

Rutherford Civic Association

Spring 2019



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Calling all Rutherford Neighbors! Civic Association Meeting Scheduled on April 3rd

The Spring General Meeting of the Rutherford Civic Association is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd, at 7:00 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 neighborhood. We'll provide updates on current community programs, and plan for events throughout the next year. Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Little Run on April 3rd!

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

**Saturday, May 18th, 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 13th 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 18th.** To be included on the map, e-mail Rob Calderon at thecalderons@hotmail.com beginning on Wednesday, May 8th up until Thursday, May 16th. For any yard sale questions, call Rob Calderon at 703-323-1363, or e-mail him.

If anyone is interested/willing to help with the yard sale this year, please reach out to Rob at thecalderons@hotmail.com.



Directory Updates

Please note the following change to the 2019-20 directory:

Telephone number correction:
Oufiero, Matt and Lauren – 571-233-9968

If you haven't done so already, please check your directory listing and email Anne Prior at annesprior@cox.net with any changes. Updates will be included in future newsletters.



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: Alan Schwartz



Rutherford residents who subscribe to the community Yahoo group are “in the know” about what weather to expect, thanks to Alan “Thunderstorm” Schwartz. For quite a few years, Alan has provided the community with spot-on weather information, postings that, he says, he puts together to give us helpful information not readily available. For 38 years, Alan was an integral part of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) at the NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park. Recently retired, he still tracks weather data with a passion; Alan says he has always been fascinated with weather and climate, and that led him to a meteorology degree from SUNY Oswego, an MS in Meteorology from Polytechnic Institute of New York, and eventually to the DC area, with its wide variety of interesting weather.

Alan and his wife Ann have lived in Rutherford since 1988, and raised their four children here. They are avid bridge players – in fact, they met playing bridge -- and Alan is a bridge Grand Life Master. While they now have more time for a foursome, Alan plans to continue his “Thunderstorm” postings...something Rutherford relies on in all kinds of weather!



Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG) Now Available

The Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG) is a Resident's Guide to Community Preparedness. The site went live last month and the guide has been well received by the community. You can find and download a copy at <http://bit.ly/FFXCERG>. Download the entire guide or individual sections from the "CERG Plan Templates" on the left menu.

You can also find a copy of the guide at any Fairfax County library branch or District Supervisor's office. Single copies of the guide are available at these locations for your reference, or to copy all or part of the guide.



Rutherford Traffic Calming Task Force Update

The re-established Rutherford Traffic Calming Task Force continues discussions with Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) and County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) representatives to address neighbor concerns about reckless driving, primarily speeding, within Rutherford streets. Efforts have resulted in an increased FCPD presence to monitor and address speeding violations and failure to stop at stop signs, as well as restrict through-truck traffic on Olley Lane (which has increased regardless of “Through Trucks Prohibited” signs).

In addition, FCDOT is distributing complimentary “Slow Down. You Live Here. We Live Here.” signs for neighbors to display in their yards. Signs are available on a first-come, first-served basis at Supervisor Cook’s Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road.

In the fall, the Task Force met with FCDOT to review data collected from engineering studies conducted to determine whether several Rutherford streets qualify for additional traffic calming measures. FCDOT presented the Task Force with a conceptual plan to reduce speeding and other moving vehicle violations. The Task Force will meet in the coming weeks to further discuss feasible options, and then communicate details at a Rutherford Community meeting to get feedback and review voting requirements on proposed measures. ***Any proposed plan cannot be implemented without Rutherford community support and votes.***

If you have any questions about the above, 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!



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 the fall 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.



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 anneprior@cox.net so we can make sure they receive a Welcome Kit and are included in the community directory.



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. 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.

Aging, 703-324-7948, or on the agency website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults.

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

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<i>Serving Rutherford for more than 20 years</i>	
* Lawn mowing	* Leaf Cleanup
*Fertilization	* Aeration
* Mulching	

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.

Rutherford Neighbor-to-Neighbor

Rutherford is a great community 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). Additional resources can be found at the Fairfax Area Agency on