

Wolf's Howl

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“AUTUMN. THE YEAR’S LAST & LOVELIEST SMILE.”

President's Corner: An Appreciation

Tom Manteuffel

The WTWHA is an association I've been proud to be associated with off and on for more than ten years. In that time we have met and steered through many challenges and delivered I believe our best efforts to improve this beautiful neighborhood for all.

But the Board is not the engine, in my view. The best ideas and the most positive steps forward come from you the residents and from volunteers off the Board.

I want to acknowledge here the extraordinary recent efforts of three individuals, volunteers like all of us, who have brought the benefit of their time, ideas and creative energies to the benefit of all of us in the neighborhood.

Laura Mattis recently chaired the committee that planned the Fall Block Party, and the event came off smoothly once again due to the combined efforts of her and her committee and a small army of volunteers.

Similarly **Elizabeth Meni** recently undertook the arduous task of creating the updated WTWHA Neighborhood Directory. As she has in the past, she spent untold hours tracking down and verifying names to insure the directory delivered to your mailbox is entirely accurate.

And finally it's time again to acknowledge the work of **George Dove** in leading the External Affairs committee through our dealings with VDOT on Route 7. That committee has worked hard and brought our elected representatives to bear on our behalf in bringing (we hope) a reluctant VDOT around.

Each of these people voluntarily expended hours of their time in bettering the neighborhood, and we are all the beneficiaries of their work. So thank-you George, Elizabeth and Laura and also to all of the other wonderful volunteers who make our organization work and our neighborhood better!

The Halloween bus stops in Wolf Trap Woods are always great fun!



Thank You Residents of Wolf Trap Woods & Den!

To the neighbor who unblocked Laurel Hill Rd when a tree branch blocked the way.

To the neighbor who trims the trees along Laurel Hill Rd on the sidewalk.

To all the residents who assist their elderly neighbors.

Neighbors! the HOA is continuously doing common area property work: leaf blowing, mowing, trail work removing trash, tree maintenance etc. If you see a home-owner adjacent space that is in need of care please contact us.

Do you know of a neighborly good deed?

Email terprus@gmail.com and we'll include it in a future HOWL.

We had a wonderful community gathering at the Annual Picnic and the Den's Halloween Gathering. See pictures inside.

“LIFE STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN WHEN IT GETS CRISP IN THE FALL”



Halloween Fun in the Den!

Seasonal Deer Hunts to Continue

The Board is again this year establishing and supervising a controlled deer bowhunting effort to manage the deer population. As in years past, the ground rules will be that such deer hunt activities will take place in limited, prescribed daylight hours. The days for hunting common property in WTWHA this year are Tuesday and Thursdays sunrise to 3pm. The McLean Bible Church along with select Den residents have given permission for the hunters to hunt Monday – Thursday on their property only. Hunting will be carried out by trained bowhunters authorized by the WTW Board, and will be humane and ethical. Please note that our trails will remain open to residents during the hunts.

The WTW Board has instituted a notification system that allows neighbors to sign up to receive text messages and/or emails announcing specific days/times that hunters will be hunting on WTWHA property.

Sign up for notifications by following this link: www.remind.com/join/wolftrap, class code: wolftrap

(Note: The Remind service/app is used by schools to communicate with parents, but can also be used for community communication, so don't be fooled by the school bus imagery and classroom lingo when you sign up).



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Wolf Trap's Annual Holiday Sing-a-Long is Saturday, December 7 at 4:00 PM, FREE!



Yes, it's Duke!

We had a wonderful community gathering at the Annual Picnic!



Friendly Reminder about Holiday Decorations

All exterior holiday decorations and lights utilized as season displays must be removed and properly stored in a timely manner following the conclusion of the holiday

Recycling!

There has been some confusion regarding recycling for our neighborhood. GLASS is still being recycled. Please refer to this chart for specific details.

<https://www.republicservices.com/cms/documents/RecyclingGuide1pager.pdf>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes many hands to make a community run like ours. If you have 1 – 2 hours per month to volunteer, our WTWHA is always looking for new faces. Please consider one of the positions below or contact us if you have time available and we will find something for you to do.

PICNIC COMMITTEE:

Seeking 2 residents from The Den

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Our Bylaws need updating, please contact Hope Wittenburg if you want to be involved in this.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

seeking 1-2 residents to join

Can you attend a meeting 1x per month, 2nd Thursday, as a representative of WTWHA and convey info back to the board?

McLean Police District Station Citizens Advisory Committee Program

Please contact a board member if you can volunteer your time and talents.



Giving on Thanksgiving!



Last year
YOU donated
over 382 lbs
of food to
those in need!
THANK YOU!!

Wolf Trap Woods Food Drive SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

Anna, Becca, & Justin of 9005 Streamview Lane are again collecting canned and other non-perishable goods for those less fortunate. This is an annual tradition for the Harney family. We will stop by on Saturday Nov. 23rd starting at 10am to collect any goods you are willing to donate. Feel free to place donations outside your front door or in your driveway and we'll pick them up. Our collections will go to **Food For Others, Inc** in Fairfax, VA on Monday in order to help those less fortunate this Thanksgiving.

Help Our Local
Food Pantries

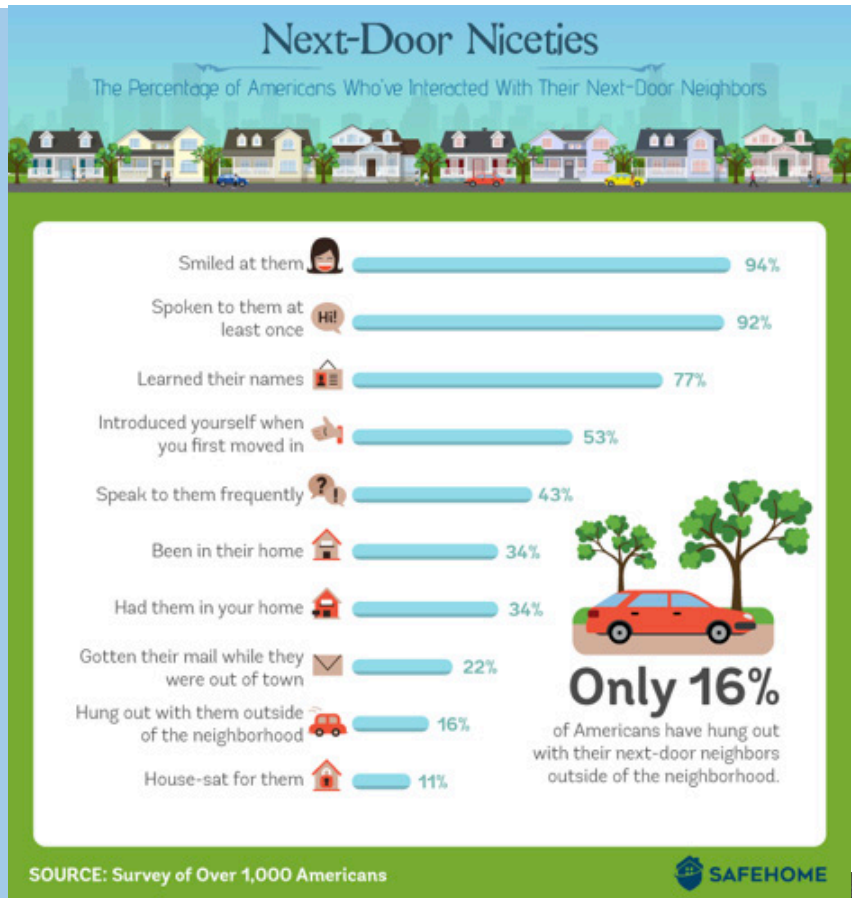


Being Neighborly Can Improve Your Health

Knowing your neighbors doesn't just extend your social circle – it can also have a good effect on your mental and physical health and increase the security of your home. You may even have a friend, partner, confidante, or baby-sitter living next door that you never even knew existed.

So whether the locals in your neighborhood become your friends or simply an extra set of eyes to watch your home while you're away, it's always nice to have another familiar face (or even security cameras) near the place you call home.

Link to the complete article: <https://www.safehome.org/resources/a-nation-of-neighbors/>



Sweet Potato Pie! Ingredients

- 1 (1 pound) sweet potato
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust



Directions

1. Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.
2. Break apart sweet potato in a bowl. Add butter, and mix well with mixer. Stir in sugar, milk, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until mixture is smooth. Pour filling into an unbaked pie crust.
3. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Pie will puff up like a soufflé, and then will sink down as it cools.

Do you have news to share?

Residents are encouraged to submit articles for consideration to Roger Williams or Laurie Heuple for inclusion in the HOWL (see page 4 for email addresses).

Have you checked out YOUR revamped HOA website?

wtwha.com

user name: wtwha1 / password: trapwolf1

Stay in Touch!

We're stepping up our social media game in 2019. We're starting up a closed Facebook group to make it easier for neighbors to connect and to share notifications about neighborhood meetings and social events!

Request to join our group here:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WTWHA>



Hi Guys, It's Duke again. I'd like to see more of my neighborhood buddies in The Howl, so get your humans to send pix to Roger & Laurie!

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