

Rutherford Civic Association

Fall 2017



Join the Fun at the Rutherford Community Trunk-or-Treat and Fall Festival!

**October 28th, 3:00-8:00 PM
Rutherford Pool Parking Lot**

Come down to the Rutherford Pool on the Saturday before Halloween for a costume parade, activities, treats and more! Parents, decorate your vehicle and hand out treats while the kids have a great afternoon. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorations! Co-sponsored by the Rutherford Pool and the Rutherford Civic Association, this is a great way to kick off your Halloween fun. Food will be available for purchase at the event. If you have questions, please contact Jenn at 703-582-0859 or rutherford.social@gmail.com.

**Neighborhood trick-or-treating will still take place on
October 31st, so be sure your house is ready for
costumed kids looking for Halloween treats!**

Treasurer's Corner

Please note that envelopes for the Rutherford Civic Association dues are included with your newsletter. We encourage you to send in your \$20 Civic Association dues promptly, either by mail or using the PayPal system on the Rutherford website at www.rutherfordcommunity.com. Your voluntary contributions keep our neighborhood strong and help make Rutherford a great place to live!

Rutherford Community Showcase Scheduled for November 9th

Join your neighbors at Little Run on Thursday, November 9th at 7:30 PM for the Rutherford Community Showcase! This is an opportunity for neighbors to share their hobbies, passions and interests – if you enjoy nature walks, artisan baking, crafting, etc., and would like to tell us about it, we'd like to hear! If you're interested in participating, please call or text Renee Faulkner at 703-945-3499, or email her at renee.faulkner@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!



New Neighbor Welcome Kits

The Rutherford Civic Association has put together a "welcome kit" for new neighbors, as a way of saying hello and making them feel like a part of our community as soon as they move in. The welcome kit includes a current directory, the most recent newsletter, an FAQ sheet with helpful information about community amenities and services, and a Civic Association stadium cup. If you have a new neighbor on your block, please let your Area Vice President or Block Captain know, or email Anne Prior at annesprior@cox.net so we can make sure they receive a Welcome Kit and are included in the community directory.



Save Your Box Tops for Little Run



Little Run is still collecting Box Tops to help support the school. In the past, we've purchased microphones for the stage, Wii Fit systems for the students to use with staff for fitness activities, a Roadrunner Mascot costume, and much more with the money we've earned from Box Tops. Recently, we bought materials for the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts integration, and Math) lab! Box Tops collected by members of the Rutherford community have helped us tremendously toward reaching our goals. Each Box Top is worth ten cents, so hang onto those "dimes"! You can drop off Box Tops in the school main office at any time, or send them to school with a neighboring child. We really appreciate your community support of our school!



Little Run Plans Spirit Nights

Looking to grab a quick meal and help your neighborhood elementary school at the same time? Make dinner a selfless act by joining your neighbors for the following Little Run Elementary PTA fundraiser Spirit Nights:

Potbelly Fair City Mall
November 8th, 2017
5:00-8:00 PM
Fair City Mall
9668 Main Street, Fairfax, VA

Flippin Pizza Twinbrook Shopping Center
February 7th, 2018
4:00-8:00 PM
Twinbrook Shopping Center
9548 Main Street, Fairfax, VA

Please visit the PTA Spirit Night website to print out a flyer to bring with you to spirit nights.

<https://sites.google.com/site/littlerunpta2/events/spirit-nights>



Santa is Coming to Rutherford



Over the years, Santa has made a special trip to Rutherford to visit with the boys and girls. This year, Santa will be here on December 16th, 17th, and 18th. The nights Santa can visit will depend on the number of volunteers for the program. More information will be distributed after Thanksgiving.

It's possible this could be our last year for the much-loved Santa program. This is one of the longest-running programs in our community, but we need more Santas to be able to continue. It is very easy and involves only two to three hours of your time. Won't you consider helping to bring this simple gesture of joy to children? Age and weight are not considered, and everything is provided for you. Contact Karen Cogan at 703-978-1640 or karen.cogan@verizon.net if you are interested.



Woodson Concert Band Presents Holiday Tunes for the Young at Heart

Get in the spirit of the season at the Woodson Concert Band performance! Wednesday, November 29th at 7:00 PM, join us in the Woodson auditorium for a fun concert for all ages. Tickets are \$5 per person; Scouts, \$7 includes a ticket and the patch below. To set aside seats or reserve patches for your troop, den or group, contact holidaytunesfortots@gmail.com, or call Anne Reed at 703-273-4357.



Kings Park Library Book Sale



The next book sale at Kings Park Library will take place Thursday, November 2nd, beginning at 10:00 AM, through Saturday, November 4th at 5:00 PM. This is a great way to scoop up books you have on your “to read” list, while helping to support the Kings Park Library. For more information and specific sale times, go to <http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3323636>.



Final Plans for Braddock Road Improvement Project Announced

Supervisor Cook has released the final plans for the Braddock Road project, which has been under discussion with task force members and residents. Supervisor Cook states, “After more than two years of study and significant community input, I am pleased to announce the final plans for the Braddock Road Improvement Project. Seventeen intersection and corridor improvements will be constructed between Guinea Road and Ravensworth Road....Ten-foot wide shared use (pedestrian and bicycle) paths will be built on both sides of Braddock Road throughout the corridor. The county will not build a transit center or park-and-ride lot as part of this project.” For example, the intersections at Guinea Road, Rolling Road and Burke Lake Road will undergo realignment, and pedestrian crossing measures will be implemented. For the complete report, please go to https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/pdfs/braddock_road_final_project_announcement_final_8-21.pdf.



Use PayPal for Your Annual Rutherford Civic Association Donation

If you’re like me, you get that donation envelope in the fall newsletter and put it in a safe place so you won’t forget...and you run into it every month or so... and wish you had a quicker, easier way to donate! If you already have a PayPal login, it will take only seconds to clear that guilty conscience. (Of course, if using the envelope still works for you, we thank you and remind you to look for it in this issue of the newsletter!)

Go to rutherfordcommunity.org and you can’t miss the *Donate with PayPal* link. Make the suggested \$20 donation to support the following services and community benefits:

- The RCA newsletter, published four times a year
- Community Directory, published bi-annually
- Annual events including Fall Festival, Toys for Tots Santa Visits, National Night Out, Spring yard sale
- Neighborhood Watch program
- Welcome program for new residents
- The RCA website
- Landscaping and maintenance of Rutherford’s entrance median and sign
- Support for our local public schools, fire department, the community pool...and more!

Remember, Rutherford’s Civic Association does not charge dues, and relies on your voluntary annual donation to help keep Rutherford a great place to live.



Yahoo Group Offers Quick and Easy Connections with Neighbors

For a free and easy way to get the latest neighborhood news, join the Rutherford e-mail group. As a member, post questions or comments and use the forum to discuss neighborhood happenings and consumer issues.

To sign up, follow these three steps:

1. Send an email to this address: RUTHERFORDCA22032-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with no subject or message in the e-mail.
2. You will then receive a message back that says, “Please confirm your request to subscribe to RutherfordCAyahoogroups.com.”
3. Simply reply to this message, again with no subject or message, and that’s it. You are now a member.

More Resources: Rutherford Community Facebook Page and Nextdoor.com

Rutherford Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com; search “Rutherford Community Fairfax VA” to find our Facebook page.

Nextdoor.com: www.nextdoor.com; click on “Join Nextdoor” to get started.

New Rutherford Website Up and Running

Welcome to the updated and revamped Rutherford website, www.rutherfordcommunity.com. The Board hopes this site becomes a valuable resource for everyone in our community. It is a place you can go if you are curious about such things as local volunteer opportunities, the Neighborhood Watch program, the cost of trash service, or even what a local handyman recommends for seasonal house maintenance. It will do what websites do best and provide a repository of information wherein you can find anything you'd like to know about the little slice of Fairfax in which we live. Would you like to join our Yahoo! message board or sign up on Rutherford Nextdoor? You can find out how at www.rutherfordcommunity.com. Interested in the community pool or upcoming events? You'll find current information here. There's even a blog to keep you updated on the latest happenings around town. Swing on by the next time you're surfing the web and check it out. And we'd love to hear what you think, so go to the "Civic Association" tab and leave us some feedback.



The Rutherford Civic Association wishes to thank Kevin Duff for mowing and keeping the Rutherford median strip neat!

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