



President's Message

Summer 2009 is almost history and soon it will be time to thing about fall and cooler weather. We had a busy summer in Dunn Loring Woods. We had a successful yard sale in June with the weather cooperating for us. We celebrated the 4th of July in our usual fashion and many residents reported they were able to watch the fireworks in Vienna from their front yard.

This summer we had a visit from some Friar monks, some vandalism, which shows the importance of Neighborhood Watch, and several deer have been roaming around the neighborhood looking for food.

September is the start of our annual membership drive. See articles from Pat Stout and Eleanor McCann on this subject. September also brings us our next Membership Meeting on **September 22** at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting, we will announce the winner of the 2009 Edward P. Day Award. (There is still time to send in your nomination. See article on page 3.) **Officer Stokley from the Crime Prevention unit of the McLean Police Station** will be our guest speaker and he who will discuss crime prevention in view of the recent burglaries and vandalism in our neighborhood this summer.

School begins in a few weeks. In our community we are fortunate to have schools nearby. This means there will be many children walking to school, parents driving them to school and buses picking up children for school. Drive slowly through the neighborhood and watch out for children. They are our future.

Ken Quincy

DLWCA MEMBERSHIP

Can you believe that summer is almost over and it will soon be time to collect the DLWCA membership dues? Eleanor McCann has graciously volunteered to again serve as the head of the Block Captains. The Block Captains will begin to canvass their assigned homes starting September 1, 2009. Dues are still a bargain at \$15.00. Just look at the beautiful islands to see where some of the monies are being spent.

Just a reminder that this is the year for the new 2010-2011 Directory. It is very important that you check all your information that we have listed in the 2008/2009 directory with special emphasis on your phone number, typos in the spelling of your name, etc. Please tell your block captain of any changes that need to be made.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Pat Stout, Membership Chair

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TUESDAY, September 22
Stenwood School
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Guest speaker, award ceremony and refreshments**

Missing Flags on July 4



Over a number of years the DLWCA has traditionally placed flags in front of each house in DLW and decorated the three traffic islands. (See article on page 3). It is an impressive sight going through the neighborhood and seeing all the flags. At the end of the day on July 4, the flags would then be collected by volunteers and saved until the next year. However, last year and this year flags have begun missing. Last year just over 20 were missing and this year a surprising 64 were missing. It is not known who is responsible for this act. The DLWCA is a community association working on a limited budget to serve the DLW community and its residents. An unplanned expenditure such as replacing 64 flags, while not devastating, still adversely affects the association's budget. Further, it is hardly in the spirit of July 4 for the people responsible for the missing flags to just assume the flags are for the taking just because they are there. It is hoped these individuals had the respect to put the flags to proper use and it would be most appreciated if they were returned to any DLWCA board member. This will be one of the items discussed at our next Membership Meeting on September 22.

Classes for Fairfax County Public Schools Begin on Tuesday, September 8.

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Friars Visit DLW

It is not often one sees a group of Franciscan friars walking along the road. However, six friars were doing just that in DLW recently, walking on Bucknell Dr. to Mary and Pete Williams's house. They were on the final part of a pilgrimage that began in Roanoke, VA and would end at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington D.C., just over 300 miles and taking six days. They left with next to nothing for the journey, depending on their own resources and the generosity of others for their needs. Mary Williams and her three children saw the six friars walking along Lee Highway in Fairfax, pulled over in the minivan, took the group to Chik-fil-A to eat and invited them to their home. It was on the following day that the friars trekked up Bucknell Dr. to spend the night and visit with the Williams before continuing on their journey. Mary said that the experience with the friars was most interesting and enlightening for her and her family. A detailed article on the pilgrimage appeared beginning on the front page of the Washington Post on July 29.

VANDALISM AND BURGLARY IN DLW

A home on Bucknell Dr. was burglarized on July 24 sometime between 9 and 10 PM. The residents were not home but discovered the burglary when they returned home. Reportedly the house was locked and was broken into by the burglars with jewelry and other items being stolen. The police were called and a crime report was filed.

Villanova Drive also had vandalism which was reported to the police and to our Neighborhood Watch. A satellite dish was completely knocked down and bent. Burglary and other acts of crime have been very rare in the DLW community over the years, however, they do happen. It pays to be vigilant and look for anyone that is unknown and is acting suspicious in your neighborhood. Neighbors looking after each other's homes, especially during vacations and other absences, can be a burglary and vandalism deterrent. Lights around the house and keeping shrubs next to the house trimmed short are also good measures of prevention. Of course, report anything deemed suspicious to the police. Let's work together to keep DLW safe and uninviting to those with criminal intentions.

Our condolences to Becky Perez and family on the passing of Carlos Perez on July 7th. A good friend and neighbor for over 30 years.



Message from the DLWCA Membership Drive Coordinator

I'm piggy-backing on the article on page 1 in which the Membership Chairperson, Pat Stout, wrote about the 2009-2010 membership drive for the Dunn Loring Woods Civic Association. The past year has flown by and now we will again be preparing to solicit help from resident members to collect the dues from their neighbors on their blocks.

It's the members who volunteer to help with the dues collection by going door to door that enables us to have such a large percentage of returns for the annual collection. Also, for the 2009-2010 collection, it is important, as Pat said, to have the information on the residents accurate for the next issue of the Directory. We expect to be able to deliver it in the early part of 2010. This information applies also to the temporary residents/renters, who may find the use of the Directory for Dunn Loring Woods residents, a big help. If you need to call your neighbors, you can look at the DLW directory to find their number instead of dragging out your huge Verizon white pages. The \$15.00 annual dues, which translate to only \$1.25 per MONTH, give great value to the community. Not only the Directory, but it also covers the expenses for the lovely floral arrangements at the three entrances to the Dunn Loring Woods development. This involves the major expense for grass cutting, since volunteers do the actual tending of the garden beds (and many plantings have been donated by residents). More benefits include the Lantern, our newsletter published several times a year, and a separate website called: dlwca.org. Also factor in that the Civic Association is always ready to listen to comments or complaints. Where possible, they can usually assist in solving a problem.

In a few days, I'll start calling the volunteers from last year who thought they could help again this year. Since life is fickle, perhaps some cannot keep that commitment, which means that I'll be looking for other neighbors to come forward to help us out. Whether the help is for one year, or as a number of volunteers have done, committed for a number of years, every bit of help is very deeply appreciated. It may require an hour, or maybe two of your time, but it is a very big help for the community.

So, please be prepared to welcome your block captain starting in September, and be prepared to pay your dues with cash, or even better, by check.

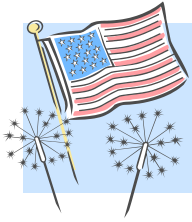
Eleanor McCann, Block Captain Coordinator

Our condolences to the family of Bruno Lapinski who passed away on August 4. He was 89 years old. Bruno and Marion Lapinski were original owners who lived on Bowling Green Drive.

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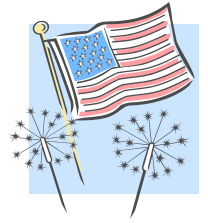
Deadline for Nominations for the Fourth Annual Citizenship Award

Just a reminder that the deadline for submission of nominations for the Fourth Annual Edward P. Day Citizenship Award is August 22. Please send your nomination to Frank Piazza at 8324 Syracuse Circle, Vienna, VA 22181 or you can email it to him at fp_brklyn@hotmail.com by that date. For further information, check the DLW website at <http://dlwca.org>



Fourth of July Observance

It was a beautiful sight to see the American flag displayed in front of every house in Dunn Loring Woods. Many positive comments were received.



A big THANK YOU goes to the many volunteers who made it possible. They are: The Don Deckers, Joyce Coudriet, Penny Demo, The Dirkse Family, The D'Souzas, Harriet Epstein, Bob Federico, Adam Giles, Elfie Herlihy, Eleanor McCann, Jim and Pat Milosavich, Margaret Murphy, The O'Rourkes, Ken Quincy, Jennifer Reinhart, Melvin Rose, Linda Ryan and family, Victor Sgobba, the Stouts and Hilda Thune.

Unfortunately, when it was time to collect the flags, 64 flags were missing. The targeted areas were Bucknell Drive, Colby Street and Drexel Drive. The theft was reported to the Fairfax County Police.

Wildlife Visitors to DLW

A number of residents have reported seeing several deer standing in their yard or walking through DLW streets. When Kathy and Mark Arpa returned home one evening last week, they were greeted by two deer in their front yard. The deer stood there several minutes while Kathy and Mark took pictures.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



Picture 4