

Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Meeting of the Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association

GWCA President Larry Dempsey brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dempsey went over the Treasurer's Report. The complete report is available upon request.

Attendees were encouraged to join Nextdoor.com if they have not already. Since the last meeting, 54 more people have joined.

There are now 4 free little libraries within the boundaries of GWCA.

Suggestions for topics for future meetings are always welcome. Let the President know if you have any ideas.

SSL encryption was activated on the GWCA website. It initially caused some problems, but those have been corrected.

National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 7 at the Memorial Garden. There will be giveaways, as usual.

GWCA made a donation of \$500 to the Wilton Woods Memorial Garden. The funds were used for new plants and mulch. It was suggested that we make a donation for the gardens at John Marshall Library once it has reopened.

The speaker for the evening was Stacy Smalls, Director, Wastewater Collection Division, Wastewater Management Program. This county program provides integrated sewer collection and wastewater treatment for county residents and businesses.

Mr. Smalls described the duties of his division as waste water collection, waste water treatment, and waste water planning and monitoring. They maintain the sewer lines by clearing blockages and cleaning the infrastructure, they inspect lines using CCTV. They are also responsible for pump station maintenance.

The national average of wastewater overflow is 4 per 100 miles. In Fairfax County, we are less than 1 per 100 miles. The main reason for overflows/backups is inclement weather. Contributing to this is the fact that 70% of our system is 30 years old or more.

Asset management and funding: older assets are fixed first depending on their location. Likelihood vs. consequences determines how capital improvement funding is spent. The combined funding for repair and replacement is \$35M per year. Compared to surrounding jurisdictions, the rates in Fairfax County for wastewater treatment are in the middle of the range. All of the income to pay for personnel, equipment, capital expenses, etc. come from the

Mr. Small concluded his presentation by talking about how we can help: Stakeholder support and partnership, and customer engagement. The division provides school programs and a trades

internship program for high school graduates. They participate in various events such as Earth Day Boy Scout programs, and summer festivals. Other ways to help include the proper disposal of fats, grease and oils, proper disposal of pharmaceuticals and flushable wipes (don't put them down the drain). For more information, go to <https://www.protectyourpipes.org>. Also, he asked that we report sinking manholes and sewerage smells to 703/323-1211. The division also produces videos that are shown on the county's cable channel (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/environment-video-on-demand>).

Mr. Dempsey thanked Mr. Small for his presentation.

A few final pieces of business:

The latest crime report for our area showed 25 police events.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18. The speaker may be from Combined Properties to talk about the Penn Daw development.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.