



# Waterford Ways

## A Message from the WCA President

Dear Waterford neighbors,

I hope you are doing well so far in 2017! As I head into my 3rd year as president of the Waterford Civic Association (WCA), I want to directly address some matters we face as a volunteer board. After speaking with several neighbors and previous board members over the last year, I've gained a clearer picture about services the WCA has provided to the residents of Waterford in years past.

In this newsletter, I would like to discuss those services, clarify our objectives, and also clear up misunderstandings that I've encountered. Here are the matters I would like to address:

- **"The Waterford board was dissolved."**— False! The Waterford Civic Association is indeed a functioning, legal entity. I am serving as the president, and Matt Shaia is serving as the treasurer. We are currently looking for two more volunteers to serve as Vice President and Secretary. Please contact Eric at (804) 922-3188 if you will volunteer to serve with us!
- **"I won't pay dues because I don't want to support social events."**— This has been expressed to me several times. In the past 2 years, we've made a strong effort to conserve the limited funds we've collected, and we have spent *less than \$50 total* on social events from 2015-17. Most of our funds are spent on costs related to the front entrance. However, we also feel that one objective of the WCA *should be* to use a portion of our dues to create opportunities for neighbors—both new and old—to get together and celebrate our community. So by carefully managing our funds this year, we plan to spend about 10% of the dues we collect on social events in 2017/18. For those who feel strongly about refusing to support social events: simply reduce your annual dues by 10% to \$54 for the 2017/2018 year. That way, front entrance costs will be adequately shared, but you will not be paying for social events.
- **"Speaking of the front entrance, weeds keep taking over the beds. What's the plan?"**— Significant progress has been made in recent weeks at the entrance area thanks to a new committee led by Susan Kane. They have done an outstanding job! Thus far, the weeds have been pulled and new flowers have been planted. Mulch will also be put down in the front bed, and the two beds on either side of the WWE intersection will be turned to grass. *We are asking for volunteers on 10/7 at 9am to help with this effort.* Replacing the crape myrtle and hydrangea that were ruined during a recent car accident at the front is costly (we're attempting to recover damage costs from the driver), and new ones may be planted in the spring if we have the funds. (Unforeseen events are one reason why dues are so important!)
- **"The community used to have more events. Why don't we have them any more?"**— There are a few specific duties/objectives that the WCA has traditionally met. They are: collect/deposit annual dues, pay WCA expenses, communicate with the neighborhood, serve as a point of contact for neighborhood matters, arrange front entrance maintenance, plan/execute a spring & fall social event, and plan a spring yard sale. That's a lot for just a few people! If more events are desired again, then we simply need more volunteers to lead and implement them. I am always available and would love to discuss your ideas!

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## Welcome New Neighbors!

**If you've recently moved into Waterford, welcome to the neighborhood!**

Waterford (est. in 1985) is an active community with great schools, a great location, and—most of all—great people. We know you'll love it here; you've chosen a terrific place to live!



## Annual WCA Dues: \$60 per household

WCA annual dues will be \$60 per household for the 2017/2018 year.

For the 2016/2017 fiscal year, approximately \$4,700 was collected from 78 of 205 Waterford households, which is a 38% contribution rate for the third year in a row.

The reason for such a consistently low contribution rate remains unclear, but we will continue to stress the importance of paying dues. Here are the reasons why:

1. **Savings:** Savings allows us to plan for capital improvements such as a new irrigation system at the entrance. It can also help pay for unexpected events, such as fallen trees or accidental damage.
2. **Maintenance:** A nice front entrance enhances the look of Waterford and adds value to our homes.
3. **Social Events:** They encourage a sense of community and give us the opportunity to interact with neighbors throughout Waterford.

We also recognize that some families may choose to donate time in lieu of dues, and that is also greatly appreciated. For those who have donated other resources this past year, we thank you for your help!

**Please submit 2017/18 annual dues by 10/15/17. There are 3 convenient options for payment:**

### Option 1:

Write a check to Waterford Civic Association & mail or deliver to:

Matt Shaia, Treasurer, **12105 Sable Court**, or  
Eric Bingman, President, **2827 Aspinwald Drive**



### Option 2:

Visit [www.WaterfordRVA.com](http://www.WaterfordRVA.com) to make an on-line payment via PayPal



### Option 3:

We will have a table set up at the Fall Social on 10/14/17 and will accept dues on-site.

**For a complete breakdown of costs, visit [www.WaterfordRVA.com/annual-dues](http://www.WaterfordRVA.com/annual-dues)**

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- **“I don’t get communications from the WCA board.”**— Our goal is to communicate with as many neighbors as possible with the resources that are available to us. Here are some options for receiving neighborhood news & info:
  -  **Facebook:** Waterford has a very active Facebook page with over 220 members. This is a great resource for communication! The page is closed to the public, so to join, search for “Waterford Civic Association” in Facebook, and send a request to join. Someone will approve you very quickly.
  -  **Email:** We have a master email list, but it has not been updated in a long time. If you prefer not to join Facebook but still want news about upcoming events and other neighborhood matters, please send your email address to [bingmaes@yahoo.com](mailto:bingmaes@yahoo.com), and I will add you!
  -  **Newsletter:** Due to the cost, we have only been delivering one newsletter per year, however it’s been expressed that an additional newsletter in the spring would be helpful, especially for new residents. So, I have decided to arrange paid ad space for neighbor-owned businesses to help cover the cost of printing, which will make it possible to print two newsletters per year. For 2017/18, we’ll have both a Fall and a Spring newsletter.
- **“I want to contact/coordinate efforts/volunteer for the WCA, but I don’t know who to contact.”**— Contact me at (804) 922-3188 or [bingmaes@yahoo.com](mailto:bingmaes@yahoo.com). I’m also on Facebook regularly, and I live at 2827 Aspinwald Drive in case you’d like to stop by!

I hope you find this list to be helpful and informative as we head into the 2017/2018 fiscal year. Please reach out to me with any questions or constructive feedback.

—Eric Bingman, WCA President

**Neighborhood Safety Notice**

**Speeding:** Please observe the posted speed limit of **25 mph**. We have received some complaints about speeders, especially at the Sunrise/Waterford Way East intersection. Many children-at-play, walkers, runners and bikers rely on each of us to use extra caution while driving through the neighborhood. Let’s keep Waterford active and safe!



**Theft & Vandalism:** Waterford and surrounding communities tend to be a target for these crimes. Remember to lock your cars, sheds and outbuildings at night. While actual break-ins do occur, it’s more common for thieves to enter unlocked cars and sheds. Vandalism has recently become a more frequent issue, as well. Please keep an eye out for the property of others and report any suspicious activity.

**Important Note:** If you see vandalism or a burglary that has already occurred (i.e. the next morning) contact Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000 to report it, but if you witness a crime in progress, **call 911!**

**Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar!**

**10/7/17:** Volunteers are needed to help spread mulch in the front entrance bed from 9–11am or until the project is complete. Wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, etc. will be needed, as well.



**10/14/17:** Fall Social Event on Sable Court from 5pm–8pm (Rain Date TBD)

**4/21/18:** Spring Social Event on Stokesley Court from 5pm–8pm (Rain Date 4/28/18)

**4/28/18:** Waterford Community Yard Sale from 8am–12pm (Rain Date 5/5/18)

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