



Walnut Ridge

Community Association

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News From the Board

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- Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be reconvened on January 17th as quorum was not present on November 29th.
- Budget Meeting: The budget meeting went forward on November 29th as quorum by board members was present. During discussion, it was noted that assessments have not been increased in the past 4 years. In order to maintain healthy reserve funds and to keep up with rising costs, it was deemed necessary to increase quarterly assessments for 2024. By law, assessments may be increased by 10% per year, but it was decided to only increase assessments by 3% (an additional \$7.50/qtr.) beginning January 1st.
- The project to address the erosion in the common area between 1353 and 1355 Hazel Nut was completed in late October.

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*The Board of Directors
warmly wishes you a
Safe And Joyous
Holiday Season*

Reminder to Homeowners!

**Your next quarterly
assessment
payment is due
January 1st.**



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- Annapolis Tree has been contracted to perform significant trimming and tree removal in mid-January, weather permitting.
- Amendments were added to our current landscaping contract to provide for aeration and overseeding in common areas, replacement of aged plantings and regular trimming/push back of overgrown vegetation behind homes.
- Snow removal contract with Level Green is in place for the 2023-2024 season and snow stakes were placed in various locations throughout the community.
- ACC Requests: The Board received, reviewed and responded to approximately 9 ACC requests since the Fall 2023 newsletter publication.

**Walnut Ridge
Board of Directors**

Officers

President: Laura Richardson

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Gloria Petit-Clair

Treasurer: Vacant

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About Association Assessments

Association assessments are paid by *every* homeowner in Walnut Ridge. Assessments are used for private road upkeep, snow removal, maintenance of the tot lot area and playground equipment, association administrative expenses such as accountant services, legal fees, property management fees and common area upkeep such as landscaping, tree trimming, street lighting, sidewalk repairs and other miscellaneous expenses.

Assessments are due on the 1st day of each quarter and are considered late if received after the 15th of the month it is due. If payment is made by check or automatic bill pay, please be sure that your payment is adjusted to the new 2024 assessment amount (\$198.50). Your payment should be sent to Axos Lockbox, c/o ProCom, P.O. Box 2097, Secaucus, NJ 07096-2097.

If you have any questions regarding association assessments, please contact Tamara James, Senior Association Manager, 410-721-0777 Ext. 118 or by email: TJames@procomgt.com.



Walnut Ridge Reminders

- **No Parking** on yellow curbs or you could be towed.
- **Trash & Recycling.** Trash and recycling containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on Monday evenings. Containers should be at the curb before 6 am on Tuesday mornings to ensure pickup.
- **Street Lights.** Report street light outage at bge.com/outdoorlighting or call **800.685.0123**.
- **Discharge of fireworks is prohibited** in Walnut Ridge.
- **Dogs MUST be on leashes** at all times when outside your home.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick Up Schedule

Christmas week:

Pick up will be Wednesday,
December 27th (**not** on Tuesday,
December 26th)



New Year's week:



Pick up will be Wednesday, January
3rd (**not** on Tuesday, January 2nd)

When it snows...



- * You are responsible for shoveling your stoop/porch, walkway and sidewalk in front of your home as well as your numbered parking spaces.
- * When shoveling your sidewalk and parking spaces, do not throw or place your shoveled snow around the mailboxes. The mail carrier must be able to get to the mailboxes, otherwise, mail will not get delivered.
- * Please do not place large amounts of snow in the street, unless active plowing is taking place.
- * Keep your snow to yourself. Don't toss the snow into your neighbor's parking space or walkway, even if it means you have to carry the shovel of snow a couple of extra feet.
- * Please do not remove the Snow Stakes which have been placed along the curbs by our snow removal contractor.



**Keep your pets inside in
cold weather**

Tips from Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works for Recycling Your NATURAL Christmas Tree

- * Natural garland, wreaths, and Christmas trees are yard waste. They are chipped into mulch, a valuable soil covering.
- * Please remove tree stand, bags, metal ornament hangers, and all decorations. Cut very tall trees in half so that the tree will fit into the contractor's truck.
- * Natural garland, wreaths, and Christmas trees will be collected on your collection day.
- * Yard waste is collected at the curb on your collection day all year round.
- * Put your natural garland, wreaths, and Christmas trees at the curb before 6:00 am on your collection day or bring your items to any one of Anne Arundel County Recycling Centers.





HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Candlelight Stroll in Downtown Annapolis. Fridays and Saturday evenings through December 30, 7-8:30 pm. Enjoy a walking tour of Annapolis guided by a period-attired guide and stroll around Annapolis and hear about holiday traditions of times past as you stroll by Victorian homes, colonial mansions, and charming shops. Departs from 188 Main Street. \$26/Adult; \$15/Child. Book your reservation online: <https://watermarkjourney.com/events/holiday-candlelight-stroll/>

Lights on the Bay. Through January 1st. Monday-Thursday, 6 pm to 10 pm, Friday-Sunday 5-10 pm. This spectacular electric wonderland tour at Sandy Point State Park has become a tradition for many families. Enjoy more than 70 amazing animated and stationary displays! Take a night - or a couple of nights - to enjoy the electric show from the warmth of your car. All proceeds benefit the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. \$20/Car; \$5/3D Glasses; \$30 large passenger vans, mini buses; \$50 buses. Visit: <https://www.lightsonthebay.org/> for more info.



North Pole Lights Walk. Through December 30. 4:30-8:00 pm. This self-guided walk to the North Pole is fun for the whole family! Visit Santa in his cabin as he gets ready for his big night and explore new trails with lighted Christmas scenes. Don't miss Polar Bear Central and the Gingerbread house! Willow Oak Flower and Herb Farm, 8109 Telegraph Road, Severn, Maryland; \$10/adults, \$5/children. <https://www.visitmaryland.org/events/holiday-lights-walk-north-pole-willow-oak>

Military Bowl and Parade. December 27. 2:00 pm. The annual bowl game between an American Athletic Conference (AAC) team and an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) team benefits current and former service members including the recovering veterans at Patriot Point, a local retreat for injured veterans. The parade is led by the famous Budweiser Clydesdales and also includes youth and community groups, participating team marching bands and more. The parade starts at the City Dock and marches to the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. For more info, visit <https://militarybowl.org/bowl-home>.



Annapolis City Fireworks. December 31, 2023. Ring in the New Year at Annapolis City Dock with fireworks over the harbor at 7:00 pm (family hour) and at midnight. <https://www.visitannapolis.org>.

Top New Year's Resolutions Made In 2023

1. Exercise more (53%)
2. Eat healthier (50%)
3. Lose weight (40%)
4. Save more money (39%)
5. Spend more time with friends and family (37%)
6. Spend less time on social media (20%)
7. Reduce stress on the job (19%)
8. Reduce spending on living expenses (19%)

"Happy new year, happy new year. May we all have a vision now and then of a world where every neighbor is a friend."

- Abba "New Year's Day"





Parking Space Guidelines

The Parking Space Guidelines is an official, enforceable, recorded document which governs parking on our private streets (Almond, Hazel Nut, Peach and Tanook). The Parking Space Guidelines were provided to you when you bought your home or provided to you by your landlord if you rent your home.

Residents are reminded that all parking spaces in the community belong to the Association. Walnut Ridge Drive is a County road and does not belong to the Association. Each home in Walnut Ridge is assigned two (2) parking spaces which are designated for the exclusive use of that unit. There are a limited number of parking spaces throughout the community which are marked "Visitor."

Restrictions outlined in the Parking Space Guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- Vehicles with commercial logos or business advertisements displayed on the vehicle.
- Vehicles with no tags or with expired tags.
- Vehicles which exceed the length of the painted parking space lines and/or are parked in such a way that the vehicle extends over the curb and into the sidewalk area or extends into the street and beyond the painted parking space lines.
- An apparently abandoned vehicle (i.e. no tags or expired tags, poor state of repair).
- No trailers, boats and campers.
- Resident vehicles consistently parked in Visitor Spaces.
- Vehicles without windows on the sides, other than a window for the driver and for the passenger, i.e. "panel vans".

Offending vehicles will be tagged and/or towed.

For additional information, please refer to the Parking Space Guideline available on the ProCom portal and on our website.

Spring Forward!

Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2024. Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour.



Snow Stakes

Level Green, our snow removal contractor, has placed orange and white snow stakes strategically around the community. These have been placed specifically for the snow removal trucks so they can tell where the speed humps and curbs are when pushing snow. **Please do not remove the markers and tell your children to leave these markers alone and not to remove or play with them!**



Winter Trivia

True or False—Does snow muffle sound?

True! When you step outside into the snow and you feel the silence settle around you, it's not your imagination. Research by the University of Kentucky studied the acoustic properties of snow and found that snow absorbs up to 60% of sound, so the feeling of serenity and calm that comes from snowy environments is real, driven by so much quiet.



Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!



Broadneck Community Library Happenings!

Broadneck Branch - 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21409 (410.222.1905) <http://www.aacpl.net>
Hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm.

Black History Month—A Visit to Kofi's Village.

Tuesday, February 6 at 6:30 pm. Enjoy African percussion instruments, through rhythmic drumming patterns, storytelling, call and response and movement!

After Hours Lock-In Party. *Friday, February 23 at 6 pm.* Teens take over the library at this after-hours party with activities, games and prizes. **For Teens.**

Tinker Lab. *Thursdays, January 25 and February 29 at 3 pm.* Enjoy imaginative fun with open-ended, hands-on exploration of different materials.

Homeschool Needlecrafters. *Wednesday, January 3 at 2 pm.* Bring your own working project or join us to start from scratch. Learn new knitting and crochet skills with the help of friends. **For all ages.**

LGBTQIA+ Book Club Discussions.

I Was Better Last Night: a Memoir by Harvey Fierstein.
Monday, January 29 at 6 pm.

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller. *Monday, February 26 at 6 pm.*

Beginner Line Dancing. *Thursdays, January 4 and February 1 at 6 pm.* Learn more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity. **For Adults.**

Kindergarten Readiness

Babies in Bloom. *Mondays at 10:30 am.*

Toddler Time. *Mondays at 11:30 am*

Preschool Storytime. *Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 am; Wednesdays at 5:30 pm*

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

Find Words Associated With New Year Celebration!



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Resolution

Cheers

Bells

Midnight

Music

Tradition

Champagne

Family

Noisemakers

Party

Countdown

Eve

Fireworks

Singing

Clock

January

Ball

Confetti

Toast

December

Dancing

Kiss

Baby

Sparklers

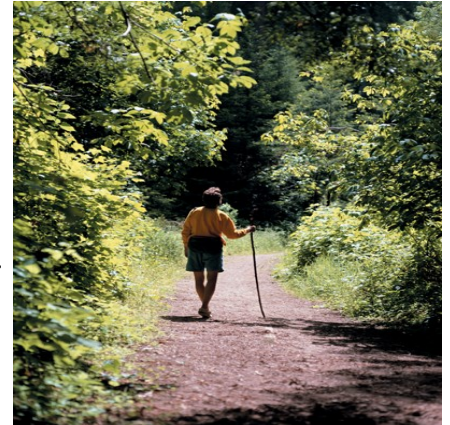


A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

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.)

Autumn was late in arriving; my summer flowers were still blooming until almost Halloween. No complaints here. My wildflowers grew tall and strong and were visited by hundreds of butterflies (or maybe, it was just tens of butterflies that visited a lot).

Autumn always delivers. Playground filled with kids of all ages sorted out by age level. Little ones swinging and climbing with parents nearby. Elementary kids playing sports games and hide-and-seek. Middle-schoolers shooting baskets, gathering in groups, doing cartwheels. Dreaming of being a high school cheerleader?



High schoolers arrive home crossing the playground slowly, heads bent, focused on the music in the earbuds. Sometimes I see couples talking as they cross the field and then even sitting on a bench to talk. It's all part of growing up. Anyone remember afternoons of sharing a walk home?

Autumn is passing into Winter. Time for me to put the covers over my deck furniture, bring in the geraniums, cut back the perennials and hope that these perennials will actually BE perennials!

Holiday decorating has started. The colorful lights and displays will guide us into Winter.

Did you notice the community installed the "snow poles" already? Haven't had a real snowstorm since 2015. Maybe this year?

Wishing you the best of 2024.

Walnut Ridge Wanderer





IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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| 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 |
| Top Notch Towing | 410-224-4808 |
| 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 |