

CHESTERBROOK WOODS CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

TO: EACH CHESTERBROOK WOODS RESIDENT

March 21, 2003

FROM: Arnold Braswell, President, CWCA

SUBJECT: Request for Association Dues Payment

In 2002 the members voted not to require a dues payment because our treasury then was judged to have sufficient funds to support the planned budget if we experienced a normal winter. Well, guess what? We did not get a normal winter! We spent a total of about \$11,500 on snowplowing and had to borrow \$5,000 to pay our bills. Now we have to repay the money borrowed and build up our treasury to meet expected expenses for the coming year. After receiving a report from treasurer Charles Hoyt on the 2002 expenses and the proposed 2003 budget, members attending the March 18 meeting voted unanimously to approve the budget and establish the dues payment for all residents at \$40 per household for 2003. This is the amount needed to support the approved budget if we get a good response to the dues request.

While \$40 is twice the amount levied in recent years, please keep in mind that no dues were paid last year. As you all know most of the dues money goes to pay the snow removal contractor, and most residents have agreed that it is more than worth the money paid by each household to have our streets open for traffic very quickly after the snow begins to accumulate. If we were to depend solely on the state to clear our streets there might be a delay of two days, or even more in case of a big snow, because the state crews focus first on the main thoroughfares. We did get some help from state plowing and sanding contractors after the big snow in mid-February and also the one in late February. We hope that state help will continue next year, but we cannot count on state crews to respond as quickly as our private contractor.

We ask that each of you will pay your 2003 dues promptly. Remember that payment makes you a member of the association. In 2001 76% of households paid their dues. Surely we can do better than that! All of us benefit from the association's programs, so we all should contribute. Below is a form to be used in mailing your check to our treasurer. ***Please send your check as soon as possible. We need it!***

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**Form for Payment of 2003 CWCA Dues (\$40)**

NAME (write legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (for CWCA confidential mailing list) \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: this will enable you to get occasional CWCA e-mail notices about incidents, deaths, & other matters)

Do you want to list this e-mail address also in the CWCA directory? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Any change or addition to your directory listing? \_\_\_\_\_

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2003 Dues: \$40. Make check payable to CWCA. Mail with this form to Charles Hoyt, CWCA Treasurer, 1532 Woodacre Drive, McLean VA 22101. Please send promptly!