

## **Greater Wilton Woods Citizens' Association Meeting--Minutes March 16, 2004**

Sam McCutchen welcomed everyone. He stated that the Clean Fairfax Council is sponsoring a cleanup effort. The Council provides bags, safety hats, etc. for a group cleanup. For more information, contact Mort at Browne Academy at (703) 960-3000.

More on Congressional Federal Credit Union membership, for which GWWCA members are eligible. CFCU has competitive rates for car loans, VISA platinum, and more.

Sam brought up the subject of expanding GWWCA's membership area to include School Street and its associated cul de sacs, as well as Poag St. The GWWCA will vote on this at the May meeting.

John Nyere presented the minutes of January's annual business meeting. He mentioned that, in lieu of the usual postcard announcing May's meeting, a newsletter will be mailed.

Dan Franklin spoke more on traffic and pedestrian safety. He provided statistics on accidents occurring in the area of Telegraph Rd. and its intersections with N. Kings Hwy and Huntington Ave. They showed an increase in accidents in that area. They are as follows:

2001 – 90 accidents  
2002 – 113 accidents  
2003 – 114 accidents

Dan continues to work as our liaison in working to improve roads for traffic and pedestrian safety.

Sam introduced the speaker on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. Alex Lee, the Assistant Project Coordination Manager of Potomac Crossing Consultants, gave an extremely informative and well-organized presentation on the project. He provided current status information on various sections of the project, as well as scheduled completion dates of those sections. Below are highlights:

- The current bridge was designed for 75,000 vehicles per day; current actual number is 195,000; projected number by 2020 is 295,000
- The Wilson Bridge has 2X the accident rate of the American Legion Bridge.
- There are 7+ hours of congestion on the bridge each day.
- Total projected cost for the new bridge is \$2.564 billion
- Work began in 2000.
- Four interchanges are involved: two on the VA side; two on the MD side.
- The first two interchanges are scheduled for completion in mid-2008. These are Route 1 (VA) and 295 (MD).
- The last two interchanges are scheduled for completion in 2010. These are Telegraph Rd. (VA) and Route 210 (MD). The new Telegraph Rd. interchange includes plans for safe pedestrian and bike access to Eisenhower Avenue.
- Because the new bridge will be higher than the old one, scheduled openings of the drawbridge are projected to decrease from 250 per year to 65 per year.

- The project includes \$50 million spent on environmental efforts.

The 50/50 raffle was held. Half of the money went to the winner; half went to the Memorial Garden fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18.