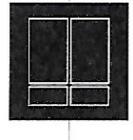


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# Hi Neighbor!



Newsletter for residents and friends of the Rock Creek Woods Community

## Changes

Moved out – Boris Yanev  
and Milena Stefanova, 3610  
Spruell Drive

Moved in – Rachel and  
Patrick Dougherty, 3610  
Spruell Drive

Moved out -Theolyn and  
David Wilson, 3611 Spruell  
Drive

Moved in – Scott Gillespie  
and Mary Ann Wilmot,  
3611 Spruell Drive

Moved out – Valerie Tate  
and Greg Arms, 4006  
Ingersol Drive

Moving in – Mike Koscelnik,  
4006 Ingersol Drive

Births – Colton James, July  
27, to Scott and Mary Ann  
Wilmot

Ayla Elizabeth, December  
27, to Carrie Chew and  
Atilla Asker

Death - Daniel Markoff, age  
93, 3914 Rickover Road

## Looking back at 2019 and forward to 2020

### Charting new directions

Julie Marcis, Sarah Van Hasstert, and Carol Chew met around Audrey Fincher's dining room table recently to discuss innovative ideas for 2020. To increase Rock Creek Woods communication, they are preparing an on-line survey to gauge neighborhood interest on a variety of topics and also check for up-to-date contact information.

Board members distributed flyers explaining use of Groups.io to enable us to advance to 21<sup>st</sup> century email capabilities including calendar, chat, database, searchable archives, and photo sections. Groups.io has no ads or tracking and allows users to see only messages of interest.

A 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary updated neighborhood book with color photos and home descriptions is planned with format used in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary publication.

Group talked about holding a neighborhood home tour for residents as a way to raise funds for our treasury. Also proposed is a 2020 holiday lighting contest.

### 2019 Labor Day Picnic



## Tim's Chicken Curry

- 3 – 3 ½ lb. cut-up whole chicken (or substitute roasted chicken & carton chicken stock)
- 2 teaspoons salt
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 medium diced onions
- ½ cup chopped celery
- ¾ cup thick cut carrots
- 2 chopped garlic cloves
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 (+ or -) Tablespoons curry powder
- 1 14 oz. can coconut milk
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ½ teaspoon (+ or -) cayenne pepper

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- **Directions:** Place chicken in large pot, cover with water and add salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and cook until meat falls off bone. After chicken is cooked, strain and reserve 2 – 3 cups liquid. Pull chicken apart into pieces. Heat a large sauté pan, add vegetable oil, onions, carrots and celery. Cook another 2 minutes being careful not to burn garlic. Add flour and stir to make roux with vegetables. Add reserved stock and whisk to incorporate ingredients. Add coconut milk, heavy cream, cayenne and salt to taste. Add pulled chicken. Serve over rice or pasta.

- *Tim Rinkel and Rhonda Teranto wish to thank neighbors for very generous help they've received.*

## Join these Rock Creek Woods activities

### Book Club

Book Club meets monthly in a member's home. Next meeting will be held in the afternoon. Helen Beachem reports books discussed in the last year were: *The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuchman; *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman; *This is How it Always Is* by Laurie Frankel; *Becoming* by Michelle Obama; *Educated* by Tara Westover; *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann; *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende; *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison. In January, they discussed *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May. Currently, they are reading *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

"Book Club started 20 or 30 years ago when everyone was snowed in and bored. They picked a book everyone had read and met. . . I think at Ruth Gruenberg's house," Jean Hoyt recalls what she learned about the group's history.

### Lunch Club

The group samples a different area restaurant each month. In 2019 noon-time choices included: Dish and Dram (Kensington); Baronessa (Rockville); La Ferme (Chevy Chase); Mosaic (Rockville); Tavira (Chase Lakes); Mykonos (Rockville); Normandy Farm (Potomac). Lahinch Tavern and Grill, (Potomac) is next site.

### Movie Club

Movie Club gathered to see its first film, Federico Fellini's *La Strada* in May 2013. Since that time, they've viewed 55 other foreign films, according to Michael Hoyt's archives. In 2019, they viewed: British dance drama: *Billy Elliot* (2000); French hit comedy-drama: *The Intouchables* (2011); Swedish director Ingmar Bergman film: *The Secrets of Women* (1952); Israeli comedy-drama: *The Band's Visit* (2007); Danish romantic comedy film: *Italian for Beginners*; Lebanese film about five women's everyday problems: *Caramel* (2007); and Canadian adventure western: *The Grey Fox* (1982). *Blinded by the Light*, a British film is next on the list. In 1987 England, 16-year-old Pakistani, Javed, feels constrained by his blue-collar town and his father's rigid views. But things change when a friend lends Javed some Bruce Springsteen tapes . . . and he starts to find his voice through the lyrics.

### Bridge Anyone?

Please contact Julie Marcis if you are interested in reestablishing a neighborhood bridge club.



Lunch at Mosaic Bistro & Bar. From left: Molly Yorkowski, Pat Kassebaum, Dan Chew, Carol Chew, Annabelle Kaufman, May Nakamura, Jean Hoyt, Helen Beachem, Martha Reeser, and Jean Hanson.

Labor Day Picnic donations are the main revenue source for Rock Creek Woods Civic Association. Annual picnic poster is designed by Neal Cox.



## Kids' Notes

Last weekend I went to see the play “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” at Imagination Stage. It was fun to see. It was about four siblings who lived in England during the second world war. They got sent to a house in the country where they discover a magical wardrobe. When they enter the wardrobe they go into the land of Narnia, where it is always winter, and they meet many characters. They fight the ice witch to save Asian the lion, then the ice melts and it becomes springtime. The play uses cool puppets to show the lion and unicorn. My favorite part is when the brothers Peter and Edmund are crowned king and when the sisters Lucy and Susan are crowned queen. I highly recommend going to see the play. I liked the story so much that I am now reading the Narnia series with my dad. – Cecelia Letizia, aged 8

Do you make New Year’s Resolutions? I think January is the perfect month to set new goals for the upcoming year. Resolutions can be big or small, but it’s important that they are achievable. Sometimes keeping a resolution can be hard because it requires focus, discipline and self-control. My resolution this year is to read more books. On my book list this year is the Akata series, *The Secret Benedict Society*, *Holes*, *What the Dickens*, and lots of graphic novels. My other resolution is to learn how to better advocate for myself. I’m learning techniques from a great book called *The Confidence Code for Girls*. What is your New Year’s resolution? – Sasha Letizia, aged 11

### Street Light Problems?

Report any nonworking lights to PEPCO at 877-737-2662.

### Tax Credit Information

For Maryland Historical Trust Homeowner Tax Credit check:  
<http://mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits/homeowner.shtml>



### *All finished*

Julie Marcis informs us, "Entire Pepco pole replacement has taken place. As promised, Pepco finished work mid-December (much to my surprise!) Pole and transformer work should translate to better service. Thanks to all of you for questions, patience, and support. Next on agenda is cherry tree health, pruning, and replacement with more appropriate varieties."

### *Using North Kensington address*

Sophia Hu suggests we use North Kensington as our address with current zip code as it is more geographically specific than Silver Spring. With a number of people doing this, it will become more widely recognized as has happened in other communities that change their addresses in this way. North Kensington is considered a census-designated place of 1.5 square miles by U.S. Census Bureau and the place name may have already been used in some mail you have received or by service people locating your residence.

### *Sit and Read*

Barry Harris has designed a weatherproof book box attached to a post so that books can be dropped off and shared in the neighborhood. My Free Little Library will be located next to bench in Nancy's Garden on Rickover Road.

### *Litter Posse*

More than 100 lbs. of wrappings; discarded food remnants in trays; beer, wine, and water bottles; bus transfers; shoes, etc. have been collected and kept out of our watershed since March 2019, Dan Chew reports. Thanks to Dan, May Nakamura, Jules O'Rear, Dick & Julie Marcis, Claudia Deane, John Brodtkin, Ursula Scott, Kathryn Ford, and Jean Hoyt for clearing litter from our walkways and service road.

Many, many thanks to Mariann Seriff for her nearly two decades of generously producing our newsletter. She has provided collection of all past issues on disk.

