

WESTHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Community Website: www.westhaven-whoa.org

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOA BOARD PRESIDENT



Several initiatives have been underway in the community. In addition to the recent notices

you have received, following are a couple of additional updates.

In June, Russ Carl was named Treasurer. Greg Williams resigned his position on the board, and Susan Williams was voted to fill the open position in his place.

Cardinal Management has assumed the role of property manager as of September 1, 2006. They are off

to a good start, and we are looking forward to working with them to meet the needs of the HOA and the community.

The annual architectural review process was completed over the summer. Thanks to those who have performed maintenance and taken steps to make the necessary improvements. The results on several homes are truly noticeable.

For home owners who have not made the requested repairs or contacted the property manager with a plan for completing the work, steps will be taken in the up-

coming months to follow up on these properties as necessary. Please keep in mind that maintaining our properties benefits the homeowners, as well as the entire neighborhood.

BOARD OFFICERS:

President, Nurdan Logan

Vice President, Bob Fisher

Treasurer, Russ Carl

Secretary, Henry Bolij

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

Kim Damico

Eileen Serafin

Susan Williams

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *President's Message*
- *Updates on Community Initiatives*
- *Neighborhood Watch*
- *Upcoming Meetings*
- *Neighborhood Reminders*
- *Getting Ready for Winter*

This periodic newsletter is provided by the WHOA board to keep the community informed.

NOTICES

- ◆ Beginning on September 1, 2006, Cardinal Management Group assumed the property management role in Westhaven.
- ◆ During September and October 2006, NVM Contractors will complete work related to the pavement improvement initiative which began in the fall of 2005.
- ◆ Announcements and information are posted on the community website, such as the community guidelines and vehicle registration form.

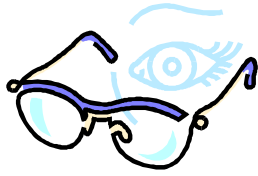
UPDATES ON COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

• **Repaving and Painting:** The Board and NVM have been working to address concerns related to work performed in the fall of 2005. Work began on Sept. 20th when NVM edge milled and repaved sections of road through out the community. Remaining work includes resealing and

restriping the roads, redoing select speed bumps, as well as power wash and repaint the curbs. All work should be completed by the end of October 2006.

• **Neighborhood Watch:** On Aug. 29, 2006, a training session was held to get a program up and running in Westhaven. Signs near

each entrance will be installed shortly and continuing efforts will be made to further this program in our community. If you are interested in participating in this important initiative, please contact Nurdan Logan. (*see article inside for more information.*)



Neighborhood Watch initiative in Westhaven

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN WESTHAVEN

Recent incidents in the neighborhood have served as a catalyst for getting Neighborhood Watch started in Westhaven.

On August 29, 2006, several residents attended a training session which will qualify the neighborhood to post Neighborhood Watch signs at each entrance of the community.

The training session offered useful tips for observing and

reporting suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Other suggestions noted are:

- Keep outside porch and street lights on at night.
- Keep doors locked, even while you are at home.
- Have your newspaper delivery suspended while you are out of town.
- Be observant of your surroundings.

Please report any suspicious persons or events to the local authorities. If you notice any damage to the community or problems that need to be addressed in future board meetings, please contact the property management company.

With your assistance, we can watch out for each other and keep our neighborhood safe.

The non-emergency number for the Fairfax County Police is: (703) 691-2131.

EFFORTS CONTINUE ONE STEP AT A TIME . . .

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (CONT.)

Landscaping Projects: A portion of the Special Assessment collected in 2005 was allocated for select landscaping projects throughout the community. These projects have been completed.

Other landscaping initiatives before year end:

- Remove several dead trees in the neighborhood

- Prune oak trees in the park area and at the front of the east entrance
- Address drainage problem near the sidewalk along the street at the park area.
- Replace damaged/fading stop and speed limit signs
- Make plan for work to be done next spring.

Architectural Review: Many thanks for the efforts to complete the annual architectural review process. Several homeowners have already taken steps to maintain and improve their properties.

Spring Fling: Thanks to those who volunteered and participated in this year's Spring Fling in May. The Social Committee is already thinking about next year's event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (BOARD AND ANNUAL)



Participation in the WHOA is welcomed . . .

Through the end of the year, WHOA Board meetings will be held on the following dates:

- September 28, 2006
- October 5, 2006
- November 2, 2006

Dates for next year are being planned.

The Annual Meeting will be held on December 7, 2006 at the Richard Byrd Library.

Voting to fill vacant Board positions will occur. Please keep a look out for additional information in the mail.



All vehicles must be registered with Property Management Company.

NEIGHBORHOOD REMINDERS

- **Parking:** Please park your vehicles in your garages or on your driveways/assigned spaces. We have a chronic problem of residents parking in the limited number of visitor spaces. Parking rules will be more strictly enforced in the upcoming months. Therefore, your vehicles should display the appropriate parking decal issued by the community to avoid towing. The towing company is **Dominion Towing Company** tel: (703) 730-1177.
- **Putting Trash Out:** Trash should only be put out after 7pm on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Recycling is put out on Wednesday evenings.
- **Pets:** Please be sure to carry a bag with you while walking your pet to dispose of any waste. Also, all pets should be on a leash. *These neighborhood requirements are also the law in Fairfax County.*

Check community website for guidelines and other useful information (www.westhaven-whoa.org)

COMMITTEES & CONTACT INFORMATION

PLEASE JOIN US . . .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CONTACT THE COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSON IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED

NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT BOARD MEMBERS FOR NON-COMMITTEE INQUIRIES. ANY COMMUNICATION TO THEM WILL NOT BE SEEN AS OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO THE WESTHAVEN HOA OR THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

- Architectural Committee:** Russ Carl, Chair Person
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Henry Bolij, Co-Chair Person
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GETTING READY FOR WINTER



Winter is coming . . .

- **Fall Leaves:** Please note that blowing or sweeping leaves into the streets may cause the roads to become slippery and be difficult to clean. Please keep them at the curb.
- **Lower energy costs:** With rising energy costs, this may be a good time to have your heating system serviced and consider installing a programmable thermostat. For other energy saving tips, contact your energy provider.
- **Prepare for Snow and Ice:** Before you know it snow and bad weather will be upon us. Don't forget to plan ahead and have a snow shovel, sand and/or de-icing crystals handy.

Community Website:
Future issues of the *Westhaven Neighborhood News* will continue to be posted on the community website.

Problems or Questions:
Please contact the property management company with any problems in the neighborhood or questions:

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