

# WESTMINSTER FOUR

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER — THE VILLAGES OF WESTMINSTER

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## FALL YARD SALE



It's that time of year! Fall is a great time of year to create space for the holidays, so consider participating in the community yard sale which will be held on **Saturday, October 19th.**

## COMMUNITY DUMPSTER

A community dumpster will not be available this Fall. Unexpected costs associated with cleaning up overflow from the spring dumpster have prevented the Board from being able to purchase a second dumpster this year. The Board will look into the possibility of having dumpster in the Spring.

## UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The social committee met recently and planned several events for the community during the upcoming holiday season. Check the VoW website and Facebook page for more details soon.

- \* **Halloween Party** - planned for adults to be held on October 25th in the clubhouse. A link to the sign-up sheet has been posted on the VoW website and Facebook page.



- \* **Fall Festival** - family fun to include a corn hole tournament and chili cook-off on November 7th from 1pm-4pm at the clubhouse.



- \* **Holiday Cookie Exchange** - it was such a success last year it's happening again on December 9th in the clubhouse.

## FALL PLANTING

Much of the beautiful aesthetics of our community is due to the hours of volunteer work of our community members, including the Garden Club. Additional help is needed with planting of flowers, particularly this fall during the week of October 21st. If you are available and willing to help with any part of the fall planting, including removal of flowers, please contact Barbara Shaal at 67bywj2@verizon.net.

## SWIM TEAM

The swim team will begin fundraising this fall, including a sponsorship drive. Please keep the team in mind for end of the year non-profit gifts! Contact [swim@villagesofwestminster.org](mailto:swim@villagesofwestminster.org) for more information. Swim Parent meetings are on the calendar and those interested in joining the team or volunteering next year are encouraged to attend. Go Kraken!

## URBAN ARCHERY PROGRAM

Interest has been expressed in starting an urban archery program in VoW within the guidelines of Virginia and JCC laws. Additional information will follow soon for all to consider.

## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



If you have been in the clubhouse recently you may have noticed the facelift in progress.

Joe Cunningham recently completed a year-long project of photographing our neighborhood and his pictures are now hanging in the clubhouse. Additional updates coming soon to the clubhouse include reupholstering the seats around the tables and replacing the sofas and chairs.

## NEW BOOK CLUB

A new nondenominational book club is starting in VoW and is open to all. The meetings will be held at 10am on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Please contact Ginger Chwalowski at [simplepath@cox.net](mailto:simplepath@cox.net) if you are interested in attending.



## GARDEN CLUB

New members are always welcome! Check the VoW website for upcoming events.

Check out the VoW Facebook page for updates and announcements.



## REMINDERS

**Speed Limit** - Please be aware of children and walkers in our neighborhood and maintain the speed limit while driving.



**Garbage Cans** - The VoW HOA covenants require garbage cans to be hidden from sight. Please make sure to bring in your garbage can after



possible.

**Exterior Paint Colors** - An updated list of approved exterior paint colors is available to view on the VoW website.



## HOA BOARD MEETINGS

The annual budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm in the clubhouse. Although comments are not taken from the floor during this particular meeting, all are welcome to attend.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 26th at 7pm in the clubhouse.

The annual VoW HOA meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6pm in the James City County Library. Two Board member terms end this year and we will therefore need a quorum to vote to fill these positions.

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# Attention!

## Villages of Westminster Middle and High Schoolers

Study hall break!

### Students:

- Bring homework or projects
- Volunteer tutors
- Concession stand open
- No parents or young siblings
- Quiet enough to get work done, but fun enough that you'll want to come



### Parents:

- Adult Supervision at all times
- Call / text to check on your student
- Request an email of arrival and departure time
- Ride Service



Thursday, October 17 6:30 to 8:30

Westminster Clubhouse: - (if it's successful, we'll have more!)

## TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS

Residents,

Over the years there have been several vehicle accidents at the intersection of Wellesley Blvd and Route 60, many when drivers leaving the neighborhood fail to yield to eastbound traffic. It is often that drivers failed to see approaching traffic because it was hidden by cars in the turn lane, turning right into the neighborhood. When leaving the community please make sure that you can clearly see all oncoming traffic and if there is traffic in the designated right turn lane it would be safer to let that traffic enter Wellesley Blvd so the line of sight is clear. We are following up on a suggestion to ask VDOT to verify that the traffic markers at this intersection are in the correct location.

Additionally, we have asked JCC Police to increase their presence in the neighborhood, because so many people are driving too fast. Please mind your speed and it keep it under 25, to protect all of our walkers, pets, children, and even squirrels 😊.

Thank you.