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SHCA



Sligo Headwaters Civic Association

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Who are we???

Neighbors who border Sligo Creek between Orebaugh, Franwall, Blueridge, Naim and any courts, streets and terraces surrounding these streets and the park.

THE NAIRN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (UPDATE)

For those who do not know the history on the Naim Property, go to www.sligoheadwaters.org for further information. The following is the **November 5, 2003 update from Edward Murtagh:**

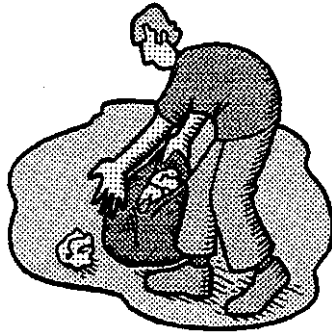
"It looks like we will get a new hearing! I got this interesting e-mail on this issue from Rob Harkins. Note that we are not the only ones having notification problems. It appears that two other hearings are going to be re-done because of improper community notification. Also, we need to help our neighbors out by showing community support for them at the new hearing. This is an excerpt from Rob Harkins' Nov. 4th email:

'On Friday October 31, I dropped off the refiling of reconsideration request for the Blueridge-Channing Drive at the old Naim property. When I met with Mr. Tariq A. El-Baba, he told me that the request will be heard. I was told that this should happen sometime in the next 2 weeks.

The only people who can speak at this time are the Ro, Kurlas and Harkins families. But I think that it would be good if we could get as many people to come to this meeting to show even more of our support. As soon as I know the date I will be sure that notice is given. Maybe we can try to get volunteers NOW so we can be ready if we are not given a lot of time"

ISSUE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

No Trash Barrel/ No Trash Bag/ No Trash Cleanup Policy



Many of you have mentioned your concern about the planned removal of the trash barrels in the parks around the community next month (Carry in/Carry out policy). We mentioned that we were considering writing a letter protesting the implementation of this policy in urban parks like Sligo Creek Park. Ed Murtagh has been working with the Friends of Sligo Creek in preparing a letter that they and civic associations within the Sligo watershed would sign. The proposed letter can be found on at www.sligoheadwaters.org (our official website). If you would like to write an individual letter voicing your concern, please address it to:

Mr. Derick Berlage, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board
M-NCPPC
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

The SHCA list server

To subscribe, using your e-mail program, send a message to: sligoheadwaters-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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SCHOOL NEWS:

The SCHA has formed a committee regarding the schools. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Leah Haygood (lvhaygood@earthlink.com). Issues include reopening of Northwood High School and Arcola Elementary School.

There will be several Design Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings concerning the reopening of the Arcola Elementary school (currently home to the Washington Christian Academy), September, 2006. The school building will be razed and replaced with a new, modern school housing 400-600 students.

Meetings will occur on Tuesdays:

- Nov. 18th at 7:30 p.m.,
- December 2 at 3:30,
- December 16th at 3:30.

Arcola Elementary reopening

All the meetings will be at the Kemp Mill Elementary School conference room at 411 Sisson St. At the first two meetings, SHCA members have discussed issues related to parking, tree preservation, traffic and landscaping with the architects and planners. Minutes are posted on the SHCA Website.

Northwood will be part of the Downcounty Consortium of high schools (along with Blair, Einstein, Kennedy and Wheaton). Each school will have distinct academies, and students in the area will be able to attend any of the high schools that spark their interest, if space is available.

Students in the "base area" of each high school are guaranteed a spot in that high school. After a contentious process, our area was placed in the Northwood base area. Members of SHCA have advocated for adequate funding for the Northwood reopening and for "green" building practices to reinforce and serve as a resource for one of the academies of the high school that will focus on environmental sustainability.

Northwood H.S. Re-opening time table
Downcounty consortium

http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/downcounty/pages/northwood_time.htm
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FIRST PICNIC- A SUCCESS!!

On September 28, 2003, the first opportunity to meet and greet our neighbors in the newly formed SCHA proved to be a success!! The weather was perfect, and approximately 25-30 neighbors showed up. We enjoyed a potluck picnic and signed up for committees. Four committees were formed and new ideas are always welcomed. In future issues, we hope to inform the community about committee findings and activities.

Please contact the chair of the committee that interests you to join or give input.

- Neighborhood Watch** (chair/info: Nan Martino- coachnan11@aol.com)
- Schools** (info: Leah Haygood- vhaygood@earthlink.net) 301 593-0012
- Parks** (info: Ed Murtagh- Edward_B_Murtagh@yahoo.com)
- Governance** (currently no chair or members)



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Police Dispatcher - NON EMERGENCY-	(301) 279-8000
4th District Community Concerns Line	(240) 773-5525
4th Commander	(240) 773-5500
Crime Prevention	(240) 773-5524
Neighborhood / HOC Complaints	(240) 773-5500
Traffic / Parking / Speeding Complaints	(240) 773-5581
Maryland-National Capital Park Police	
Montgomery County Division Emergencies:	(301) 949-3410

