

Sunday September 13

Woodley Park News

WPCA is organizing a **Halloween party** for kids of all ages on (of course) October 31 in the afternoon. If you have ideas or want to help, contact [Ann-Marie Bairstow](#) or [Peter Brusoe](#).

Last week's report of sharp increases in certain types of **crime** in the neighborhood prompted two comments. The first was to remind people that we have a Neighborhood Watch in Woodley Park, the main purpose of which is to share information about criminal activities and what we might do to prevent them; if you want more information about the program or are interested in being a block captain, contact [Bill Menczer](#). Second, one neighbor told me about a house break-in that set off a loud alarm that no one reported to the police; luckily, the alarm scared off the bad guys in this case, but we should all remember to let the police know if we see or hear anything suspicious.

WPCA elections will take place in November. If you want to get more involved in your neighborhood, one good way to do it is to get more involved in your neighborhood association. The terms of all four officers (president, VP, secretary and treasurer) and three at-large Board members expire with the upcoming elections. In addition, there are two vacant at-large positions which will be filled in this election. The Executive Committee has named [Tamora Ilasat](#), [Chuck Lupton](#) and [Bill Menczer](#) to be the Nominations Committee for these elections. It is the job of that committee to get the names of people interested in running (and those nominated by others), verify their eligibility and report the names of all the candidates to the Executive Committee. If you want more information about the elections or the various positions, you can ask any of the Committee members, [let me know](#) or contact any [other member of the Executive Committee](#).

If you'd like to play in a non-competitive, coed neighborhood **softball game** on a weekend afternoon, let [Mike McTiernan](#) know. All ages welcome.

In June, the DC Zoning Commission approved the application to build a new **Giant supermarket** on Wisconsin and Newark and to develop part of that commercial strip. Some of the opponents of that project have appealed the ZC's decision to the DC Court of Appeals. The fact that some people have filed an appeal does not mean that Giant may not move ahead with the project during the two- to three-year appeal process, though it is unclear whether Giant will choose to do so.

The two new Ward 3 Outreach and Services Specialists are [Petar Dimtchev](#) and [Andrew del Junco](#). Contact them by email or at (202) 671-2337 if you are having problems dealing with a DC government agency.

For those of you who were wondering about the loud, explosive noises shortly after midnight Saturday, it was fireworks set off by person or person unknown near 29 and Cathedral.

CALENDAR

The **WPCA Executive Committee** usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month; the next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday October 7 at Stanford (Connecticut Ave and Woodley Rd). A draft agenda should be posted [on the website](#) a few days before the meeting. All are welcome.

The annual **Woodley Place/Lower Cathedral Avenue Alley Sale**, Saturday October 3, from 9 am to whenever. If neighbors on the other side of Connecticut want to join in, efforts will be made to find them a place. Contact shapshap@yahoo.com for more information.

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