

WESTMORE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:

REPRESENTING THE RESIDENTS OF AUTUMN WOODS, JOYCE HEIGHTS, PUMPKIN PLACE, WARREN WOODS & WESTMORE

THE WESTMORE CITIZEN

THIRD QUARTER NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2021



2021

Westmore Community Annual Picnic

Saturday, September 18th from 4-8 PM
(Rain Date: Sunday, September 19th)

Old Westmore School Park
11000 Berry Street, Fairfax VA

Come and enjoy an evening with your family, friends, and neighbors at the 2021 Westmore Annual Picnic! There will be games, activities and food. Games will begin around 4:30 p.m. and will continue throughout the event. Food will be served around 5:30 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up/take down.

The Association will provide the main dish for dinner, but attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad, fruit/veggies or dessert to share. Plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

Yard Games :

- Connect Four
Yardzee
Tic Tac Toe
Volleyball/Badminton

Challenge Games :

- Cookie Face
Cherry Pit Spit
Chubby Bunny
Water Balloon Toss

50/50 BINGO GAME

Split the pot game following dinner
2 cards for \$10 or 5 cards for \$20 (cash only)

DON'T FORGET:

Bring your Summer Reading Checklist to the picnic to pick up your gift bag! See inside this newsletter for more information!

Please do not bring glass bottles or alcoholic beverages. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Pets must be leashed while in attendance.

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President's Message

By Beth Iannetta

A humble request (bordering on a desperate plea)...if you have ever considered volunteering for or participating in the Association, now is the time to step up. We are currently in the midst of our "busy season" of hosting the annual picnic, dealing with various planning and development proposals nearby, and hopefully ramping up membership with the new year on the horizon. It cannot be sustained by a few people. Some of the important needs are:

- ◆ Block Reps to help deliver quarterly newsletters and keep an eye out in your corners of the neighborhood for news and issues. We have had some dedicated volunteers for YEARS and I cannot thank them enough! Sharing of information is crucial and not everyone can take advantage of the website, Facebook page or email. We've also heard that newsletters aren't being distributed to whole blocks. If you are not able to continue be a Block Rep, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make other arrangements. I would like to set up a meeting with the current Block Reps to meet all of you, to hear feedback on the process, and see how we can improve. Keep an eye on your emails for that invitation. If I don't have your email—let me know right away!
- ◆ The Vice-President position is still open. This position would be most helpful to me to help run a meeting or two in case I have a work conflict. The position can also be what you want to make of it. If you want to help with membership to ensure we are financially stable, that could be your focus. If you are great at event planning, we can always use the ideas and coordination help. If you want to strengthen our messaging or communication, your skills would be invaluable. If you have a goal of getting out to meet people or getting more steps in, then leading the newsletter delivery system could be right up your alley.

The last request is to community members as a whole. There are several planning and development proposals that will have a direct impact on our neighborhood. I urge you to get up to speed on them or come to a meeting to hear more. The Kamp Washington Small Area Plan is underway. Several issues about planned uses and roadway access have been mentioned. The Fairfax Presbyterian Church, the American Legion Post 177 development, and the Breezeway-Pulte application are adjacent to us or within a 1/2 mile of our boundaries. We continue to seek improvements to the Rust Road access point. There is lots of things afoot, so stay involved and thank you for making our neighborhood such a great place to live!

Stay Informed - Stay Connected!

Stay up to date and find out about community events by visiting the Westmore Community website at www.westmorecommunity.org. Once you find us on the web, be sure to scroll down to the "Subscribe" button. Enter your email so you can receive updates from us like the Zoom meeting invites, event details, etc. **After this year we will transition to using the Constant Contact platform for email communications. In order to receive future emails, you must sign up on the website as noted above. Any email addresses we currently have on file cannot be transferred automatically.**

We also have a fairly active Westmore Citizens' Association Facebook group. Please be sure to answer the membership questions if you request access to the Facebook group. The group address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/westmorecitizen>

Next Meetings: Everyone is welcome! Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. We will continue to meet via Zoom. You can join a meeting at <https://zoom.us/join>

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 849 3924 9728 Password: 197035

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 879 7710 6076 Password: 240695

Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 893 8338 2783 Password: 709202

Monthly Meeting Summaries

A full write up from our monthly meetings can be found on the community website at www.westmorecommunity.org. Below is just a short summary of topics that were discussed



July 2021

Meetings via Zoom; Vacancies for Vice-President and Block Reps discussed; Ideas for maintenance or improvements to Old Westmore School Site/Park are welcomed; The Walmart/Lidl/Rust Road access road was discussed as well as the Fairfax Presbyterian Church townhouse proposal; National Night Out event is coming up as well as the Annual Picnic

August 2021

Meeting via Zoom; Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,718.81; The Annual Picnic was scheduled for Saturday, September 18th (rain date September 19th); The main dish will be catered and attendees are asked to provide a side dish, salad, or dessert to share; Several games are planned throughout the day; The picnic will be held at the Old Westmore School site; Beth is planning to meet with the commercial owners of the Walmart property regarding access to Rust Road; No new updates to the Presbyterian Church townhouse application; The Kamp Washington Small Area Plan was discussed; Several block reps reported never receiving their packets of newsletters to distribute.



Mary Agnes Fendley, 97, passed away on Thursday, May 7, 2020. She was born, raised and spent all her life within the Fairfax area. She married William Cleo Fendley on March 6, 1941. They were original home buyers of their home on Berry Street in the Westmore neighborhood when the homes were constructed in the early 1950's. She worked for almost 40 years at the American Red Cross in Alexandria, retiring in 1983.

A memorial service for family and friends to celebrate Mrs. Fendley is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 at 11pm. The service will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church, 11032 Oakton Road, Oakton, VA.

Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 Tbsp avocado oil
- ◆ 1/4 cup diced shallots
- ◆ 3 garlic cloves, minced
- ◆ 2 1/4 cup pumpkin puree
- ◆ 2 cup vegetable broth
- ◆ 1 cup canned light coconut milk
- ◆ 2 Tbsp honey or maple syrup
- ◆ 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- ◆ 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- ◆ Salt and pepper to taste

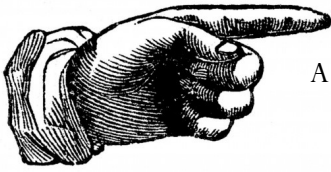
Directions:

Add oil, shallots and garlic to a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook for 2-3 minutes, or until slightly browned and translucent. Reduce heat if cooking too quickly. Add remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer.

Transfer ingredients to a blender or use an immersion blender to puree the soup. Pour mixture back into the pan, and continue cooking over medium-low heat for 5-10 minutes. Season to taste.

Garnish with toasted pumpkin seeds. Enjoy!

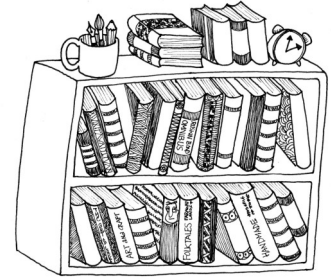




CHECK ME OUT!

A book recommendation from an avid Westmore reader. If you've got a book recommendation you'd like to share, send your write up to

westmorecitizensassociation@gmail.com



Prairie Lotus

Report done by: Sophia Chu

Book written by: Linda Sue Park

Summary: This story is about a girl named Hanna Edmund who's 14 years old who moves to Dakota with her papa in 1880. Hanna is abnormal though, because she is half Chinese. Her mama was Chinese, but she had passed away and has been gone for years now. Her papa is white. In Dakota she and her papa hope for a new and improved life, but the citizens haven't seen any Asian people before, and most aren't so accepting about it. Her papa plans to open a dress goods shop, and objects to Hanna's dream of becoming a seamstress for the store. Can Hanna survive the horrors of racism and pursue her dream of becoming a seamstress?

I would recommend this book to anyone 10 and up. Especially to people that love historical fiction, and/or part of the Asian community. Hanna is a great role model. One time, Hanna's mama came to her in her mind, and told her to stop thinking of herself, to stop pitying herself after she had a bad day. To get up and do something, instead of laying in her bed.

Overall thoughts: I'm glad I passed this book in the library and decided to read it. It's splendid. I enjoyed it, and read this book in 2 days, which is rather fast. I would rate this book a 4.5/5. Doesn't make my favorite book list, but it's still very pleasant. Although, I think the book could use a little more work on the climax. It's fun to read a book that's not in the present time era. I'm happy that there's also Native Americans in this book, even though it's only women & children. My favorite part was when Hanna took off her bonnet. It's an act of defiance after the girls were gossiping about what could be under it. A horrid birthmark? A bruise? But really, Hanna has a normal head. The reason she wore it is because she didn't want to be noticed, the bonnet was a little like a shelter. By taking it off, she does 2 things. 1. Prove the other girls in her class wrong. 2. She reveals herself. The bonnet was something she could hide into, and she took it off, showing herself with dignity.

Reporting Community Issues to City Staff

Whether it is a blocked storm drain, graffiti on a wall, damaged playground equipment, illegal dumping, or anything else for which the City of Fairfax is responsible, use Fairfax City Resolve website or download the app to get the problem fixed fast. This new service allows you to easily report problems the community. Your request will be routed to the appropriate department and you will receive an email notifying you that a ticket has been created. You will receive an email when the problem has been assigned, and another one when the problem has been resolved.

The Westmore community has always gotten swift action when we've posted issues on the Facebook page, and we are grateful! This new portal will help connect you with the appropriate department as needed and will provide a more reliable means of communication.

Westmore Community Association

Annual Membership Form

Thank you for your support!

It is very easy and inexpensive to join WCA. Membership is open to residents within the Autumn Woods, Joyce Heights, Pumpkin Place, Warren Woods and Westmore subdivisions within the City of Fairfax, Virginia. Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Membership expires each December and should be renewed each calendar year to remain current. A portion of the funds are used to support basic requirements such as insurance and a mailbox. The remainder of the money is put back into the community to support social events, prizes, signage, and other initiatives supported by the residents. Seniors (65 and older) have the privilege of being members without paying annual dues. However, we recommend these members submit the membership form each year to ensure your information is up-to-date and accurate. We appreciate the many senior members who continuously show their support by making a donation each year.

Membership Type: Renewal _____ New Member _____ Senior _____

What year did you move here? _____

Address (house number and street name only) _____

Main Contact Info: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Secondary Contact Info: First Name _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

DUES: You may pay by cash, check, or online via PayPal at

<https://www.paypal.me/WCApayments>

If paying by check, please make the check payable to “Westmore Citizens’ Association” and send with this completed form to:

WCA Treasurer

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