
Fairlington Commons Newsletter

3367 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22206

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The Great American Bake Sale

This will be the sixth consecutive year that The Commons has hosted “**The Great American Bake Sale**” in conjunction with the All Fairlington Fourth of July Celebration and Parade. Over the past four years our volunteers’ efforts have raised more than \$3,000 for “Share Our Strength,” a non-profit organization dedicated toward ending childhood hunger in America.

Longtime Commons resident Cathy Malin is the contact point for the Great American Bake Sale, and can be reached at 703-931-9260. Cathy needs the assistance of your baking services. You do not need to be an expert to participate, and every cookie, muffin and brownie can make a difference. Please assist by preparing home baked treats including cookies, brownies, muffins, loaf cakes, pies, or other baked goods – but please, no frostings or fillings.

The sale takes place in the North Fairlington Community Center Parking Lot on Friday, July 4th beginning at 9:30 a.m. Baked goods can be delivered beginning at 9:00 a.m. So, come on out, meet your neighbors, and support this very worthy cause. And, if you can, please volunteer to help with baking, set up, and selling by calling Cathy!

For More Information, see:
(www.greatamericanbakesale.org)

Arvy Myers Joins Board

Commons Co-Owner Arvy Myers, a two and one-half year South Utah Street resident, has joined our Board of Directors. Arvy will be filling the vacancy created by Patti Burke’s passing and will serve as Vice President until our October Annual meeting when he will stand for election to a full three-year term.

Arvy is a long-time real estate investor and licensed realtor in Washington, D.C. and Virginia. He has owned properties in both jurisdictions, and has lived in one or the other for the past 15 years. Arvy has also enjoyed a successful career with the Department of Defense and has worked as a Congressional Staffer.

Please join us in welcoming Arvy to our Board!

Foxes

By now, most of you know that we have foxes living in the woods along 395. Even if you haven’t seen them, you’ve probably heard them during the night – several residents have described their call as sounding like a woman’s scream or an animal in pain. It is a distinctive sound that once heard will not be forgotten. And unlike their country cousins, these foxes don’t mind being seen at most any hour of the day.

Several residents have called the Arlington County Animal Welfare League and have been informed that as long as the foxes do not appear to be injured or sick, no action will be taken. And thankfully so far there have been no incidents between the foxes, our residents, children, or pets. Regardless, we all need to keep in mind the following with regard to foxes.

They are wild animals and will generally keep their distance from humans. Feeding makes them dependent upon us, and removes any reservations they may have about approaching us. Do not feed them!

They are hunters, and are feeding on the squirrel population. Several residents have remarked about a drop in the number of squirrels adjacent the woods, and a fox was recently interrupted eating a squirrel on a resident's front porch.

Like all warm-blooded animals, foxes are susceptible to rabies. On May 9th, a fox that later tested positive for rabies bit a woman in the 5100 block of S. 12th Road – less than 2 miles away. The fox was captured and destroyed by animal control officers. Arlington Public Health reminds residents that rabies is endemic in our area. Never approach or handle a wild animal. If you see one behaving in a strange or aggressive manner, call the Animal Welfare League at (703) 931-9241. Protect your pets. Keep your dogs on leash and your cats in the house. Protect your children. Do not let them approach a fox.

Doggie Depots

Many thanks to volunteers Jim Carbo and Dain Bentley for their continued maintenance of the Wakefield Circle Doggie Depots. Their efforts provide our residents and visitors a safe and sanitary place to dispose of

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dog waste. Please support them by picking up after your dog and properly disposing of the waste in one of our doggie depots. If you are a dog owner and use our Doggie Depots, please consider volunteering to assist Jim and Dain in the event they need help. Please contact a member of our Board if you are interested in volunteering.

Proper disposal of dog waste is the responsibility of individual dog owners. When the Commons decided some years ago to provide dog waste receptacles, it was with the expectation that our trash contractor would empty them. When that became impractical and cost prohibitive, the Doggie Depots survived only because volunteers assumed the responsibility.

Due to abuse, the lack of a volunteer, and multiple complaints from residents, the Doggie Depot formerly located just inside the South Utah Street woods has been removed and will not be replaced. The Wakefield Circle Doggie Depots remain for now – contingent upon a continued volunteer effort to maintain them.

Trash Reminder!

No Trash Pickup on Friday, July 4th due to County Landfill closing for the Holiday. Regular Trash Pickup resumes Tuesday, July 8th.

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