



Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter

Fall 2011

Walnut Ridge Community Association

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A Word from the President

Greetings to all owners and/or residents of Walnut Ridge. I hope this short note finds you all in reasonably good health and spirits. The Board of Directors met recently and a few key issues were reviewed at that time. An ambitious tree pruning will be performed as soon as possible. The job was originally scheduled for September 5th and 6th, but has been delayed due to area wide storm damage caused by Hurricane Irene. Residents and owners will be notified of the amended schedule as soon as possible. The Board had originally intended to replace lost or

damaged landscaping features along the entry to the community. Due to budgetary constraints however, this effort will be postponed till our finances indicate more affordability. It is the Board's intention to initiate replacement by the Fall of 2012, if not sooner. After a discussion of snow removal costs and comparative bids, our contract with Increte was renewed. The community will also provide a sand barrel on each side of the Walnut Ridge Dr. inclined entry. The thought is to facilitate safer and more effective entry into the community. The 2012 Budget was discussed and as a result, the Board has found it necessary to raise the HOA quarterly dues to \$150. In our continued attempt to maintain and build a responsible level of reserve revenue and avoid future "special assessments" at the time of required capital asset maintenance, the increase in this still rather modest fee is mandated. Owners will be notified separately of this increase as soon as possible. You will also be given the opportunity, as required by law, to pose questions and comments. A number of residents received ACC Violation Notices concerning specific required maintenance of your homes. I want to thank those of you who responded positively and ask those few that have not to please heed the notice and affect repairs as soon as practical. We have a beautiful community here in Walnut Ridge and I ask that we all continue to individually contribute in an effort to keep it just that way.

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A Word from the President (continued from Page 1)

Last Sunday we observed the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Airlines Flight 93. This solemn occasion has once again given us pause to remember those innocent victims of terrorism and the impact that those senseless acts of violence have had on every one of us. Honoring those that lost their lives or loved ones and giving thanks to first responders, whether civilian or military, has become an important part of our national psyche. The events of 9/11 and our citizen's positive reaction to those horrific events give us every reason to be proud to be called Americans. May we all continue to be the caring and civically minded individuals that many of us have become as a direct result of the last decade.

With continued hope for the future,
Edward Rose

Fall Trivia

What country started the traditions that led to celebrating Halloween?

See page 4 for the answer.

A Note to Dog Owners and Pet Sitters...

Thank you! Thank you to our resident dog owners and pet sitters who are vigilant about walking their dogs on leashes! Thank you also for picking up after your pets and utilizing our Mutt Mitt stations! We hope that others will follow in your footsteps. Kudos to you!



Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Walnut Ridge Community Association consists of homeowners who volunteer their time to serve Walnut Ridge.

Contact the Board by email at: board@walnutridgeonline.org

Officers

- President: Ed Rose
Vice President: Laura Richardson
Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Vacant

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You Can't Stop Time.....

But you can turn it back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th when Daylight Saving Time ends and Standard Time begins.

Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!



Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Broadneck High School Conference Room/Admin Office, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. Homeowners are welcome to attend the public portion of the monthly Board Meetings to share suggestions and concerns. If you plan to attend a meeting, please call D.H. Bader Management (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.

Toss Expired Medications



According to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), most drugs can be thrown in the household trash, but **consumers should take certain precautions before tossing them out.** A few drugs should be flushed down the toilet. But, some prescription and over-the-counter drugs may actually harm the water supply if disposed of in that manner. Fortunately, a growing number of community-based "take-back" programs offer another safe disposal alternative.

An excellent source of information concerning the disposal of outdated or unwanted Medications and drugs is the following FDA website:

<http://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm101653.htm>

Additionally, The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), working with state and local law enforcement agencies, is sponsoring **National Prescription Drug Take Back Days** throughout the United States. The next "Take Back" day will be on October 29, 2011 from 10am to 2pm. In Maryland, our "take back point-of-contact" is **GS Terry Riley 410-244-3629**. Call Terry for more information or visit the DEA's website:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

Report a Power Outage!

Don't assume that someone else has already notified BGE! Call 1-877-778-2222 to report a power outage, downed wire or other BGE emergency. BGE restores the area with the most outage reports first.



No Butts About It!



There seems to be an increasing amount of cigarette butts littering our community. Not only is it unhealthy, but just plain ugly. Despite popular belief, did

you know that **cigarette butt litter is not biodegradable**? Please do not discard your cigarette butts in our streets, common areas and especially the playground! Thank you for making this conscious effort!

Your Community Association

Who Needs It?

Did you ever wonder why we have a community association and why, as residents of our community, we are required to follow all the rules and regulations?

One of the most important functions of our community association is to enforce the Walnut Ridge Community Association's official governing documents: "**Covenants, Restrictions and Affirmative Obligations**" and "**Architectural and Environmental Standards**". The Association is also charged with managing and protecting the neighborhood's community assets – among those assets: our homes.

What keeps our neighborhood attractive and nice looking? It is the conscientious work of our residents working alongside our Board of Directors. Working in tandem with our management company (**D.H. Bader**), enforcement of Covenants and Restrictions and the Architectural Guidelines helps to keep the Community looking good. When we purchased our homes in Walnut Ridge, we agreed to abide by and follow the rules and policies as set out in the Community documents

Without the enforcement of these rules and guidelines, we might find parked cars or motorcycles on the grass in front yards or on our common areas, paint on homes would be left to peel and fade, construction or home repairs would be left unfinished, large trucks, boats or motor homes would be parked in our parking spaces, trash and garbage would be left in front and back yards. If these were to occur, the value of our homes would surely decrease.

So, the next time you are wondering why we have an association and why you are required to pay those pesky quarterly dues, just remember: Your association may well be your best tool in protecting the value of your home and the quality of your neighborhood.

*Walnut Ridge Community Association
Covenants and Restrictions and the
Architectural and Environmental Standards are
available at our*

*website: www.walnutridgeonline.org
And click on "Community Documents"*

Household Hazardous Waste

Upcoming Drop-Off Days and Locations

9/24/2011 – Sudley Convenience Center, Deale

10/15/2011 – Glen Burnie Convenience Center

11/12/2011 – Millersville Landfill

Drop-off hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Note that this is for household hazardous waste only (no commercial waste is accepted). For questions or comments, call 410-222-7951.

Looking for local events?

Check out the following websites for lots of ideas...

www.aacc.edu/events

www.hometownannapolis.com

www.whatsupmag.com

www.annearundelcounty.com

www.usna.edu/PAO

www.broadneckpatch.com

Reminder: Parking in Visitor Parking Spaces is reserved strictly for Visitors. Anyone other than Visitors using ANY of our Visitor Parking Spaces will risk having their vehicle TOWED at the vehicle owner’s expense.

Fall Trivia Answer

The answer is: Ireland. The Celts in ancient Ireland started the traditions (like pumpkin carving and trick or treating) that led to today’s celebrations of Halloween. They however carved turnips instead of pumpkins and their costumes were made of animal skins.

Source: <http://holidays.quiz.kaboose.com/>

Open Burning

A reminder: Open burning is prohibited in Anne Arundel County without a permit.

Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule for Thanksgiving Week



Pick up will be Saturday, November 26th and NOT on Friday.

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In between Newsletters, you’ll get instant Community news and updates via email.

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~ Apple Walnut Salad ~

Ingredients:

- 6 medium size apples
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 3/4 c. chopped walnuts
- 3/4 c. raisins
- 1 c. light vanilla yogurt



Directions:

Peel, core and chop apples into one inch cubes. Mix with lemon juice (to prevent apples from turning brown). Toss with spices, add walnuts and raisins. Mix with yogurt and serve. Best if made the same day it is to be served. The apples can also be left unpeeled.



Congratulations to our neighbors at 1384 Hazel Nut for having this edition's special curb appeal!

(See full-color photos at www.walnutridgeonline.org.)



A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

The Walnut Ridge Wanderer reports on various observations around the community. To preserve anonymity, the identity and gender of the Wanderer will not be revealed. (However, I will say that this Editor is not the Wanderer.)

First the forecast... HURRICANE ALERT. Time to head to the stores for supplies. Shelves emptying of food, drink, candles and batteries. Preparing to stay inside until the storm passes.

The rain starts and it comes and it comes. Next the thunder, lightening and wind and flickering lights. Then the sudden darkness. Walnut Ridge quiet and dark.

Stayed that way for a few days. Going to bed early . . . nothing to do. Waking up in the dark to another day of isolation.

How many times did you say or hear, "Don't you open that refrigerator. I don't care if you're hungry."

On a diet, but eating the ice cream rather than letting it melt. Cold soup is good. Dry cereal works.

Finally, the rain stops. A walk outside at last.

Neighbors to neighbors:

"Wanted you to know I'm grilling tonight. Have anything you want to grill?"

"Yeah, I have tuna steaks and salmon."

" I have steak and corn."



...How many times did you say or hear, "Don't you open that refrigerator. I don't care if you're hungry. "

"I have watermelon."

"I can make a veggie tray."

" Hi, I just stopped by to say Hi."

"Stay and eat with us." "I don't have any food to offer, but this

sure looks good." "Please stay."

" Guess what, I found three Coronas."

Assembling a meal from bits and pieces of this and that. Finding mismatched dishes and utensils. Who cares? Not those storm survivors who found community in Walnut Ridge.

A perfect gathering.

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

- 1344 Almond—\$209,900
- 1342 Tanook—\$219,900
- 1391 Almond—\$209,900

Average List Price—\$213,233



Recent Home Sales:

- 1378 Almond—\$210,000
- 1348 Almond—\$222,500
- 1388 Almond—\$235,000
- 1334 Hazel Nut—\$193,000
- 1375 Hazel Nut—\$237,000

Average Sales Price—\$219,500



Statistics courtesy of: Ziggi Nickel, Long & Foster Realtors 410-544-4000 and taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Services)

2011 Holiday Curbside Collection



During a Holiday Week

Your curbside collections for recycling, trash, & yard waste will occur as follows:



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MARYLAND
 Anne Arundel County Waste Management Services
Recycling Division
 2662 Riva Road, Suite 490
 Annapolis, MD 21401
 (410) 222-7951

For more information or for tips to boost your recycling visit:

[Recycle More Often.com](http://RecycleMoreOften.com)

HOLIDAY COLLECTION DAY CHANGE

New Year's Day - Sat, JAN 1

No collection changes

Memorial Day - Mon, MAY 30

Monday collections will occur → **Tuesday** MAY 31
 Tuesday collections will occur → **Wednesday** JUNE 1

Independence Day - Mon, JULY 4

Monday collections will occur → **Tuesday** JULY 5
 Tuesday collections will occur → **Wednesday** JULY 6

Labor Day - Mon, SEP 5

Monday collections will occur → **Tuesday** SEP 6
 Tuesday collections will occur → **Wednesday** SEP 7

Thanksgiving Day - Thur, NOV 24

Thursday collections will occur → **Friday** NOV 25
 Friday collections will occur → **Saturday** NOV 26

Christmas Day - Sun, DEC 25

No collection changes

This document is available at www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/HolidaySchedule.cfm

Halloween Safety

A few safety tips from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission can protect children who plan to go trick-or-treating this Halloween.

Treats: Warn children not to eat any treats before an adult has carefully examined them for evidence of tampering.

Flame Resistant Costumes: When purchasing a costume, masks, beards, and wigs, look for the label Flame Resistant. Although this label does not mean these items won't catch fire, it does indicate the items will resist burning and should extinguish quickly once removed from the ignition source. To minimize the risk of contact with candles or other sources of ignition, avoid costumes made with flimsy materials and outfits with big, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Costume Designs: Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists.

- For greater visibility during dusk and darkness, decorate or trim costumes with reflective tape that will glow in the beam of a car's headlights. Bags or sacks should also be light colored or decorated with reflective tape. Reflective tape is usually available in hardware, bicycle, and sporting goods stores.
- To easily see and be seen, children should also carry flashlights.
- Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.
- Children should wear well-fitting, sturdy shoes. Mother's high heels are not a good idea for safe walking.
- Hats and scarves should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.
- Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision. If a mask is used, however, make sure it fits securely and has eyeholes large enough to allow full vision.
- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be of soft and flexible material.

Pedestrian Safety: Young children should always be accompanied by an adult or an older, responsible child. All children should WALK, not run from house to house and use the sidewalk if available, rather than walk in the street. Children should be cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns and yards where ornaments, furniture, or clotheslines present dangers.

Choosing Safe Houses: Children should go only to homes where the residents are known and have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

- Children should not enter homes or apartments unless they are accompanied by an adult.
- People expecting trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from lawns, steps and porches. Candlelit jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame. Indoor jack-o'-lanterns should be kept away from curtains, decorations, and other furnishings that could be ignited.



