

MT. WOODLEY MANOR HOA NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello neighbors. I'd like to introduce myself to those of you I haven't had the chance to meet. I am Justin Harris and live on Woodwalk Court. I'm starting to realize just what I've gotten into! There is a lot to do and I will do my best to serve our community.

It has been a busy year for our community and in this newsletter we hope to bring you up to speed on all of the work we've been doing to benefit the neighborhood, some projects we hope to visit in

the future, and some general information that will keep Mount

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Manor an attractive, viable community.

A big thanks to those who made the time to pitch in and pick up trash during our Spring Clean-up and then participated in the community barbecue that followed. Although the attendance was low, we had a good time with our neighbors. Mark your calendar and join us for our next community clean-up on November 10th at 9:00 am. Rain date is November 11th. We will meet at the Mt. Woodley Place cul de sac.

As I'm sure you've noticed, we recently installed more walkways behind houses and are getting closer to completing the project. These additions are attractive and a definite improvement. Our ongoing tree maintenance program is partially completed. Pruning and trimming were done in the spring. In the future we will address dead trees in the common areas and topping out of large trees that pose a risk to nearby homeowners.

Once again, Mount Woodley

Manor is online with a beautiful new website. It's the go to place for information on

Association documents, ARC approval forms, request for disclosure package forms, Fairfax County Police Alerts, past newsletters, updates on community events, a community calendar, general community information and much, much more. I'm the new webmaster so please send me your comments and things you would like to see posted on the website. Check it out at

www.mtwoodleymanor.com.
As funding permits, we will complete the remaining walkways, move forward with our

tree maintenance program and organize more events geared toward fostering community spirit. We're also exploring the possibility of removing the east side playground and consolidating it with the larger structure on the west side. This would provide safer, open spaces for our older children to play rather than playing in the street.

I look forward to seeing you all on our Community Clean-Up Day and throughout the year. As always, please feel free to contact us with your concerns as well as any ideas you may have to improve on our community. Justin Harris

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

Thanks to everyone who provided their email addresses for the semi-annual billing. This has considerably reduced the processing time and postage expenses for sending out invoices. If you haven't yet done so, please send your email address to mwmhoa22306@yahoo.com and do your part to make our homeowner association dues go farther.

Reminder: The October association dues payment is due October 1st and past due October 15th. Payments mailed after that date will be subject to a \$20 late fee for October and for each month thereafter until paid.



ARC REPORT

ARC INSPECTIONS AND RESPONSES

The annual ARC Inspection was conducted in late May. Letters of non-compliance were mailed to 70 homeowners in early June. Approximately two-thirds of MWM homeowners have responded and have either complied or requested an extension. The follow-up inspections of those homeowners who did respond will be conducted in late October or early November. Homeowners who did not respond to the first or second ARC notices of non-compliance will not be re-inspected and may be subjected to fines and hearings in accordance with MWMHOA Bylaws. The ARC wishes to thank all of those homeowners who complied and continue to maintain their properties in accordance with the revised ARC Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures which have been posted on the MWMHOA website.

Jo Ann Toledo, Chairman

GUEST /NON-RESERVED PARKING

The issue of diminishing guest parking was addressed in the March 2012 newsletter. Homeowners and tenants were requested to limit their use of the unmarked curb (guest parking) for long term parking of personal vehicles. In spite of letters and emails to several homeowners and their tenants the situation has not improved. The Board of Directors has discussed this recurring issue with the Fairfax County Police Department and has been advised that in order for the HOA to take legal action, the Bylaws will require changes to enforce specific parking restrictions within MWM, a step the Board hoped to avoid. Therefore, the Board will discuss those needed changes to the Bylaws to include the parking of more than three vehicles per lot, double parking of vehicles, parking by homeowners or their tenants in visitor parking as opposed to the designated spaces assigned to their lot. Parking in marked yellow curb areas is currently subject to towing and will be enforced if necessary.

SPECIAL PICKUPS FOR BULK ITEMS

Homeowners are reminded that if you are considering renovation projects and your countractor does not provide for the removal of discarded items, then a Fairfax County Bulk Item Pickup must be scheduled within one week of the renovation project. Items left on

the curb for long periods of time are unsightly and potentially hazardous, not to mention that the grass beneath those items will be adversely affected. This also includes large amounts of brush or large tree limbs. If Fairfax County does not pick up as scheduled, then it is your responsibility to follow up to ensure that your items are picked up in a timely manner. Contact information for special bulk pickups is posted on the MWMHOA website.

Disposing of your unbagged trash in a neighbor's trash container is discouraged and will be addressed on a case by case basis should this problem become systemic. Every home in MWM has been given a trash and recycling receptacle and every resident is expected to use them.

FAIRFAX COUNTY ON YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING

Definition of Yard Waste: Grass, leaves and brush (i.e., small branches, twigs) from general yard maintenance. Yard waste does not include materials generated by tree removal, land clearing or home renovation projects.

How to Manage this Material

- Leave it at home: Compost and/or grasscycle and reap the benefits!
- Set it at the curb: Place leaves, grass or brush in a separate container (reusable container, paper bag or clear plastic bag).

- Brush can be tied in a bundle that is four feet or less.
- Transport it: Take yard waste to the I-66 Transfer Station or I-95 Complex. There is a small fee to process these materials.

Timelines

- Leaves, grass and brush are collected at the curb all year long.
- They are recycled March 1 Dec. 24.
 They are disposed of as trash
 Dec. 25 Feb.
- Christmas trees are collected separately during the first two weeks of January.

A reusable container or brown paper bag is best. They will not add contaminants to the leaves and grass when composted. Clear plastic bags cause equipment problems at the yard waste processing facility and are difficult to remove. Never use dark plastic bags. Yard waste in dark bags will likely be treated as trash and not recycled.

DOG WASTE AND URINATION

This recurring problem addressed in previous newsletters just isn't getting any better. Please pickup your pet's waste, double bag it in accordance with Fairfax County Trash Removal, and discard it in your trash container. Do not throw your pet waste bags in your neighbor's trash or in any container but your own. Be courteous and do not let your pet

urinate on flower beds, private yards, or common area flowers and shrubs. There is sufficient common area for your pet to do his/her business without ruining your neighbor's grass or flower beds.



SNOW SEASON = GOOD NEIGHBORS

When it snows, do you wonder when the snowplow will arrive? Who will clear the sidewalks? Well we have the answers for you! Any time the snow reaches 2-3 inches in depth, a contractor hired by MWMHOA will plow the snow to the side of the roads, but the snow will NOT be picked up and removed. Likewise, the contract does NOT clear sidewalks. We encourage all residents to help each other in clearing sidewalks to facilitate safe and easy access to the parking lots and mail boxes. Helping one another with snow removal builds a strong and friendly community environment.



WHAT'S IN YOUR RENTAL CONTRACT?

As a 20+ year home owner here in MWM, I recently moved back into my townhouse which had been a rental property for several years. While the inside was not too bad, I was shocked at the lack of maintenance for the front and back yards. Bushes had been allowed to grow unchecked. The once carefully tended flower beds were either bare or overgrown with weeds. The yards had huge dead spots or were (again) overgrown with weeds. When I asked the property management company if I could recoup monies from the renters to repair the damage, I was informed NO. Apparently I/we had neglected to include any type of yard maintenance clause in the rental contract. So word to the wise-- If you are thinking of renting out your townhouse, strongly suggest you include specific yard maintenance clauses regarding mowing, fertilizing, watering, trimming bushes and maintaining tidy (mulched) flower beds. Trying to repair the damage left by a careless renters can be very costly.

Angela Layman

UPDATE ON RICHMOND HIGHWAY TRAFFIC CAMERA

Seeing is not always believing. In the last newsletter we reported on a traffic camera at the intersection of Richmond highway (Route 1) and Beacon Hill. We recently learned from our friend Officer Greg Kottemann that the camera is not active. According to Officer Kotterman, the "camera was installed way back in the early to mid 2000's (I am guessing 2004), and it was a "Red Light Enforcement" camera. However, back in 2005 the State rescinded the authority for the cameras. At this point all the Red Light cameras in Fairfax County went dormant, but since they were "fixed" position units, they were not removed.



While there are several websites out there still listing FFX Co camera locations - Fairfax County currently has no operational Red Light Enforcement cameras, and no plans to re-institute the program.

MOSQUITOES

In addition to our own native mosquitoes, the invasive Asian Tiger mosquito is here and likely making all of your outdoor experiences more uncomfortable. Although they are waning at this time of year, there are things we should know to make our outdoor time more pleasant next year. Tiger Mosquitoes can breed in mere capfuls of water, so, for your own sake and your neighbors, please remove all sources of standing water, no matter how small. Also, if you're planning to be outside, the American Mosquito Control Association suggests considering mosquito traps, applying repellents containing a solution of DEET, and wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants during the peak mosquito hours.

FROM THE GUM SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Fairfax County Park Authority Board has placed the MLK swimming pool on the unfunded list for 2013. Residents of Gum Springs are encouraged to attend the next meeting of the Civic Association on Tuesday, October 9th for more information.

FYI - ROUTE NUMBERS CHANGE ON AREA ROADS

Route 1700, the Fairfax County Parkway, is now Route 286. Route 7900, the Franconia-Springfield Parkway, is now Route 289 and Route 3000, the Prince William Parkway, is now Route 294.

VENDORS' CORNER

Fences & Deck Resurfacing

Arlington Fence and Decking 703-368-4044 www.arlington-fence.com

Carter Fence 703-255-0824. www.carterfence.net

Floors

A & C Floor Services Christian and Alfonso Perez Hardwood & Laminate Installation - 703-371-0109

Hand Rails

Reliable Rails, Inc. 703-257-1321 sales@reliablerails.com

Heating and Cooling

A-AAnnandale Heating, Cooling & Plumbing, Inc. 703-256-2222

W.E. Beavers Jr. Heating and Cooling 703-897-5505 www.DocCool68@aol.com

Home Improvement

G&C Home Improvement Gonzalo Carillo 571-225-7419 Ext. Painting, Roofs & Repair, Gutter Cleaning, Power Washing, Staining, Fence & Deck Repair & Lawn maintenance.

Melendez Remodeling 703-625-2747 Remodeling, Kitchen, Siding, Decks, Fences, Carpentry, Powerwashing, Interior/Ext- erior Painting.

Nelson Flores 301-523-9718 Drywall, Framing, Refinishing, Remodeling, Interior/Exterior Painting

Herbert Fuentes 571-229-4334 Painting, Roof Work, Power washing, etc.

PMC Service 571-237-5343 Painting, Fence Repair, Power Washing, etc.

Rollins Drywall Sterling Rollins 703-728-8090 Interior/Exterior Painting, Drywall, Gutter Cleaning, Entrance and Storm Doors

Lawn Services

Pete's Lawn & Yard Service Pete Reninger 571-237-6340

Locksmith

W.W. Discount Locksmith, Inc. 703-360-8670 Call 24 hours/day.

Painting

MV Painting/Carpentry Marvin Villalobos, owner 703-200-5236 Licensed & Insured

Proper Painting and Home Improvements

571-749-7925
Interior/Exterior. Painting,
Wallpapering, Texturing,
Kitchen/Bath Remodels, Drywall,
Tile, Pressure Washing.
www.alexandriapainting.org

Patios and Walkways

Premier Paving & Planting, Inc. Bryan DeAngelo 703-569-8550

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Parking Space Assignments

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