

CWCA Spring Meeting April 2021

CWCA President John Holt welcomed everyone to our spring zoom meeting. He called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Thirty-one residents were in attendance.

Block Captains: John thanked the following outgoing block captains for their service: Lizzy Conroy, Cheryl Juneau, Steve and Gina Manning, and Margaret Klarman and Patty Freeman, who John noted had each served several decades as block captains.

John welcomed aboard as new Block Captains: Katie Bianco, Joe Drodge, Kathy Munoz, Amy Ovuka, Melanie Sletten, and Kari Whitney.

Pineapple Patrol: John thanked Sarah Evans and Bonny Sadler for restarting the Pineapple Patrol, our welcoming committee. Sarah showed us the cute welcome bags they have created which include a notepad, directory, and welcome letter. They drop off the bag with a baked good. They have welcomed a few new residents.

They encourage people to let them know about new neighbors moving in by emailing cwcapineapplepatrol@gmail.com and sending any information you have: address for sure and if you know it, the neighbor's name and any contact information. They'd love to have more people join their committee to help deliver the bags and plan possible new neighbor meet and greets in the spring and fall once it's safe to gather. They'd love to have more people on their team! If you are interested in joining the Pineapple Patrol, please email Sarah and Bonny at cwcapineapplepatrol@gmail.com.

New Webmaster Needed! Many thanks to Ellie LeBaron who has for many years served as the webmaster for CWCA's website. She would like to pass this job on to someone new. If you are interested, please email chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com

Snow Team: We did not say so in the meeting, but wanted to extend a big thank you to Steve Sunderhauf and Ed McGrady who did a great job managing CWCA's snow removal service again this year!

Treasurer's Report: Susan Garrahan presented the treasurer's report. *Note, the numbers below were updated after the meeting with the latest Bank statement so it is current through April 30, 2021.* Also, we expect additional expenses to be incurred during this fiscal year which ends on September 30, 2021.

- Cash on hand at start of FY, October 1, 2020 - \$39,581 and Cash on hand at end of April 30, 2021 - \$36,266
- Dues were paid by 380 households vs a target of 405
 - Amount collected exceeded target due to some members paying more than \$15 (\$6,247 actual v \$6,075 target)
- **Snow removal expense for the year was under target: \$9,495 v \$15,000**
 - **This equates to \$25 per dues-paying household**
- Other expenses total \$880.
 - Expense for social events to date is below target due to cancelling the 2020 Oktoberfest due to pandemic (\$113 actual v \$3000 target)

Sidewalk Segments on Kirby/Chesterbrook Road: Elizabeth Ende gave a project update.

The Connect-McLean team which advocated for a number of sidewalks segments back in 2012, has been following the implementation of the sidewalk projects over the years. FCDOT (Fairfax County Dept of Transportation) met with Connect-McLean a few weeks ago.

- The two segments on Kirby which will connect Franklin Avenue to Halsey and Halsey to Chesterbrook School are estimated to be completed early 2022.
- The segment on Kirby from Mori to Chesterbrook (east side) is scheduled to be completed late 2023. Connect-McLean expressed concern that this is more than a year off the schedule provided to us last fall.
- FCDOT has concept design underway for the three segments on Chesterbrook that start at Maddux and will run up to N 41st street. They expect to hold a Citizen Information Meeting later this summer.

Question: Will the segment from N. Albemarle to Forest be completed later than the other two segments because of two other projects which are taking place there (Little Pimmit Run Stream Restoration Project and the replacement of a sewer pipe under Chesterbrook near N. Albemarle and Forest). Answer: FCDOT has not provided a schedule yet, but at this point hasn't indicated the segments would be done in a different order.

Traffic Calming Task Force Update and Discussion: Susan Garrahan provided an update on traffic calming efforts for Chesterbrook Road

- The county offers few solutions to address speed problems. They offered speed humps/tables on Chesterbrook Road and the Task Force

has been working through the required steps to get community approval. Progress is hampered by “affected properties” coming up for sale, then sitting idle with no response from the owner. “Affected properties” are those that are adjacent to a proposed speed hump; they must sign an agreement to have the hump located there in order to proceed.

- Other members shared ideas and voiced concerns about other speeding concerns in the neighborhood. And someone asked if a blinking light at Forest (not a stoplight) would be an option the County offers? And someone asked how we can address the speed and sight-line concerns at the corner of Forest and Woodley? Susan said she will follow up on these items with Supervisor Foust’s office.
- **There was a also request by a resident that drivers not ‘roll through’ stop signs in the neighborhood as the resident was very nearly hit by a car the other day. There was agreement by others that this is a problem in a few different areas in the neighborhood.**

Environmental Committee: Neil Ende reported the committee continues to try to advocate for responsible development to protect the trees. Two neighbors spoke up about a construction project on Hardwood which potentially will take down three very large and old trees. The hope is to modify the construction plan to save these trees.

Neil advised the Environmental Committee is working on ideas for meetings, such as natural gardens, energy conservation techniques, ways to reduce pesticide use, and information on recycling. If you have ideas about meeting topics or would like to join the Environmental Committee, please email cwcaenvironment@gmail.com

There was also discussion about tree damage that occurs on properties abutting infill construction projects. County staff advised us last fall they were looking into their ability to notify a resident whose property abuts a construction project where the construction plan shows a tree on that neighboring property is likely to be adversely impacted. We have requested an update but haven’t heard back on whether this kind of notification has gone into effect. If you are concerned or aware of such a circumstance, please email cwcaenvironment@gmail.com

A concern was raised that when large trees are taken down, that the new trees planted are often trees that will not grow tall (e.g., crepe myrtle, dogwood, etc.)

Neighborhood Litter: Lizzy Conroy reported that a few neighbors had written to the Board noting that they are seeing (and picking up) a lot of trash in the neighborhood. This is sometimes occurring at construction sites and possibly because trash/recycling bins aren't secure, so we are asking neighbors to pay attention to this and to clean up litter around their own properties. If anyone is interested in organizing a clean-up effort in the neighborhood, please let Lizzy know by emailing chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com

Neighborhood Safety: Elizabeth Ende thanked Bob Blakely for serving as CWCA Security Coordinator. She introduced our new Security Coordinator, Cabell Fooshe.

Cabell advised he checked in with McLean Police Officer Beyer who said she is not aware of particular issues to be concerned about now. Cabell reported that due to multiple complaints of a teenager driving dangerously through the neighborhood, he referred the matter to McLean Police who visited the house to talk to the parents and the teen driver. He is hopeful that the matter is now settled and there will be no further trouble.

For your information here is [a copy of Officer Beyer's safety presentation](#) made earlier in the year. (After you click on the presentation link, click on the Present Button in the top right part of your screen and it will launch as a slideshow.) If you have trouble accessing the link, please email chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com

Announcements:

1. Nikki Watts advised that Share of McLean is taking in-season clothes (especially children's casual clothes, pots and pans and gently used towels and linens). You can drop off donations on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. [Click here](#) to view additional details about how you can help or other times to drop off donations.
2. In case you missed the Little Pimmit Run Stream Restoration Project update presented by Fairfax County on April 22nd, you can find details [here](#).
3. If you or a neighbor is having difficulty scheduling a COVID shot please email the CWCA Board at chesterbrookwoods@gmail.com.
4. Rick Olson mentioned that Walker Chapel is creating a migration route garden to support the endangered Monarch Butterfly. The Monarch Meadow Garden will be planted on May 2nd 2021, starting at 2PM.

Everyone is invited to gather in the Meadow to enjoy each other's company, celebrate springtime and if you'd like, put a plant or two in the garden bed (They will be masked & safely distanced). Bring a chair & water, and small garden shovel if you have one. Walker Chapel will become a Registered Monarch Migration Route Site, joining hundreds of organizations across the United States in a shared mission of Earth Stewardship.

5. Not mentioned during the meeting

- Voting for the McLean Community Center Board is taking place now through May 15th. Chesterbrook Woods residents (adults and teens) are eligible to vote. [Click here](#) to find out about ways to vote!
- In case you missed last week's Fairfax County Drug Take Back Initiative, **drug take back boxes are available year-round at the McLean District Police Station at 1437 Balls Hill Road.** Accepted items include prescription medication (schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled), prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, and medications for pets. Prohibited items include needles (sharps), liquids of any kind, illegal drugs, non-prescription ointments and lotions, aerosol cans, and inhalers.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM.