

# WESTMORE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:

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

## THE WESTMORE CITIZEN

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### President's Message By Beth Iannetta

*"Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes...how do you measure, measure a year?"*  
~ "Seasons of Love", from the Broadway musical, Rent

I still cannot believe an entire year has gone by since the lockdowns started and our lives changed so incredibly! Despite everything that has happened, I am amazed at how the community has supported each other, kept communicating, participated safely when possible and stayed connected. The association itself has had to adjust as well. I hope you all agree that our former community leaders, Maura Brooks and Jessica Leal, stepped up and moved us forward without a blueprint to follow. I hope we have been able to support you even in the smallest way and we look forward to continuing this year and more.

We remain hopeful that we can plan in-person events in 2021! We will continue to host our monthly meetings online via Zoom. Our meeting venue is just too small to accommodate us and we still need to practice distancing guidelines. We have high hopes for hosting a National Night Out event in August, the traditional Annual Picnic in September, and the popular Halloween Decorating Contest in October. If you have other fun ideas—please don't hesitate to mention them! Be sure to check out the other city-wide events that are being offered. They range from creative endeavors to fitness challenges and community volunteerism.

### **New Ways to Stay Connected!**

The new Westmore Community website is up and running! The address is [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 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, March 16th, 2021 at 7:30pm**

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 1342 4982 Password: 918463

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 890 9027 0008 Password: 955388

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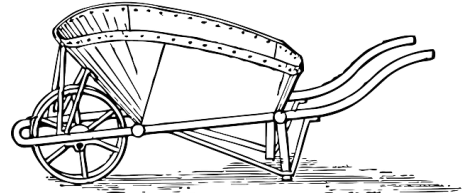
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### **Flag at Old Westmore School Site**

We are coordinating with the City's Parks staff regarding a previous request to raise an American flag at the old school's flag pole which still remains even though the school building was demolished. US Flag code stipulates that unless the flag is raised and lowered each day, it should be illuminated. Unfortunately once the building was removed the power connections were severed to the existing light poles. Stay tuned as we are looking into a solar light options as a possible solution.

### **City Mulch Delivery Canceled**

As posted in the recent City Scene newsletter, the city will not deliver mulch to communities this year. We hope service will come back when it is safe to do so. Free mulch may still available at the Fairfax County West Ox Road facility.



### **Help keep the Potomac Watershed Clean!**

Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 9 a.m. to Noon  
(Rain date April 25<sup>th</sup>)

Join Tim Boucher, of KCS Landscape Management, Inc., and the Washington Metro Chapter Community Associations Institute as we do our part to clean up the Potomac Watershed and positively impact the communities where we work and live. Gloves, recycling and trash bags provided.

Plan on meeting at the beginning of the creek where it starts at Hallman Street for instructions, meeting volunteers, and then commence cleanup work.

Please visit the event website to sign the waiver and submit to site leader  
<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/4500/show>

### **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 and 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.

*Which is the most fit community?*

### **Mayors' Fitness Challenge 2021**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Mayors' Fitness Challenge occurs between three jurisdictions (City of Fairfax, Town of Vienna and City of Falls Church). The City of Fairfax wants to get the community involved in a healthy competition to determine the "Most Fit City/Town 2021". During this 8-week competition, it is important for everyone to track all minutes spent doing any physical exercise then log in the minutes.

You can find the event information by going to the City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation website and click on the "Online Registration" button. Once you've reached their online portal, enter "Mayors' Fitness Challenge" to find more information and sign up.

### Neighbor in Need

A request for donations was posted on the community Facebook page. Many know David Young through his work at Help Company. He has also done HVAC for residents in the neighborhood. In February he suffered stroke while coaching his son’s basketball team. The Young Family’s lives have changed dramatically and a GoFundMe donation page has been set up to help offset the unexpected medical bills and provide support since David is unable to work. Please help if you can. Thank you!

<https://gofund.me/92252ceb>

### Community Improvements

The City will be making pedestrian improvements within Westmore. Please take note and be sure to avoid the active construction areas.

- Old Westmore School site: The walking paths that lead up to Rust Road near the top of the sledding hill at the park. These trails are long overdue for repair. As noted in the recent edition of the Cityscene newsletter, several trails will be redone throughout the City. Work is expected to begin this Spring although it did not indicate in which area they will begin.
- Jones Street: Staff selected to complete the missing link along Jones Street near Judicial Drive as part of the new sidewalk construction program.
- Hallman Street (east side): Staff selected the missing sections of sidewalk to provide a continuous walkway along the east side of Hallman Street. This project is currently in design.



### Annual Fall for the Book Virtual Program:

**An Evening with Kristin Hannah**  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 7p.m.

Readers have traveled to historic Paris and 1970’s Alaska with New York Times bestseller Kristin Hannah. Now visit the Great Plains during the darkest days of the Dust Bowl and Great Depression in *The Four Winds* as one woman makes the impossible choice: fight for her dying farmland or take a chance and go west. Delia Owens, author of *Where the Crawdads Sing* says, “This mother’s soul, suffering the same drought as the land, attempts to cross deserts and beat starvation to save her children with a fierce inner strength called motherhood. A timely novel highlighting the worth and delicate nature of Nature itself.” Hannah’s novel *Firefly Lane* has been adapted as a Netflix series featuring Katherine Heigl and Sarah Chalke. Hannah will be in conversation with Tayla Burney, a longtime public radio producer in Washington, D.C. This event is sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Library.

<https://fallforthebook.org>



*Need something new to read? Check out the two Free Little Libraries located in the community.*

- *Chestnut Street near Oakwood Drive*
- *Woodland Drive halfway between Crest Lane and Main Street*

*Thank you to our little librarians!*

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Spotlight on the Arts is sponsored by the City of Fairfax in cooperation with George Mason University and the business and arts community of Fairfax. Each year Spotlight puts on a festival in the spring to highlight everything artistic

As part of the 2021 Spotlight on the Arts Festival, communities can participate in the “Neighborhood Arts Celebration”. City residents are being asked to turn their front yards, balconies and neighborhoods in to a drive-by art gallery. From April 23rd through May 9th residents will be able to create art displays in the front yard. The displays can be made of whatever they like. Create a sculpture out of recycling for the week, turn the driveway into a work of art with sidewalk chalk, or buy some plywood and paint a mural! The options are endless. In order to prevent buying art supplies from being a hinderance, Spotlight on the Arts and their sponsors will provide art kits to those who need them. Each kit will contain a 2’x4’ piece of plywood, a can of Chalkboard paint, and rainbow chalk to create your own chalk board that can be kept after the celebration is over! The number of kits available will be limited and offered to the general public.

If your artwork will be sensitive to the weather, the Drive by Day for the Neighborhood Art Celebration will be May 1st (rain date May 2nd). There will be a Google map for participating residents to sign their house up to be part of the gallery.

**RULES:** 1) Artwork must be visible from the street; Should not exceed 6-feet wide by 6-feet tall or block views of turns and the road for passing motorists 2) Artwork can be created by as many members of the household who wish to participate 3) All ages welcome! 4) Artwork may be displayed from April 23rd to May 9th 5) Artwork may NOT contain obscene, inappropriate, or defamatory word or images



**Come join us on Sundays!**

We gather at Frost MS  
(4101 Pickett Road)  
at 10:30AM.

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# 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:

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P.O. Box 275  
Fairfax, VA 22038-0275