

# THE KNOLLS NEWS

Sharing News of Common Interest

November 2013

## Plan to attend the WKCA Annual Meeting Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Pat Herrity is our guest Speaker

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, **December 9th at 7PM at the Orange Hunt Elementary School Cafeteria**. Our agenda will include Comments by Pat Herrity, election of officers, adoption of the 2014 budget, recognition of our volunteers, **traffic survey/solutions** and plans for 2014. **We need a quorum of 5% of the general members to transact business, I truly hope you plan on attending. If you cannot attend, please give your proxy to a neighbor or board member to vote on your behalf. The proxy form is included in the Newsletter.**

Tom Blume/WKCA President

### Winston Knolls

Winston Knolls Civic Association membership is voluntary and offered to each of our 489 homes. We sponsor civic-minded events and promote and protect the well-being of our neighborhood!

Website Resource for WKCA  
[www.winstonknolls.net](http://www.winstonknolls.net)

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### WKCA Halloween Parade and Party a huge success!

We had approximately 35-40 children participate, with parents and grandparents. The weather was fantastic and it was great to see the community come together and spend a few hours, letting the kids have a good time. For those who missed it, we had a person that made animals and other shapes from balloons, a moon bounce with a slide, several games and free hot dogs/drinks and deserts. To all the volunteers who baked cupcakes, cakes and all those who supported running the games, set up and cleaning the grounds afterwards - thank you! A big thank you goes out to our social Chairman Joanne Zamfino and her family, plus Ed and Sharon Linz; who were in charge of cooking and serving the hot dogs. We were also joined by Cub Scout Pack 686, who by the way made some great peach cobbler.



### Newsletter Delivery Help Wanted:

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

[crapoza@hotmail.com](mailto:crapoza@hotmail.com)

**Message from Winston Knolls President November —2013**

**Dear Neighbors and Friends** – September and October were busy months for the civic association and I hope that you were able to participate enjoy and in the activities. Our **Annual Combined Yard Sale Day with Orange Hunt HOA produced** excellent results, as I drove through the neighborhood, both communities were well represented and strong sales were reported. We again teamed up with Orange Hunt on **“Large Item Pick-up Day”** at the OHES parking lot. This was a tremendous success and a lot of junk/excess items were disposed of by our residents. I believe personally that this event is the **“best bang for your buck”**. We plan on repeating both of these events in the spring, so make sure you review the WKCA Website and read the WKCA Newsletter for these dates. The **Rolling Valley HOA and WKCA Community Dumpster Day at Spur** was also a big hit. The dumpster was full at 11:30 AM and we were able to provide a valuable service to the community, not only to get rid of excess junk and yard debris, but save the cost and time of a trip to the dump!. You already read the front page about the **Halloween Parade and Party** –outstanding, check out the website for additional pictures! I wish to say a **“big thank you”** to all the individuals who volunteered their time and talent to help accomplish the activities the WKCA does for the community, not only the **events mentioned above**, but also the **Neighborhood Watch, Newsletter (printing & delivery), Block Captains, Board Members and Committee Chairs - -and both Pack 685 & 686, who always support as needed!**

**Nominating Committee for 2014 officers** - As required by the WKCA bylaws, a Nominating Committee of non-board members was appointed to come forth at the annual meeting with a slate of officers for election. The Nominating Committee members, Elaine Leonard and Beth Murray were asked to obtain a slate of candidates to be voted on at the **Dec 9th annual meeting**.

**Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting. *Please join us!***

The WKCA board is seeking and in need of new volunteers to fill positions of long-serving committee chairs who would like to turn over their role to someone new. Please contact me to learn more about the board and the role you could fill as a volunteer for the community. No prior experience is necessary! This is a great way to give back and stay in the know about our community. Call me.

**Happy Holidays and all the best to you and your family for a joyful holiday season! - Tom Blume**

**WKCA Annual Meeting December 9, 2013  
PROXY STATEMENT**

I hereby designate \_\_\_\_\_ to act as my proxy at the Winston Knolls Civic Association Annual Meeting on December 9, 2013. The above-mentioned person shall have the right to represent me, by voting on my behalf, on all matters brought before the membership at that meeting.

NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED WKCA 2014 BUDGET – Annual Meeting 12/9/2013**

<b>Annual Dues Rate: \$15</b>	<b>Approved Budget 2013</b>	<b>Projected 2013</b>	<b>Proposed 2014</b>
<b>DUES RECEIPTS</b>	\$3,825(255 homes)	\$3,335(316 homes)	\$3,825(255 homes)
<b>PREPAID DUES FOR 2013</b>		(95 homes)	
<b>PREPAID DUES FOR 2014/15</b>		\$1,005 (63 homes)	
<b>NEWSLETTER ADS</b>	100	0	100
<b>COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT</b>	1,000	—	
<b>MISC. RECEIPTS</b>	—	—	—
<b>CASH RESERVES</b>	<b>01/01/13 \$6,797</b>	<b>\$6,797</b>	<b>\$5,948</b>
<b>TOTAL Available Funds</b>	<b>\$11,722</b>	<b>\$11,137</b>	<b>\$9,873</b>
<b><u>PROJECTED EXPENSES</u></b>			
<b>WKCA INSURANCE POLICY</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>
<b>WKCA COMMUNICATIONS</b>			
Newsletter/Flyer Printing	175	140	175
Newsletter/Flyer Distribution	400	308	400
Web Hosting	100	—	100
Directory Printing/Surveys	0	0	500
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>			
Stamps, Copy, etc. (Neighborhood Dues)	50	—	50
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION</b>			
Median Strip/Common Lot Mowing	2,650	2,500	2,500
Neighborhood Clean-up Days (2 events)	400	375	400
Sign Area Landscaping/Maintenance	175	162*	175
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH</b>			
Equipment/Copying	100	—	100
<b>HOSPITALITY/SOCIAL COMMITTEE</b>			
Neighborhood Activity/Social Events Including July 4th Parade and Halloween activities	2,700	943	1,250
<b>CUB SCOUT PACK SPONSORSHIP</b>			
Sponsor Local Packs 685 and 686	150	150	200
<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
Post Office Box	200	186	200
Miscellaneous Printing/Distribution	100	—	100
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	100	—	100
<b>MISC.</b>	165	—	—
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$7,865</b>	<b>\$5,189</b>	<b>\$6,700</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>\$3,857</b>	<b>\$5,948</b>	<b>\$3,173</b>

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



### **News from the Home Care Corner**

It is hard to believe that the Halloween Parade is a memory and winter is around the corner. With winter here are a few reminders for caring for your home now. Watch your gutters and keep them cleaned out. You don't want to risk having all the ice back up in the gutters and coming into your home...that is a big problem. Make sure you turn your water to the outside faucets off--again, you don't want those to freeze up on you. Andy Contracting cleaned the gutters of some of the folks on Rockefeller and they were pleased...His number is 703-789-7444. If you haven't cleaned your chimney in quite a while, don't risk a potential problem as you are enjoying a nice evening sitting by the fire. Burn only hardwood. Another thing to know, with the age of our homes, most of us have crowns at the top of the chimney which have cracked and some bad enough that the water can enter and go down into the chimney....you need to get that repaired and of course make sure you have a cap on your chimney so the critters don't make their home in your chimney...Rodney Barnes with A1 Chimney has done many in the area...703-296-7636. Rooftop Chimney Sweeps is another..703-836-7858. Finally, if you are renting your home....read your lease and know that typically you as the tenant are responsible for frozen pipes, gutters and the yard....I hope you all have a comfortable winter ahead of you and please know if your home is having a problem of any type, call me and let me share a name or two with you. Karen Brown 703-644-1364

### **Winston Knolls Home and Garden Club**

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

### **CHECK OUT OUR WKCA REVAMPED AND IMPROVED WEBSITE**

Dear residents please check out our updated web site at [winstonknolls.net](http://winstonknolls.net). Thanks to Bob Hinson's help, we have updated the pages and links, rearranged certain pages to make it easier to retrieve data and forms. We have also added new links. Also on the website are several pictures from events/activities and additional data that does not get covered in the newsletter!

### **Did you know?**

**That if you are a senior you can have a lower rate for your Trash Pickup. Call the different providers and ask what the senior rate is.**

**IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT SNOW!**

Snow is predicted this year so it is not too early to be prepared. Fortunately, when we do get a heavy snow most residents of Winston Knolls are responsible about clearing their sidewalks of snow. Unfortunately, there are some residents who do not clear their sidewalks and allow the snow to build up or harden into ice, which is even more treacherous for those walking on sidewalks. It is important that sidewalks on school routes are clear for our young people. We do not want to risk injury to anyone's child because they moved into the street because of impassable sidewalks. Although not legally obligated, citizens are asked by VDOT to keep sidewalks safe. All residents should, as soon as feasible, clear snow off the sidewalks in front of their property so that all pedestrians, especially school children, those with disabilities, and the elderly, may walk securely. The Winston Knolls Civic Association has decided to help those who are unable to clear their sidewalks of snow. The association will compile a list of individuals who need assistance shoveling snow. The association will also compile a list of teenagers or individuals who are willing to shovel snow either for community service hours or for pay. If you have medical or other legitimate reasons why you are unable to shovel snow on your property and wish to have assistance please complete the following form. If you are interested in being on a list to be called to help with shoveling snow, please also complete the following form. Indicate if you are interested in being paid or if you wish to shovel snow to fulfill community service requirements for school or Boy or Girl Scouts. If under age 13 be sure to get your parent's permission before signing up to shovel snow. The above information will be placed on a data sheet and shared with those seeking help.

Complete and either drop off to Tom Blume at 8908 Arley Drive or send the necessary info to [kathandtomblume@gmail.com](mailto:kathandtomblume@gmail.com).

**I could use assistance having my sidewalk cleared in the event of snow:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to pay someone to clear my sidewalk \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in shoveling snow for residents of Winston Knolls:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be paid \_\_\_\_\_

I will do it for community service hours \_\_\_\_\_



Have you heard about **Box Tops 4 Education**? The Box Top coupons are on thousands of products we use every day like cereal, baggies, and cake mixes! And Orange Hunt Elementary School earns \$.10 for every Box Top collected! It's free money for our school! **YOU** can help collect them. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Check the expiration dates on the Box Top coupons.
2. Clip and collect them.
3. Drop them by my house (Chris Carter, 7121 Red Horse Tavern Lane) or drop them by the Orange Hunt Office. Save them all year - every year! The school submits the coupons twice a year, but accepts them anytime! Thank you for supporting our school!

WKCA October26 Halloween Parade and Party, see our website for all pictures

