

# ***Rutherford Civic Association***

**Spring 2018**



[www.rutherfordcommunity.com](http://www.rutherfordcommunity.com)

## **Calling all Rutherford Neighbors!**

### **Civic Association Meeting Scheduled on April 24<sup>th</sup>**

The Spring General Meeting of the Rutherford Civic Association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the Little Run cafeteria. This meeting is a great opportunity for Rutherford residents to greet neighbors and find out what's happening in our community.

**Join the Rutherford Civic Association Board!** We will vote on three Board positions at this meeting: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. There's no huge time commitment or special skills necessary, just a desire to be an integral part of our community. We are open to options, such as a co-presidency, mentoring, etc. Interested? Know someone who might be? Please contact Julia Wilson at [julia.wilson@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.wilson@yahoo.com).

## **Back by Popular Demand...Rutherford Community's Spring Stroll**

Here's a fun way to meet some neighbors and get to know your neighborhood: On Sunday evening, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://rutherfordcommunity.com).

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

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.** To be included on the map, e-mail Rob Calderon at [thecalderons@hotmail.com](mailto:thecalderons@hotmail.com) beginning on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> up until Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. For any yard sale questions, call Rob Calderon at 703-323-1363, or e-mail him.



## Rutherford Traffic Calming Survey

Continued concerns about reckless driving, primarily in the form of speeding, failure to stop at stop signs, and distracted driving, have been brought to the attention of the Rutherford Civic Association. Due to these concerns, the Rutherford Community Traffic Calming Task Force, created a few years ago, has been re-established. The Task Force is collecting input to help identify measures the county, state and Rutherford Community might take to reduce reckless driving throughout our neighborhood.

To help support the Task Force's research, please complete the VERY BRIEF ten-question survey. Your input is invaluable in determining if the reckless driving is limited to certain streets, or is widespread.

*Please note that this survey is an initial step meant to collect community feedback. Official Fairfax County studies need to be conducted to identify what, if any, traffic calming measures are proposed.*

Access the survey online here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/RCATrafficCalmingSurvey>. If you prefer to complete a paper form or provide responses over the phone, or if you have questions, please contact Kathy Hughes, [kathyhughes22@verizon.net](mailto:kathyhughes22@verizon.net). Thank you for supporting our Rutherford Traffic Calming efforts!

*~ Rutherford Traffic Calming Task Force Members:  
Stephen Ballard, Christine Brim, Kathy Hughes, and Jay McConnell*



## We Have a Winner! (Actually, Two)

The recent Rutherford Slogan Contest garnered quite a few terrific suggestions for a neighborhood motto. After residents had a chance to choose their favorite, there was a clear winner:

### **“Where Neighbors Become Friends”**

Erin Hildreth and Greg Hadley both submitted the winning slogan for consideration, and clearly many of us agreed with their sentiment. Congratulations to them, and thank you to all who participated!

## Parting Thoughts from Civic Association President Julia Wilson

*Where Neighbors Become Friends:* It has been an honor to serve as your Civic Association President! I believe our Board's efforts have helped Rutherford continue to be a vibrant, supportive place to call home and build friendships. Our goals have included bringing neighbors together and providing opportunities and ideas for building community.

Some of our activities and achievements over the past three years:

- Improving communication by resurrecting the RutherfordCommunity.com website, promoting participation in Nextdoor.com and our new Facebook group, and supporting our successful Yahoo group.
- Introducing a Welcome Kit for new neighbors.
- Shepherding Neighborhood Watch in transition from driving patrols to on-foot patrols; and helping build CERT participation.
- Coordinating with the pool to help Fall Festival evolve and grow alongside Trunk or Treat.
- Introducing new community-building activities like the Strolls and Rutherford Showcase.
- Growing National Night Out participation and excitement.
- Hosting interesting and informative speakers and topics, from updating our homes and planning block parties to pest control and lawn care.
- Strengthening our relationships with our schools, law enforcement and county leadership.
- Simplifying the donation process by adding PayPal to our options for supporting Civic Association activities.

Words cannot express my gratitude to the entire RCA Board and the many other active volunteers who support our community and have made it a joy to serve. As I step down from the board, I look forward to continuing my involvement in Rutherford, especially a few “pet projects” (*pet parade, anybody????!!!*). I became President with some personal objectives in mind, and hope that new board members will bring their own unique goals, dreams and talents to the job.

If you are thinking of joining our Civic Association board, don't let inexperience or busy-ness stop you. It

takes a village, they say, and many shoulders bear the load together. I still don't know Robert's Rules of Order, and my eyes droop through budget reports, so don't worry if you aren't the CEO type! Please consider supporting our wonderful community. Check out volunteer opportunities at our website.

Give me a call or send me an email if you would like to learn more about serving on the RCA Board. See you at the RCA General Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>!



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

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.com** 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.



### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:membership@rutherfordpool.org) or visit <http://www.rutherfordpool.org/wp/> for more details. We hope to see you at the pool this summer!



### **It's Spring! Time to Recycle Yard Debris**



Fairfax County regulations require that yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, branches, etc.) be recycled from March 1<sup>st</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>. From December 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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@yahoo.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.

**Rutherford Directory Update Form**

The Rutherford Civic Association is publishing a new neighborhood directory this fall. Block Captains will be updating information for the houses on their routes. Please check the 2017-18 directory and make sure your information is correct. If you are a new resident, or have changes to your information, please complete and return to Anne Prior at 4306 Argonne Drive by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Or, email any new/updated information to [annesprior@cox.net](mailto:annesprior@cox.net).

**Name (Last Name, First Name(s)):**

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**Street Address:**

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**Main Contact Number:**

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

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