



# Waterford Ways

## A Message from the WCA President

Dear Waterford neighbors,

I hope everyone is having a great year so far in 2018! In this newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity to share some information about the board's efforts over the past year as well as upcoming needs/changes.

### Recognition:

**Front Entrance**—I want to recognize Susan Kane, Beth Hoilman and Pam Wilson for their ongoing efforts to maintain our front entrance. They have done a *phenomenal* job as the Front Entrance Committee and have put in many hours keeping the flower beds weeded, planting seasonal flowers, spreading mulch, and even cleaning the Waterford sign. On behalf of the community, I want to say THANK YOU to these ladies for all of their hard work!

**Fall Festival**—Our fall event will be held this **Saturday, 10/27 from 4:30-7:30pm** at the cul-de-sac on Waterford Way Place. Trust me, *you don't want to miss this one!* A group of neighbors led by Sarah Crawford has planned this year's event. There will be a chili cook-off with a prize for the best chili, face-painting and games for the kids, and a DJ providing musical entertainment! You can sign up to bring a crockpot of chili, a side dish to share, and/or a dessert on our SignUp Genius link, which can be found at <http://waterfordrva.com/join-us-for-a-fall-social-event>. Or, email me at [bingmaes@gmail.com](mailto:bingmaes@gmail.com), and I'll send you the link. We can't wait to see everyone there!

### Upcoming Changes:

**Treasurer Volunteer Needed**—As of March 2019, Matt Shaia will no longer be able to serve as our WCA treasurer. For that reason, we have a need for a volunteer to fill the position. The sooner we have a volunteer, the more time he will have to turn over, answer questions, and assure a smooth transition.

**Planning Ahead**—As this will be my 4th year as WCA president and my 5th year managing communications, I plan to step down as president next August. I am prepared to continue managing communications (website, newsletters, community emails, etc.), and I am happy to provide continuity to incoming board members.

To discuss either of these positions, please contact me at (804) 922-3188 or [bingmaes@gmail.com](mailto:bingmaes@gmail.com).

—Eric Bingman, WCA President

## Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendar!



**10/27/18:** Fall Social Event on Waterford Way Place from 4:30–7:30pm (Rain Date 11/3/18)

**4/27/19:** Spring Social Event tentatively scheduled, details TBD

**5/4/19:** Waterford Community Yard Sale from 8am–12pm (May be rescheduled to coincide with Glen Gary's yard sale)

## Get Connected!



**Facebook:** We have a very active Facebook page with almost 250 members. This is a great resource for communication! To join, search for "Waterford Civic Association" on Facebook, and submit a request to join. Admin approval for your request usually follows quickly.



**Email:** If you're not on Facebook but still want news about upcoming events and other neighborhood matters, join our email list! Just go to [waterfordrva.com/join-us](http://waterfordrva.com/join-us) and subscribe.

## Annual WCA Dues: \$60 per household

WCA annual dues will be \$60 per household for the 2018/2019 year.

For the 2017/2018 fiscal year, approximately \$4,200 was collected from just 70 of 205 Waterford households, which is a really low 34% contribution rate. Here are the reasons why dues remain important:

- 1. Savings:** Savings allows us to plan for capital improvements such as a new irrigation system at the entrance. It also helps 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.

And as always, we recognize that some residents choose to donate volunteer 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 2018/19 annual dues by 11/2/18. There are 3 convenient options for payment:**

### Option 1:

Write a check to Waterford Civic Association and 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 event on 10/27/18 and will accept dues on-site.

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

## A Message from the Front Entrance Committee

Thanks to the time and efforts of Pam Wilson, Beth Hoilman, and Susan Kane this year, the flower bed on Church Road has been extremely well maintained. If you see them, please extend a “thank you” as they have been responsible for keeping the bed weed-free and looking so good. As those of you who have helped with this before, you know that this is no small feat!

We do have a lawn service that mows every two weeks or so during the growing season. They have also trimmed the hedge along the front bed. They will collect the leaves after the majority of them have fallen in early December. The two beds at the intersection of Waterford Way East and West have been converted from mulch to grass. Over the last 8+ years, there have been numerous attempts to beautify these beds by planting drought-tolerant flowers, but they’ve never done well and the weeds usually take over. The front entrance committee of three volunteers, (Pam, Beth & myself), along with the Board (President & Treasurer), felt this was the best option and so far, it seems to be.

Recently, we planted pansies in the front bed and put more mulch down again. We lost an Azalea on one side of the bed, so to be symmetrical in design, we intend to purchase a replacement. Your annual dues, while voluntary, are used to cover these expenses. We also purchased a “reminder” sign for dog walkers to pick up after their pets, and two reflectors to help see where the road splits at night.

Fortunately, it seems as though the Crepe Myrtle, Oakleaf Hydrangea and the Drift Roses are making a gradual comeback after they were severely damaged by the car that plowed through the bed and went into the stream a year ago.

There is always something that needs to be done at the entrance, mainly because it’s such a large common area. So, if you’re on a walk and happen to see trash or some branches, please feel free to pick them up and dispose of them!

We welcome new committee volunteers, plus any and all help, whether it be in the form of paying your dues, helping to lay mulch, picking up trash, communicating a concern or need, or sharing ideas of how we can improve. Please reach out to Susan Kane, who is the liaison between the committee, Board, and residents. email: [susanbkane@gmail.com](mailto:susanbkane@gmail.com) or by text at 703-599-4631.

—*The Front Entrance Committee*

## Neighborhood Notices



**Pet Waste:** Kindly bag your dog’s poop and return home with it. Please do not leave it on the street or in a neighbor’s grass for others to clean up or step in. Good neighbors pick up after their pets!



**Speeding:** Please observe the posted speed limit of **25 mph** and other traffic signs. In the past, neighbors have voiced complaints about speeding and failure to stop at posted signs. 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. Break-ins do occur, and it’s not uncommon for thieves enter unlocked cars and sheds. While it hasn’t been routine, vandalism has occurred in the past, 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!

## 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!

## Frequently Asked Questions

In last year’s newsletter, we shared some FAQ’s, board objectives, and common misunderstandings. We feel that a few of them are worth sharing again, so here are a few matters that were addressed:

- **“The Waterford board was dissolved years ago.”**— The Waterford Civic Association is still an active, legal entity. It does, however, require volunteer efforts to remain functioning. As mentioned on the front page, we are currently looking for more volunteers to serve. 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.”**— In the past 3 years, we’ve made a strong effort to conserve the limited funds we’ve collected, and we spent less than \$50 total on social events from 2015-17. Most of our funds are spent on costs related to the front entrance. But, 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, we have decided to spend about 10% of the dues we collect on social events going forward. For those who feel strongly about not supporting social events: simply reduce your annual dues by 10% to \$54 for the 2018/2019 year. That way, front entrance costs will be adequately shared, but you will not be paying for social events.
- **“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, then we simply need volunteers to lead and implement them. Feel free to reach out, and we would love to discuss your ideas!