Lake of the Woods Democratic Club Newsletter

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Have Questions about Wilderness Crossing?

Bryan Nicol, who currently serves on the Planning Commission for Orange County, is the speaker for our March Club meeting. He will speak on the Wilderness Crossing rezoning application pending before the Planning Commission. Bryan will discuss the current status of the application and be available to answer questions concerning the proposed 2,600 acre development. This is an issue of great importance to the LOW community, as it will affect traffic and water use. There are also important environmental issues related to the gold mines which were located there years ago.



The next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th in room #2 at the LOW Community Center. Doors open at 1 PM. The meeting starts promptly at 1:30 PM

Confused About Redistricting?

Take a look at the map that Kerry Sipe has put on our website regarding the House of Delegates district 63 that now includes Lake of the Woods at: www.lowdemocrats.org

Mark Your Calendar for The Club Picnic!

The Community Center auditorium has been reserved for the Democratic Club Picnic on Saturday, June 10th. Our speaker will be Bruce Monroe, President of the African American Historical Society in Orange County. Club members and their guests are invited to join us. Our Special Events Co-Chairs, Karen Newman and Lynne Meyers are busy getting ready for this fun annual event.



LOW Home Owner Running for a position on the School Board!

Sandy Harrington will be running for the Orange County School District, representing District 5, Lake of the Woods. Sandy has over 20 years experience in public school finance and business operations, with the proven skills and abilities to problem solve, prioritize and oversee scarce resources. She is passionate about public education and ensuring resources are properly allocated so students can learn, teachers can teach, and parents are informed and involved. She plans to speak to our club at a meeting soon, possibly at the July meeting.

Nicole Pappas, Sandy's campaign manager, tells me that she will be bringing a petition to our March meeting for us to sign to get Sandy on the ballot.

Why this is important: Republicans across the country are taking over School Boards and putting policies in place to ban books, change what is taught about American History, want to shame and out LGBTQ students and take decision making about how to teach out of the hands of teachers.