



Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter

Fall 2013



Walnut Ridge Community Association

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A Word From The President

Labor Day 2013 has come and gone, and it's back to the business of school and work for most of us. The weather is becoming less of a heat and humidity complaint and more of a pre-fall comfortable change. The Board of Directors has been busy with the business of landscape maintenance and improvement of the community.

In the meantime, many of you have not only complied with the requests from management, but in many cases have performed voluntary self-improvement tasks to help keep your homes and surrounding property looking their best. It has been a pleasure for me to serve on the Board and remains such when I can see such an obvious display of caring by my fellow residents, friends, and neighbors. It is my goal and that of the

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Broadneck Peninsula Trail Update

Phase 1 of the walking trail from Walnut Ridge to the Library is finished and open. The State Highway still has to finish up some of the signage.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Reminder— Daylight Saving Time ends and Standard Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to set your clocks *back* one hour. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!



Fall Trivia

What flower is a symbol of Veterans Day?

See Page 7 for the answer.

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Board that our community of Walnut Ridge be a safe, attractive, and welcoming place to call your home. Your continued help and cooperation is of paramount importance and is appreciated on a daily basis by all. Please feel free to contact anyone currently serving on the Board or John Sheehy, our D.H. Bader Business Manager, with any questions or concerns regarding life in Walnut Ridge. Please be assured that we truly care and carefully consider all your suggestions and comments.

Here's looking forward to a pleasant and productive fourth quarter of the year!

Best regards,

Ed Rose

Fall Dates to Remember

October 14th—Columbus Day
 October 16th—Boss's Day
 October 31st—Halloween
 November 11th—Veterans Day
 November 28th—Thanksgiving
 November 28th—First Day of Hanukkah
 December 7th—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the Homeowners of the Walnut Ridge Community Association on:

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m.

**Place: Broadneck High School
 1265 Green Holly Drive
 Annapolis, Maryland 21409**

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the revised "Collection Policy Resolution" with all interested homeowners of the community. This revised resolution will increase the speed with which delinquent Walnut Ridge homeowners are sent to the Association's attorney for collection action. As with the prior policy, liens will be placed against delinquent homes and assessments of these delinquent homeowners will be accelerated to the end of the calendar year. After this meeting, the Walnut Ridge Community Association Board of Directors will vote on its acceptance.

This notice is requesting your attendance at the meeting so that any concerns you may have can be addressed. However, if for any reason you are unable to attend and should have an issue regarding this resolution, please e-mail your comments to jsheehy@dhbader.com.

Walnut Apple and Peach Crisp with Brown Sugar and Cinnamon Crumble

Ingredients:

- * 3 cups sliced peeled Golden Delicious apples (about 3 medium)
- * 2 cups sliced peeled fresh peaches (about 3 medium)
- * 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- * 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
- * 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- * 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- * 1/4 cup cold butter or margarine
- * 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Directions:

Heat oven to 375°F. Grease 11x7-inch (2-quart) glass baking dish with shortening or cooking spray. In large bowl, toss apples, peaches and granulated sugar. Pour into baking dish. In same bowl, mix oats, brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter, using pastry blender (or pulling 2 table knives through ingredients in opposite directions), until mixture is crumbly. Stir in walnuts. Sprinkle over fruit. Bake 30 minutes or until topping is golden and fruit is tender. Cool 15 minutes. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings.



Contact Us

If you have a request, idea or an issue you'd like to bring before the Board of Directors, please put it in writing. Send email to board@walnutridgeonline.org or send by snail mail to Walnut Ridge Community Association, Inc., c/o D. H. Bader Management, John Sheehy, Property Manager, D.H. Bader Management Services, 14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210, Laurel, MD 20707; 301-953-1955 Ext. 11.

It's Hurricane Season—Are you Ready?

Hurricane Season in Maryland runs from June 1st to November 30th. Historically, hurricanes are more likely to strike Maryland later in the hurricane season. Residents are encouraged to Make a Plan, Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit and Stay Informed.

Make a Plan: Have an emergency plan in place. If you have to evacuate, know where to go and how to get there.

Emergency Supply Kit: General items for your Emergency Supply Kit should include bottled water (3 gallons per person for 3 days), 3 day supply of non-perishable food, flashlight, battery operated radio and extra batteries.



Stay Informed: Know where you will get emergency information before, during and after the storm. The National Weather Service, the National Hurricane Center and the Weather Channel are good sources for information. Local radio and television stations are good sources as well.

Tips for a Safe Halloween

- * When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- * Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.
- * Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- * Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- * Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.




Trash and Recyclables

Trash and recyclables are picked up on Tuesday mornings.

Trash cans and recycle containers

- **should not** be stored in any location visible from the street or front yard.
- **should not** be placed on common area grass, plants, shrubs, or walkways.
- **should be** placed at designated street curbs no earlier at 6:00 pm on Monday evening.



New to Maryland? Be sure to Register your Vehicle.

If you are a new resident of Maryland you must register your out-of-state vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. If you delay beyond 60 days, you may be subject to a citation for an out-of-state registration and you will not be eligible for a tax credit for any titling tax paid in another state.



News from the Board of Directors

- > Many landscape improvements have been made to our common areas, to include the removal of dead and/or diseased trees and plants.
- > Aeration and over seeding of the common area turf will begin on or around September 20th.
- > Contact has been made with the Anne Arundel County cable czar to address issues regarding the above-ground cable issues on Hazel Nut Court.



From the A & E Committee-

Every resident should have a copy of the Walnut Ridge’s Architectural and Environmental Standards. A copy of the A&E Standards can be found on our website www.walnutridgeonline.org. Here are a few key points the Board would like to remind you about:

- ◆ **An Application must be completed** in writing and submitted to the Management Company for any exterior alteration, addition or new construction.
- ◆ Any exterior alteration, addition or new construction **must be approved**, even when a similar or substantially identical alteration, addition or new construction had been previously approved.
- ◆ Erection of any fence **must be approved** before construction begins.
- ◆ Exterior clothes lines **are not permitted**.

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

Members at Large

- James Clemenko
- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit Clair

Property Management

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WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

1346 Hazel Nut - \$275,000
408 Peach - \$205,000

Average List Price—\$240,000



Recent Home Sales:

1337 Hazel Nut - \$225,000
1357 Hazel Nut - \$225,000

Average Sales Price—\$225,000



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



Broadneck Library Happenings!

Broadneck Branch - 1275 Green Holly Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21409

Hours: Monday 1-9 , Tuesday, Thursday 1-9, Wednesday, Saturday 9-5, Friday 1-5

Building a Quality Learner—10 steps Ever Parent Must Know. *Monday, October 7 at 7 pm.* Dr. Louis Norbeck, Jr., an instructor at McDaniel College, offers strategies for parents to follow that will enhance their child's learning. Book signing to follow.

Teen Talk . *Thursdays through November 21st (except October 3 and 24) and Fridays, October 4 and 25 at 2:30 pm.* Ask at the branch for activity details each week or just go and see.

Legomania - Saturday November 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. The Library will provide the Legos, you provide the fun! For elementary school students.

Spook-tacular! - Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m., repeated Wednesday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. A Halloween story time complete with face painting and costume parade. Face painting begins at 30 minutes before the program with the award-winning Australian face painter Christalene Karaiskakis.

Shake My Sillies Out - Saturday, September 28 at 10 a.m. Popular songstress Bridgette Michaels will perform. **For families with preschoolers.**

Circus Circus - Wednesday, October 9 at 10 a.m. Walk the balance beams, feed the elephant and more!

Storytime—Wednesday, October 9 and November 13 at 10 AM. Parents/caregivers must accompany two and three year-olds, while children four years and older may attend alone provided an adult remains in the branch. **For ages 2 through 5.**



Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays, October 2 and November 6 at 10 AM

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their babies for a fun-filled half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and finger plays all specifically designed to stimulate early infant development. **For children up to 24 months.**

Family Bingo

Monday, November 25 at 6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening playing bingo with your whole family. Small prizes or books for winners.

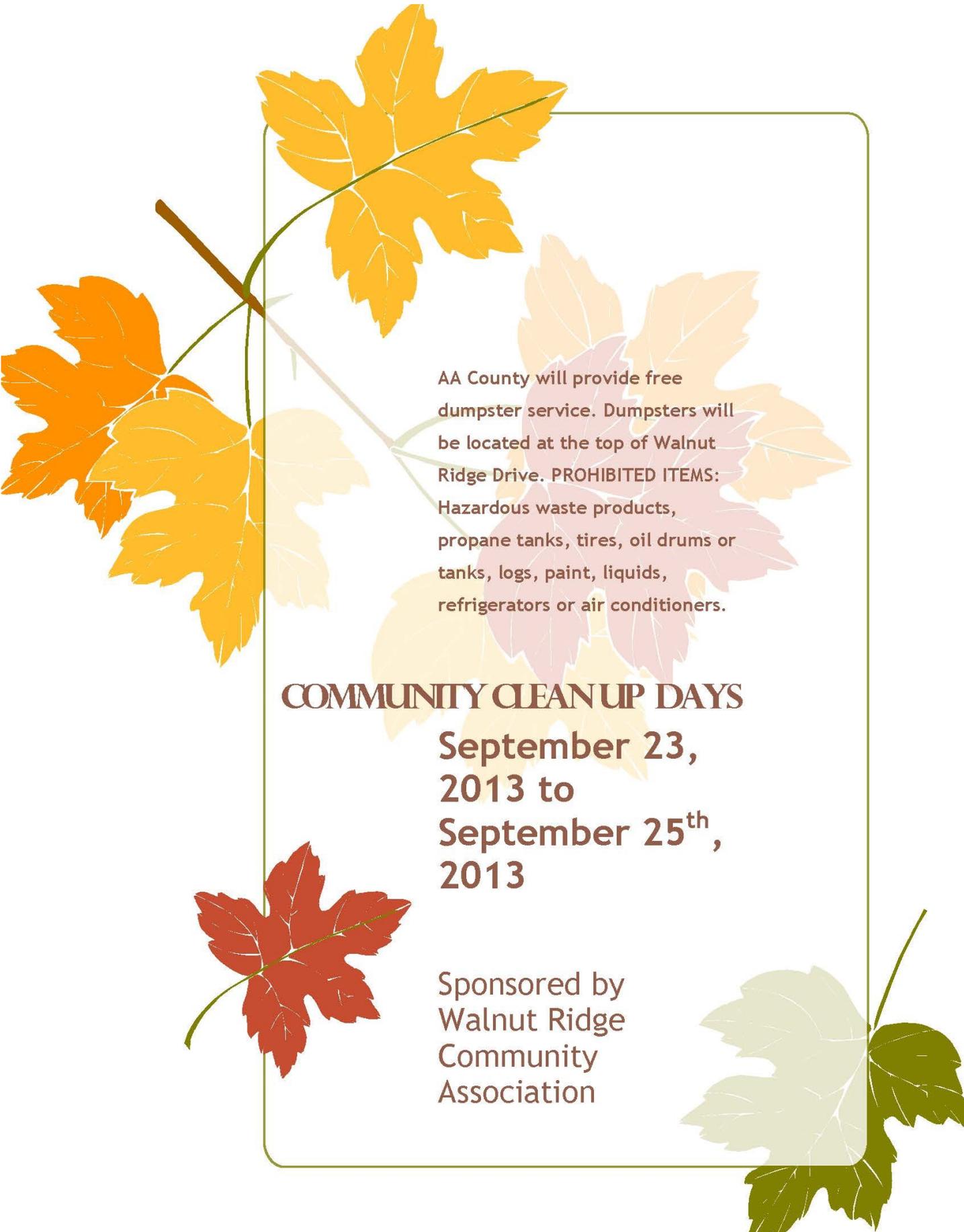


For more lots more Library events please call the Broadneck Branch Library at 410-222-1905 or visit <http://www.aacpl.net>.



Happy Halloween





AA County will provide free dumpster service. Dumpsters will be located at the top of Walnut Ridge Drive. PROHIBITED ITEMS: Hazardous waste products, propane tanks, tires, oil drums or tanks, logs, paint, liquids, refrigerators or air conditioners.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAYS

September 23,
2013 to
September 25th,
2013

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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.)

Time to kick up my heels and check out the 'hood. Fall is here!
What a perfect day this is. Let's see what's going on.

Thanks to the efforts of the community association, our entryway is beautifully landscaped and welcoming. Trees along Walnut Ridge are trimmed and looking good. It has to be a huge selling point for both buyers and sellers of homes. The community itself has great curb appeal. How is your personal curb appeal? Does it turn people on or off? Which message does it send? "I'm here to stay." Or "I'm just passing through." Cleanliness and neatness does not cost \$\$\$\$\$\$.



Uh oh, uh oh.....children alert.....river rocks are missing from landscaped areas. Come on kids...throw a ball, not rocks! Some lower limbs of trees are damaged from kids pulling and bending them. UGH!!! We have a playground for a reason. Love to see our youth using the playground and even better, parents enjoying time with their kids out there.

A while back I remember urging people to wear reflective clothing when walking after sunset. I was happy to see a man walking his dogs on Almond Drive and both the man and his dogs wore reflective stripes. Just as I was standing there smiling at seeing someone doing a really safe thing.....I got absolutely blasted and jolted by the loud, I mean really loud, car stereo entering the community. Come on mister.....as you enter the community lower your speed AND your volume. You're gonna give this old Wanderer a shock to his system.

Let's give thanks that we got through a summer without a power outage!!

See you on the walking trail this Fall.

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

Fall Trivia Answer

The answer is the Poppy. The story begins with the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields," written by John McCrae in 1915 ("In Flanders fields the poppies blow / Between the crosses, row on row"). In 1918 Moina Belle Michael, on reading McCrae's poem, pledged to always wear a red poppy as a sign of remembrance. Her idea spread, and in 1924 the Veterans of Foreign Wars launched its "Buddy Poppy" program to help disabled and needy veterans.



NOISE POLLUTION? *(Let's get it under control)*

Noise Pollution is a term created in the 1970's to describe (among other things) those irritating loud sounds emanating from boom boxes carried by rude people who **selfishly played their music with the volume turned-up and 'in your face'** - when innocent bystanders just wanted to be able to enjoy their peaceful day.

As you may know, **Noise Pollution is back!** In 2013 residents of Walnut Ridge are regularly being subjected to a similar scenario when thoughtless, impolite people turn-up their ultra loud sound systems, car radios and sub-woofers to the point of **intruding into our peaceful neighborhood**. Even though I live more than 50 meters from Walnut Ridge Drive, when someone with a loud car sound system enters our Community, the noise and vibration can be heard over the sound of my television.



I Therefore Propose that we declare the Community of Walnut Ridge to be a “**Noise Pollution Free Zone**”. Beginning at the Walnut Ridge Sign when turning from Cape Saint Claire Road — we **POLITELY** ask you to please respect your fellow Walnut Ridge Residents and **PLEASE** turn down/off your car sound system when you enter the community.

This small **courtesy** will help us maintain the peace and serenity of our beautiful Walnut Ridge Community.



Thanks!

Contributed by Herb Elliott

Now, about that so-called Rain Tax

As of August 1st 2013, Anne Arundel Property Owners began paying one of the **highest** stormwater fees in the state – all in an effort to help clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Stormwater is a leading bay pollutant.

The General Assembly passed a law last year ordering the state's 10 largest municipalities to pass **Stormwater fees**. The Federal government had ordered Maryland and other states to develop plans **to clean up the bay**. If counties don't find the money, they will face penalties. Those fees and the others that took effect are as diverse as the 10 municipalities that decided on them.

The majority of **Anne Arundel property owners will pay \$85 a year**, phased in over three years. Businesses will pay based on their amount of impervious surface. Those bills will be capped at 25 percent of their property taxes.

What it is and the mandated solution

In 2010, the Federal government required states to meet new standards under the Clean Water Act to address stormwater runoff pollution from “**impervious**” areas (that don't absorb water). These areas include (but, are not limited to) **parking lots, roads and roofs**.

Every day, **trash, oil, sediment, chemicals and other pollutants** collect on our roofs, roads, parking lots and driveways. When it rains, the pollutants travel over these surfaces, flow into the storm drains and (in great volume) end up in our creeks, rivers, lakes, streams and ultimately the bay.

To meet the Federal mandate, the County has to treat acres of uncontrolled impervious surfaces at a cost of **approximately \$1.2 billion and complete the program by 2025**. The funds will be used solely to retrofit parking lots, roads and roofs with treatment devices that will filter out pollutants from stormwater.

Don't I already pay for a stormwater program?

Yes, but that program is designated for flood control, not clean water.

Where can I find more information?

Please visit the following links:

http://www.aacounty.org/SevernRiver/strmw.cfm#UjTZq1zD_Gg

http://www.aacounty.org/DPW/Stormwater/stormwater_forms_FAQ#UjTaAFzD_Gg

Fees are currently under review and may be subject to change or appeal decisions.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number.....	410-222-7000	
AA County FIRE—EMERGENCY	911	
AA County Fire —Non-Emergency.....	410-222-8300	
AA County POLICE—EMERGENCY	911	
AA County Police —Non-Emergency	410-222-8050	
AA County Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364	
AA County Department of Public Works.....	410-222-7940	
AA County Department of Public Works/Waste Management	410-222-6100	
Animal Control (Animal Complaints : Strays, Barking, etc).....	410-222-8900	
Annapolis City POLICE	410-268-9000	
Anne Arundel Medical Center (HOSPITAL).....	443-481-1000	
BGE—All Calls	800-685-0123	
BGE—Report Power Outage	877-778-2222	
Broadneck Library	410-222-1905	
Broadstripe Cable (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300	
Bulk Item/Waste Removal	410-222-6104	
Cable—Broadstripe (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300	
Cable—Comcast Cable	800-266-2278	
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department	410-757-3434	
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278	
CLT Utilities, Inc.	410-697-2026	
D.H. Bader Management Services	301-953-1955	Ext. 11
Department of Public Works.....	410-222-7940	
Department of Public Works/Waste Management.....	410-222-6100	
Environmental Health	410-222-7364	
Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364	
J&W Utilities	410-827-8516	
Maryland State Police Headquarters	410-653-4200	
North County Towing	410-760-3332	
Post Office—Legion Avenue.....	410-573-0953	
Poison Control	800-492-2414	
Recycling & Yard Waste	410-222-6100	
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup).....	410-263-4019	
Towing—North County Towing	410-255-4494	
	or 410-573-1682	
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104	
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144	
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400	

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