

# WESTMORE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:

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

## THE WESTMORE CITIZEN

### SECOND QUARTER NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2021

#### President's Message By Beth Iannetta

The cicada symphony has faded, the temperatures are rising....Summer 2021 is in full swing! Anyone going on some fun adventures this year to make up for last year's staycations? There's lots going on in the neighborhood and hopefully you've been keeping up-to-date on things. If not, here's a brief summary of hot topics:

- Several land development applications in/around the neighborhood
- Long range planning for the Kamp Washington Area
- Summer /Fall Events - National Night Out, Summer Reading Adventure, Annual Picnic!
- Monthly meeting topics & updates... meeting minutes are on the website
- Volunteer to help! Join the leadership team or be a block rep to help keep others informed

Be sure to join us for the July meeting as we have several items to take a formal vote on and we need your input especially for the Annual Picnic this year. It takes a small village to keep everyone informed and engaged, and I appreciate those efforts. We can always use more help - so don't be shy about volunteering or sharing your ideas! If you are interested in serving as Vice-President or would help deliver newsletters to neighbors, let us know.



#### Stay Informed - Stay Connected!

Stay up to date and find out about community events by visiting the Westmore Community website at [www.westmorecommunity.org](http://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. We are going to transition from using Gmail notifications to the new website platform to communicate with you. The website will also contain meeting agendas, minutes, event information, and other resources.

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.

**Tuesday, July 20th, 2021 at 7:30pm**

Zoom Meeting ID: 825 2159 1493 Password: 141832

**Tuesday, August 17th, 2021 at 7:30pm**

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 0894 2191 Password: 388668

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## **Monthly Meeting Summaries**

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



### **March 2021**

Meetings will continue via Zoom; Efforts continue to hang the donated flag at the Old Westmore School site; Investigating the formal park designation of the Old Westmore School site; Repaving of community trails; Discussion of the Walmart/Lidl/ Rust Road entrance to the community; Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,007.28; New community website; Kamp Washington Small Area Plan; Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

### **April 2021**

Meeting via Zoom; Discussion on the Fairfax Presbyterian Church townhouse proposal; COVID-19 vaccine finder information; Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,045.81; City of Fairfax Crime Map; City of Fairfax Resolve App to report maintenance request (see below for more info); Neighborhood Art Celebration by Spotlight on the Arts

### **May 2021**

Meeting via Zoom; The Perryman's have moved after 40 years in Westmore; Discussion on the Fairfax Presbyterian Church townhouse proposal; Discussion on the formal dedication of the Old Westmore School site as a park; Walmart/ Lidl/ Rust Road entrance issues; Treasurer reported a balance of \$3,105.81; Construction activity related to the I-66 project and the community trail paving; Reminder about overgrown grass in the neighborhood.

### **June 2021**

Subscribe to the community website to add your email to the distribution list; New block reps are needed for Maple Street; Old Westmore School site was officially designated as a park by the City Council; Research continues on the Walmart / Lidl /Rust Road entrance; Fairfax Presbyterian Church townhouse proposal next steps include a formal position by the community in July; Kamp Washington Small Area Plan kickoff meeting held June 9, 2021; Reminder to lock your car doors at night to prevent theft; Annual Picnic planning and volunteers needed, date selection at July meeting; Independence Day celebrations to be held this year; National Night Out is August 3rd

**UPCOMING MEETINGS: July 20th, August 17th and September 21st**

**Be sure to join us!**

### **Reporting Community Issues**

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.



City of Fairfax Police will be visiting our neighborhood for this year’s National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 6 PM to 9 PM.** Officers will be broken into teams to visit registered neighborhoods throughout the evening to engage City residents and their families. We gather at the pavilion at **Westmore Park** located at the intersection of Oakwood Drive and Fern Street.

To learn more about National Night Out, please visit [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org). “National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.”

### ***Lock • Take • Hide***

The City of Fairfax Police Department recommends citizens practice three key actions with their valuables at home and away, particularly when they are in vehicles:

***Lock** vehicles even when they're parked in areas that are considered "secure" (driveway, limited-access parking lots, well-lit areas), LOCK YOUR VEHICLE.*

***Take** your keys with you when you leave your vehicle. When possible, take your valuables — handbags, backpacks, purchases — with you, especially when leaving the vehicle overnight.*

***Hide** valuables in the vehicle (in enclosed trunks, glove boxes, consoles, under seats)*

### **Westmore Annual Picnic**

We plan on holding the annual picnic this year. It’s held in September as an unofficial wrap up to summer. We need your input on a date/time, menu, games and other. Be sure to join us for the July meeting to get the planning started. If you are willing to help out, volunteers are always welcome—even first timers. Help out and make it a great event to remember!



### **Elimination of Plastic Bags for Yard Waste**

City of Fairfax City Council voted to prohibit the use of plastic bags for the set out and collection of yard waste material, which consists of grass clippings, leaves, vines, and brush created during general landscape maintenance.

The change requires Fairfax City residents who receive curbside collection of yard waste to use reusable containers, paper yard waste bags, or to bundle their yard waste. Although the new rule takes effect immediately, a transitional period from June 2021 to February 2022 will allow time for customer notification and education on the new rule. During the transitional period, yard waste set out in plastic bags will still continue to be collected.

**The city plans to begin enforcement on March 1, 2022.** At that time, yard waste that is set out in plastic bags will be identified with a red tag to notify the occupant of the violation and the material will be left on the curb.

# Summer Reading Checklist Challenge

Join in the fun and complete the summer reading challenge. All ages welcome! Check off as many as you can and bring this form to the annual picnic in September to receive a prize. If you are feeling extra adventurous, write up a short book report for a book that you think everyone should enjoy. Your report may be included in an upcoming community newsletter! Why stop at being an awesome reader when you can be a published author? Have fun and be sure to tell us all about it!



Happy Reading,  
Ya'll!

Read in Bed



Read outdoors



Read in the Car  
or on a bus

Read by flashlight

Read on a blanket

Read in a tent or under a blanket

Read by a pool or water

Read in the morning

Read under an umbrella

Read in the afternoon

Read a Fantasy



Read at night



READ A SCARY STORY

Read with a friend



READ A MYSTERY

Read with a parent  
or grownup

READ A HISTORICAL BOOK

Read a newspaper

READ A BOOK ABOUT SCIENCE

Read a magazine

Read a true story (nonfiction)

READ A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS



Read a book about food or a cookbook



READ A BOOK ABOUT  
A PLACE

**READ A BOOK ABOUT  
A HOBBY OR SPORTS**



# 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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