

Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association Meeting – November 18, 2008

Parry opened the meeting at 7:35.

Beautiful boxwood Christmas wreaths are for sale by the Wilton Woods Garden Club. Contact Bonnie Clark or Mary McCutchen to order. They will be ready after 12/4 for pickup at the McCutchen's driveway. All proceeds go to memorial garden maintenance.

Marcus Wadsworth from Supervisor Jeff McKay's office came to speak on the Florence Ln sidewalk effort. Marcus is a staff assistant for Jeff (call him to confirm this information). Marcus brought copies of Jeff's newsletter; as well as a sign-in sheet for those who wish to receive the newsletter electronically. The status of the sidewalk effort is as follows:

- As early as 1985 the community started a push for a sidewalk. The county agreed it was needed, but the project never was completed. Jeff agrees that it is needed for the following reasons:
 1. In inclement winter weather, FCPS has determined that the school bus drivers have the authority to decide not to drive up Florence Lane and instead drop the children off at the bottom of the hill, which requires the children to walk up the hill in the road.
 2. There are over 200 homes up Florence Ln., and a school as well.

The schedule for this project is as follows:

- 5/08-6/08--survey
- 7/08-present--preliminary design work (to be completed spring '09)
- 11/08--Citizens coordination
- 11/08-03/09--Pre- Final Design
- 06/09--Final Design—March 2009
- VDOT County Plan Approval-July 2009
- 03/09-07/09—land acquisition; could take longer if owners resist selling land
- Funding for this project was allocated two years ago; total cost \$300,000
- 08/09-10/09—request for bid for contract
- 10/09-05/10--construction
- Spring 2012--project completion

Debbie Halla, former GWWCA board member and a resident of Huntington Forest (?) spoke on the issue as well.

- Trying to get as much citizen input as possible
- There is expectation that landowners will resist
- Asked membership to sign petition

Katherine Holtz/Land Use

- Hilltop project in process
- Residential part has been dropped
- Wegman's still part of the plan
- Another project at Rt. 1 and Memorial Dr for residential and office space

Crime prevention officers from Mt. Vernon attended the meeting. Officers Robby Clift and Darryl Davis came to speak about safety over holidays.

- women and purses are a big problem; they are targets for thieves. If possible carry your money in your pockets or somewhere on your person.
- call police WHENEVER you are concerned about anything
- don't sit in car being distracted after shopping; you are a target for thieves
- cars: don't keep valuables in cars; keep cars locked
- Please report all incidents; police need to know so they can keep records

Off the subject of holiday safety, a member asked about foreclosed homes at Va Hills area: what do police do to check on these homes? Ofc Clift responded that neighborhood needs to keep watch; it is impossible for police to keep up. There followed a general discussion about instances of crime in the area.

Back to Parry...

GWVCA balance -\$5,060.60

National Night Out in August cost \$200.77

Detail of expenses is available.

Parry adjourned the meeting at 8:32.