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The Woodlake Community Association Newsletter December 2011

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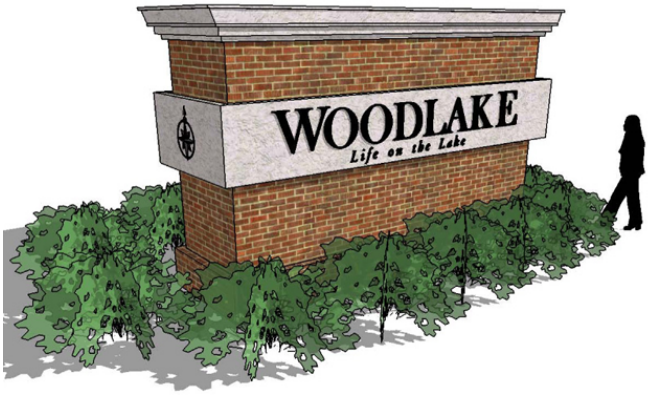
The WCA Office will close for the holidays at Noon on December 23. We will reopen at 8:30 AM on Monday, January 2

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the WCA Staff and Board of Directors!

Landscape Plan Implementation Continues

Our renovation of Woodlake signs and landscape began with the Hull Street entrance and then moved forward to the replacement of our neighborhood entrance signs. In December, we anticipate the installation of the new Woodlake office sign, East West Legacy Park signs, Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club signs and the Woodlake Village Apartment signs as well as the removal of the directional signs. The next phase of the sign replacements focuses on the Woolridge and Foxcroft entrance signs. The final phase will be the renovation of the marquee signs, which is explained in further detail in the article at bottom, right.

For the Woolridge entrance, our landscape designers were able to create a new sign that still achieves our overall goal, but also meets the needs of the landowner. The property owner agreed to our requested changes and the plans have been submitted to Chesterfield County for review and approval. The plans include the landscape and signage for the Foxcroft entrance as well, which will be a smaller version of the Woolridge entrance sign. The signs were intentionally designed within the framework of our existing signs, which should help to expedite the approval process and enable production to begin fairly quickly. Irrigation and lighting at the Woolridge entrance will be updated and lighting installed at the Foxcroft entrance. Once the lighting, irrigation and signs are installed, WCA maintenance will follow behind to install the landscaping. Due to the smaller scope of this project, our staff will take on the demolition of existing landscape and installation of the new landscape, which will enable us to do the work at a lower cost. Once the entrances are complete and the marquee signs, we'll be ready to plan for the next phases of the implementation, which will include landscaping at key intersections over the coming years.



The sign as it will look at the Woolridge Road entrance.

WCA Proposes Electronic Replacement For Marquee Signs

As part of our sign renovation project, the BOD evaluated the marquee signs with the goal to modernize the signs, and to continue making our community operations more efficient for the long term. It was the determination of the BOD that electronic message signs will provide Woodlake the biggest (and longest lasting) bang for our buck.

Our existing signs are backlit with letters that we change manually two to three times per week. Currently, we pay a staff member to change the sign. If approved, the new signs will be changed with

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Marquee Signs

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the use of a computer program, eliminating the time required to drive to the signs and change them by hand. We use the marquees to announce our special events and programs, advise you of important county meetings or issues, and to give you quick bits of information about Woodlake or our community at large.

We plan to replace our existing signs with new signs of the same dimensions that use the existing sign bases. WCA staff and county planning staff are working together to make sure that the signs are properly located and conform to the original zoning package that was approved. If we need to make changes, which could range from location to design, then the process would be delayed while we work through that process.

The county reviews the plans in a multi-step process. First, a pre-meeting takes place with planning staff to review the proposal and identify all the necessary documentation for the application as well as to troubleshoot potential issues. CM Joyner met with planning staff on November 22 for the pre-meeting discussion. The next step will be to complete all the necessary documentation and submit the application. Prior to submitting the application, WCA will need to meet with the Planning Commissioner and the Supervisor to review our plans and, hopefully, gain their support for the project. We will work with the Planning Commissioner to host a community meeting to review the plans with Woodlake residents and resolve any potential concerns that may arise. Once the application is submitted, we will be placed on the Planning Commission meeting schedule for review. The case will not be heard by the Planning Commission until the new year when our incoming Supervisor appoints a commissioner. While we can gather all the information and complete our application, the timing of the application must allow the incoming officials the opportunity to review our plans. We anticipate a community meeting in January or February and are hopeful to complete the process in the spring so that our signs can be installed in 2012.

The marquee signs are one of our most valuable resources, allowing us to get you information quickly and easily. Transitioning to an electronic sign will allow us to relay information more efficiently than ever before. Stay tuned for more details on the proposed signs, including a special community meeting in early 2012.

Two Seats Open On Board Of Directors

The Woodlake Community Association is a corporation governed by an elected seven-member Board of Directors. The Directors serve in staggered terms of three years each for no more than two consecutive terms. In April 2012, there will be two seats open.

It is beneficial to have members of a variety of different ages and backgrounds on the Board, and no special training is necessary. A sincere interest in the continued welfare of the entire community and a commitment to devote a certain amount of time each month is all that is required. Board meetings are held one evening a month. In addition, Board members may be asked to attend monthly community or county meetings on behalf of the WCA. New and continuing Board members also attend training sessions sponsored by the WCA and Community Associations Institute (CAI).

Election of Board members will be a part of the Annual Meeting to be held in April. Voting materials will be sent out in March. All candidates are required to attend an orientation session. An application and further information are available by calling the WCA at 739-4344 or at woodlakeonline.com.

If you haven't finished - or started - your Christmas shopping yet, the idea of getting out among the throngs of other last-minute shoppers may be daunting. Luckily, online retail sites are eager to help, many offering low or free shipping and quicker arrival dates. Below are a few that offer good deals, free shipping, or unique gift ideas. All of them meet *ShopSmart** magazine's requirements for privacy, contact-info disclosure, and service.

Shop At Your Favorite Online Store, December 16

For one day, more than 2,000 online retailers are offering free shipping with guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Some of the big names that are participating include Old Navy, Kohl's, Land's End, Sephora, Sears, Harry and David, Brookstone, Levi's, Barnes & Noble, Godiva, World Market, Nordstrom, Cabella's, Belk, The Apple Store, and Timberland, just to name a few. Participating sites are likely to be slow because of the extra traffic, so do some shopping ahead of time and bookmark the items you want, then give yourself plenty of time on the 16th to place your order. Go to **freeshippingday.com** for the complete list of participating sites.

Use Wal-mart's Free Site-To-Store Service, walmart.com

Skip the crowds and long lines and shop from the comfort of your home at walmart.com. Site-To-Store shipping is always free, and you'll be notified by email when your order arrives. All you have to do then is pop in to pick up your pre-paid order.

For the Jewelry Lover, baublebar.com

This clever site organizes pieces by Fashion, Function, Fame and Fusion to make it easy to target the style you're looking for. New users get $10 off their first purchase, plus shipping is free on all returns within 30 days. There's a $4 flat shipping rate on any order over $30, or free shipping if you have time to opt for regular USPS ground shipping. Become a frequent shopper, and you'll accumulate points towards free items!

For The Kids On Your List, onestepahead.com

Items on this site are handpicked by the site's founders after their own expert reviews, testing, and input from online and local parents' panels. If they can't find an item to fit a particular niche, they design it themselves. Shipping starts at $5.75 for 4-6 day arrival. Returns are accepted within 60 days for a full refund, and for site credit after 60 days. They're offering free ground shipping on orders over $85 until December 31.

Go Green at purecitizen.com

You'll find green products including clothes, accessories, beauty products and household items here, all for a flat shipping rate of $4.95, and at 30-90% off retail. Each item's description tells you what makes it green and whether it's made from organic materials. You can also choose to donate some of your savings to the currently featured charity, if you like. New sales are featured daily and last for 72 hours. Returns accepted within 30 days of receipt.

For Uptown Shopping at Downtown Prices, myhabit.com

Amazon.com has gotten in on the "flash sale" trend launching this new site that offers free shipping and returns. The sales run for a limited time - or until items are sold out - and discounts run as deep as 60% on designer names such as Halston and Vera Wang. Smartphone users, check your app store for the MyHabit mobile app so you never miss a deal!

Also For Designer Duds, Tobi.com

Shop by designer name or category, or browse the new arrivals. You'll find everything from dresses to shoes and

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Avoid Gift Card Gotchas!

Federal laws have eliminated some of the less-than-honest practices of gift card issuers, but there are still a few pros and cons that you should be aware of before you buy or redeem one.

- Issuers can't charge fees for non-use during the first year
- Cards can't expire for five years after they are issued; however, this doesn't cover businesses that go bankrupt, so think twice about giving gift cards from small, locally owned businesses, especially those that aren't well established.
- There is no limit on purchase fees. For example, a Visa gift card might cost an additional $3.95 in addition to the face value of the card. Instead, consider retailer-issued cards, which don't usually charge purchase fees.
- Give recipients the receipt along with the card in the event that the card is lost or stolen, or in case it wasn't properly activated at purchase.
- Read the terms of the card. The laws don't apply to reloadable cards such as customer loyalty, award, or cash-back cards, so always be aware of restrictions, fees and expirations dates on these.
- Register it. Some cards require registration in order to be reimbursed if a card is lost or stolen. Read the terms and register immediately if necessary.

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Senior Oriented Websites

AARP, www.aarp.org
Administration on Aging, www.aoa.gov
Aging Well, agingwell.state.ny.us/eatwell/index.htm
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, www.cms.gov
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, www.cms.gov
Chesterfield County Government, www.chesterfield.gov
Consumer Information, www.ftc.gov/ftc/consumer.htm
Diabetic Shoe Website, www.neckcradle.com
Eldernet , www.eldernet.com
Families USA, www.familiesusa/org
Food Safety, www.foodsafety.gov/-fsg/sr2/html
Medicare, www.medicare.gov
Medications, www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html
National Council on Aging, www.ncoa.org
National Health Information , www.healthfinder.gov
National Institutes of Health, www.nihseniorhealth.gov
Senior Advocate, www.chesterfield.gov/senioradvocate
Senior Citizens, www.seniorcitizens.com/scams
Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging, www.seniorconnections-va.org
Senior Navigator, www.seniornavigator.org
Social Security Administration, www.socialsecurity.gov
U.S. Government, www.firstgov.gov
Virginia Center on Aging, www.vcu.edu/vcoa/
Virginia Department for the Aging, www.aging.state.va.us
Virginia TRIAD, www.vaag.com/protecting/TRIAD

Prepared by Chesterfield Council on Aging

Protect Yourself from Stroke: What to Do Before, During and After a Stroke

Common stroke symptoms include:
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg - especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

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- A = ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Does the speech sound slurred or strange?
- T = TIME If you observe any of these signs, it's time to call 9-1-1 or get to the nearest stroke center or hospital.

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BOARD*briefs*

November 16, 2011 Meeting of the Woodlake 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 was 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.

Vice President Markowski confirmed that a quorum was present. Officers and Directors present were Vice President Sharon Markowski, Secretary Del Rio Walkey, Treasurer Mark Riblett Director David Faulkner, Director Brian Krezel and Director Ray Turcan. Also present were Community Manager Julie Joyner, Community Standards Manager Brian Hoyle and Recorder Gail Fenske. President George Rogerson joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Member Voice

A Shelter Cove resident would like to post a no trespassing and no soliciting sign on their property. A Shelter Cove resident asked for clarification on the disposal of leaves. Beechwood Point and North Chase residents commented on the beautiful purple grasses at the Hull Street entrance. A Shelter Cove resident noted the county has been making attempts to control the odor at the water treatment plant near the Shelter Cove parking lot. A Shelter Cove resident noted there is graffiti at the Moss Creek Tunnel and a hole in the bike trail between Shelter Cove and CHES.

During the business portion of the meeting the Board took the following actions:

• Review of staff reports and project list.
• Discussion of a resident proposal for a leaf vacuum service. Consensus that WCA cannot advertise for any one business in the community due to the precedent and liability issues. The BOD encouraged the use of the flier chutes and Woodlake newsletter ad space for business promotion.
• Motion to amend the October 19 minutes to note that Item C on page 5 was inadvertently discussed in closed session, but that discussion was intended to take place during open session. Five in favor and one abstention.
• Motion to approve minutes from the October 19 Regular Board meeting as amended. Five in favor and one abstention.
• Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion related to violations of the Woodlake Covenants. The vote was unanimous.
• Motion to reconvene the regular meeting, affirm the decisions made in executive session and affirm that no other discussion took place in the meeting. The vote was unanimous.
• Motion to approve changes to the WSRC Member Feeback Policy. The vote was unanimous.
• Discussion of the importance of being proactive for the future success of the WSRC. It was the consensus of the Board to establish a WSRC Long Range Planning Committee working with the WSRC manager. CM Joyner will develop the charter for review at the December BOD meeting.
• Motion to appoint Dan Martin to the Architectural Review Board. The vote was unanimous.
• Motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion related to personnel annual review. The vote was unanimous.
• Motion to reconvene the regular meeting, affirm the decisions made in executive session and affirm that no other discussion took place in the meeting. The vote was unanimous.
• Consensus to hold a special meeting for the purpose of discussion related to personnel annual review on December 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the WCA office.

Next meeting. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Wednesday December 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the WCA office.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

The WCA Board of Directors Meeting Information

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 7:00 p.m. to hear resident concerns, comments and questions. Comments are limited to 5 minutes per resident unless otherwise noted by the BOD. All residents are welcome to attend for member voice and to observe the remainder of the meeting.

Code Clips

from the Chesterfield County Code of Ordinances

On nearly a daily basis, the WCA receives calls about issues that we have no legal authority to act upon. Most of them are issues that need to be addressed by county officials. The WCA cannot call the authorities in these cases, as they must be reported by the actual witness and not a second party. For any problem that is regulated by the county code, please call the Chesterfield County Police at their non-emergency number, 748-1251.

Use of Pneumatic Guns

Pneumatic gun: Any implement, designed as a gun, that will expel a BB or a pellet by action of pneumatic pressure, including, but not limited to a paintball gun that expels by action of pneumatic pressure plastic balls filled with paint for the purpose of marking the point of impact. Weapons classified as firearms are specifically excluded from this definition.

Code 1978, Section 14-15
No person shall discharge any pneumatic gun on or across any street, sidewalk, alley, public road or public land of the county except on a properly constructed shooting range or on other property where firearms may be discharged.

Code 1978, Section 14-16
No minor shall discharge any pneumatic gun outdoors within 300 feet of the dwelling of another, a business establishment, private building, public gathering or public meeting place, unless the minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian, or otherwise supervised in accordance with this section.

In addition to the County Code, the WCA Board of Directors ruled that use of pneumatic guns of any type shall not be permitted on WCA common property, which includes bike trails, stop-a-whiles, tot lots and parks.

New Bike Trail Construction in 2012

The new bike trails planned from Chestnut Bluff to Harbour Park and from Chatmoss to the SRC tunnel are scheduled to be constructed in 2012. Due to the sensitive location of the trail near wetlands, the trails need to be built during the drier summer months. The timing of the approvals and the bid process meant that the construction of pavement could not take place in 2011, especially given the significant rainfall from Hurricane Irene. In the meantime though, the maintenance department began planning for the construction of bridges along the bike trail, which we plan to construct in-house. One of the ways that we are saving money in our 2012 budget is by assigning some projects to the maintenance crew that we might ordinarily bid out. We'll be working the project into the existing maintenance schedule to ensure that no project gets left behind!

The purchase of materials and some pre-construction will take place in our maintenance compound. Once that takes place, the crew will be in the field to work out placement of the bridges. We'll be working with our contractor to make sure that bridge installation occurs in concert with the trail construction and hopefully that will help expedite the entire construction process. Weather and extenuating circumstances aside, our goal is to complete construction so that you can begin using the trails while the weather is still beautiful in 2012!

Money Matters

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Covenant Clips

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Seasonal or holiday decorations shall be removed within 30 days after the holiday.

FIREWOOD

Firewood shall be stacked neatly behind the house.

LEAVES & YARD DEBRIS

Leaves shall be removed from lawns and disposed of properly. Leaves may not be dumped on common property at any time. Tree limbs, piles of leaves or grass, and other debris shall be properly disposed of.

Dead trees, shrubs, and flowers shall be removed and/or replaced.

Woodlake is in a "no burn" section of the county; therefore, leaf burning is prohibited at all times.

Please RECYCLE this newsletter!

You can always refer to this and older issues of *Life on the Lake* at woodlakeonline.com

Planning Work On Your Home's Exterior?

Make sure to get the proper approval in advance!

Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval is required for all exterior modifications, including changes in paint color. Applications with examples of required diagrams and samples and are now available online. To view and print an application, go to woodlakeonline.com and click on "Documents" at the top of the home page.

Disposing Of Yard Debris On Common Property IS PROHIBITED

If you have private property waste that needs disposal, and your garbage collector will not take it, please use one of the Chesterfield County landfills. There are two locations for public landfill dumping in Chesterfield County. The closest one to Woodlake is:

Northern Area Convenience Center
3200 Warbro Road
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HOURS:
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9:30 AM-6 PM
Closed Wednesday and Thursday

For more information, including current gate fees, call Chesterfield County Landfill and Dump information at 804-748-1297.

ARB Approvals

October & November

Fiddlers Ridge - Garage door
Gates Mill - Roof (2)
Heather Glen - Driveway
Hickory Grove - Windows
Long Cove - Color change
Martin Glen - Roof
Meadow Chase - Roof
Rock Harbour - Roof
Rosebay Forest - Fence
Rosebay Forest - Wheelchair ramp
Sandstone Ridge - Fence
Shelter Cove - Color change
Shelter Cove - Windows
West Bay - Gutters
West Bay - Roof
West Bay - Windows

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.

Prepare For Snow Before It Happens

- Move cars out of the streets to make clearing easier for plows - and safer for your car.

- Park cars behind each other down the length of your driveway before the snow starts. You'll have a longer, clear path and less to shovel.

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WINTER WONDERLAND
Holiday Decorating Contest

Traditional Holiday
Decorate your home in a "traditional" holiday look.

Back To Nature
Emphasize natural elements in your decorating, such as fruits, vines, and other plant materials, but be sure to light it so it can be seen after dark!

Creative Use Of Light
Decorate using mostly lights in a creative and tasteful manner.

Winter Whimsy
Create a whimsical or children's display to appeal to all ages.

Best Wreath Or Door
Create a stunning wreath or door display.

$100 GRAND PRIZE!
Two $50 Second Prizes

Use one of the categories at left to guide your decorating theme, then call WCA at 739-4344 to enter. You may enter in 2 categories, no later than 5:30 PM on December 15. Judging will take place after dark December 16-20, and winners will be announced on the Woodlake web site December 21 at noon. Call NOW to enter, 739-4344!

Do you have a neighbor who goes all out for holiday decorating? Call us at 739-4344 to enter them!

You Be The Judge!

Bundle up, jump in the car, and take your family for a tour of Woodlake's Winter Wonderland, then go online to vote for your favorites!

• Beginning December 16, go to the WCA website (woodlakeonline.com) for a link to the printable Winter Wonderland Participants List.

• After your Winter Wonderland tour, return to the WCA site for another link to the voting page, and vote for your favorites! Voting will be open December 16-20.

• Winners will be announced on the WCA web site on December 21 at noon, so be sure to check back to see if your favorites are winners!

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Neighbors Protecting Neighbors

Preventing Crime Close To Home

Holiday shopping is upon us, and in the rush to get everything done, many of us make mistakes that make us easy targets for what law enforcement officials call "crimes of opportunity." Here are some tips for holiday safety that we published in a 2008 article and think are worth repeating:

Prevent Thefts From Automobiles
According to Neighborhood Watch officers, most thefts from automobiles are entirely preventable. They say that most thefts from vehicles occurred because the cars are not locked. Other times, cars are broken into because valuable items or wrapped gifts are left inside in plain sight. Preventing these crimes is as simple as storing valuables in the trunk or glove compartment and locking all doors both day and night, even when the car is parked in your own driveway. Park your car in your garage when possible. On the street or in public parking lots, always try to park in a well-lit area.

Preventing Home Break-ins
Thieves looking for a house to rob usually look for the easiest target in the neighborhood. The best prevention is to make your house unattractive to a burglar. Always keep the exterior of your home well lit after dark. Consider installing motion-detecting lights. Don't let shrubbery grow big enough to conceal first-floor windows from the street where a thief could hide, and always put ladders away to prevent easy access to upper level windows. Lock all windows and doors, close shades or curtains at night or when you're away, and make sure that valuables such as purses, briefcases, gifts and electronic equipment are not visible through windows and doors. Store tools, toys and sports equipment in a locked shed or garage, keep the garage door closed when not outside, and take garage door remotes inside with you. When you're away for extended periods, make sure your neighbors know to keep an eye out for suspicious activity in or around your home, and have someone take your mail and newspapers in until you return.

Preventing Personal Assaults
Even our usually safe neighborhoods are not immune to crime. In December 2008, a Foxfire resident was robbed in her own driveway as she returned home. Always keep basic safety tips in mind when returning to your home after dark. Safety should begin before you even leave your home. Turn on exterior lights for your return, and lock all doors and windows. If you own a cell phone, always carry it with you.

When driving home, always be aware of your surroundings. Notice a car that seems to be following you for any length of time, and take note of people out walking in your neighborhood that "just don't seem to belong." Trust your gut, and if you notice any of these things, use your cell phone to call ahead and have someone meet you outside when you arrive. If no one is home, drive to a neighbor's or friend's home instead. If you must come home to an empty house, use an automatic garage door opener and drive directly into the garage, completely closing the door behind you before you unlock your car doors. If you park outside, lock all doors and take your garage door opener inside with you. Consider installing motion-sensing floodlights that will light your driveway automatically upon your arrival.

Reporting Crime
Knowing how and when to call the police is an important part of preventing or solving a crime. Chesterfield County Police Officer Bryan Miltenberger encourages citizens to use the non-emergency number for suspicious activity, disturbances, or crimes that are not in progress. The non-emergency number is 748-1251; however, if the situation seems especially urgent, or if you just can't remember that number, never feel hesitant about calling 911. You can also call Crime Solvers at 748-0660 to make an anonymous report of information that may help police solve a crime that has already occurred.

When you do call the police, have as much information ready as you can. Try to make note of the suspect's approximate height and weight, hair color, distinguishing marks, and clothing. If a vehicle is involved, try to get the vehicle license plate number, make, model and color. The suspects in the previously mentioned Foxfire assault were apprehended at a gas station just minutes after the crime thanks to a witness who got the license number and quickly provided it to police. Chesterfield Police also have a Traffic Complaint Hotline at 318-8084. Use this number to report speeding or traffic complaints that do not need immediate police response.

Part of successfully preventing crime in your neighborhood is to report all suspicious activity immediately. Many

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Crime Report & Prevention Phone Number List

EMERGENCIES 911

Non-Emergency Police
748-1251

Auto Larceny
717-6241

Neighborhood Watch Officer
318-8691

Crime Solvers
748-0660

Woodlake Community Association

BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

FAMILY (Spouse, children) _____

OCCUPATION _____

EDUCATION _____

PHONE Home _____ Office _____ Cell _____

E-MAIL _____

How long have you lived in Woodlake? Where did you move from?

Have you had any previous experience serving on a board, especially in another community association?

Are you involved in other activities or groups within Woodlake? Outside of Woodlake?

Why would you like to serve on the Woodlake Community Association Board of Directors?

The more we can tell Woodlake about you, the better, so please don't hesitate to write more about your interests, your experience and what you'd like to do for Woodlake on the back of this sheet.

All nominees must attend our Board membership orientation meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 7p.m. - 9p.m. at the Harbour Pointe Clubhouse, 13800 Harbour Pointe Rd, Brandermill.

Return this completed form to Woodlake Community Association, 14900 Lake Bluff Parkway, *no later than Friday, February 17, 2011.*

We will also need a photo of you. Please do one of the following:
- **E-mail a digital shot to: officemanager@woodlakeonline.com**
- **Bring us a print photo and we will scan it.**
- **Phone us at 739-4344 to set up an appointment for us to take your picture.**

Neighbors Protecting Neighbors

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people think that the police don't want to be bothered with the "small" issues, but often those reports will help to solve a larger case. For example, a speeding car leaving an area might mean someone has just committed a crime and is making a getaway.

Who Should Report A Crime?
It is important for Woodlake residents to know that the WCA cannot report a crime that a staff member did not witness. Only first-hand witness reports are considered valid, so make sure to call the police first and the WCA second. We do keep a record of crimes reported to us so we can direct our off-duty security officers to possible problem areas.

Whatever the crimes may be, Woodlake residents can do their part to decrease them by just being aware of their surroundings and taking prompt action when something just doesn't seem right. Neighbors protecting neighbors is the best crime prevention tool we have!

On behalf of the Girard Family:

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sponsored or participated in the 8th Annual Bill Carfrey Memorial 5K Turkey Trot in support of our family.

For race results, visit www.runningkids.net.

For photos, visit www.woodlakesrc.com

Welcome New Residents!

BEACON HILL
Annemarie Engquist

BEECHWOOD POINT
LeeAnn & Neil Chiappa

CANDLEWICK
Christine & Gregory Rojokovick, Charles Betz

CHATMOSS
Michael Balod

DUCK COVE
Benjamin Meyer
Joan Shaw

LONG COVE
Sharon & Victor Thompson

MANOR GATE
Lauretta Huff
Amy Zajick

MARTIN GLEN
Eva & Tom Ogunde

MILL SPRING
Gerald Nay

ORCHARD GROVE
Rebecca & Joshua Cobbs

PLEASANT GROVE
Kristin Clark & Gene Raymer

WATER POINTE
MaryAnn & Joseph Valenti

WOODLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES

ACORN RIDGE: Jamie & Michael DeWitt
BEACON HILL I: Nancy McBee
BEACON HILL II: Kelly Cantrell & Mary Richeson
BEECHWOOD POINT: Matt Donlon
BENT CREEK: Sunshine Irvine, Steve Siegert
BOYCE'S COVE: Ellin & Bob McCulloch
CANDLEWICK: Phil Villiott
CHATMOSS: Valerie Tillies
CHESTNUT BLUFF: ***Needs Rep!***
CLIPPER COVE: Ellen Lucado
COUNTRY WALK: Pat Herman
DUCK COVE: ***Needs Rep!***
FIDDLERS RIDGE: Bill Halligan
FOREST WOOD: Carmen Allred
GARDEN FLATS: ***Needs Rep!***
GATES MILL: Ed Brown
GLEN RIDGE: Marty & Ed Peterson
GROVE FOREST: ***Needs Rep!***
HEATHER GLEN: Joyce Gumm
HICKORY GROVE: Wallace Robertson
HIGHBERRY WOODS: Elaine Innis, John Paramore
LANSGATE: Brian King
LAUREL TRAIL: Bess Rogerson
LONG COVE: Brian Harkins
MANOR GATE: Dianne Mann, Joe Strolla
MAPLE BROOK: Ron Kessler
MARTIN GLEN: Linda Chapman
MEADOW CHASE: ***Needs Rep!***
MILL SPRING: Heather Clark, Gale Hickling
MOSS CREEK: Cary Murrell
NORTH CHASE: Jim Waggoner
OAK KNOLL: Frank Blankenship
ORCHARD GROVE: Everett Bosselait, Del Carrell
PLEASANT GROVE: Olga Kelly
POWELL GROVE: Sharon Ritter
RED FERN: ***Needs Rep!***
RIDGE POINT: Cyndi Rymer
ROCK HARBOUR: Judy Harrison
ROSEBAY FOREST: ***Needs Rep!***
SADDLE HILL: ***Needs Rep!***
SANDSTONE RIDGE: Lori Collins
SEDGEFIELD COMMONS: ***Needs Rep!***
SHELTER COVE: Tom Hoekstra, Diane Boyle
SILVER BIRCH: Sue Johnson
STANDING OAK: Jennifer Runnion
SUNRISE BLUFF: Joelle Hawkins, Skip Mischke
WALNUT BEND: Jerry Horton
WATER POINTE I: Edna Webster
WATER POINTE II: Carol Crick
WATERPOINTE APTS: ***Needs Rep!***
WATERCREST: Lois Strukle
WATERS EDGE: Stacye Meeley, Christina Arena
WEST BAY: Christine and Lee Hogate
WEST BRANCH: Linda Sleeth
WEST SHORE: Eve Tschantz
WILLOW GLEN: Miro & Jacqueline Spirk
WINDY RIDGE: Michael Marcotte
WOODLAKE VILLAGE APTS.: Crista Tyler
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By Lyn Hornick, Accounting Manager
739-4344, Ext 12

It is my job to handle all of the finances for the Woodlake Community Association. That includes accounts payable and some 3,000 accounts receivable for Woodlake property owners.

The Association's operating budget is supported by assessments on every property in the community. We bill owners on the first day of each quarter, and we try to provide as much flexibility in payment as possible. About two-thirds of the owners pay assessments with a credit card, which makes it possible for only one person to manage these accounts. At the beginning of each quarter, we electronically bill the credit cards for the regular quarterly assessment. There are no additional fees.

Paying your quarterly assessments by credit card will save you a quarterly service fee.

Property owners may also pay the entire year's assessments by check in January with no additional fees, but for those who prefer to be billed on a quarterly basis directly from the WCA, there is a quarterly service charge added to the bill. We strongly encourage those who wish to pay quarterly to use a credit card. The required form to set up a credit card account is below.

If you pay by check, the total is due on or before the 25th of the billing month. After that, finance charges will begin to accrue. As a not-for-profit organization, timely receipt of assessments is critical to our operation.

Sign up for credit card payments to simplify your bill paying!

APPLICATION FOR CREDIT CARD ASSESSMENT BILLING

To charge your Woodlake Association assessments to a credit card of your choice, please fill out this form, sign it, and return to the Woodlake Community Association at 14900 Lake Bluff Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23112. Applications cannot be accepted over the phone or without a signature. PLEASE PRINT.

NAME OF CARDHOLDER_____

WOODLAKE PROPERTY ADDRESS_____

CHECK ONE: _____Master Card _____Visa _____Discover _____American Express

CARD ACCOUNT # _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____/_____ PHONE NUMBER_____
month year

MAY WE LIST YOU IN THE RESIDENT DIRECTORY? YES ☐ NO ☐

E-MAIL_____(WILL NOT BE LISTED OR GIVEN OUT)

AUTHORIZED
SIGNATURE ON CARD_____DATE_____/_____/_____
(Card holder signature)

Luminary Night

Saturday, December 24

Raindate: Sunday, December 25

It has been a tradition for the Woodlake Community to join in this celebration of community spirit by displaying luminaries on this evening. As dusk settles over your neighborhood, set out your luminaries to add some sparkle to your street, sidewalk or driveway.

Each kit costs $5.00 and includes 8 candles, 8 bags, sand and instructions. Sand will be available at the Woodlake Swim & Racquet Club parking lot beginning December 5.

Luminary Sale Dates:

- December 17, Lucky's, 10 AM-2 PM
- December 18, SRC, 1-5 PM
- December 19, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM
- December 20, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM
- December 21, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM
- December 22, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM
- December 23, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM
- December 24, SRC, 3:30-5:30 PM

Kit sales benefit local Boy Scout Troop 2860

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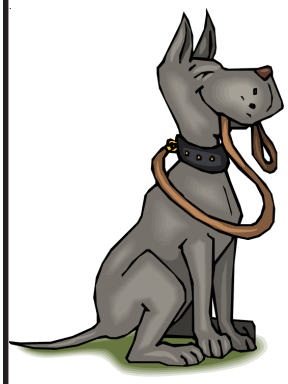

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Selling Your Home?

Virginia law requires the seller of a property in a planned community to provide an association disclosure package to a prospective buyer.

Once you have a signed contract or offer, you will need to order a disclosure package from the WCA. Fees are collected at closing or 45 days from the date of inspection. Call 739-4344 to order.

2011 WCA Disclosure Package Fees
(Seller's Responsibility)

Full Package, (2) Hard Copies $250.00
(14-day turnaround)

Each Additional Hard Copy $25.00

Full Package, (2) Electronic Copies $225.00
(14-day turnaround)

Rush Fee $50.00
Hard Copy or Electronic
(Turnaround, 5 business days)

Update of Assessments and/or Documents Only $50.00
(2) Hard Copies or Electronic
(turnaround, 3 business days)

Full Update $150.00
Inspection plus Assessments and/or Documents, (2) Hard Copies or Electronic (10-day turnaround)

Update of Inspection Only $100.00
(2) Hard Copies or Electronic
(10-day turnaround)

Property Transfer Recording Fee $50.00
(Buyer's Responsibility)

Capital Transfer Fee $464.30
(Buyer's Responsibility)

NEED A BABYSITTER? WANT TO BE A BABYSITTER?

The WCA maintains a list of 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.

Stop by the WCA to pick up any of the above lists, call to request a FAX copy, or request one at admin@woodlakeonline.com.

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

WOODLAKE RECYCLING

Place Bins at curbside no earlier than 7 p.m. on the day prior and no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

Remove bins from the curbside no later than 9 p.m. on collection day.

Notice From Central Virginia Waste Management Authority:
If you are a new resident who does not have an official green CVWMA recycling bin, you can call Central VA Waste Management at 349-0900 to request a free one delivered to your property. If you are a resident who already has a bin but want another, you can buy one Mon-Fri, 8AM-4:30PM at 6700 Landfill Drive in Chester, VA. Call 748-1297 for more information.

For other recycling information, call the Recycling Hotline at 340-0900 or visit http://chesterfield.gov/ManagementServices/GeneralServices

WCA CALENDAR

December 2011

Dec 6 **Special Board Meeting**
6:00 PM, WCA

Dec 6 **Environmental Committee Mtg**
7PM, WCA

Dec 8 **Neighborhood Rep Meeting**
10AM, Location TBA

Dec 12 **ARB Meeting**
8:30 AM, WCA

Dec 16-20 **Winter Wonderland Judging**

Dec 21 **Winter Wonderland Winners Announced at woodlakeonline.com, 12PM**

Dec 21 **Board of Directors Mtg**
6:30PM, WCA

Dec 23 **WCA Office Closes at Noon**

Dec 24-31 **WCA Office Closed**
Happy Holidays!

January 2011

Jan 3 **Environmental Committee Mtg**
7PM, WCA

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

Jan 11 **Special Board Meeting w/Environmental Comm.**
6:30 PM, WCA

Jan 18 **Board of Directors Mtg**
6:30PM, WCA

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

Meetings and events are subject to change. To make sure you're always up to date, follow us on Facebook and make woodlakeonline.com your homepage.

Life On The Lake
Woodlake Community Association
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Midlothian, Virginia 23112

HURRY!

The Deadline is THIS MONTH

Nearly three years ago, the WCA BOD made the decision to change our mailbox color from brown to black, with a deadline of December 2011.

If your mailbox is brown, you still have time to meet the deadline of December 31, 2011. **NOTE: The WCA's last full business day of the year is December 22.**

Painting your mailbox is a small investment that makes a big impact. It can instantly refresh the curb appeal of your property. A paint kit from WCA is inexpensive and it is a quick job!

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Less than 100 brown boxes remain!

Make The Switch Options

Price List

Black Mailbox, Do-It-Yourself Installation	$25.00

(SAVE NOW! THE PRICE WILL INCREASE TO $30 AFTER DECEMBER 23!)

Black Mailbox, WCA Installed	$48.00
½ Pint Valspar Gloss Black Paint	$ 4.00
Paint Pen for Letters & Numbers on Post	$ 4.00

Spruce Up The Post, Too!

1 Pint Alaska White Post Paint	$ 6.00
Name Plates & Installation	$ 41.00
Blank Plates & Installation	$ 29.00
Full Unit with Plates & Box, Installed	$159.00

CALL WCA for other options or questions, 739-4344.