



Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter

Third Edition — Fall 2007

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Walnut Ridge Community Association Newsletter. We hope that you will find the information contained in this newsletter both informative and helpful. Residents are encouraged to share their suggestions and concerns. If you should have any thoughts or questions about our Community, please contact the Board of Directors via email at (board@wrhoa.org) or our property manager, John Sheehy (jsheehy@dhbader.com).

Parking and Towing

Parking and towing concerns were addressed at the Board of Directors meeting held on June 21, 2007. Several homeowners as well as representatives from North County Towing were in attendance. The following parking and towing issues were clarified:



- Vehicles will be towed if they are parked on a yellow curb, in a fire lane or blocking an intersection.
- Vehicles parked in a reserved space other than their own will be given 48 hours notice.
- Vehicles parked in any reserved space without proper tags will be given 48 hours notice.
- Homeowners may call the management company (301-953-1955) about unfamiliar vehicles parked in their reserved parking space.
- Not all tow trucks driving in the community are contracted by the Association,.

Verizon FiOS Installation

Having received complaints from residents about damage to their lawns as a result of the installation of FiOS, members of your Board of Directors and John Sheehy of D. H. Bader Management met with representatives of Verizon on this issue.

Most of these issues have been resolved. If you should have further concerns about the installation work, please call Bernie Bratton, the local project manager for Verizon at 410-737-4065.

Board of Directors Meeting

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 PM**. Location: Meeting room of Champion Realty, 814 East College Parkway, Annapolis 21409.

Board meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. **Please call D.H. Bader Management Services (301-953-1955) to verify all meeting dates, times and locations.**

You are invited to attend monthly Board Meetings to share your suggestions and concerns.

You Can't Stop Time.....

But you can **turn it back one hour** at 2:00 a.m. on November 4th when Day-light Saving Time ends and Standard Time begins.



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

Looking for local events? Check out these websites!

www.hometownannapolis.com
 www.aacc.edu/events
 www.whatsupmag.com
 www.insideannapolis.com
 www.annapolischamber.com

Important Numbers

- To report power outage or downed wire, call BGE at 1-877-778-2222 (don't assume that BGE already knows!)
- To report water and sewage emergencies, call 410-222-8400
- To report problems within the Walnut Ridge Community, call D.H Bader Management Services—301-953-1955
- Trash Removal—410-222-6100
- Bulk Waste Removal—410-222-6104
- Animal Control—410-222-8900
- North County Towing—410-760-3332

Whose Exterior Wall is it?

There has been some confusion expressed by residents regarding the exterior design of the town homes in our community and which resident is responsible for maintaining and painting the 'jut out' walls that divide two properties. Here is a suggested way to approach the dilemma. If you were to drill through the wall whose interior wall would you go through? If the answer is your own, then that wall is your responsibility, even if it faces your neighbor's yard. The neighborly and courteous thing to do is to alert your neighbor in advance of any exterior painting and address the issue at that time.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Walnut Ridge Community Association consists of homeowners who volunteer their time to serve the community. Contact the Board by e-mail at: **www.wrhoa.org / board@wrhoa.org**

Officers

President: Ed Rose
 Vice President: Laura Richardson
 Treasurer: Anita Ramundo
 Secretary: Gloria Petit Clair

Members at Large

Michelle Henderson
 Bryan Moores
 Ziggi Nickel

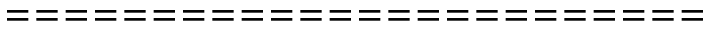
Property Management

John Sheehy, Property Manager
 D.H. Bader Management Services
 14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210
 Laurel, MD 20707
 301-953-1955

Welcome New Homeowners!

Michael E. Bush, 1368 Almond Drive
Paul & Traci Gillette, 1369 Almond Drive
Richard D. Dugan, 1395 Almond Drive
Paul Losh, 1322 Hazel Nut Court
Patricia M. Jaffe, 1353 Hazel Nut Court
Michael Christenson & Kristina Dize, 1370 Hazel Nut Court
Daniel G. Zick, 1377 Hazel Nut Court

Pet Stations - There are now four Pet Stations located throughout our Community. Please use them to deposit your pet's waste.



School is Open !

Anne Arundel County Schools have reopened for the 2007-2008 school year. It is again time to remind our residents to drive

carefully and watch for children going to and from school .

Maryland law requires that when a school vehicle is stopping or has stopped on the roadway, and is operating the alternating flashing red lights, all vehicles must stop **at least 20 feet** from the front or rear of the school vehicle.

No one can proceed until the alternating flashing red lights have been turned off. Drivers should continue to exercise caution once the flashing lights have been turned off.

Drivers of other vehicles are not required to stop **when they are on a divided highway** and the **school vehicle is on the other side** of the divided highway.

Habitat's ReStore Seeks Your Donations

Almost any items (in good repair) taken from your home during a renovation - doors, windows, cabinets (kitchen or otherwise) working appliances, furniture, building or remodeling material that is in good shape can be recycled through the store located at 8101 Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena.

This is a remarkable store and helps so many people keep their homes in good repair. New and used materials from corporate donors are resold for 50-70% off of retail prices.

All operating profits from sales go into the Habitat's building program, helping provide adequate housing for local families. The store phone is 410 437 7755 and the hours are 10-5pm Wed-Sat . Donations can be picked up when scheduled in advance by calling 410-437- 7754.

Watch those Butts!

As residents and guests walk our community, it is very apparent we have quite a few smokers. Nothing against smokers, but it is unsightly to see so many cigarette butts on our sidewalks, parking lots and around the playground area. Tanook Court's parking area is especially littered with cigarette butts.

It would make a real difference if smokers would kindly clean up the butts they have already discarded. **Please** make a conscious effort to discontinue the practice of discarding cigarette butts in our parking and open areas. The overall effect will be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Maryland Department of Agriculture

Mosquito Control Section

Mosquito Control Begins At Home

You can reduce mosquito annoyance up to 80% in your backyard and community by eliminating sites that serve as habitat for mosquito larvae. All mosquito larvae need standing water to develop. As little as 1/2 inch of water in a discarded container will support dozens of mosquitoes.

A mosquito will bite the hand that feeds it!

By participating in home or community clean-ups and following simple procedures, each of us can contribute to a lower mosquito population.

Use these tips to rid your community of mosquito breeding sites:

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Turn over or remove clay pots & plastic containers. Flush water from the bottoms of plant holders twice a week.
- Store plastic wading pools and children's toys inside when not in use.
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, wood piles, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
- Don't leave garbage can lids upside down. Be sure water doesn't collect in the bottom of the cans.
- Replace water in bird baths and pet dishes **weekly**.
- Fix dripping outside water faucets.
- Turn wheelbarrows and watering cans upside down when not in use, or store them inside.

Check ornamental ponds for mosquito larvae. Introduce fish to the pond to help control the larval population.

Mosquito Control Office

Annapolis (Headquarters) (410) 841-5870

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.

