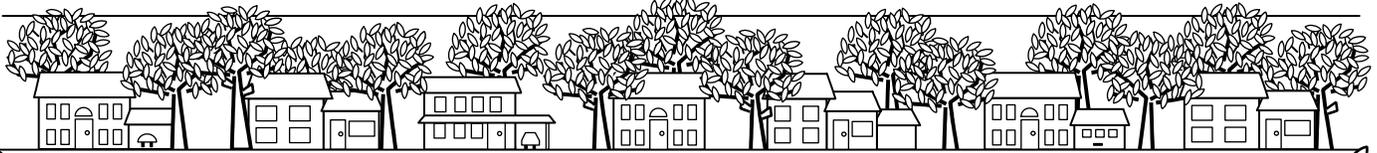




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The LRCA Membership drive is nearly complete. You'll receive your directory in April. If you have not renewed your dues for 2008, you should be receiving a reminder in the mail. For details on how to renew, send an e-mail to Frank Judnich at LRCA.Membership@cox.net.

After reviewing the membership forms we have received I'm pleased to report we have a very involved community. Many people have volunteered to support one or more community activities throughout the year. Whether you've expressed an interest in helping with an ongoing effort such as Neighborhood Watch, the News-

letter, or a one-day event like the Fourth of July Parade, we appreciate your support. In addition many of you have a strong desire to keep the Community Care Group going. We will contact those who indicated an interest in the group and hope to find a few people willing to organize it. For those that don't know, and for those who do, the Community Care Group is a network of volunteers who provide support to others throughout the neighborhood in times of need, such as the birth of a baby, a death in the family, accident or illness, military deployment, unemployment, fire or storm damage to a home.

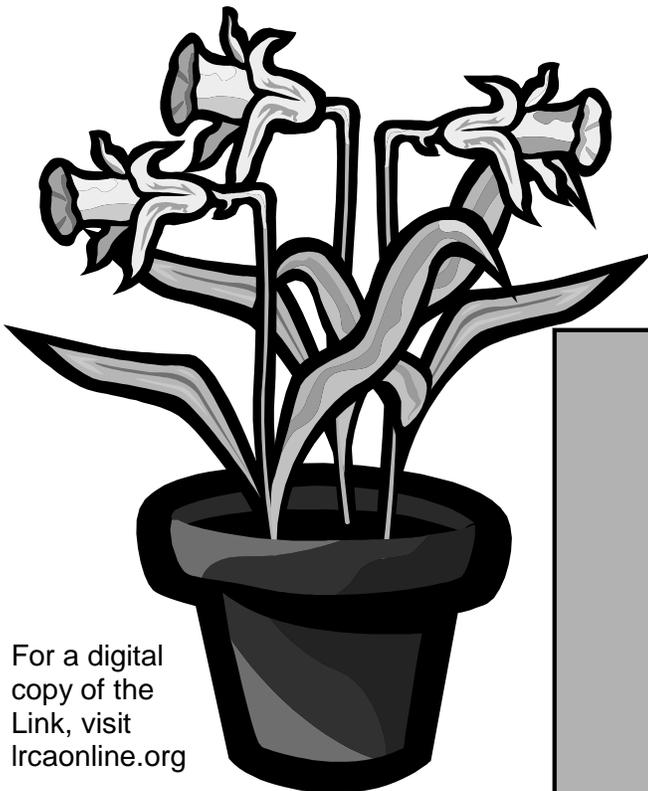
The group provides support in the form of meals, transportation, errands, odd jobs, yard work, and foreign language translation. This invaluable service really helps make LRCA a more cohesive and close-knit community. When an unex-

pected event occurs the Community Care Group can be a much-needed friend.

A few residents want to contribute to the LINK and LRCAonline.org. Nancy Gordon is heading up an editorial board. The goal is to gather a group that will write articles for the LINK that are relevant to our community. We are also seeking photographers to document community events. If you are interested in working on the LINK or the website, please contact Nancy Gordon via e-mail at larrynancygordon@cs.com

The Neighborhood Watch continues to enjoy great support from our community. Neighborhood Watch is an important asset to our community that requires an ongoing commitment. Thank you to all

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Canterbury Woods
Elementary School

7:00 Meeting

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"They said, 'Kneel down if you see you're going to be attacked. Kneel down, cover your head, and don't talk, and hope for the best.' Gosh, I thought, what have I gotten myself into! Then we were taken by bus...off to Highway 80, the route between Selma and Montgomery."

- Desegregation in the 1960s

"Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, students in their early 20s, met in 1909 in a police station in London.... The strategy they then set was to picket the White House—for the first time ever. Many found this shocking and even

offensive...."

- Suffragists at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton

"Ms. Morris glanced at the clock and realized the school day was almost over, and it was time for her to close the library and leave for home...Nobody noticed something—or someone—sneak into the room before Ms. Morris shut the door."

- The Ghost of Keene Mill School

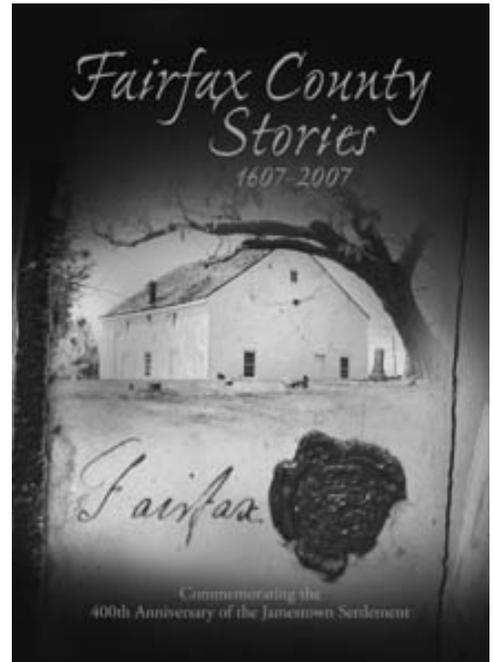
"...Mount Vernon Estate is one of the most recognizable landmarks in Fairfax County.... But this famous home was almost lost, if not for the courageous actions of a group of pioneering women...."

- The Formation of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association

"A young lady at or near Fairfax Court House, has also been arrested...charged with giving information that led to the late raid on the Court House. This young lady in question...was arrested as a Confederate spy.... So, was she or wasn't she?"

- Was She or Wasn't She

"The Spanish-American War was a milestone for Fairfax County because it helped develop Dunn Loring and it triggered the migration of Filipino Americans, some of whom settled in Fairfax County along with other Asian Americans."



- It Began with the 1898 Spanish-American War

"One ordinary man can make a difference."

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Community Corner

2008 will be GREAT at Ilda Pool!

by Janice Davis

Ilda Board

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner so it's not too early to be thinking about joining Ilda Pool. Once again Ilda will offer an exciting season of community events that you won't want to miss.

- 1 Relax and enjoy our Friday night socials
- 2 Bring the family to our Saturday night movies
- 3 Join the Swim and Dive teams
- 4 Enjoy "Serene Sundays" (Adults-only swim from 10-11:00)
- 5 Check out the plans for the new Pavilion
- 6 Enter our exciting raffles all summer

If you would like more information about becoming a member, please contact Jim Murray, Membership Director (703-425-7906, jjmurray@yahoo.com). Check out our new website - www.ildapool.org. Complete your registration form and pay your dues online via credit card through PayPal.

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current and future volunteers for your efforts.

For those of you who want to volunteer to help with one-day events, we will contact you as the date approaches.

On some membership forms there were more than a few comments about wanting the LRCA to enforce noise restrictions, occupancy limits, and covenants, and to set yard maintenance standards. It is important to note that the LRCA is a citizens' association. The goal of a citizens' association is to improve the neighborhood through the volunteer work of its residents. We do not have the legal right to set or enforce regulations. That is the responsibility of Fairfax County government. (A homeowners' association, does have the right to set and enforce regulations. There were at one time enforceable homeowner covenants, but those lapsed years ago and are unenforceable. Reinstatement of the covenants would require unanimous endorsement from residents in the community.)

Finally many residents are interested in events that would include all of our neighbors. On the membership forms some specifically suggested holding block parties or potluck dinners that would bring the community together and help us all get to know each other a little better. The LRCA Board will consider all of your suggestions. A yard sale and tour of homes are already in the planning stages.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the membership forms and investing in our community. Take care.

Derrick Chamlee
LRCA President

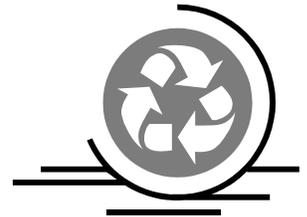
Visit the new LRCA website: lrcaonline.org

Marlee's Walk

On Sunday morning, April 13th, students and parents from Wakefield Forest Elementary School, along with our neighbors, are participating in a Two Mile Fun Walk to honor and remember our classmate and friend, Marlee Treger. The walk will begin and end at the school. The route will go along Elizabeth Lane, Wakefield Drive, Willow Woods Drive, and Ann Fitzhugh Drive. Please join us Sunday morning at 8:00. Everyone is encouraged to wear a brightly colored T-shirt. You may register for the walk by contacting Jane Wilson at jnr.wilson@cox.net.

Recycling Cardboard Boxes

I've been wanting to share something with you, my neighbors, most of whom are not at home when the recycling and garbage trucks come.



A lot of people leave cardboard boxes out intact, thinking, I'm sure, that they will be recycled. What winds up happening instead is the recycling men leave the boxes for the garbage truck.

For those who think they are doing a good thing when they put their boxes out at the curb, I would like to remind you that boxes must be taken apart, flattened and cut or torn up into pieces that measure 3 x 3 feet. It's really not that time-consuming and lots of boxes I see could actually be folded and stomped on to get them down to an acceptable size, eliminating the need to cut. It could even be a fun chore for a kid (better than some chores, anyway).

I am an enthusiastic recycler and encourage everyone to recycle all that you can.

Thank you.

Susan Crawford