

Rutherford Civic Association

Summer 2018



**Meet New Neighbors | Greet Old Friends
Celebrate Community**

National Night Out



2018



August 7 | 7pm-9pm

Rutherford Pool

4609 Marley Rd | Fairfax, VA 22032

Leave your porch lights on and join us for a fun evening to celebrate Rutherford! There will be activities, FREE ice cream, local politicians, school administrators, police officers, firefighters and plenty of neighbors .

You do not need to be a member of the pool to come— just sign in as a guest . Remember your swim suit and towel too!



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Introducing the new Rutherford Civic Association Board members

Hello, neighbors! I'm pleased to introduce myself and the rest of the new Rutherford Civic Association Board, voted in during the April meeting. Before doing so, we should all recognize and appreciate the amazing group of hardworking women who represent the outgoing board. Julia Wilson, Jennie DeVeaux and Kathy Nice are certainly pillars of our community. Raise your glass (or coffee cup) to them--but don't worry, they have assured us that they will remain active members of Rutherford for years to come. Thank you, ladies!

The new Rutherford Board members have a lot in common with the outgoing board -- most notably, GIRL POWER! I am very proud to be among the ranks of such a wonderful group of women. We have some fun things in the works that I really hope you will like. Without further ado, here we are!

President: That's me, Erin Hildreth. I have lived in the neighborhood for almost six years with my husband and two children. I'm active in the Little Run PTA, and enjoy running with neighborhood friends (you can find us on Braeburn on Tuesdays and Thursdays), baking, and spending time at the pool. Feel free to email me at erin514@gmail.com.

Vice President: Killian Kelly. Killian has lived in Rutherford for two years. She has two children, one at Little Run and one at Woodson. She loves summertime and baseball. I think everyone will love how creative and proactive Killian is!

Treasurer: Renee Faulkner. Renee has lived in Rutherford for three years, but grew up in this area and even graduated from Woodson High School! She has four children, two at Frost and two at Woodson. Renee is no stranger to the RCA Board, having served as secretary last year. Most of us know Renee as the hostess of the annual Holiday sing-a-long at her home, and an organizer for National Night Out.

Secretary: Sandra Honeysett. Sandra has lived in the community for nine years. She has two sons, both at Little Run Elementary. Sandra is involved with Food4Thought, a program at Little Run that ensures that children with food insecurity over the weekends are given meals to ensure that they don't go hungry. If this is something that your organization or church group might be interested in helping with, please contact Sandra at slhoneysett@verizon.net.

All four of us are excited to take on these positions. We hope to see those who have been active in the community remain so, and those who are interested in doing a little more to give us a shout! Thank you for welcoming us onto the Board. It is going to be a great year!

Time is Running Out for Rutherford Directory Changes!

The Rutherford Civic Association is publishing a new neighborhood directory this fall, and we want to make sure everyone is included! Block Captains are 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 send the updated information to Anne Prior at 4306 Argonne Drive by August 15th. Or, email any new/updated information to annesprior@cox.net.

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

Street Address:

Main Contact Number:

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, a 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.

Rutherford Traffic Calming Update

Early this past spring, a Rutherford Traffic Calming Task Force was re-established to address continued concerns about reckless driving -- primarily in the form of speeding -- within our neighborhood streets. The Task Force has talked with neighbors, the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD), and County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to determine what can be done to help reduce speeding and other reckless driving in our neighborhood.

Since that time, the FCPD has increased its presence to address speeding and other traffic violations. The FCPD mentioned that if neighbors notice drivers acting in an aggressive manner to a point where neighbors feel threatened, they should call 911; otherwise, call the non-emergency number at 703-691-2131.

In addition, the FCDOT conducted engineering studies on several Rutherford streets to determine if they qualify for further traffic calming measures. The studies identified the following streets for inclusion in the Fairfax County Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP): Braeburn Drive, Ashmeade Drive, Rockcrest Drive, and Briar Patch Lane. You can find more information on RTAP, including the criteria used to determine how streets qualify for traffic calming measures, here:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/residential-traffic-administration.

Regarding the RTAP, next steps include Task Force members meeting with County staff to discuss expectations and a conceptual plan for a traffic calming project on the above-mentioned streets. ***Any proposed plan cannot be implemented without community support and a community vote.*** Once more information is gathered, the Task Force will communicate details, including holding a community meeting to discuss what was proposed, get feedback, and review requirements for voting on proposed measures.

If you have any questions or comments about the above items, or if you would like copies of the engineering reports, please contact Kathy Hughes at kathyhughes22@verizon.net. Thank you for your support and input to help make a safer Rutherford!

Rutherford Neighbor-to-Neighbor



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).



Website Now Offers PayPal

Have you checked out the Rutherford website yet? New features are added regularly...and one that we're excited to offer is PayPal. This feature makes it easy for Rutherford residents to contribute their \$20 annual donation to the Civic Association. You'll still have the option of sending your donation in the envelope provided with the Fall issue of the newsletter, but using PayPal makes it quick and easy to make your contribution to our community. Stop by www.rutherfordcommunity.com and see what the website has to offer!



CERT Volunteer Update



Would you know what to do if a disaster hit our community? And first responders weren't able to come for the first 24, 48, or 72 hours? Some Rutherford residents have been trained as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers, which means they have basic disaster

response skills and can help others when professional responders are not immediately available. In particular, we'd like to be prepared to assist neighbors who may have specific issues during a disaster, such as a hurricane or snowstorm that takes out electrical power or prevents you from driving your car.

First: if anyone in your household is disabled or has special needs, please consider registering with the Fairfax "Special Needs Registry" (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/prepare/needs-disabilities.htm>). This will give you priority status with Fairfax emergency first responders during any disaster.

Second: Of course, in any disaster situation, our first thoughts are for the safety of our own families. Once loved ones are secure, neighbors and friends may be able to help out with others in need. We are looking into the idea of a voluntary "opt-in" list of neighbor resources in case of disasters, such as people who want to share their skills (medical training, HAM radio licenses, etc.) or tools (snow blower, snowplow, chain saw, generator, four-wheel drive vehicle, etc.) for emergency purposes when the official first responders are delayed. Have ideas to help? Stop by and chat with us at the Rutherford CERT table at National Night Out, August 7th at the Rutherford Pool.

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.

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

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