

Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter



Spring 2018



Walnut Ridge Community Association

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A Note From The President

I thought I would utilize this Spring issue of the newsletter to call upon the owners and residents of Walnut Ridge to realize the importance of volunteerism when it comes to participation in the General Meetings of the Board of Directors. Your association BOD, more than ever needs a minimum of two voting members of the community to not only attend our next General Meeting in April, but to consider taking an active role in filling open positions.

It is my sad to duty to report the recent passing of Zitella “Ziggi” Nickel, a long time resident and member of the Board. Ziggi was first and foremost a wonderful person. She served as a Member at Large on the Board for many years and was a valued contributor to our community newsletters. People like Ziggi Nickel are a key ingredient in the recipe for a viable, attractive, and pleasing community environment. Her presence in and around Walnut Ridge and her many contributions made were deeply appreciated by those that knew her. She will be so missed!

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Reminder to Homeowners!

**Your next quarterly
association
assessment payment
is due April 1st**

In Memoriam

This edition of the Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter is dedicated to Ziggi Nickel (1940 - 2018), long-time Walnut Ridge resident, Board member and contributor to the Walnut Ridge Newsletter.

(Note From The President Continued from page 1)

According to our Constitution and By-Laws, our association must maintain a Board of Directors consisting of four primary officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary). In addition, three members-at-large are needed to more accurately guide the direction and needs of the association. Currently we have only one member-at-large. I implore all of you to attend the next meeting to express any concerns you may have and take that opportunity to familiarize yourselves with the Board's operation. I assure you that the hour to hour and a half that it will entail will be time well spent. Please understand that there will be no commitment required or requested. It would however, provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet your current Board members, witness the behind the scenes operations of the community, and give voice to any concerns or questions you may have.

Speaking for myself and the Board of Directors, we welcome any and all opportunities to meet you. We look forward to seeing you and sincerely hope you can attend this next gathering. On another note – Here comes Spring!!!

Edward M. Rose, President
Walnut Ridge Community Association

Association Assessments are due on:

- January 1st
- April 1st
- July 1st
- October 1st



Reminder!

Please do not double-park behind properly parked vehicles in the neighborhood at any time. You could be towed.

Please ask your visitors to not double-park also.

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

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A Message from Your Board of Directors

Our job as your Community Association Board of Directors is to ensure that our community members follow the guidelines put in place for our community. We also must ensure that the Association has enough funds in our budget to cover the community's expenses. Residents are always welcome to attend our regular board meetings. See Page 7 for upcoming board meeting dates and locations. **Remember:** if you plan to attend a meeting, please contact our Association Manager to confirm the meeting date and time.



Save the Date!

Walnut Ridge is participating in the Anne Arundel County Community Clean-up Program. A dumpster is tentatively scheduled to be available in the Cul-De-Sac by 12 noon on Friday, September 7, and will be picked up by 2:30 pm on Saturday, September 8, 2018. In accordance with the AA County Community Clean-Up Guidelines, do not place items outside of the dumpster, or place prohibited items in the dumpster (see list below). **The dumpster will be monitored for misuse, so please do not abuse this privilege.**



Do **NOT** place any of the below items in the dumpster:

- Hazardous waste
- Junk automobiles
- Trailers
- Boats
- Gas and propane tanks
- Tires
- Oil drums or tanks
- Paint
- Liquids
- Refrigerators or air conditioners
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For the proper disposal of the prohibited items mentioned above, please call the County (410) 222-6108.

Make Your Own Natural Weed Killer

- 1 gallon distilled vinegar
- 1 cup salt
- 1 tablespoon liquid dish soap*

Alternate recipe:

- 1 tablespoon of gin
- 1 tablespoon of apple cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon of liquid dish soap*
- 1 quarter of hot water

*Not dishwasher detergent

Combine ingredients in a spray bottle and treat weeds in the garden or into the cracks of sidewalks at the sunniest time of day for best results.

**Spring Walk-Through**

Exterior inspections of all homes will begin in mid-May! Start now to be sure your home is in compliance!



Look for playground enhancements coming soon!

**News from the Board of Directors**

- At the reconvened Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Broadneck High School, all Board members were re-elected to another term.
- Two vehicles were towed from the community which were in violation of the covenants and parking space guidelines.
- Complaints received regarding residents using Visitor Parking Spaces will be rigorously acted upon.
- Three A&E applications were reviewed.
- The Board is considering the replacement of the asphalt on our private streets (Hazel Nut, Almond, Peach and Tanook).
- A survey of the community by a reputable pest control company will be undertaken to identify areas of concern.

“Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success.”

-Henry Ford

MARYLAND's NEW SMOKE ALARM LAW

The state law regarding smoke alarms was signed on July 1, 2013, but includes requirements that just went into effect on January 1, 2018. What does this mean to you?

The law now requires--

- the replacement of battery-only operated smoke alarms with new 10 year smoke alarms with sealed batteries.
- replacement of hardwired devices more than 10 years old. Hardwired devices newer than 10 years still are acceptable. (Note: Hard-wired devices must be replaced with hard-wired devices. You cannot replace a hard-wired alarm with a battery-only alarm.)
- replacement of ALL smoke alarms - hard-wired and battery-only - when they are 10 years old. That means 10 years from the date of manufacture printed on the back of the alarm. If you cannot locate a date, your smoke alarm needs to be replaced.

For more information, contact Anne Arundel County Smoke Alarm Outreach at 410-222-8303.



April Fools' Day, also known as All Fools' Day, is celebrated on April 1st each year. While April 1st is not a national holiday, it is widely celebrated in many countries and is recognized as a day when people play practical jokes on each other. In Italy, France and Belgium, children and adults traditionally tack paper fishes on each other's back as a trick and shout "April Fish!" in their local language. Such fish prominently are featured on many late 19th to 20th century April Fools' Day postcards. The earliest recorded association between April 1st and foolishness can be found in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1392).

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year will begin on April 4, 2018. Children must be five-years-old by September 1st to enroll in kindergarten. All kindergarten programs are full-day. Check the AACPS website for additional information.
<http://www.aacps.org/earlychildhood>



Avoiding Contractor Fraud.

You've been talking about a home renovation or you need to make home repairs and you're thinking of hiring a contractor. Here are some red flags to watch out for to help you avoid contractor fraud:

- The contractor asks you to pay the entire balance up front.
- He/she only accepts cash.
- Goes door-to-door.
- Does not have a street address, only a P.O. Box.
- The vehicle doesn't list the business name.
- Avoids giving you a written contract.

Early Voting - Gubernatorial Primary Election



Early Voting for the 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election begins on Thursday, June 14, 2018 and continues through Thursday, June 21, 2018. All Early Voting Centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:00 pm. You can go to any early voting center in the county where you reside.

Early Voting Center locations in Anne Arundel County are:

Anne Arundel County
Board of Elections
6740 Baymeadow Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Crofton Community Library
1681 Riedel Rd
Crofton, MD 21114

Edgewater Community Library
25 Stepneys Lane
Edgewater, MD 21037

Glen Burnie Regional Library
1010 Eastway
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Odenton Regional Library
1325 Annapolis Road
Odenton, MD 21113

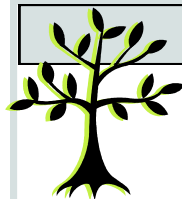
Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center
273 Hilltop Lane
Annapolis, MD 21403

Severna Park Community Library
45 McKinsey Road
Severna Park, MD 21146

Note: Early Voting Centers **will not** be open on election day.

GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 26, 2018!

Primary Election Day for the Gubernatorial Election is Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The voting location on **Primary Election Day** for all of Walnut Ridge is Broadneck Senior High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive. Visit www.aacounty.org/elections for more information.



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 and also to our manager Leslie Ochs at LOchs@procomgt.com, or send by snail mail to Walnut Ridge Community Association, Inc., c/o Professional Community Management, Inc., 400 Serendipity Drive, Millersville, MD 21108.

Happy Mother's Day!

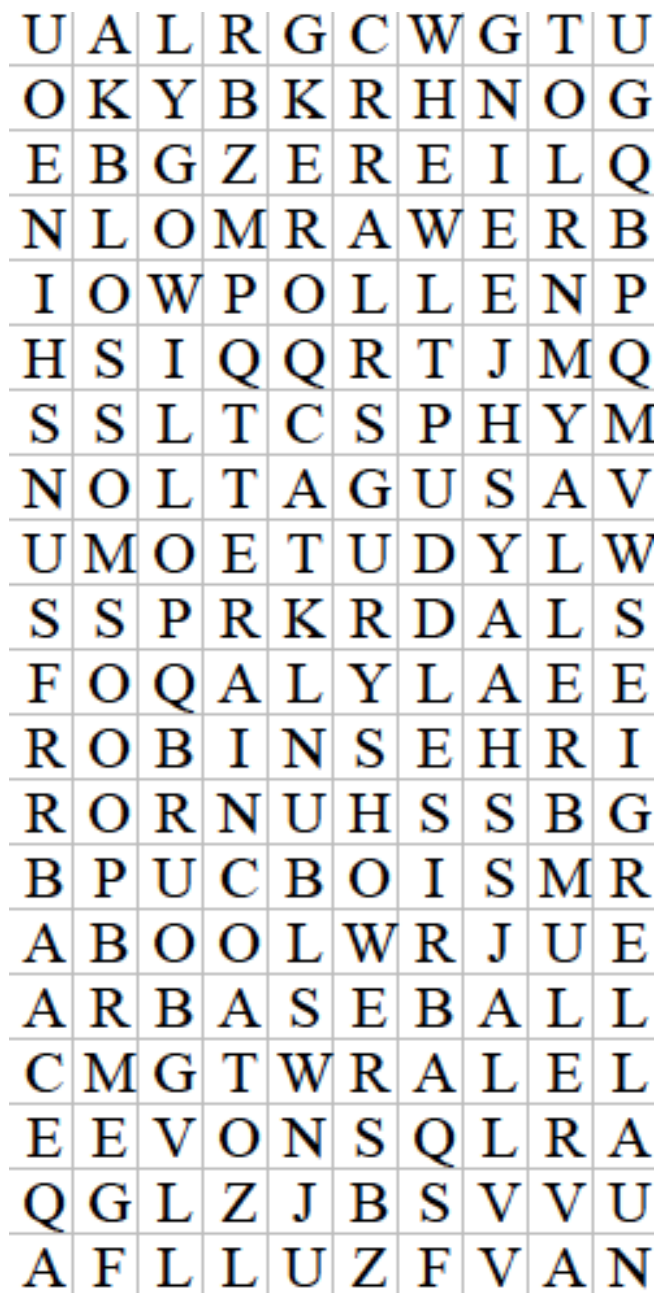
Sunday, May 13, 2018

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?

A: Spring-time!



Find Words Associated with Spring



Blossoms	Galoshes	Easter
May	Puddles	Sunshine
Prom	Chirp	Thaw
Green	Graduation	Umbrella
Crocus	Warm	Robins
Allergies	Bunny	Polliwog
Showers	Raincoat	April
Pollen	Flowers	Baseball

With Tax Day right around the corner (Tuesday, April 17th), here are some interesting "tax facts"...



- In 2007, the IRS reported that 99,316,995 taxpayers called, wrote, or walked into an IRS office for help. That is roughly 1 in 3 Americans
- The federal form 1040 was introduced in 1913 and was required of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents with a net income of \$3,000 or more for the taxable year. It consisted of just three pages, and that included the instructions!
- The first income tax in the U.S was imposed in July 1861 to help pay for the Civil War.
- There are at least 480 tax forms on the IRS website.
- The IRS estimates that in 2007, Americans who didn't pay their taxes collectively owed more than \$345 billion in taxes
- The IRS is the world's largest accounting and tax-collection organization.

Yellow Curb = No Parking! Period!

THIS APPLIES TO EVERYONE

Park in front of the yellow curb and you could be towed.

Park in a Fire Lane and you WILL be towed—no warning and no questions asked.



*Walnut Ridge Reminders***Association Assessments**

Next assessment is due April 1st.

**A&E Inspections Are Scheduled for Mid-May****Trash / Recycle**

Trash/Recycling out after 6 pm on Monday nights.

**Grass Clippings**

Do not dump grass clippings on common areas.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS**

Monday, April 23, 2018 at Broadneck Library (new location)

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 (location TBD)

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 (location TBD)

Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (Annual / Budget Meeting) (location TBD)

All Board meetings begin at 6:30 pm. If you plan to attend a meeting, please contact our Association Manager, Leslie Ochs of ProCom at 410-721-0777 ext. 146 or by email Lochs@procomgt.com to confirm meeting date, time and location.

**Memorial Day Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick Up Schedule**

**Pick up will be Wednesday, May 30th
(not Tuesday, May 29th)**

**Mosquito Spraying**

This spring and summer Walnut Ridge will again be sprayed for mosquitoes. More information will be provided in the Summer Newsletter and on our website once a start date and day of the week is determined.



Sunday, June 17, 2018

Missed an issue of the
Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter?
Newsletters are available in color online at
www.walnutridgeonline.org



Broadneck Community Library Happenings!

Broadneck Branch - 1275 Green Holly Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21409 (410.222.1905) **Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 9 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm.

Teen Cover Art Contest, April 1 through 30. Teens ages 11 to 18 are encouraged to share their best artwork on the theme of: *Libraries are for Everyone*. The winning artwork will grace the cover of the Fall issue of **Library Happenings** and the artist will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Art Things in Annapolis. A second place winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Art Things. Entries can be dropped off at any Anne Arundel County Library location or emailed to aacplsocal@gmail.com. All entrants must have an Anne Arundel County Library card. Include your name, age, library card number, phone number and email address with your submission. Full requirements are available at www.aacpl.net



Downsizing Possessions. Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm. Kater Leatherman, professional organizer and author of four books about living with less stuff, discusses what makes us keep stuff that we don't want, need or use. **For adults.**

Dungeons and Dragons, Wednesdays, April 4 and May 9 at 4:30 pm. Find treasure, fight baddies and eat snacks with the famous game. **For tweens and teens.**



Learn to Draw Comics with Artist Malachi McKoy. Saturday, May 5 at 1 pm. Learn how to draw male and female super heroes, and how to add action movements to your characters. Supplies provided.

What is Maryland 529? Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm. Learn about Maryland 529, an independent, non-profit state agency that offers two college savings plans to help families prepare for the cost of higher education and reduce future debt. **For adults.**

Estate Planning and Wills. Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm. Attorney Sarah Dwyer-Heidkamp will discuss the differences between wills and trusts, powers of attorney and medical directives. **For adults.**

Paws to Read. Saturdays, April 28 and May 19 from 1 to 3 pm. Children in elementary school improve their reading skills while enjoying the rapt attention of canine tutors. Call Broadneck Branch for an appointment. Sponsors include Therapy Dogs International, Pets on Wheels, Laurie Bailey and Mutley and Caring Canines.



Visit <http://www.aacpl.net> or call call the Broadneck Branch at 410-222-1905 for lots more exciting events.

Big News from the Anne Arundel County Library!

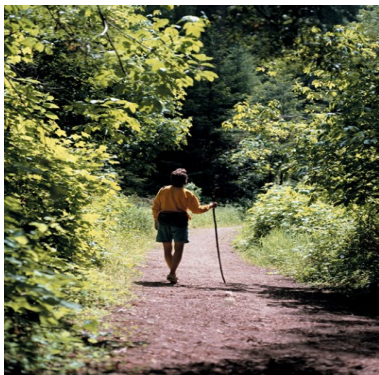
Beginning April 30, the library will have a new location in the Westfield Annapolis Mall near Crate and Barrel. Called "**Discoveries: The Library at the Mall**," the branch will feature new and classic books for kids, teens and adults; comfortable seating; a Discovery Dock children's area; WiFi; public computers; DVDs; a 3D printer and an area for customers to pick up materials placed on hold. Library staff will also offer weekly early literacy programs and educational events for kids and teens on a regular basis. The branch will be open Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The first mall library in Central Maryland, the unique partnership will provide services to area residents and mall customers beginning in April of 2018. The branch is made possible through the generous support of the Anne Arundel County Public Library Foundation and Westfield Annapolis.



Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!

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.)



2018 Spring The In-Between Season

I'm hoping that by the time you receive this newsletter, the volunteer who delivers it will be walking in sunshine. Winter gets me down and March is the worst month. The brightness and joy of Christmas are over and if you're like me you're struggling with income tax forms.

Late winter has extremes. Crazy weather from windstorms to snowstorms and then, at last, a few bright sunny days when the playground was filled with parents, kids and pets! What a beautiful sight.

That day I saw green shoots coming out of the planters and then later, I saw something very strange in a very large trash pile. I approached it thinking I knew what it was, but it looked so real, so human! Then my mind started to race. It looked like a potential CSI site, but it wasn't. Check out who got thrown out!



With the warm weather comes the return of our beautiful landscaping that seems to come in stages, like they were planned. Well, they were. The trees, shrubs and flower beds were planned, designed and watched over by a very special WRCA volunteer, Ziggi Nickel. Ziggi served on the Board for many years and advocated for our beautiful surroundings.

Many days I would see her walking her dog on Walnut Ridge Drive and looking over the plantings. She checked on the health of the trees and plants and always advocated for new installations. We'll miss you Ziggi.

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

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 Aging.....	410-222-4464
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	410-222-6100
Cable—Broadstripe (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300
Cable—Comcast Cable (Xfinity).....	800-934-6489
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department	410-757-3434
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
CT Utilities (see Old Line Utility or Rudder Management)	
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
Management Company	410-721-0777
Maryland State Police Headquarters	410-653-4200
Old Line Utility c/o Rudder Management	410-647-7929
Post Office—Legion Avenue.....	410-573-0953
Poison Control	800-492-2414
Professional Community Management (ProCom)	410-721-0777
Recycling & Yard Waste	410-222-6100
Rudder Management, Inc.	410-647-7929
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup)	800-728-7825
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400
Xfinity (Comcast) Cable	800-934-6489

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