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Could Our Civic Life Be More Inclusive?

By Caitlin James

I am grateful to live in a neighborhood with such an active civic association as the NFCCA. I love that NFCCA president Carole Barth keeps the community deeply informed about issues at the county level affecting us all. I also love the multiculturalism of our neighborhood but recently have been musing about whether the NFCCA reflects that diversity. I shared my thoughts about this recently with the NFCCA Board. Now I'd like to also share some of these thoughts with the community of *Northwood News* readers.

Although I could not find precise statistics about the racial breakdown of our particular community, there are statistics available online for Forest Knolls Elementary School (FKES), our neighborhood school. The racial groupings at FKES are as follows: Hispanic, 34.4 percent; White, 32 percent; African-American, 19.6 percent; and Asian, 14 percent. In addition, the percent of FKES students in the English for Speakers of Other Languages program is 21 percent. (Source: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/glance/currentyear/schools/02803.pdf.) While this may not be an exact representation of the backgrounds of the North Four Corners population, it gives us at least a rough idea of the racial and linguistic diversity here.

The fact that one in five students at FKES has limited English proficiency tells us something about the language barriers faced by many of our neighbors. It has me thinking: wouldn't it be wonderful if these neighbors could enjoy the benefits of the NFCCA that I

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¿Nuestra Vida Cívica— Podría Ser Más Inclusivo?

Escrito Por Caitlin James

Estoy agradecida vivir en un vecindario con tal asociación cívica activa como el NFCCA. Adoro que el presidente de NFCCA Carole Barth mantiene la comunidad profundamente informado acerca de asuntos en el nivel de condado que nos afecta todo. Yo también adoro el multiculturalismo de nuestro vecindario pero he estado reflexionando recientemente acerca de si el NFCCA refleja esa diversidad. Compartí mis pensamientos acerca de esto recientemente con la Junta de NFCCA. Ahora querría también compartir algunos de estos pensamientos con la comunidad de lectores de *Northwood News*.

Aunque no pude encontrar ninguna estadística exacta acerca de las raíces de nuestra comunidad particular, hay la estadística disponible en línea para la escuela de enseñanza primaria, Forest Knolls (FKES), nuestra escuela de vecindario. Los grupos raciales en FKES son así: Hispano, 34.4%; Blanco, 32%; afroamericano, 19,6%; asiático, 14%. Además, el por ciento de estudiantes de FKES en el programa de inglés como segundo idioma es 21%. (Origen: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/regulatoryaccountability/glance/currentyear/schools/02803.pdf) Mientras esto no puede ser una representación exacta de los fondos de la población de North Four Corners, nos da por lo menos una idea áspera de la diversidad racial y lingüística aquí.

El hecho que uno de cada cinco estudiantes en FKES ha limitado la proficiencia inglesa nos dice algo acerca de las barreras de idioma encaradas por muchos de

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Endings and Beginnings

The June meeting marks the end of our formal meetings for the year. Except for summer events like Neighborhood Night Out, we will not officially come together as a community until the fall. This June meeting, however, will have a special significance. Jerry Lane's chair will be empty, and our community will be the poorer for his death.

Jerry was a past President of the Association, but he served the community in many other ways as well. Just last year, I called on him to organize nominations for the Board, and he did it enthusiastically. He was active in the local Democratic party, volunteered at the Parkland Pool, and was very involved in NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association).

When the new computer voting machines were coming in, he carried a demo unit to Association events and senior communities in the area. Jerry also did a lot of invasives removal along Lockridge Creek. He saved a maple tree and a basswood that were so vine-covered, we didn't even know they were there. One year, the County failed to pick up the large piles of brush after the creek cleanup. Jerry carried it all back to his house (over a period of weeks) and packaged it up for the regular pickup.

Most of all, though, I will miss his friendship. Jerry and Marion Lane were literally the first people my husband and I met in the neighborhood. Little did we realize what a deep and sustaining friendship this would become. Witty, urbane, and courtly without being stuffy, Jerry was always fun to be with. He had a fine sense of outrage at our government's shortcomings, but it was balanced by a great sense of humor. We enjoyed many glasses of wine together, and we would celebrate our December birthdays with many good dinners over the years.

On his cancer blog, in the section, "What I Hate Most About Cancer," Jerry said, "Can't enjoy my wine, man! The stress and distress it brings to the ones I love." Under "What I Have Learned From Cancer," he wrote, "We must live and love every day as fully as we are allowed. And, look forward because that's the only direction you can go."

Jerry did live fully, traveling extensively in his last years. When he grew less able to travel, there was a constant stream of lifelong friends and relatives coming from all over the country to see him. It was truly a testament to a life well-lived. His warmth and affection for his friends shone through, along with his deep love for Marion, his kids, and his grand-kids.

So, in recognition of Jerry's outstanding service to the community, NFCCA is making a contribution in his name to Heifer International. Heifer International works for just

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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.

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Spring Creek Cleanup Easier

By Carole Barth

The Spring creek cleanup netted a small amount of trash this year. Not only was the volume down, but there were no large items like tires or bikes. This may be because heavy rains before the cleanup washed things down into Northwest Branch. It will be interesting to see what happens at the Fall cleanup.

Even with less trash overall, however, we still found our share of odd things. The trash theme seemed to be clothing this year. We found a pair of athletic pants, a beaded shawl, and a scarf. We also cut porcelain berry off the trees and pulled garlic mustard.

Mr. And Mrs. mallard were on hand to supervise our work, and there were also killifish to see and tree frogs to hear. It was a gorgeous day and there were plenty of spring wildflowers in evidence. We enjoyed spring beauties, golden ragwort, pinxter bloom azaleas, and star chickweed.

If you missed the fun, don't worry. We will have another cleanup in the Fall. Of course, you don't have to wait until then. In addition to picking up easy-to-reach trash as you walk or exercise your dog, there are always invasives to cut or pull. You don't have to tackle the whole park, just pick a convenient tree and make it your mission to save that one tree from porcelain berry, Japanese honeysuckle, and English ivy.

Don't know garlic mustard from Grey Poupon? Don't worry. We will be having a

special weed-warrior training for our community. I will also be preparing some "how-to" sheets you can take into the field as well as posting weed warrior alerts to the list serve and our new web page (www.nfccaboard.org). In the meantime, if you have a yen for yanking out invasives, email me at cbarth@mindspring.com and I'll get you started. ■

President's Message

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and sustainable development. A typical Heifer project consists of three essential components:

- Livestock and other material goods;
- Training and extension work; and
- Passing on the gift (people share the offspring of their animals, along with their knowledge, resources, and skills).

For example, It might start with the gift of a milk cow and training in how to care for the cow and how to market milk. The family that receives the cow benefits immediately with an improved diet, then they benefit economically by selling milk. Once the cow has a calf, the family gives that calf to another needy family and the impact spreads.

To learn more about Heifer, to make your own contribution to honor Jerry, and to help another community begin a better life, go to www.heifer.org.

—Carole A. Barth

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do? I asked the NFCCA Board if they would consider making the *Northwood News* a bilingual publication (i.e., in English and Spanish) so that more members of the community could be reached and kept apprised of local news. There also are other things that could be done to make the NFCCA more inclusive, such as providing Spanish interpretation at the membership meetings or having translations of the entire newsletter on the association's new website. Any of these initiatives would require volunteer hours and/or additional funds for translation services and to pay for the additional pages in the *News*.

Is this just a pipe dream I'm having, or are there others who might think along the same lines? Would Spanish speakers with limited English read the *Northwood News* and come to the meetings in larger numbers if language were not a barrier?

Of course, there are many other racial/ethnic groups represented in our neighborhood, but I thought this might be a good place to start because of the size of the Latino population.

In hopes of reaching out to Spanish speakers, this article is being published in English and Spanish. Whether you are a Spanish speaker or not, with limited English or not, please get in touch with me if you have any comments or suggestions on the issues I've raised here or any interest in getting involved in related efforts. I'm hoping to get a sense of how much interest there is in the community in undertaking such initiatives. I'll compile any responses to share with the Board. You can reach me by email at caitlin.a.james@gmail.com or by cell phone at 301.412.2633. ■

New NFCCA Website

The NFCCA is finally developing its own website. The URL is www.nfcca.org. Let us know what you think should be on it; send an email to nfcca@verizon.net.

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nuestros vecinos. ¿Me tiene pensando—no sería maravilloso si estos vecinos podrían disfrutar de los beneficios del NFCCA al igual que yo? Pregunté la Junta de NFCCA si ellos considerarían haciendo el *Northwood News* una publicación bilingüe (es decir en inglés y español) para que más miembros de la comunidad puedan ser alcanzados y podrían ser mantenidos informado de noticias locales. Hay otras cosas que se puede hacer para que el NFCCA sea más inclusivo—como proporcionando interpretación española en las reuniones de la asociación o tener a traductores del boletín entero en la nueva página web de la asociación. Cualquiera de estas iniciativas requeriría horas de voluntario y/o fondos adicionales—para servicios de traducción y para pagar por las páginas adicionales en el *Northwood News*.

Es esto solo un sueño imposible que tengo—o esto hay otros que piensen por las mismas líneas? ¿Podieran los hablantes españoles con inglés limitado leer el *Northwood News* y venir a las reuniones en números más grande si el idioma no fuera una barrera?

Por supuesto hay muchos otros grupos racial/etnia representadas en nuestro vecindario—pero pensé que esto quizás sea un lugar bueno para comenzar a causa del tamaño de la población latina.

En esperanzas de llegar a hablantes españoles, este artículo es publicado en inglés y español. Si usted es o no es un hablante de español, o sin o con inglés limitado por favor pongase en contacto conmigo si usted tiene algún comentario e sugerencias en los asuntos o temas yo he levantado aquí o cualquier interés a meterse en esfuerzos relacionados. Espero conseguir un sentido de si/cuánto interés hay en la comunidad a emprender tales iniciativas. Compilaré cualquier respuesta para compartir con la Junta de NFCCA. Usted me puede alcanzar por correo electrónico en caitlin.a.james@gmail.com o por teléfono celular en 301.412.2633.

(Traducción por Elizabeth McKinney) ■

'Saltbox' Style Kinsman Farmhouse, Which Dates From 1780s, May Be Oldest House in Mont. County



JANE KOCH-GALLUP

By *Jacquie Bokow*

Many residents have heard that there's a Civil War-era house in our neighborhood, but may not have known where it's located. Turns out it's at 130 Kinsman View Circle, and it was built around 1780, the time of the War of Independence, not the Civil War.

"I don't know that it's the oldest one" in Montgomery County, admits Vicki Hodziewich, who owns the house known as "Holly View" with her husband Stanley, but she does know it was purchased by Colonel Kinsman in 1886, exactly 100 years before they purchased it.

"Colonel Kinsman served in President [Ulysses S.] Grant's administration, and marched with [Union Army Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh] Sherman to the sea" during the Civil War, said Hodziewich. The house's current form is still as it was when the Colonel bought it, although, obviously, it's been updated inside and renova-

tions have been made over the years. The house has "New England Saltbox" style architecture, with three stories in front and two in the back, with a long, sloping back roof (see below), which stands out in a neighborhood of colonials.

Kinsman purchased the farm from James F. Meline, who was then the Comptroller of the Treasury. It originally was a working farm, and the house "used to be



JANE KOCH-GALLUP

surrounded by farmland and trees," said Hodziewich. Now it sits on 3/4 of an acre.

"It is interesting that it's a house that has stood here for so many centuries," she said. "It is odd because it's so old, versus rest of neighborhood." But what has proved interesting is that so many people have stopped to inquire about the house.

"We've met a lot of people because of it," said Hodziewich. At Thanksgiving, the family noticed "a group of people with cameras and carrying glasses in their hands" outside; neighbors had relatives visiting and had told them about the house, so, still carrying their drinks, they all trooped up the street to see it.

"The great grandson of Colonel Kinsman, now [living] in California, dropped by and asked if he could see the house," too, she said.

And, in case you were wondering, "It's not haunted," added Hodziewich, "but that's a question people ask." ■



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Recent Crime Spurs Interest in Starting a Neighborhood Watch

By Laura Hussey

The NFCCA is interested in finding out how many neighborhood residents would be interested in organizing a Neighborhood Watch. If there is sufficient interest, an organizational meeting may be held this summer. Read on for more details, and plan to attend the June NFCCA meeting to hear about crime trends and crime prevention tips.

If you participate in the NFCCA listserv (send an email to nfcca-subscribe@yahoo.com to subscribe), you know that recently there have been several burglaries and other property crimes in our neighborhood. Some residents posted messages to the listserv wondering whether now would be a good time to consider organizing a Neighborhood Watch.

According to David Baker, Crime Prevention Specialist for Montgomery County Police Department, this is a good time to be proactive about preventing crime. Baker says the increase in crime not limited to our neighborhood or even to Silver Spring; instead, he says, "There are local, regional, and national demographic and economic cycles occurring right now [that] probably will continue for three to five more years that will cause crime rates to increase somewhat."

The issue of crime is not a new issue, but concerns that crime seems to be trending upward were discussed at a recent NFCCA Board of Directors meeting. Some NFCCA Board members recalled previous efforts to organize a Neighborhood Watch in the Northwood-Four Corners neighborhood. According to NFCCA president Carole Barth, those efforts were unsuccessful for several reasons. First, there was previously a threshold of 60 percent of households that needed to sign on to the effort before Montgomery County Police department would support the formal organization of a Neighborhood Watch. MCPD has relaxed this requirement somewhat and is willing to work with NFCCA and the neighborhood to explore how we might participate more actively in crime prevention in our own neighborhood.

A second reason that previous efforts stalled was that no one in the neighborhood was willing to serve as the lead organizer. At this time, there is a volunteer willing to serve in the capacity as lead organizer, but a successful effort will require participation from others in the neighborhood. If you have an interest in exploring how a Neighborhood Watch might be organized in our neighborhood, please contact a member of the NFCCA Board (see page 3). ■

Where's Our Northwood Sign

By Mark Weingart

Residents may have noticed the disappearance of the "Northwood Four Corners" sign at the intersection of Timberwood Avenue and Sutherland Road.

Through the efforts of several members of the community, this sign was installed in the spring of 2001. The County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) paid for one-half of the cost and the NFCCA received an additional grant to plant shrubs and trees in the area. The NFCCA also received a permit for the sign from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS).

Along with the streetscape that DHCA installed in 2000, the sign served as a gateway to the neighborhood and delineated it from the businesses that operate in Four Corners.

Unfortunately, in February 2008, a resident sawed through the steel legs that support the sign. Presently, neighborhood residents are working to repair and reinstall it. ■

Baby Network

Parents of preschoolers are invited to join the Northwood-Four Corners Baby Network. "It really is a wonderful way for moms and children to meet each other," says Alexandra Travers. Contact her at alexandra_travers@hotmail.com or 301.593.1798. ■



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1106 Caddington	\$424,900	4	1.5	Detached	Split Level	74
10608 Cavalier	\$410,000	4	1.5	Detached	Rambler	27
1016 Chiswell	\$479,000	7	3.5	Detached	Colonial	80
10620 Eastwood	\$417,818	4	2	Detached	Cape Cod	53
10427 Edgewood	\$439,900	4	2.5	Detached	Cape Cod	19
10609 Edgewood	\$400,000	5	2	Detached	Rambler	97
405 Kerwin	\$425,000	3	2	Detached	Rambler	75
413 Kerwin	\$399,999	4	2	Detached	Cape Cod	59
423 Kerwin	\$325,000	4	2	Detached	Rambler	156
36 Kinsman View	\$375,000	3	2.5	TH	Colonial	26
133 Kinsman View	\$324,900	3	3.5	TH	Colonial	62
304 Ladson	\$364,900	4	3	Detached	Rambler	5
305 Ladson	\$449,000	3	1	Detached	Cape Cod	226
10703 Lombardy	\$349,000	3	1.5	Detached	Rambler	133
10915 Lombardy	\$369,000	5	2	Detached	Rambler	6
907 Loxford	\$384,900	3	3	Detached	Split Level	48
1017 Loxford	\$424,000	3	2.5	Detached	Split Foyer	117
817 Malta	\$389,900	4	2.5	Detached	Split Level	70
1006 Playford	\$474,900	4	2.5	Detached	Split Level	63
110 Southwood	\$399,890	3	1.5	Detached	Colonial	18
517 University	\$459,000	6	3	Detached	Cape Cod	28
112 Woodridge	\$474,900	3	2.5	Detached	Cape Cod	40

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Address	List Price	BR	Baths	Type	Style	DOM
1304 Caddington	\$409,000	4	2.5	Detached	Split Level	24
10625 Eastwood	\$349,900	4	1	Detached	Cape Cod	56
10906 Hannes	\$375,000	4	3	Detached	Split Foyer	33
10705 Lombardy	\$359,900	3	1.5	Detached	Rambler	136
11201 Lombardy	\$365,000	3	2	Detached	Rambler	288
924 Malta	\$419,000	5	2.5	Detached	Split Level	30

SOLD LISTINGS

Address	List Price	Sold Price*	BR	Baths	Type	Style	DOM
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1117 Caddington	\$379,900	\$364,656	4	1.5	Det.	Split Level	19
1005 Chiswell	\$349,900	\$310,000	3	2.5	Det.	Split Level	99
407 Hannes	\$400,000	\$388,600	4	2.5	Det.	Split Level	14
905 Malta	\$355,000	\$355,000	3	2.5	Det.	Rambler	11
405 Royalton	\$359,000	\$338,000	3	2	Det.	Rambler	206
501 Royalton	\$399,900	\$394,200	3	2	Det.	Rambler	92
216 Thistle	\$399,875	\$385,000	4	2	Det.	Split Level	98
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North Four Corners Park: The Saga Continues

By Carole Barth

Parks Department crews have begun clearing away the mess they made of the meadow in February. This requires vigilance on our part, even though MNCPPC is faithfully consulting NFCCA before they take any action. Had I not been onsite when the work was going on, tree roots would have been damaged (again) during the cleanup. There is still debris to be cleared in the lower meadow and, now that the vegetation has leafed out, it is time to implement the invasives removal plan.

This is important both for safety concerns (simply removing the invasive vines can change the level of visibility from 80 percent obscured to only 10 percent obscured) and for the health of the remaining trees. This would involve the combination of a properly supervised professional machete crew as well as volunteer follow-up. In the meantime, as I noted in the creek cleanup article, any volunteers who want to get started right away, just send me an email.

We hired an independent arborist to inspect the damage to the walnut tree as well as looking at a tulip poplar the MNCPPC arborist wants to take down. She determined that the poplar should come down. She also found that the walnut meets the County standard for a specimen tree and, in fact, that it ranks not far below the official County champion walnut. She observed not only

that heavy equipment had been used on damp soil within the dripline, but that in a few places the equipment's blade had cut the tree's bark and surface roots.

She noted that MNCPPC has strict tree protection standards that are designed to protect trees from damage during construction activities. Specifically, a critical root zone (CRZ) area is calculated for each tree, and within that zone, no equipment is to be used. For the black walnut, the CRZ is a radius of 67.5', with the trunk of the tree being the center of the circle. In other words, if this were a construction site, by MNCPPC's own rules, no equipment of any kind would have been used within the 67.5' circle. It's ironic that trees on a construction site receive more protection from developers than park trees have from maintenance crews. We will now be following up with the park manager to implement our arborist's suggested remediation actions.

Finally, you may remember that, during the winter, we had decided to schedule the first Rachel Carson Meadow Festival for Sunday May 4th. Unfortunately, with the damage to the park and the unexpected battle before the Council during late winter/spring, the festival planning got tabled. Therefore, we have postponed the festival until next Spring. If any of you are interested in

helping with the festival, please let me know.

Of course, we will also continue preparing for the next park budget cycle in two years. As part of that, I will be chairing a new Civic Federation Parks committee. This committee will be collecting information from around the County to document the true state of our parks and the Parks Department. So stay tuned. ■

Next Meeting on 11th of June

The next meeting of the Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, 11 June 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Four Corners Rec Center. The Rec Center is located at the end of Southwood Road, just off Edgewood Drive.

At the meeting, we will take a few minutes to remember Jerry Lane. State Delegate Roger Manno will attend to hear about our issues and to give us a report of the 2008 legislative session in Annapolis. Lt. Burnett (Montgomery County Police) will discuss crime, and we will also have a crime prevention presentation.

All residents of the Northwood-Four Corners-Forest Knolls area are invited to attend and express their views. Please note that only paid members of the NFCCA are eligible to vote. (Annual dues are \$10 per household and may be paid at the meeting.)■

*The Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association
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National Neighborhood Night Out

Tuesday, August 5, 2008

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Potluck Dinner! To have variety of dishes, families with last names starting with the letters A to J should bring a main dish to share, letters K to R bring a side dish, and letters S to Z bring a dessert.

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By Linda Perlman

The Carriage Rambler house pictured above was built on Chiswell Lane in 1961 and its sales price was approximately \$23,790. It includes the "biggest full basement you ever saw," according to the brochure.

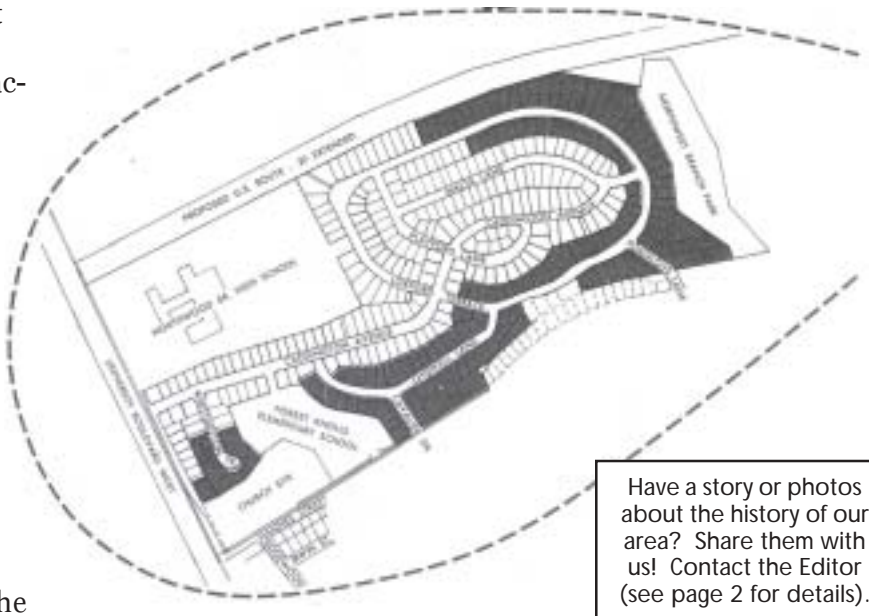
The shaded areas of the map at right (also from the brochure) show the location of the Carriage Park West development built by Rose Construction Company, Inc., Oscar Margulies, President.

Note the "Proposed U.S. Route 29 Extended" just north of Northwood High School. This never-built road was probably the

inter-county connector of its day. In any case, it explains why the front of Northwood High School faces a wooded area to-

wards Kemp Mill, rather than University Boulevard.

[Thanks to Liane Lunden for loan of the brochure.] ■



Have a story or photos about the history of our area? Share them with us! Contact the Editor (see page 2 for details).

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10620 Eastwood Ave	\$417,818	Cape Cod	4	2	0
10427 Edgewood Ave	\$439,900	Cape Cod	4	2	1
10609 Edgewood Ave	\$400,000	Rambler	5	2	0
1106 Caddington Ave	\$424,900	Split Level	4	1	1
10608 Cavalier Dr	\$410,000	Rambler	4	1	1
821 Caddington Ave	\$390,000	Split Foyer	5	3	0
1016 Chiswell Lane	\$479,000	Colonial	7	3	1
423 Kerwin Rd	\$325,000	Rambler	4	2	0
405 Kerwin Rd	\$425,000	Rambler	3	2	0
413 Kerwin Rd	\$399,999	Cape Cod	4	2	0
36 Kinsman View Cir	\$375,000	Townhouse	3	2	1
133 Kinsman View Cir	\$324,900	Townhouse	3	3	1
305 Ladson Rd	\$449,000	Cape Cod	3	1	0
304 Ladson Rd	\$364,900	Rambler	4	3	0
10703 Lombardy Rd	\$349,000	Raised Rambler	3	1	1
10915 Lombardy Rd	\$369,000	Rambler	5	2	0
1017 Loxford Ter	\$424,000	Contemporary	3	2	1
907 Loxford Ter	\$384,900	Split Level	3	3	0
817 Malta Lane	\$389,900	Split Level	4	2	1
1006 Playford Ln	\$474,900	Split Level	4	2	1
110 Southwood Ave	\$399,890	Colonial	3	1	1
517 University Blvd W	\$459,000	Cape Cod	6	3	0
112 Woodridge Ave	\$474,900	Cape Cod	3	2	1

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Consider Joining Your Neighbors in the 'Northwood Solar Collective' for Group Purchases of Solar Energy

By Jim Zepp

The Northwood Solar Collective (NSC) is a group of residents living in the Northwood-Four Corners area who are interested in making a group purchase of solar-powered energy systems for their homes. By drawing on the expertise and resources of its members, this group of homeowners can make more informed decisions regarding appropriate solar technologies, vendors, and financing options.

With the rising costs of electricity and natural gas and increased grant amounts and tax incentives having been recently passed by the

State of Maryland, now would be a good opportunity for increasing your energy self-sufficiency and home's value. Furthermore, similar organizations around the country have been able to negotiate savings of 20 to 30 percent in the purchase and installation costs for their solar systems.

To make an initial assessment of your home, go outside around noon on a sunny day and look at your roof. If your roof is completely shaded, solar won't work for you. If, however, the sun is shining directly on a good portion of your roof, your home could be a good candi-

date for solar power.

An NSC organizational meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at the North Four Corners Park Rec Center, 211 Southwood Avenue (at the end of Southwood where it intersects with Edgewood Avenues). To defray meeting room rental, printing, and other costs, an initial contribution of \$20 per household is requested.

Further details are printed on the flyer on the back page (page 20) of this newsletter.

If you are interested in participating, contact Jim Zepp at 301.593.7863 or jzepp@mindspring.com. ■

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MoCo Recycles Cellphones, Even Your Old Clothes

By *Jacquie Bokow*

In its efforts to keep even more trash out of our burgeoning landfills, Montgomery County accepts many items which it then recycles, if possible. Now the County accepts old clothes and textiles for recycling and reuse.

Of course, if your clothes are still wearable, you can donate them to charities like Purple Heart, Multiple Sclerosis, or Value Village, which will not only pick the items up at your home but also give you a receipt you can use for a deduction on your income taxes.

You also can try to “Freecycle” them, offering them through the Silver Spring Freecycle List Serve (go to www.freecycle.org for more information). You send an email to the group describing the clothing you’re gifting (including size and if there are any stains, etc.); if someone is interested, they’ll arrange to pick the items up at your home.

[Please note: Children’s clothing in good condition can be sold at the biannual consignment sale run by Four Corners Community Nursery at Marvin Memorial Methodist Church in Four Corners.]

But, if the clothing is beyond repair (i.e., in “less than donatable” condition), you can take the items to the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Road (enter from Route 355), in Derwood, Maryland (tel: 301.840.2370). Its hours of operation

are:

■ **Monday–Friday:** 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

■ **Saturday:** 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

■ **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

What Will They Take?

Accepted items include:

- Clothes,
- Shoes (please keep pairs together),
- Sheets,
- Drapes,
- Towels,
- Belts,
- Handbags, and
- Pieces of cloth and material larger than 15" x 15".

They do not accept:

- pillows or
- stuffed animals.

To prepare your items, clean and dry all cloth textiles, put shoes in pairs, and place the materials into a plastic bag. (Plastic bags keep out moisture that could cause mildew. Items with mildew cannot be reused or recycled, and will have to be thrown away.)

They Take Cell Phones, Too

Cell phone no longer working? Maybe it still is, but you want to get rid of it? Don’t throw it out! Either way, someone can make good use of it.

MoCo *won’t* pick up your old cell phone at curbside, but you can take it to the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station. Bring it to their Hazardous Waste Receiving Area or the Administrative Office.

You also can *mail* in your

phone. You recycle your old phone by simply packing it up, printing out a postage-paid label, and dropping it into the mail. The Wireless Alliance offers free postage-paid labels for you to print and use (visit www.thewirelessalliance.com or call 866.366.5791).

For Working Cell Phones

You also can donate your working phone for emergency use. Mobile phones are equipped with a chip that allow calls to 911 or #77 (on state highways) even when they have no service connected to them. Thus, the phones continue to be useful even after you have disconnected your service.

Please donate your phone along with its battery and charging device, to:

■ MoCo Department of Health and Human Services, Victim Services/Abused Person’s Program (drop off in Rockville, call 240.777.4210 for directions).

■ MoCo Police Department Senior Cell Phone Program (to donate or receive a cell phone, call 301.840.2788).

■ MoCo Sheriff’s Office (bring the phone to Room T-8 at the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, or call 240.777.7000 [which is staffed 24 hours a day]).

Another local donation opportunity is the National Zoo ECO-Cell program.

For more information, go to the Montgomery County website www.montgomerycountymd.gov/solidwaste. ■

'Googling Around' Yields a Bit of Local History

By Arthur Perlman

I was googling around recently and came across a site about WQMR (WGAY) which once had a radio transmitter on Arcola Avenue where Kemp Mill Shopping Center is now (the park/pond area actually).

I remember exploring the transmitter with my friends after it was abandoned, but before Kemp Mill Shopping Center was built, around 1968. It was quite an adventure and I've always had it in my mind that it had been torn down for the shopping center, but I wasn't sure.

There is a 1948 map of the area posted at the site (below, right). There's no Northwood, no Forest Knolls (through a few small roads and houses are marked). University Boulevard was Old Bladensburg Road; I think Inwood Avenue is on the map, too (by Glen Haven).

One thing that caught my eye was the "Gilbert Mica Mine" in Kemp Mill, which I had never heard of. I googled it and found this:

- Known as the Kensington or Gilmore Mica Mine
- Located in Wheaton, Maryland (a suburb of Washington, D.C.)
- Years of operation: 1882 to approximately 1914
- University of Maryland Geology Department

"Remains of the Kensington Mica Mine can be found in what is now the 'Springbrook Forest' subdivision (Wheaton, Maryland) and the adjoining

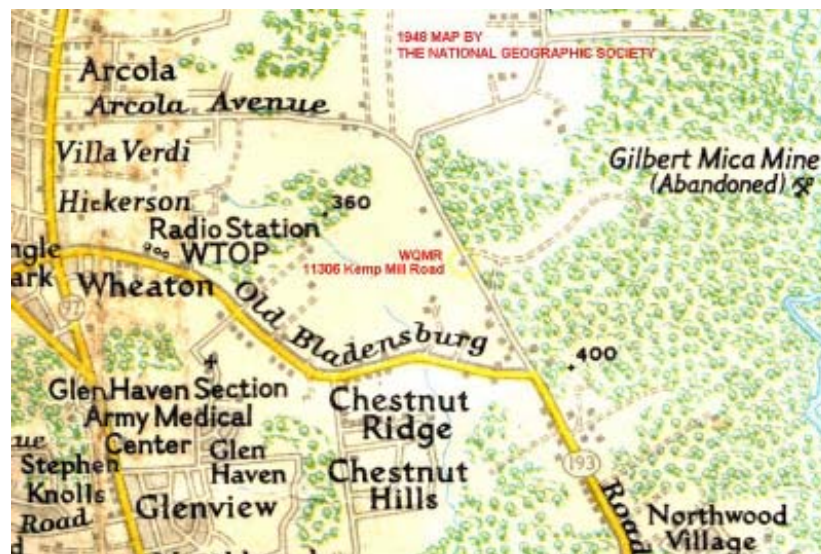


The WQMR radio transmitter on Arcola Avenue in Kemp Mill.

'Northwest Branch Park.' Little remains of the workings, which consisted of two shafts, a number of dumps, and a large cut through the pegmatite. The trenches used to float the mica in the separating process are still extant and a very small portion of the dump piles remain, extending down into the park on the west side of Northwest Branch. An old shack, associated with the mine, still exists in the park as well. Some

of the driveway borders for homes along Stonington and Remington Drive are decorated with pegmatite material left from the mining operation"

[Arthur Perlman is a former resident of Forest Knolls (Forest Knolls Elementary School class of 1969, Sligo Junior High class of 1972, and Northwood High School class of 1976) and brother to NFCCA Treasurer Linda Perlman.] ■





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105 BELTON RD	NORTHWOOD PARK	\$415,000	\$449,900	\$0	3	3	0	6,900	47
501 ROYALTON RD	NORTHWOOD KNOLLS	\$395,000	\$399,900	\$800	3	2	0	7,493	92
407 HANNES ST	FOREST KNOLLS	\$390,000	\$400,000	\$1,400	4	2	1	6,157	14
216 THISTLE CT	NORTHWOOD PK VIEW	\$390,000	\$399,875	\$5,000	4	2	0	14,844	253
1117 CADDINGTON AVE	FOREST KNOLLS	\$375,000	\$379,900	\$10,344	4	1	1	9,523	19
905 MALTA LN	FOREST KNOLLS	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$0	3	2	1	7,200	129
405 ROYALTON RD	NORTHWOOD KNOLLS	\$340,000	\$359,000	\$2,000	3	2	0	6,562	206
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Brief Description of Proposed Work Plan and Organization

To make this project more manageable, the tasks will be assigned to three committees—technical, financial, and legal. Participants can be involved with those aspects of the effort for which they can contribute expertise or are most interested in working on. Each committee will explore various alternatives for the NSC, develop recommendations for their respective topics, and elect a lead person that will be the primary contact and representative for the committee's area of responsibility. Depending on interest, visits to sites or presentations by speakers could be scheduled for a committee or the whole group. To facilitate this work, members could elect a coordinator, treasurer, recording secretary, or other officers for the group as deemed appropriate.

Technical Committee—Will identify what information each homeowner will need to provide for specifying requirements for solar-power systems. Based on the homeowners' information, the Committee will consider various technology options and vendors, recommend appropriate choices, and estimate costs for Financial Committee to consider.

Financial Committee—Will review available grants, tax incentives, and financing information for alternative energy systems and recommend a strategy for the group purchase. Maryland has recently increased its grants and tax incentives for solar purchases.

Legal Committee—Will explore legal options for group purchase, review contracts for the NSC, and make recommendations for concerns such as vendor performance and liability, participant rights and responsibilities, etc.

Using the three committees' work, a request for proposals will be developed so that vendor bids can be solicited and reviewed. After reaching an agreement with the vendor offering the best bid, the systems would be installed. The target would be to have this entire project done by the end of 2008.

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