



# Waterford Ways

## A Message from the WCA President

Hello Waterford neighbors!

We have been working hard to get organized for a GREAT 2020. As an interim board, we have been busy writing a mission statement, setting goals around that mission, and reviewing what's working and what needs improvement. While we are currently serving as acting officers of the Waterford Civic Association (WCA), an election will be held in January 2020 for WCA members in good standing to participate in an official vote. Our aim is to serve in an official capacity for the upcoming year.

First and foremost, we want to improve communication and be transparent about community finances. See the Treasurer's section below for an overview of our budget and finances. A full budget will be voted on in January. You'll find updates in this newsletter from other officers and committee heads.

I'd encourage you to get involved and volunteer! Do you love to garden? Join the front entrance committee or come out for our Fall clean up. Do you have a keen interest in safety? Volunteer to be our police liaison for a neighborhood watch program. Maybe socializing is more your speed? Join the social committee in planning some amazing neighborhood events!

We've got a great community and are excited to engage more neighbors. Jump right in and join the fun!

—*Kim Wright Sebrell, Acting WCA President*

## WCA Budget & Finance

We are entering the 4th quarter of our fiscal year in decent financial shape, though we have some known expenses right around the corner.

With just under \$3,800 in the bank—and a proposed operating budget of about \$3,500—your WCA membership continues to be crucial. Your annual dues go directly to our community funds, which are primarily focused on the aesthetics and maintenance of our beautiful community.

We are also working hard to reduce our costs. We have successfully avoided some cost due in part to generous donations from our neighbors. However you can support our community is welcome!

Members of record will be asked to vote on the operating budget at our first meeting in January 2020. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [WaterfordRVA@gmail.com](mailto:WaterfordRVA@gmail.com).

—*Jennifer Wiggins, Acting WCA Treasurer*

**For 2019/2020, annual dues are \$60 per household, or \$50 per household for members who wish to opt out of supporting social events.**

**Please submit dues by 11/2/2019. There are 3 convenient options for payment:**

**Option 1:**  
Write a check to **Waterford Civic Association** and mail or deliver to:



Jennifer Wiggins, Treasurer,  
**2901 Sable Road**, or  
Kim Wright Sebrell, President,  
**12102 Waterford Way Place**

**Option 2:**  
Visit [venmo.com](http://venmo.com) to make an on-line payment using the email address [WaterfordRVA@gmail.com](mailto:WaterfordRVA@gmail.com)



**Option 3:**  
We will have a table set up at the Fall Social event on 11/2/2019 and will accept dues on-site!



## Our Mission

**Our mission is to provide a community where everyone feels safe, enjoys spending time together, appreciates the natural beauty of our neighborhood and is proud to call it home.**



## Focus on WCA Membership

Becoming a member of the Waterford Civic Association is as simple as paying your annual dues or donating your time when volunteers are needed for community events.

Our newly formed WCA board is focused on empowering members with a voice and influential vote at neighborhood meetings. A connected and involved community—that is what we are hoping to revive.

“Connected and involved” can be whatever works for you: attending social events, helping on neighborhood clean up days, keeping an eye out for neighborhood safety, or simply being informed via Waterford communications.

We hope to see you soon and are so looking forward to welcoming back old and new members!

—*Katie Schwartz, Acting WCA Vice President*

## Special Thanks

We would like to thank KeithFabry for donating a new “No Trespassing/No Soliciting” sign to replace the old one that had broken at the entrance. For a complete menu of printing and graphics services by KeithFabry, please visit [keithfabry.com](http://keithfabry.com)

## Front Entrance Committee Corner

Our front entrance committee consists of three exceptional women, and their time and effort has been completely voluntary over the last 2 years. Their roles are divided as such: one is our gardening expert and has worked at Strange's in the past. She is very helpful in making recommendations on what can be planted where and when. One dedicates a great deal of time to pulling weeds and keeping the main bed on Church Road looking neat and clean. Susan is our liaison and communicates financial needs to the WCA board, coordinates regular maintenance with the landscaper and the irrigation company, and facilitates community cleanup days.

This is a tremendous amount of work for 3 people, and we would welcome some neighborly help in the form of time and labor, especially in the warmer months. No set schedule or commitment, just show up to pull weeds or tidy up when you can. If you bring a trash bag, you can leave it behind the front entrance bed when it's full, and it will be picked up and hauled away. It's that simple!

This past spring, we hired a very reliable, local lawn care company to mow every 2 weeks, and they are scheduled to clear the leaves at the front entrance in early December. In the coming weeks, we will plant colorful pansies at the front and spread mulch in each of the 4 beds. We will need help spreading mulch and will spread the word when a time/date has been set.

Lastly, we are hoping to have the wooden timbers replaced at the WWE/WWW intersection and the top bed. If you know someone who is willing to take on this project at a relatively low cost, please contact us! If you have questions or ideas that you'd like to share, please reach out to Susan Kane at [susanbkane@gmail.com](mailto:susanbkane@gmail.com).

—*Susan Kane, Front Entrance Committee Director*

## 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.

The WCA board is focused on strengthening our sense of community and pride in homeownership, and we would love for you to be involved. You are welcome to connect with us using the information below, and we look forward to hearing from you!

—*Crystal Lowzinski, Acting WCA Secretary*



## Waterford Fall Social



The Waterford Chili Cook-off will be November 2 at 4:00pm. It will be held in the Waterford Way Place cul-de-sac, which is off Waterford Way West.

There will be a DJ, contests, games, and lots of chili to vote on! This event was such a great success last fall that we have decided to make it an annual event. There will be a SignUp Genius link going out soon, so be on the lookout. We look forward to seeing everyone!

If you have any suggestions or thoughts on neighborhood gatherings, please email me, Sarah Crawford, at [scrawford812@hotmail.com](mailto:scrawford812@hotmail.com). The committee is coming up with lots of great ideas and are looking forward to a fun year!

—*Sarah Crawford, Social Committee Director*