



# NORTHWOOD NEWS

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## No Response on Northwood Park

To date, we have received no formal response to our input at the last Maryland National Capital Park and Planning (MNCPPC) public meeting on North Four Corners Park (held on September 23rd). We hope to have something to report at our December 15 membership meeting.

On October 21st, Carole Barth testified at a public meeting on the MNCPPC FY06 operating budget. She presented three park-related budget issues:

- a request that the FY06 budget include funds for training park development staff in community-based planning techniques;
- a proposal that new capital improvements (like soccer fields) be contingent upon funding for managing and maintaining those facilities; and
- a proposal that the budget include funds to return the trash cans to North Four Corners Park. (See article on the trash can issue on page 3.)

On November 15th, Carole Barth went to the Indian Springs Civic Association (ISCA) to seek their support in our battle to preserve and improve North Four Corners Park. The members attending passed a resolution authorizing ISCA to send a letter of support to Park and Planning. Burnt Mills has already sent a letter and also testified at the September 23rd public meeting. Woodmoor gave us a preliminary resolution of support early in the process. It is especially important to get the backing of all the Four Corners communities since North Four Corners is considered a local park serving more than one

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## BMSC Update

Burnt Mills Shopping Center property manager Jon Rhodes confirms that the plans for a family-owned Italian restaurant from Bethesda "fell through." It is being replaced by a California Tortilla. He also said a Chico's women's clothing store will go on the property. (More details at the Dec. 15 meeting.) ■

## Next Meeting on December 15th

The next meeting of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association will be held on **Wednesday, 15 December 2004** at 7:30 p.m. at the North Four Corners Rec Center. **Please note that meetings have now changed to the THIRD Wednesday of the month (not the second).** The Rec Center is located at the end of Southwood Road, just off Edgewood Drive. ■

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I listen to news of war, rising deficits, and human suffering, I am profoundly grateful to make my home in a neighborhood as special Northwood Four Corners. We enjoy a great diversity of ages, races, and cultures. We have urban conveniences such as shopping and entertainment (Silver Spring Stage) within walking distance. We have priceless natural resources like the Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park right at hand. (It's amazing to think that just ten miles north of the U.S. Capitol our Park boasts more than 200 species of wildflowers.)

We have attractive and affordable housing. We have book clubs, block parties, and the mom and baby network. We have second-generation neighborhood residents as well as residents who are newly arrived Americans. Earlier this year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Northwood Park, the only successful member-run housing cooperative in the state of Maryland. I guess it's no surprise that many residents in search of larger homes either build additions or move within the neighborhood.

In fact, I want to produce a handout profiling the neighborhood, its history, and resources. This fact sheet could accompany testimony we submit in public hearings. We could also send it to businesses we are interested in attracting to the Woodmoor or Burnt Mills Shopping Centers. Finally, it would provide some orientation to new residents.

Of course, it takes work to sustain our neighborhood quality of life. There are always battles worth fighting—such as our current effort to preserve and enhance North Four Corners Park. It also takes many hands to keep our civic association running. Whatever your interests, skills, and availability, each of you can contribute to making your neighborhood an even better place to live.

You can start simply by paying your Association dues (see Maggie Hawkins' article on NFCCA Membership on page 6). You can attend NFCCA meetings and make your voice heard. There are also lots of volunteer opportunities. For example, you can deliver the newsletter, plant a tree, write a letter on the park issue, or become a neighborhood watch captain. Have some ideas for additional community activities? I'd love to hear them! I look forward to working with you in the coming year. With your help Northwood Four Corners will continue to be a wonderful place to live.

—Carole Barth

## Park Update

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neighborhood.

Finally, there is a group arguing that MNCPPC soccer fields should become permit-only facilities. In other words, anyone wishing to play on a field would need to obtain a permit first. As residents surrounding North Four Corners park can testify, merely requiring a permit does not protect the neighborhood from inconsiderate park users or mitigate the damage caused by over-programming. We should have an update on this issue at the December 15 membership meeting. ■

## NORTHWOOD NEWS

*Northwood News* is published by the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association. The NFCCA represents the 1,485 households in the area bounded by Colesville Rd. (Rte. 29), University Blvd. (Rte. 193), Caddington Ave., and the Northwest Branch.

Any resident of this area is eligible to join the NFCCA. Annual dues are \$10 per household and may be paid at any Association meeting or mailed to the treasurer.

*Northwood News* is published five times a year—in October, December, February, April, and June. To place an ad or discuss a story, please contact the editor.

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# October's Biannual Creek Cleanup Yields 'Upscale' Trash

By Carole Barth

We had good weather for the fall creek cleanup on October 23rd. It was nice to see some new volunteers joining the cleanup veterans. In all, we removed about 15 bags of trash from where the creek daylight (at Lockridge and Eastwood) to where it joins Northwest Branch. Large items recovered included a folding table and a brass chandelier. Jerry Lane worked at removing invasive tree-killing vines and he generated a good-sized brush pile.

However, we did notice a difference in the type of trash this year. Ordinarily we recover about a dozen mouthwash bottles (since mouthwash containing alcohol is

readily available to underage drinkers) and quite a few remnants of the cheapest beer and wine. This year we had much more "upscale" trash, including boutique soda cans, imported beer and wine, and even a brandy bottle. Perhaps the rise in housing prices is having an impact? It will be interesting see what we turn up next April in the spring cleanup! ■

## Park Trash Cans Might Return

By Carole Barth & Jim Zepp

A number of communities are calling on the County Council to replace trash cans in the parks. This was also a prominent theme at the October 21st Park and Planning budget meeting (see the park update article on page 1).

In January, the Council



is expected to review the Carry-In Carry-Out Program. It is possible that, with the support of one more Council member, this program could be repealed. At the December 15 membership meeting we will have more information on this campaign and how NFCCA could be involved. ■

## NFCCA BOARD

The Board of Directors for the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association meets five times a year, in October, December, February, April, and June. Current officers:

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## 2004-2005 NFCCA Meetings

Please note a change in the remaining meetings to the **THIRD WEDNESDAY of the month**. Mark these dates on your calendar for the next cycle of meetings of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association:

**15 December 2004**

**16 February 2005**

**20 April 2005**

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(September 1, 2004-October 31, 2004)

(DOM-Days on Market from List Date to Contract Date)

Subdivision	# units	Avg. Price	DOM
ARCOLA	4	\$411,000	21
ARGYLE CLUB ESTATES	2	\$350,000	28
ARGYLE FOREST	2	\$397,500	18
BALLANTRAE	1	\$319,000	19
BURNT MILLS	4	\$466,750	30
CARROLL KNOLLS	6	\$354,666	34
CLAIRMONT WHEATON METRO	9	\$462,761	25
DUMONT OAKS	7	\$287,285	16
FOREST ESTATES	11	\$400,027	13
FOREST GLEN	3	\$322,066	14
<b>FOREST KNOLLS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$369,200</b>	<b>12</b>
FRANKLIN KNOLLS	4	\$365,125	24
HEARTHSTONE VILLAGE	2	\$357,450	8
HIGHLAND VIEW	4	\$412,500	18
KEMP MILL	4	\$401,062	42
LEISURE WORLD	50	\$241,705	22
MCDONALD KNOLLS	2	\$321,250	38
<b>NORTHWOOD</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$357,050</b>	<b>18</b>
ROSEWOOD	2	\$343,500	38
SIERRA LANDING	1	\$165,500	11
SLIGO PARK	4	\$249,500	9
TIVOLI	9	\$429,592	10
UNIVERSITY TOWERS	6	\$164,416	12
VEIRS MILL	10	\$294,250	24
WESTCHESTER	5	\$188,820	23
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603 UNIVERSITY BLVD W	\$480,000	Contemp	4	3/1	103
123 SNOWY OWL DR	\$466,000	Colonial	4	2/1	25
10702 LOMBARDY RD	\$396,000	Rambler	4	2/1	9
1305 CADDINGTON AVE	\$384,000	Split Level	3	1/1	25
10903 HANNES CT	\$382,000	Split Level	4	2/1	7
911 MALTA LN	\$380,000	Split Foyer	5	2/1	15
409 HANNES ST	\$370,000	Split Level	4	2/1	4
10710 LOCKRIDGE DR	\$350,500	Rambler	3	2/1	4
1008 LOXFORD TER	\$330,000	Split Level	3	2/1	12
402 BELTON RD	\$325,000	Rancher	2	2	7
37 KINSMAN VIEW CIR N	\$325,000	Townhouse	4	3/1	5
10614 EASTWOOD AVE	\$325,000	Rambler	2	1	17
18 KINSMAN VIEW CIR	\$318,000	Townhouse	4	2/2	5
35 KINSMAN VIEW CIR	\$315,000	Townhouse	4	2/2	5
10622 EASTWOOD AVE	\$270,000	Cape Cod	2	1	0

# Rachel Carson Greenway Trail Extension to be Considered, Legacy Open Space Program Revived

By Charles Pritchard

In October 2004, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission took two actions that affect the Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park that forms the eastern boundary of our civic association.

First, Park and Planning announced that it would develop a plan to extend the Rachel Carson Greenway Trail from its present northern terminus at Randolph Roadnorth to Patuxent River State Park. This plan will be offered up to public scrutiny and comment when completed. We will notify you when we hear more.

Second, a related project is to revive the Legacy Open Space (LOS) program, which has been largely inactive for nearly a year. Under LOS, Park and Planning would consider several land acquisitions for community use, including a land parcel that would be needed if the Rachel Carson Trail is to be extended via Rachel Carson Conservation Park and Hawlings River.


The Rachel Carson Greenway Trail will remain a natural surface (as opposed to a paved) trail and will retain its interpretive character, which is to preserve as much of the natural environment

and habitat as possible in an urban setting. For this reason, use will be restricted to hiking, observation of nature, and equestrianism.

The LOS program also stresses preservation of natural habitat and existing plant life as well as historical structures and artifacts. ■

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## Neighbors of Northwest Branch Carry Out Reforestation Project

By Charles Pritchard

One of our local environmental eastern and down county and preservationist organizations is the Neighbors of the Northwest Branch (NNWB), a not-for-profit private corporation of local residents who monitor the health of this major tributary of the Anacostia watershed, carry out reforestation of the forest buffer on both banks of the river, work to eliminate alien invasive plants (pernicious weeds), conduct water quality surveys, periodically inspect the WSSC sewerage system that parallels the Branch, and encourage community volunteer work to make these subprograms possible.

A major reforestation program was carried out not too long ago on the park land bounded by Randolph Road and Kemp Mill Drive. A large number of saplings were planted and then protected with heavy cardboard tubes. Unfortunately, these tubes were not robust enough to protect the saplings from the hungry foraging deer that inhabit the local park land.

In November, the NNWB carried out another reforestation project, this time using protective sheaths of chicken wire. Hopefully, this protection will allow the replacements to take root and flourish, providing a needed buffer for the flat open field. ■

# Membership: How Does Your Street Rank (So Far)?

By Margaret Hawkins

Once again, the NFCCA has set a membership goal of 150 households (10 percent of the homes in our area). Last year we just met this goal, so we would like to try to meet or exceed it this year.

So far, 31 households have supported our Association by paying membership dues. Membership support varies from street to street. Below is listed membership levels by street:

### 3 households:

Cavalier Dr.  
Lockridge Dr.  
Lorain Ave.  
Margate Rd.  
Pinewood Ave.

### 2 households:

Caddington Dr.  
Eastwood Ave.  
Edgewood Dr.  
Glenwild Rd.  
Loxford Terrace

### 1 household:

Belton Rd.  
Dennis Ave.  
Mountain Quail Rd.  
Northwood Ave.  
Timberwood Ave.  
Woodridge Ave.

Dues can be paid by check ("NFCCA") or cash to Margaret Hawkins, Treasurer, NFCCA, 10205 Lorain Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901. Dues are \$10 per household. Checks are cashed monthly.

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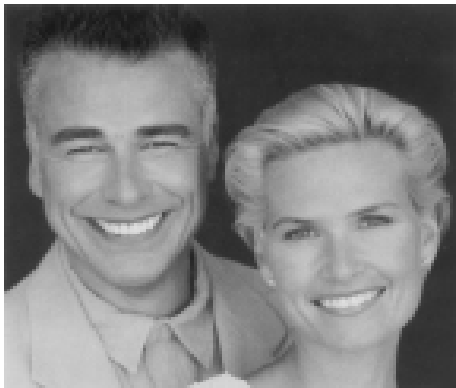
nance the newsletter, special flyers, Allied Civic Association dues, rental of the community center for meetings, and to match county grant dollars for such projects as the neighborhood sign. ■

## Join the NFCCA Baby Network

If you are a parent of a preschooler, consider joining the NFCCA Baby Network, a group of parents in the neighborhood. There's no charge and we meet once a month during the day to socialize, commiserate, and trade tips.

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