

Rutherford Civic Association

Spring 2017



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Calling all Rutherford Neighbors! Civic Association Annual Meeting Set for May 16th

The Annual Meeting of the Rutherford Civic Association is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:30 PM in the Little Run cafeteria. This once-a-year meeting is a great opportunity for Rutherford residents to greet neighbors and find out what's happening in our community.

Bring your ideas for a Rutherford slogan, as well as thoughts on how we can keep making our neighborhood a great place to live. We will also elect a new secretary of the Civic Association, and discuss plans for community events in the coming months. So mark your calendar and join us for the Annual Meeting on May 16th!

It's Time for the Annual Rutherford Community Yard Sale!

**Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
(No rain date)**



The annual Rutherford Community Yard Sale is a great opportunity for all Rutherford residents to clean out their homes and make some money, while giving others something they may need or want. The Civic Association will advertise the sale in

the *Washington Post* and on Craigslist, as well as place signs at community entrances and major intersections.

We are offering packets of pre-printed Yard Sale signs to direct people to your sale. Just pick up the packet from Rob Calderon's front porch at 9263 El James Drive, starting Monday, May 15th at 6:00 PM.

Look for the box clearly marked "Yard Sale." **Also, we are offering maps with participants' houses and streets clearly marked for distribution the morning of the 20th.** To be included on the map, e-mail Rob Calderon at thecalderons@hotmail.com beginning on Wednesday, May 10th up until Thursday, May 18th. For any yard sale questions, call Rob Calderon at 703-323-1363, or e-mail him.



Rutherford Community's First Annual Spring Stroll

Here's a fun way to meet some neighbors and get to know your neighborhood: On Sunday evening, May 7th, from 5:00-6:00 PM, let's go for a stroll!

Let's all head out with our kids, our dog, our friendly smiles, and start saying hello and shaking hands. If you'd like to, wear a name tag that says what street you live on. Maybe explore a street you don't usually walk on. How far can you get in an hour? How many neighbors can YOU greet?! You can post pictures on our Rutherford Community Facebook page!

If you want to know which streets are part of Rutherford, check out the map in the directory or on the website, rutherfordcommunity.com.

Rutherford Website and Facebook Page: Great Ways to Connect with Neighbors!

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 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. There's even a blog to keep you updated on the latest happenings around town. And we'd love to hear what you think, so go to the "Civic Association" tab and leave us some feedback.

And Rutherford has its own Facebook page! You can join by searching for "Rutherford Community, Fairfax, VA" on the Facebook site. Post pictures from community events, such as caroling or block parties. Join the conversation on Facebook today!



Don't Forget Your Civic Association Donation -- PayPal Makes It Easy!

If you've been meaning to contribute to the Rutherford Civic Association but haven't yet, it couldn't be easier. Go to rutherfordcommunity.org and you can't miss the *Donate with PayPal* link. You'll also find information that outlines the services and community benefits your \$20 donation supports, such as the biannual Directory and seasonal events.

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. Please make your donation today!



Join the Rutherford Pool



With summer right around the corner, please consider joining our neighborhood pool - Rutherford Area Swim Club! Since 1964, RASC has provided families with a summer getaway every day — right in our own neighborhood.

The pool has something for everyone, from a diving board, swim lanes, tubeslide, basketball net and shallow area, to a large, shaded baby pool and sandbox for hours

of safe fun for infants & toddlers. The pool is also a great place to meet neighbors and new friends. There are numerous events planned throughout the summer, from Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day celebrations to Weekly Activities like Raft Night and Friday night "Wind Downs." If you are interested in joining or learning about membership options please email membership@rutherfordpool.org or visit <http://www.rutherfordpool.org/wp/> for more details. We hope to see you at the pool this summer!



Neighbor Spotlight: Paul and Kay Stuchlak

One of the first thoughts that comes to mind when Rutherford neighbors think of Paul and Kay Stuchlak is "community." For more than 50 years, Paul and Kay have been an integral part of life on Kristin Lane, where they raised their four children and became goodwill ambassadors for our neighborhood. They define "community" in every sense of the word.



From their early days with the Rutherford Pool, where Paul was part of the maintenance efforts and Kay spearheaded numerous social events, to their longtime involvement with Rutherford's Fall Festival, the Stuchlaks have been a part of many of Rutherford's annual events. However, according to Kay, Paul's favorite time of year was when the Santa visits took place in the neighborhood. He would watch the clock, eagerly anticipating making the first visit – almost as if he was a child waiting for Santa himself!



Although their children are grown, Paul and Kay still stroll the neighborhood and visit the pool in the summer months, and greet neighbors old and new just as they have done for 50 years. And as anyone of any age knows well, Paul is never without a Tootsie Roll to go along with his warm hello.

Rutherford Neighbor-to-Neighbor Update

You'll find information inserted in this newsletter about Fairfax County's initiative to "Create a More Aging-Friendly Community." Part of the county plan is to assist neighbors who want to "age in place." Several dedicated Rutherford residents have met since 2016 to implement the Neighbor-to-Neighbor volunteer program. This program provides services for those who may need just a little extra help now and then. Neighborhood volunteers are available to pay a friendly visit, fix a meal or two after a medical procedure, offer handyman help, change a lightbulb, or help solve a computer/technology problem, etc. For more information, go to www.rutherfordcommunity.com and click on Neighbor-to-Neighbor. Or contact Heidi Garvis at 703-426-2720 (heidi.garvis@gmail.com) or Marianne Parsons at 703-764-2066 (marianne.parsons63@gmail.com). **Our next planning meeting is Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 PM.** Contact us to be added to the invitation list!!



It's Spring! Time to Recycle Yard Debris



Fairfax County regulations require that yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, branches, etc.) be recycled from March 1st to December 24th. From December 25th through the end of February, yard waste can be placed at the curb with your

household trash. (An exception is made for Christmas trees, which are collected and recycled the first two weeks in January.) You may have heard that the county is considering new rules for yard waste collection, specifically about plastic bags. A decision to pursue a regulatory change that affects how yard waste is collected has been postponed indefinitely. Currently, there is not a ban on the use of plastic bags for yard waste in Fairfax County. However, you might want to consider grasscycling, mulching, and composting as environmentally sound alternatives to bagging grass clippings and leaves.

"Pet"-iquette: Please Clean Up After Your Pet

All dog owners need to carry a poop bag when out walking their dog, and use it to pick up any solid waste that your dog deposits while out and about. Good neighbors and law-abiding citizens obey the county's pooper scooper law* and ALWAYS pick up their dog's waste even in high grass, a forested area, or ivy patches! Pet waste left on the ground, which may carry disease-causing organisms, will eventually make its way into our water system via storm drains.

Where is it okay to let your dog relieve themselves? Probably many of our neighbors would like your dog to NOT relieve themselves on their lawn. We need to respect the wishes of our neighbors in this regard. According to Supervisor Cook's office, the grassy area between the sidewalk and the street belongs to VDOT (it is part of the public right of way) and is a legal place to curb your dog. Wherever they relieve themselves, pick it up and dispose of it properly.

* Not removing pet waste is a class 4 misdemeanor with up to a \$250 fine.

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Woodson Fine Arts Spring Offerings

- Spring Jazz Concert, Wednesday, May 17th at 7 pm Woodson Auditorium, FREE
- Spring Orchestra Concert, Thursday May 18th at 7 pm at Woodson Auditorium, FREE
- Spring Band Concert, Wednesday May 24th at 7 pm Woodson Auditorium, FREE
- Spring Choral Concert, Wednesday May 31st 7 pm Woodson Auditorium, FREE

Woodson Drama’s Spring production is “Peter and the Star Catcher.” Performances are April 28th and 29th and May 5th and 6th at 7:30 PM, and April 29th and May 6th at 2:00 PM in Woodson Auditorium. For information and tickets go to www.wtdrama.org/index.html.

Handyman Hints: Making Your Deck and Patio Safe for Summertime Fun

If you’re planning to entertain guests this summer, you need to maintain the safety of your patio or deck sooner rather than later. Completing any necessary safety checks, as well as any structural upgrades, before your next barbeque will help ensure your home is ready for summer.

The best way to provide deck safety and patio maintenance is to perform an inspection. You can do the inspection yourself, or hire a certified installer to do it for you. The cost vs. value of hiring a professional is priceless – if you don’t catch wood rot, splintering, protruding nails, or cracks in the foundation before you invite guests, there could be a serious accident.

Make sure your deck or patio railings are up to code, and be aware of when you need to reseal or stain your deck. Snowy Virginia winters can lead to the need for a professional deck sealant or stain before the summertime. Sealants can help protect your decks and patios from summer showers and harmful bugs. If you decide you need a deck makeover, go with a professional deck builder for the best quality builds.

Avoiding common deck and patio hazards such as aging wood, unstable railings, or hazardous splintering doesn’t have to be difficult. To get your deck and patio ready for summer, discuss your deck or patio needs with a home improvement expert.

HB Services, LLC is locally owned and operated by Harry Hink. Check us out on the web at www.hbservices.biz or call (703) 764-0498 for further information.

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