



Woodwinds News



JANUARY 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Woodwinds Board would like to wish everyone a happy new year. Now that the holidays are over, we are returning to continuing the work of improving Woodwinds.

We conducted a much-needed overhaul of our financial holdings and have maximized our earning potential with respect to our reserve accounts. Unspent money from the 2008 budget has accrued interest, providing a modest increase in our accounts, which was used to offset a necessary fee increase for 2009. This increase ranged from \$1 to \$6 and represents a 2% increase, well below the cost of living increase and increases of other communities.

In 2009 the board will continue to focus on erosion, landscaping, and water leaks, which represent the most important and most noticeable improvements to be made.

We look forward to continuing our progress and invite you to join any of the standing committees (Communications, Covenants, Landscape, Maintenance, and Parking) to help us achieve our shared goal of making Woodwinds a community of choice in Reston.

PARKING AT WOODWINDS

The board is currently addressing a couple of parking related issues at Woodwinds this year. First, reserved spaces will be created for the 22 units along Green Watch Way that do not have either a carport or a reserved parking space.

Second, the parking regulations are being reviewed and will be reissued to include a more comprehensive and up-to-date list of rules regarding parking vehicles on Woodwinds property.

Finally, the Board and LMA are investigating a new parking permit process for identifying vehicles that belong to Woodwinds owners, residents, and guests.

This will involve a full re-registering activity for all vehicles. It is important that we have 100% compliance. Recently, Fairfax County police identified a vehicle parked at Woodwinds that was registered to a resident of Shadowood across the street. The fact that the police were interested in this vehicle is a sign that we need to be more vigilant about who parks in our neighborhood and report suspicious activity immediately to LMA or to the police. Please be sure to keep your vehicle securely locked at all times.

2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following residents will serve on the Woodwinds Board in 2008:

Eric Orr (President)	(703) 715-1172
Sharon Brooker (Vice President)	(571) 277-3608
Teri Jaeger (Treasurer)	(703) 620-2856
Suzanne Wolfe (Secretary)	(703) 615-2045
Gay Dillin (At Large)	(703) 758-8815

2009 BOARD MEETINGS

The following meetings have been scheduled on the Yahoo Woodwinds_Homeowners Group calendar:

15 January	Hughes M.S. Health Room
19 February	Hughes M.S. Health Room
19 March	Hughes M.S. Health Room
16 April	Hughes M.S. Health Room
21 May	Hughes M.S. Health Room
18 June	Glade Community Room
16 July	Glade Community Room
10 August	Glade Community Room
17 September	Hughes M.S. Health Room
15 October	Hughes M.S. Health Room
19 November	Hughes M.S. Health Room
17 December	Hughes M.S. Health Room

Langston Hughes Middle School
11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, VA 20191

Glade Community Room
11550 Glade Drive, Reston, VA 20191



BOARD MEETING

The first Woodwinds board meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 January, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Langston Hughes Middle School in the Health Room. Details can be found on Woodwinds_Homeowners Yahoo Groups website:
http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/Woodwinds_Homeowners/

All owners and residents are encouraged to attend board meetings. Future meeting times and locations will be posted on the Yahoo Groups website.

WOODWINDS 2009 COMMITTEES

Committees are integral to the running of the association. As service costs rise, the board seeks ways to minimize the expenses of association activities. Volunteers make this possible by patrolling our parking lots, distributing newsletters, noting burned out lights, and assisting with groundskeeping tasks such as mulching, planting, and watering.

If you have a talent or skill and a desire to help save the association some money, please consider donating time to one (or more) of our committees:

Covenants – ensure that the rules and regulations regarding the appearance of common elements are enforced.

Landscape – work in tandem with our grounds maintenance contractor to ensure a visually appealing landscape.

Communications – contribute to and distribute newsletters and other non-official correspondence to the community.

Parking – ensure that vehicles parked at Woodwinds are appropriate and conform to Fairfax County regulations.

Maintenance – Help with simple, handyman tasks such as water spigot shutoffs, reporting non-working street lights, and inventorying utility closet items owned by the association.

Please contact a board member if you are interested; more information on committees will be provided in the next newsletter.

THANK YOU

The Board would like to thank the volunteers who contributed their time, money, and effort in 2008 to improve the community. The business of running an association is not easy and residents who participate in community activities greatly assist in this task.

The following list is not exhaustive but contains the names of those who made significant contributions that deserve recognition: Frank Talbert, Phil Groening, roxyandalfred, Jennifer Newby, and Keith Neal.

UTILITY CLOSETS

Please remember that the utility closets are for community property only (hoses, garden tools, snow shovels, light bulbs. etc.) Residents who have stored personal items in the utility closets must remove their property by Friday, January 30, or it will be disposed of on the next trash day. Using the closets to store trash and seasonal items is not allowed even temporarily. Garbage and trash attract rodents; clothing and other items are potential fire hazards.

RULES REMINDER

Trash & Recycling – Trash Pick-ups are Mondays and Thursdays. Trash may be set out no earlier than 8:00 pm the nights before and no later than 6:00 am on the mornings of pick-ups.

Recyclable materials should be set out with trash on **Thursdays only**. AAA suggests setting trash on one side of the walkway and recyclables on the opposite side of the walkway so the collectors don't have to rip open the trash bags. Alternatively, you may also use clear bags or the plastic recycling bins to assist in this process. On Windbluff Court, it is suggested that recyclables be set on the end of the sidewalk closest to South Lakes and trash be set on the opposite end.

For more information on recycling and what is recyclable, visit Fairfax County's recycling website:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling>.