, surrounded by beautiful, natural surroundings. I would like to offer my rich and diverse perspectives to maintain and improve the natural beauty and various amenities of Woodlake, and to further improve a very good quality of life. I will offer the voice of the residents to the Board and help resolve issues in a win-win fashion."



Ray Turcan, Long Cove

Ray Turcan and his wife Nadine moved to Woodlake from the Petersburg, Virginia area fifteen years ago. The Turcans were in Beacon Hill for three years and have been in Long Cove for twelve. Ray has a B.S. in Marketing from DePaul University, and owned and operated the Willow Oaks Executive Suites until his retirement last year. He has been a member of the Board at Beacon Hill, participated in the Woodlake Pavilion Evaluation Team, and served on the Long Range Planning Committee. Ray has previously served three terms on the WCA Board of Directors, including two years as president.

Q. Why would you like to serve on the Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors?
A. "Since my last Woodlake Board term, I have retired from my business, thus I have renewed energy! I have said before, my wife and I have lived in many communities during our business career, but none compare to living in Woodlake. In addition to ourselves, we have a vested interest in Woodlake's future because our daughter, grandchildren and Godchildren live here. Having served on the Woodlake Board, I know how important it is to preserve and enhance our quality of life through our decision-making process. With your approval, I will continue to do so moving forward."

PLEASE TURN TO PAGES 17-18 FOR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AND A COPY OF THE PROXY/BALLOT

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VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Property owners and property renters are Members of the Association and may vote on issues before the Association. Every residential unit - whether single family home, lot, condominium, or townhouse - is counted as two votes. Therefore, if a property owned is rented out, the owner's vote is counted as one and the tenant's vote is counted as one. In order to properly identify those properties and votes, it is therefore necessary for owners of more than one property to use a separate proxy/ballot form for each property owned and identify the type of property by checking the appropriate place near the top of the proxy/ballot form.

The number of votes cast by owners of public or commercial property is based upon the amount of the annual assessment on those properties paid annually to the Association. Your proxy/ballot will be marked, for your convenience, according to the records of the Association. Please check to make sure the information is accurate.

RESOLUTION ON FUNDING

The Woodlake Community Association is a not-for-profit, non-stock corporation. Our books are kept on an accrual basis. The annual budget each year is balanced, for example, $1,000,000 in anticipated income and $1,000,000 in anticipated expenditures. Cash income and expenditures, however, may vary for many reasons - weather, delinquent assessments, unanticipated savings, etc. At no time will there ever be exactly $1,000,000 in income and $1,000,000 in expenses, although we try to come as close as possible.

According to the IRS, if there is a "surplus" of cash at the end of the year, the Association can do one of three things with it: (1) we can return it to the Members of the Association; (2) we can pay income tax on it; or (3) the Membership can adopt a Resolution applying the money to use during the following year.

Dividing what is usually a relatively small amount of money and sending individual checks to 2,764 Association members is hardly cost effective. Obviously, we do not wish to pay income tax on it. You are therefore asked to approve the Resolution regarding funding on the proxy/ballot form.

PROXY/BALLOT ON REVERSE SIDE

Proxy/Ballot for Meeting of the Members
Woodlake Community Association, Inc.
April 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Please **PRINT** the following information:

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I WISH TO CAST MY VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (There are two seats available. *You may check up to two names*. Vote on this matter will not be counted if more than two names are checked.)

____	**Brian Krezel**	____	**Dale McIntosh**
____	**Navin Tejani**	____	**Ray Turcan**

I_____APPROVE or **I_____DO NOT APPROVE** of the following Resolution (See following page for explanation): RESOLVED, that any excess of WCA operating revenue over operating expenses for the year ending December 31, 2011 shall be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessments as provided by the IRS Ruling 70-604.

PROXY/BALLOT AUTHORIZATION. The above signed hereby appoints _____ (or, if no one indicated, Caryl Quinn, President of the Woodlake Community Association, Inc.) as his/her proxy holder for this PROXY/BALLOT of the Member signed below to vote in the manner indicated above on the issues properly coming before the meeting of the Members of the Woodlake Community Association, Inc. on April 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Woolridge Elementary School and any adjournment of such meeting, and hereby revokes any PROXY/BALLOT heretofore given.

SIGNATURE:_____ DATE:_____

(PROXY/BALLOT MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID. If PROPERTY IS OWNED JOINTLY, ONLY ONE OWNER NEEDS TO SIGN.)

RETURN PROXY/BALLOT NO LATER THAN MONDAY APRIL 25, 2011 TO THE WCA OFFICE, 14900 Lake Bluff Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Managing Money In Retirement

Sometimes people think so much about how to save for retirement, which is good, but forget to think about how they will manage their money once they get there. There are lots of things to think about - health, age, hobbies, etc.- when you think about making your money last. And while you may not have enough money to do everything you want to do in retirement, you can make the most of what you have. To make your money last in retirement requires some thought and planning. There are things you can do to make your dollars stretch.

People are living longer. According to the 2006 Social Security Trustees Report, in 2006, a 65-year-old man is expected to live to 82.1 years and a 65-year-old woman is expected to live to 84.7 years. The Retirement Confidence Survey (RCS), which is conducted by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), found that 6% of workers expect their retirement to last ten years or less. Another 25% believe it will last 10 to 19 years. In reality, a 65-year old man can expect to live to 82. A 65-year old woman is expected to live to 85. An increasing number of Americans are living to be 100.

Plan, plan and plan. First, you need to figure out how much money you will need in retirement. Experts say that retirees typically need at least 70 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement income. Be sure you are on track for a secure retirement with AARP's retirement calculator. Your money must last as long as you do. You may outlive your money because:

- You didn't save enough
- Your investments don't keep up with inflation
- You withdraw too much
- You don't invest wisely
- You don't have a pension that pays income for life.

Financial experts say that you can take out somewhere between 3-6 % (most recommend 4%) of your assets each year in retirement, and not outlast your money. Most caution that if you withdraw more than 5%, the chances of going broke during retirement increase.

While it makes sense to take less investment risks when you reach retirement, some people go too far. With people living longer and longer in retirement, having some investments in stocks along with more stable bonds and cash may help your money last.

You should also think about the order in which you withdraw money from your different accounts. Generally, a good tip is to start taking money from your regular taxable accounts first and let your tax-deferred accounts grow as long as possible. Dip into your Roth IRA last. This may not work best for everyone, so check with a financial professional to be sure.

Health is an unpredictable factor. Even if you're putting much younger people to shame in the workout room, good health comes with no guarantees. Healthcare expenses can alter the amount you'll need in retirement, and medical problems can put a damper on all of your retirement dreams. The health of your spouse or life partner can also change the course of your retirement. Consider getting long-term care insurance.

Make Good Social Security Choices. Social Security provides a strong base for retirement security. It is the largest source of income for older Americans. For most people, however, Social Security benefits will replace only about 40% of your paycheck. So they-and possibly you too-will need other sources of retirement income.
Deciding when to begin getting your Social Security benefits is important. You can get a reduced benefit beginning at age 62. But if you wait until your full retirement age (sometime between age 65 and 67), you'll get your full benefit. If you can wait even longer, your benefit will be even higher.
There is no clear cut answer on the best course of action. But if you can afford to wait, your benefit amount will be higher.

Consider working. More and more older people are deciding to continue working in retirement. AARP research has found that about 70% of mid-life and older workers expect to continue to work in some way in retirement. While financial need is the major reason, many continue working because they like their work and enjoy being productive. Many mature workers seek balance in their work and personal life. They want flexibility in the workplace. Options such as flextime, compressed work schedules, compensatory time off, telecommuting, job sharing and phased retirement are becoming more common.

Take Action.

- The Social Security Administration's site can help you calculate your life expectancy, learn about and apply for benefits, tell you what your full retirement age is, find out how working will affact your benefit, and help you calculate your estimated benefit if you retire early. Go to www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/near.htm for these and other tools
- See how long your money will last in retirement with Smart Money's interactive worksheet at smartmoney.com
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CANDLEWICK: Phil Villiott
CHATMOSS: ***Needs Rep!***
CHESTNUT BLUFF: ***Needs Rep!***
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COUNTRY WALK: Pat Herman
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Duck Cove
Garden Flats
Grove Forest
Hickory Grove
Red Fern
Rosebay Forest
Saddle Hill
Sedgefield Commons
Waterpointe Apts
Windy Ridge

WCA CALENDAR

April 2011

Apr 4 **Special Board Mtg RE: Personnel Contract**
6:30 PM, WCA

Apr 5 **Environmental Committee Meeting**
7PM, WCA

Apr 11 **ARB Meeting**
8:30 AM, WCA

Apr 13 **Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30PM, WCA

Apr 14 **Neighborhood Rep Meeting**
10AM, WCA

Apr 15-16 **Comm. Cleanup**
SRC Parking Lot

Apr 22 **WCA Closed**

Apr 25 **ARB Meeting**
8:30 AM, WCA

Apr 26 **Annual Meeting**
6:30 PM, Woolridge Elementary School
WCA closes at 4PM

May 2011

May 3 **Environmental Committee Meeting**
7PM, WCA

May 9 **ARB Meeting**
8:30 AM, WCA

May 12 **Neighborhood Rep Meeting**
7PM, WCA

May 18 **Board of Directors Meeting**
6:30PM, WCA

May 23 **ARB Meeting**
8:30 AM, WCA

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Sue Sheppard

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the search boxes. As of March 17, she was more than 80 percent of the way to her $2,000 goal.

Fighting cancer while doing something she loves is rewarding, Sheppard said - as is watching her now-grown children come to appreciate running as she does. "My daughter is 28 and my son is 26, and they were both volleyball players in school. My daughter always hated running," Sheppard said. "After her second child was born, she signed up for a half marathon and completed it, and we were so proud of her. She finally realized it's a great way to stay in shape. "My son has run three marathons with me since he finished college," she continued, explaining that his volleyball coach frowned on him participating in distance runs while he was playing because of the risk of injury. "That's been such a blessing, to run with my kids."

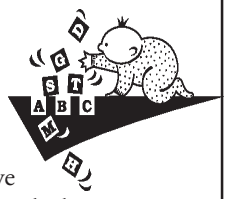
Despite some knee issues in recent years, Sue's husband, Shaun, still runs the Richmond marathon annually, and with two grandchildren and another one on the way, Sue said they hope to pass their love of running on to yet another generation. "My little grandson is very sweet," she said. "He calls me 'Honey,' and he loves for Honey to chase him. I think he's going to be our next runner."

Do You Know Someone Who Deserves The Spotlight?

Has your neighbor achieved an extraordinary goal? Do you know someone who makes selfless contributions to the community? The WCA is looking for stories about its exceptional residents - and we know there are many!

Please contact us at 739-4344 to submit your candidate for "Spotlight on Special People."

NEED A BABYSITTER? WANT TO BE A BABYSITTER?



The WCA maintains a list of both adult and teen babysitters in Woodlake. Find a sitter or have your name added to the list!

TEEN HANDYMAN LIST

Lawn mowing, raking, and more are services Woodlake teens have to offer.

PET SITTERS AND WALKERS

Woodlake teens and adults will walk your pets daily or feed and water them while you're on vacation.

RESIDENTS HELPING SENIORS

Woodlake residents will help seniors with shopping, chores, transportation to appointments, or companionship. This is a new category, and the WCA is looking for residents who would like to be added to the list of volunteers.

Call the WCA at 739-4344 to be added to the list.

Stop by the WCA to pick up any of the above lists, or request one by e-mail at admin@woodlakeonline.com.

The WCA does not endorse or recommend anyone on the above lists. Please be sure to check references carefully.

Do You Need A Woodlake Parking Permit?

The Shelter Cove and Harbour Park parking lots are the private property of the WCA and are not for use by non-residents. Parking in these lots requires that a current parking permit be displayed at all times.

Parking permits are free to all Woodlake residents. They are hard plastic tags that hang on your rearview mirror and can be easily changed from car to car. There is a limit of 2 permits per household. All you have to do is stop by the WCA office to pick one up!

It has come to our attention that many of the surrounding communities' residents are frequently using our lots, sometimes making it difficult for residents to find parking spaces during busy times. Therefore, the WCA will be strictly adhering to the two-per-household rule this year, and identification and/or proof of residence will be required when picking them up. Please be prepared to show identification bearing your Woodlake address.

PLEASE NOTE: If the WCA finds that you have given a parking permit to a non-resident for use when not accompanied by you as your guest, we will ask you to return the permit, and future use of the parking facilities by anyone in your household may be revoked at the discretion of the WCA Board of Directors.

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Do You Know A Neighborhood Knockout?

The WCA is looking for outstanding properties in Woodlake to inspire residents with home improvement, landscaping or other innovative exterior property changes. When you are cruising through the neighborhood and pause for a double take at the sight of the changes to a property, then you know that you've just seen a neighborhood knockout!

If you or someone you know has transformed a property in the neighborhood into a neighborhood knockout, nominate them (or yourself) for a special feature in *Life On The Lake*.

Submit the form below or e-mail us with the information:

Knockout Nominee Name_____

Woodlake Property Address_____