

Minutes of the May 21, 2019 Meeting of the Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. by the GWWCA President, Larry Dempsey.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Details are available upon request. Compared to last year, we have nineteen (19) fewer members who have not yet paid their membership dues. Mr. Dempsey reminded people to pay their dues for 2019 if they have not already done so. The membership directory is scheduled to be updated, so that will be an upcoming expense.

Mr. Dempsey reminded attendees to join Nextdoor.com if they haven't already. Since the last meeting, 30 new members have joined. Now 70% of the households within the GWWCA boundaries have joined Nextdoor.

MetroRail Station Shutdown

The main topic of the meeting was the upcoming Metro Summer 2019 Platform Improvement Project. Two WMATA staff members made the presentation, Tatiana Kotrikova and Michael Weinberger. A survey of the platforms at Metro stations was made in 2016 and it was determined that many of them, which were built 35-40 years ago, were in very poor condition and needed replacing. The shutdown will last from May 25 to September 8 and will include the Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower, Huntington, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield stations. Some work will still be underway after September 8.

Ms. Kotrikova explained that it will be cheaper and faster to close the stations in question for the summer months as it will minimize service disruptions. This project is one of three that will be done over the next three years. Trains will be at near-normal service on the rest of the system while these repairs are underway. Further details about what will be done at the stations may be found at <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/>.

Mr. Weinberger then talked about the free shuttle bus system that will be in place during the shutdown and will run every 5 minutes during peak times and every 12 minutes at non-peak. There will be five routes that will run during Metro's usual hours of operation: 4:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sunday – Thursday and 4:30 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday. From Huntington, there will be an express shuttle to the Pentagon in addition to the Yellow Line Shuttle, which will go to the Eisenhower Avenue, King Street, Braddock Road, and Crystal City stations. These shuttle buses will pick up passengers from both the upper (South) and lower (North) levels of the Huntington station. There will also be express shuttles to the Pentagon from the Franconia Springfield Station and from Landmark Mall. The Blue Line Shuttle will run from the Franconia-Springfield station to Reagan National Airport, with stops at Van Dorn Street and King Street stations. So, in order for someone to get to the airport from Huntington, there will be two options: take the express shuttle to the Pentagon and transfer to Metro there for the trip back to the airport or take the Yellow Line Shuttle to King Street station and transfer to the Blue Line Shuttle, which will go to the airport. Additional buses will be deployed as necessary, especially in the first week of the shutdown. Complimentary ADA vans will be on hand for those who have disabilities and need extra assistance.

There will also be additional options with various Metrobus, Fairfax Connector, DASH and Omniride bus lines. Randy White, with Fairfax Connector, said there will be no additional service in the Richmond Highway corridor, but there will be additional service to some lines that go to the Pentagon, but these

routes do not serve our area. For more detailed information on the shuttle buses, Metrobus options, and for the Alternative Trip Planner, go to <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/platformProject/alternative-travel-options.cfm>.

Concern was expressed that there would be fare increases to cover the cost of the repairs, but as it is a Federally-funded program, no fare increases are anticipated.

Parking will be free at the Huntington, Van Dorn and Franconia-Springfield stations. Parking garage hours will be the same as the Metro's operating hours.

To assist riders during the shutdown, there will be additional signage in the stations and WMATA staff at each affected station.

Fare card machines will not be available at any of the closed stations, but you may auto reload your card through the website (see <https://www.wmata.com/fares/smartrip/reload.cfm>) and there will be Mobile Commuter Stores at some of the closed stations where you will be able to reload your card. Go to <https://www.commuterpage.com/tools-resources/the-commuter-store-mobile-commuter-store-commuterdirect-com/mobile-store-schedule/> to see the Mobile Commuter Store schedule.

Some attendees expressed concern about the inconvenience of getting a WMATA Senior Pass (<https://www.wmata.com/fares/reduced.cfm>) which can only be purchased at WMATA sales locations (<https://www.wmata.com/fares/stores.cfm>).

The speakers provided brochures on the shuttle bus lines from Huntington for the meeting attendees.

Next on the agenda was some additional business.

National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 6, probably at the Memorial Garden on Ivanhoe.

June 11 is Election Day. It is a Democratic Primary.

Since our last meeting, police reports show little crime in our area.

VDOT held a Pike Branch Betterments meeting earlier in the month to get input from the residents for the areas of Pike Branch that are not part of the stream improvement program. About 20 neighbors attended and suggested a variety of improvements such as

- guard rails at the south end of Old Telegraph to keep vehicles from veering into the stream
- more streetlights
- more sidewalks
- better underground stormwater management

(View the slide presentation below for additional suggested improvements)

There will be a follow-up meeting, but a date has not been determined yet. More information about the project can be found at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/pike_branch.asp.

Shayla Tait, GWWCA Vice President, spoke about volunteer opportunities in our area. The county is currently looking for volunteers to assist elderly residents. The libraries also have many volunteer opportunities. She had some brochures for meeting attendees from the library system about their volunteer program and also had copies of the latest Parktakes magazine from the county Park Authority.

The Memorial Garden, which is managed by the Shadow Walk Community Association, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2021. A group is forming to get the garden in shape before then.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17. The topic is TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Mingle and have
some
Coffee and Cookies**

Welcome

- Treasurer's Report
- Join GWWCA.NEXTDOOR.COM
- Tatiana Kotrikova and Michael Weinberger- WMATA, and Randy White-Fairfax Connector
- What's Happening in the Community
 - National Night Out – August 6
 - Primary Election
 - Free Little Libraries
 - Crime Reports
 - Pike Branch Stream Restoration
- Volunteering
- Questions from Members
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 17, 2019

Agenda

GWWCA
Membership
Meeting

Tuesday

**May 21,
2019**

Welcome

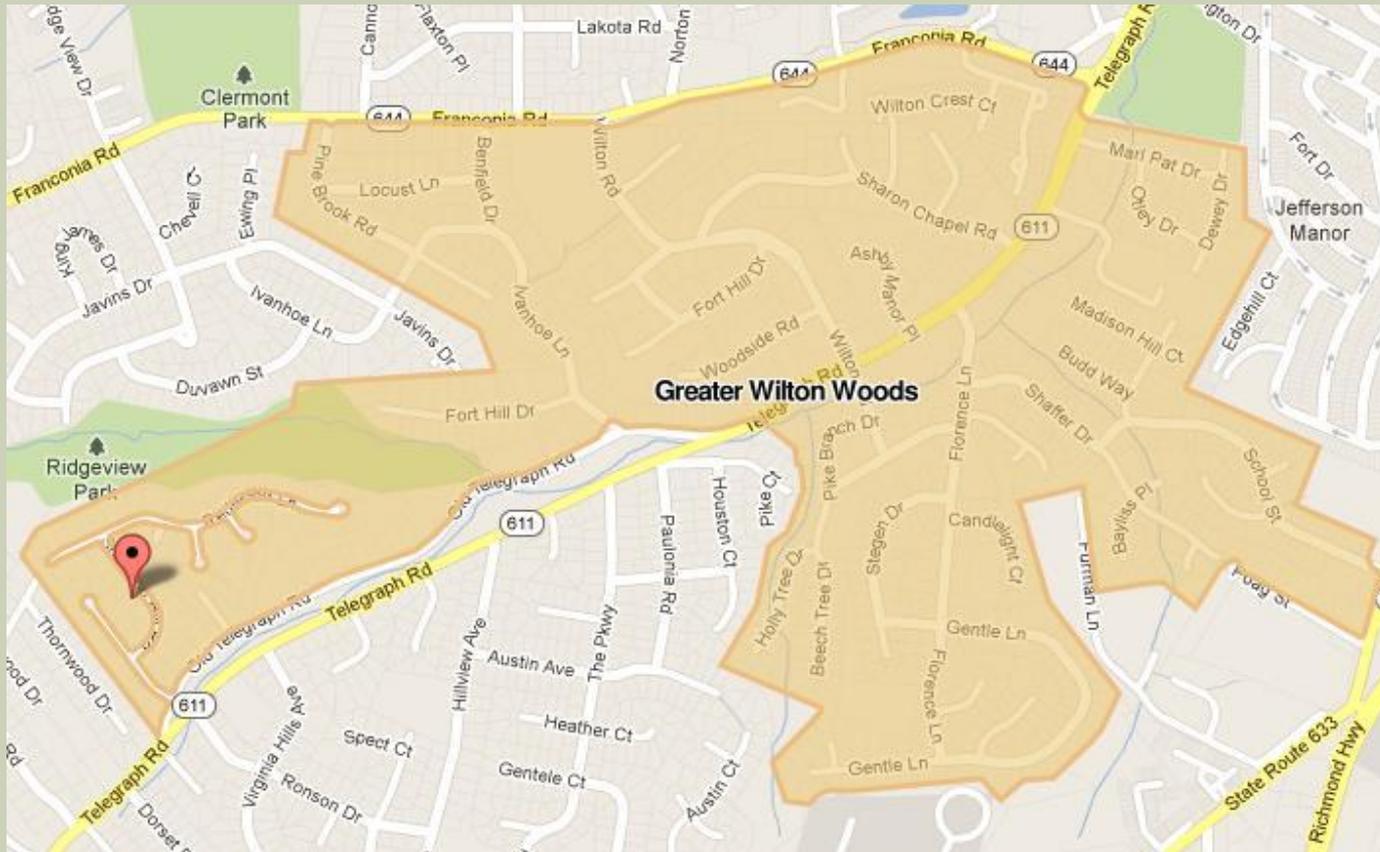
Treasurer's Report

Available Upon Request

Join

GWWCA.NEXTDOOR.COM

- A private social network for our community
- 1130 (~~1100~~) members in 747 (~~736~~) households; 70% of households



Tatiana Kotrikova and Michael Weinberger
WMATA

Randy White
Fairfax Connector

Metro's Platform
Improvement Project
Summer 2019

What's Happening in the Community

National Night Out August 6

- Enhances the relationship between neighbors
- Brings police and neighbors together under positive circumstances
- Promotes strong police-community partnerships

Details will be included in the July newsletter and posted on our website (www.gwwca.org) and gwwca.nextdoor.com

What's Happening in the Community

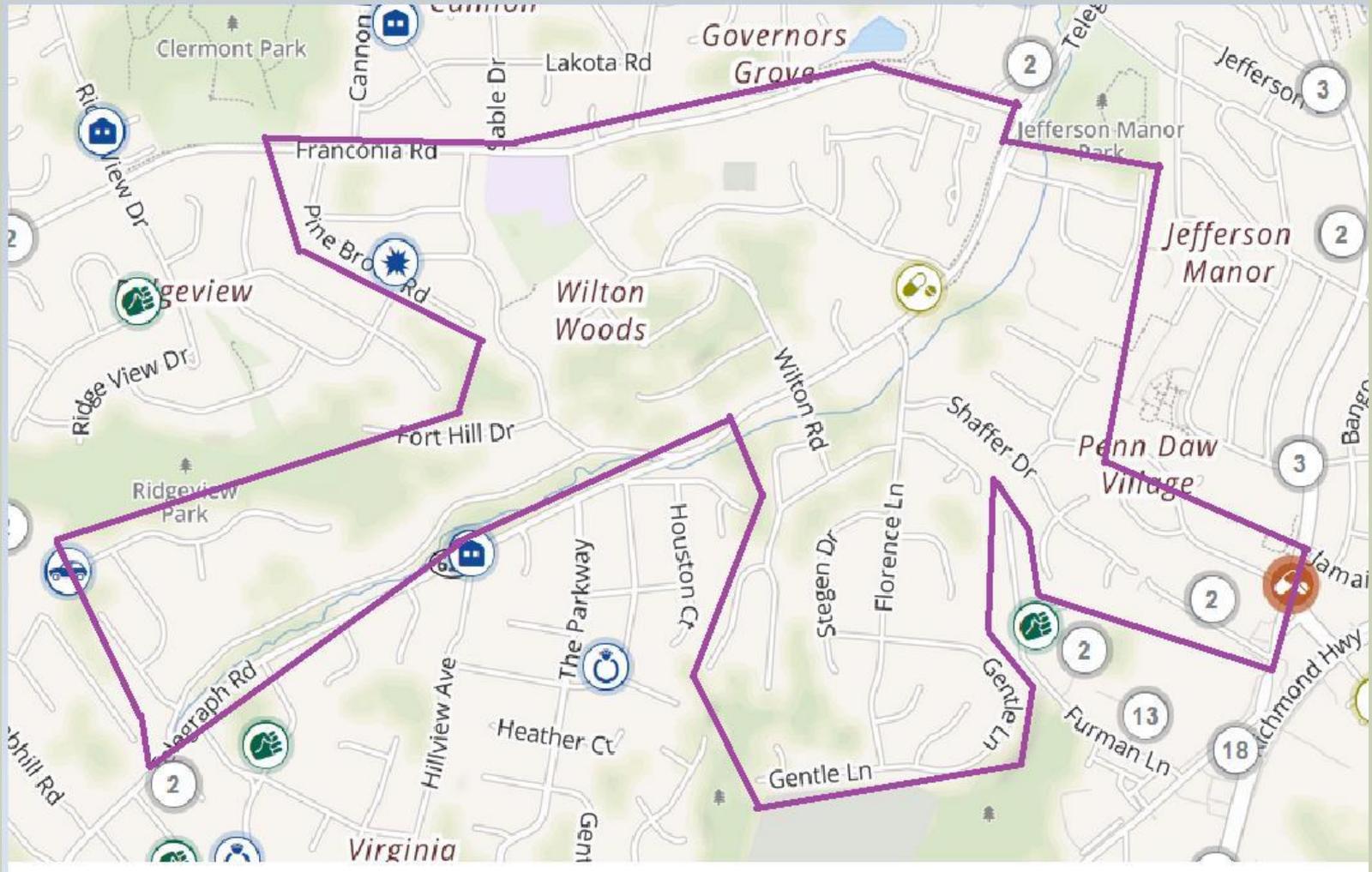
Primary Election – June 11 - 6 AM to 7 PM

- **Virginia is an Open Primary state which means that any registered voter in Virginia can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary.**
- **In Lee District, this is a Democratic Party primary – the Republican Party does not need a primary.**
- **Primary details will be in our emailed newsletter and an on GWWCA.NEXTDOOR.COM**

What's Happening in the Community

www.crimereports.com/map/index/?search=Fairfax%20County%20VA

5 Police Events March 15, 2019 – May 16, 2019



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Breaking & Entering	4000 Block PINE BROOK RD	BURGLARY - ATTEMPTED FORCIBLE ENTRY	4-Apr-19 around 9 AM
Drugs	5900 Block TELEGRAPH RD	DRUGS - OPIUM/COCAINE POSSESSION	5-Apr-19 around 11 PM
Drugs	NORTH KINGS HWY & SCHOOL ST	DRUGS - RELATED - PARAPHERNALIA VIOLATION	19-Apr-19 around 6 PM
Drugs (2)	6200 Block NORTH KINGS HWY	DRUGS - SYNTHETIC NARCOTICS POSSESSION	18-Apr-19 around 7 PM

What's Happening in the Community

Pike Branch Stream Restoration

Old Telegraph Road “Betterments” Meeting

May 2, 2019

- **~20 residents and ~10 VDOT and county reps**
- **Full guard rails along Telegraph and Old Telegraph**
- **Better alignment of the Telegraph and Old Telegraph intersection (south end)**
- **Plantings**
- **Old Telegraph underground storm water management**
- **Connect the sidewalks on Telegraph and Old Telegraph Roads**

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Pike Branch Stream Restoration

Old Telegraph Road “Betterments” Meeting

May 2, 2019

- **Improve school and Connector bus stops**
- **Street paint markings at both Telegraph and Old Telegraph intersections**
- **Crosswalk across Telegraph and Old Telegraph intersection (south end)**
- **Street Lights along Old Telegraph**
- **Improve line-of-site at the curve at Hope Church**

What's Happening in the Community

Volunteering

Contact GWWCA

GWWCA.President@gmail.com

Questions

Next Meeting

Tuesday

September 17, 2019

Topic

TBT

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**Meeting
Adjourned**