

Westwood Civic Association Fall Newsletter

September 2019

NEW NEIGHBORS!

Have you moved to Westwood recently? We invite you to our New Resident Welcome Reception prior to our Fall Board Meeting. Join us, the Westwood Civic Association Officers, Board and your fellow neighbors at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Westwood Club in the Hall of Fame Room. Refreshments will be provided.

*All residents are invited to join us in welcoming our new neighbors and to stay for the meeting to follow!



CONTACT INFORMATION

We are updating the Westwood neighborhood directory. Please reach out to Emily Dunstan, current Westwood Civic Association President, to provide your name, address, current best contact phone number and email address. Emily can be reached on her cell, 804-937-7928, or you may email the Westwood Civic Association email address, wca23226@gmail.com. This contact information is for Westwood related communications only and not sold or distributed to any other entity or person. Implementing this updated directory is a direct result of the 2018 Neighborhood Livability Survey results.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

We are fortunate to have low crime in this area. Thank you for what you do to keep our neighborhood safe! Your safety contacts are:

- Emergency: Dial 911
- Westwood Community Officer, Richard Mallory: mal63@henrico.us OR 804-840-7290
- Henrico County Non-Emergency Number & Animal Control: 804-501-5000
- Westwood Neighborhood Watch Co-Chairs: Emily LeVasseur, 206-849-6102 AND Maria Holperin Terrell, 804-837-9268 OR email wca23226@gmail.com

OPERATION NIGHT LIGHT

Thank you to those participating in Operation Night Light! This initiative encourages Westwood residents to keep exterior lights and lampposts on at night. Westwood's Community Officer, Richard Mallory says, "Lighting is a major deterrent to crime in the hours of darkness." We hope you'll consider participating in this initiative, if not already!

STREET LIGHTS

After speaking Henrico County Public Works, we've learned that additional street lights will not be added to our neighborhood at the County cost. As a community, we can submit application for a Sanitary District and have lights installed by the County at our cost (property owners) – in the form of increased property taxes. The Association has chosen not to pursue that route, and has chosen to participate instead, in Operation Night Light. If you have interest in pursuing application for Sanitary District, please let us know OR feel free to reach out to Henrico County Public Works.

LOCKS

Some of our residents have reported stolen items from their sheds and vehicles in recent months. Officer Mallory and our Neighborhood Watch are aware of these instances. Please continue to lock your vehicles, sheds, homes and garages and continue to report unusual activity to Officer Mallory and/or our Neighborhood Watch Co-Chairs, Emily or Maria. Contact info for all three is listed above.

WESTWOOD PARK

We have seen tremendous activity in Westwood Park in 2019! The renovated playground, pathways, and new soccer goal are being put to good use and we hope these improvements have been enjoyable for your family! As a reminder, the Westwood Park rules are as follows: Park Open from Dawn to Dusk, No Trespassing After Hours, No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed, Pets Must Be Leashed. Our resource for Westwood Park is Vince Henderson, Henrico County Park Services Division Manager, recandparks@henrico.us OR 804-501-7275. <https://henrico.us/rec/>

PETS

We have a great population of animals here in Westwood and an active walking, running and biking community of residents with their kids, strollers and dogs! While Henrico County does not require a dog to be on a leash, it does require animals to be under the custodian's control at all times. However, it is prohibited for any dog to run "at large", defined as roaming, running or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control. <https://henrico.us/residents/pets-and-animals/>

HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In the Spring of 2019, Henrico County Public Schools announced they were examining and redrawing elementary, middle and high school attendance zones for the 2021-2022 school year. *Redistricting could affect your property values* – even if you don't or won't have children in the Henrico County Public School system. We encourage you to be aware of what's happening. Public information sessions are as follows:

- September 9, 2019: 6:30pm at the New Bridge Learning Center Auditorium, 5915 Nine Mile Road, Henrico, VA
- September 11, 2019: 6:30pm at Glen Allen High School, 10700 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA

For additional public meeting dates and updates on this issue, please visit <https://henricoschools.us/redistricting2021/>



WESTWOOD CLUB

The Anthem Club Challenge Tennis Tournament Weekend is held at the Westwood Club on Friday, September 20-22, 2019. The event runs from 8am to approximately 8pm each evening

over three days, and about 500-600 people attend or participate in the event daily from other area tennis clubs. Westwood residents should expect to see an increase in traffic over that weekend, especially on West Club Lane. For residents who live bordering or near the club, you can expect to see cars parked on the street in front of your homes. Parking on Henrico County public streets is legal, unless the County places no-parking signs. The Club encourages members to car pool OR use lift-sharing services in an effort to reduce traffic and parking demand.

In mid-October, the Westwood Club will begin their extensive outdoor pool, patio and landscape renovation. Construction vehicles will park on Westwood property or Henrico County public property. Westwood residents living near the club should expect an increase in noise during daylight hours Monday-Friday after the project begins in late September through its completion in spring 2020. We have invited Westwood Club leadership to provide an update to the Westwood Civic Association at our Winter Meeting, Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7pm at the Westwood Club.

BREMO ROAD

The Henrico County Department of Public Works is performing their due diligence on Bremo Rd. between Monument Ave. and Broad St. They are working with engineers to determine if there is enough property and room to provide an expanded part of the roadway for pedestrians and bikers. It is not yet known if this expansion will happen at all, how wide it will be, or if it will be constructed on the west or east end of Bremo. The due diligence is important to properly

FACEBOOK

*New this year! The WCA has a Facebook page, Westwood Civic Association RVA. Find us there and request to join the group. This is a closed group and only available to residents of Westwood. The Facebook Page will have event information, community news, and may be utilized for coordinating children or puppy play dates, group walks through the neighborhood, babysitting/housesitting needs, etc. Thank you to the committee members, Emily LeVasseur, Carrie Suders, Linda Newsom-McCurdy and Nancy Broaddus for their time and assistance in developing the page! If you are not a Facebook participant, the website will continue to be updated (www.westwoodrva.com) and WCA emails will continue to go out with information affecting Westwood residents. If not already on our communications list, sign up here: <https://westwoodrva.com/>

consider property lines, Dominion power poles, etc. If the project is logistically feasible, Public Works hopes to have it completed by the end of 2019. We will share an update with you at our Fall Meeting, October 16, 2019 at 7pm.

MAPLE AVE

The City of Richmond recently announced planned utility work to upgrade the storm water pipes under Maple Avenue from Park Avenue to Cary Street. The timeline is unknown, but we wanted to make you aware of upcoming temporary street closures.

WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL PROJECT

Construction has begun! If you are unfamiliar with this project and interested in learning more, please reference the below news articles or request to sign up for email updates directly through Bon Secours: westhampton@bshsi.org. You may also reach out to Sean O'Brien, Advocacy & External Affairs Liason for Bon Secours at 804-281-0265 OR sean_obrien@bshsi.org. Sean will be providing an update at our Fall Meeting, October 16, 2019 at 7pm.

<https://richmondbizsense.com/2019/05/22/construction-begins-westhampton-school-revamp/>

<https://www.henricocitizen.com/articles/bon-secours-vcu-thalhimer-break-ground-on-westhampton-school-site/>

<https://www.glaveandholmes.com/projects/westhampton-school>

<https://www.thalhimer.com/marketwatch/our-blog/bon-secours-vcu-health-and-thalhimer-realty-partners>

ASSOCIATION DUES

We are fortunate to have 17 households that have paid their Association dues for each of the past three years. WOW! Thank you for your continuous support of the Westwood community. ☺ Thank you also to the Westwood residents who have paid their 2019-2020 dues at the either the Annual Picnic on June 1st, National Night Out on August 6th or subsequently sent them to our Treasurer, Jack Heisler. ***If you haven't already paid your household annual dues, please do so.*** Checks are made payable to Westwood Civic Association and mailed to WCA Treasurer, Jack Heisler, at 6003 West Club Lane. Please include your address on the check or in a note to Jack if you are sending cash. Please contact Jack via phone if paying by debit or credit card, 804-314-9237. To pay via Venmo, please email wca23226@gmail.com for more information. Your dues go to a variety of activities in our neighborhood to include but not limited to: yard sale advertising, food/drink/ice/supplies/entertainment/ice cream for our events in the park (Annual Picnic, National Night Out, Fall Festival) postage for our fall and spring newsletters, event signage, refreshments at board meetings and administrative supplies needed from time to time, like envelopes. We can do more for the neighborhood with a greater participation in dues! Just 13% of our neighborhood has participated in paying dues to the WCA for this fiscal year; 37 out of 291 households.



SURVEY

Please reference the survey in this package. We want to hear from YOU! Please complete your survey and return by September 15, 2019, to Emily Dunstan, 6011 S. Crestwood Ave, Richmond, VA, 23226. You may mail place in regular mail or drop in Emily's mailbox to the right of her front door at your leisure.

For non-anonymous submissions, please scan and email your answers to the WCA mailbox at wca23226@gmail.com with SURVEY in subject line. OR, you may take a picture of the front and back and text to Emily at 804-937-7928.

Answers will be compiled anonymously and shared with you once the data is compiled.

Westwood Neighborhood Reference Guide
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Emergencies: Dial 911

Henrico County Community Police Officer for Westwood:
Officer Richard Mallory, 804-840-7290 OR mal63@henrico.us

Henrico County Non-Emergency & Animal Control: 804-501-5000

Henrico County, Brookland District Supervisor: Dan Schmitt, 804-501-4208 OR brookland@henrico.us
<https://henrico.us/supervisors/brookland-district/>
<https://www.brooklandsupervisor.com/>

Henrico County Department of Public Works (Roads/Environmental/Drainage)
Steve Yob: 804-501-4390 OR yob@henrico.us

Henrico County Department of Public Works (Revitalization/Zoning/Property Care)
Jon Gwaltney: 804-727-8283 OR gwa03@henrico.us

Henrico County Rec & Parks
Vince Henderson: 804-349-2425 OR hen14@henrico.us

Henrico County Bagged Leaf Collection: Public Utilities, 804-501-4275 OR utilities@henrico.us
Westwood is Area "C" on the schedule, which will be available mid-September. Reference this website:
<https://henrico.us/services/bagged-leaf-collection/>

Closest Emergency Room: St. Mary's Hospital, 5801 Bremono Rd. Richmond, VA, 23226, 804-285-2011

Closest Veterinary Hospital: Dogwood Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center, 5918 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA, 23230, 804-716-4700 OR info.richmond@bluepearlvet.com

Henrico County Public Schools (See link for redistricting information: <https://henricoschools.us/redistricting2021/>
Crestview Elementary: 1901 Charles St, Henrico, VA, 23223, 804-673-3775 <https://crestview.henricoschools.us/>
Tuckahoe Middle: 9000 Three Chopt Rd, Henrico, VA, 23229, 804-673-3720 <https://tuckahoems.henricoschools.us/>
Freeman High School: 8701 Three Chopt Rd, Henrico, VA, 23229, 804-673-3700 <https://freeman.henricoschools.us/>

Westwood Civic Association Leadership

OFFICERS

President, Emily Dunstan, 804-937-7928
Vice President, Rich Terrell, 804-291-7856
Secretary, Emily LeVasseur, 206-849-6102
Treasurer, Jack Heisler, 804-314-9237
Immediate Past President, Maria Terrell, 804-837-9268

BOARD MEMBERS

Jensey Ancarrow, Dale Davis, Sam Gage, Jolynn Johnson-Smith, David Knight, Andrew LeVasseur, Chip Loving,
Siyano Prach, Carrie Suders, Rick Sayed, Maria Holperin Terrell

8) What information would you like to see on the WCA website (<https://westwoodrva.com>), in communications sent by the WCA OR posted to Westwood Civic Association RVA Facebook page?

- a. Do you use the WCA website? Circle one. YES or NO
- b. Do you receive the WCA periodic emails? Circle one. YES or NO
- c. Do you read the WCA periodic emails? Circle one. YES or NO
- d. Do you use the WCA Facebook site? Circle one. YES or NO

9) For notifications about events or community issues related to the Westwood neighborhood (Rec & Parks, Public Works, Safety, Neighborhood Watch), what is your preferred communication method? Circle all that apply.

- a. Email
- b. Cell Phone Call
- c. Cell Phone Text
- d. Home phone call
- e. Regular Mail
- f. Link posted to WCA website
- g. Facebook Post
- h. In person visit to your home by a WCA Officer, Board Member, or designated neighbor

*If applicable, have you provided your household contact information related to your answers above to the WCA? Circle one. YES or NO

10) Have you attended a WCA Board Meeting? Circle one. YES or NO

- a. If no, why not?

- b. If yes, will you attend future WCA meetings? Circle one. YES or NO
 - i. If no, why not?

11) Are you interested in becoming involved with the WCA in a Leadership or Board position or volunteering? YES or NO

- a. If yes, please describe your interest.

12) Is there anything we haven't asked you that is important to you as a Westwood resident? Please share.

13) Optional: Name and best contact number for you _____.

Westwood Civic Association Calendar of Events

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

*All meetings are open to Westwood residents. Please attend at your convenience or leisure. Please email wca23226@gmail.com OR call Emily Dunstan at 804-937-7928 if you have specific items you would like to see addressed. Meetings begin at 7pm and are located in the Hall of Fame Room at the Westwood Club at 6200 West Club Lane.

FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 26, 2019, 4pm-6pm in Westwood Park

**New this year! Please plan to gather your children and grandchildren for fall activity in the park. Plans are underway – there will be a costume contest (for kids and adults)! Officer Mallory will have some giveaways for the children. We will be doing a winter drive for a local charity – coats, gloves, hats, blankets. If you have unused items to give to those in need during the upcoming colder months, we'd greatly appreciate your donation! Food, candy and beverages will be provided. Stay tuned for more details! If your family is interested in attending, please contact the event Chair, Carrie Suders, wca23226@gmail.com OR 248-318-4249. *This event is in addition to, not exchange for, trick or treating on Halloween night. Children are welcome to trick or treat with their families and residents welcome to pass out candy on Thursday, October 31, as usual.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST: December 2019

*Decorate your home for the holiday of your choice! The WCA board will vote on the top three homes displaying the most festive lights and displays

SPRING CLEANUP: Saturday, April 25, 2020, beginning at 8am, Rain or Shine.

*If you are interested in volunteering to help on April 25th, please email wca23226@gmail.com. If you are a resident who would like to participate, but are physically unable to move items to the curb OR a resident who is interested in helping other residents move items to their curbs prior to April 25, please email wca23226@gmail.com or contact Jack Heisler via phone at (804) 314-9237. Jack Heisler and Rich Terrell have Co-Chaired this event for the Association for the past several years.

YARD SALE: Saturday, April 25, 2020, 8am-noon, Rain or Shine

*New this year! The Salvation Army truck will be coming after 12pm to pick up remaining yard sale items that are in good condition.

*If you are interested in participating in the Yard Sale, please email your address to wca23226@gmail.com. Ads will be placed on Craigslist, NextDoor, and Richmond Times Dispatch in addition to postings on the WCA website and Facebook Page. Yard Sale signs will be placed around the neighborhood and on the main Westwood sign on Libbie/Monument intersection. Emily LeVasseur and Emily Dunstan are the Co-Chairs for this event.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Saturday, June 6, 2020; 4pm-6pm in Westwood Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 4, 2020; 5:30-6:30pm in Westwood Park

FALL BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 16, 2020; 7pm at the Westwood Club

FALL FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 31, 2020; 4pm-6pm in Westwood Park *Contingent on the outcome of 2019's inaugural event.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST: December 2020