

Fall 2025

#### Walnut Ridge Board of Directors

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Quarterly Assessments Are Due On
January 1st
April 1st
July 1st
October 1st

#### President's Message

Fall has arrived and we begin another year of school, soccer, football, field hockey, golf and the many activities that keep us busy.

The Annual and Budget meeting of the Association will take place virtually on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend. Meeting information along with participation guidelines will be circulated via the ProCom portal, by email, and by USPS mail in advance of the meeting date.

Thank you to all residents for your cooperation with the recent re-striping and re-stenciling of our private parking lots which took place during the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>. The new striping and stenciling look great!

There are many family-fun events coming to our area this fall. Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held on Saturday, October, 11<sup>th</sup> and is a fun and informative event for the whole family. See page 3 for other local fall events.

Fall is a good time to inspect the outside of your home (front and back) to be sure that it is in good repair. Keeping your home well maintained and in good appearance in accordance with our community's covenants is a responsibility all homeowners agreed to upon purchasing a home in Walnut Ridge.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and commitment to our community. Please strive to be kind, courteous and forgiving.

Warm regards, Laura



#### Yellow Curb Painting Update

At the Board of Directors meeting on April 16, 2025, after hearing comments from residents regarding the yellow painting of community curbs, the board decided to pause the painting, pending a six-month review. The exception to that decision was the painting of the curbs at upper Peach Court. That area was determined by the board to be a safety issue and that the yellow painting of those curbs would go forward when the community-wide repainting and house number re-stenciling occurred in August.

At its recent meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the board decided to defer the community-wide yellow painting of the curbs indefinitely but will continue to monitor the use of those curbs. Future problems with these currently unpainted curbs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

On a related note, please be aware that if you are parking any vehicle, especially wide trucks, close to any intersection, especially on Walnut Ridge Drive, please allow room for drivers to have clear line of sight.

#### **Board Activities**

- The re-striping and re-stenciling of our private streets took place on August 4th through August 7th. Many thanks to everyone for your cooperation during this project.
- Additional Mutt Mitt dog stations were purchased and have been installed at the lower end of Peach Court and on Walnut Ridge Drive near Cape St. Claire Road.
- Tree maintenance: trees have been trimmed and two dead/diseased trees were removed.
- Erosion along side and behind homes continues to be a problem; the board is researching a solution.
- Thank you to the residents who joined the June and September board meetings to express their concerns and share suggestions.
- Bids are being solicited for new landscaping and pest control contracts. Once all the bids are in, the board will evaluate for competitive pricing.
- The board reviewed approximately 6 A&E applications in the last quarter.

#### **Dumpster**

As most of you were aware, the board arranged for a dumpster to be placed in the cul-de-sac as part of our participation in the Anne Arundel County Community Clean-Up Program. When taking part in this program, we agreed to the Community Clean-Up Program rules which included a list of prohibited items that were not to be placed in the dumpster. That list was published in the Spring and Summer community newsletters, and a post was made on the Walnut Ridge Facebook page. Unfortunately, some prohibited items were placed in the dumpster. When the dumpster was ready to be picked up, the dumpster was so overloaded that the dumpster could not be moved without removing some of the items. Some of those items that were removed were items that should have been placed out on our regular collection day and not in the dumpster. The Association had to pay for the removal of the items which were left in the cul-de-sac and that expenditure cost the Association nearly \$300. Our future participation in the County Community Clean-Up Program (the placement of a county dumpster) is now uncertain.



#### **Fun Fall Events**

#### The Maryland Corn Maze!

When: Weekends beginning September 13 through November 2 and select weekdays.

Where: 389 Gambrills Road, Gambrills,

Maryland

Enjoy this Fall Festival Family tradition negotiating your way (on foot) through the Maryland Corn Maze. https://mdcornmaze.com/ for more information.

#### Maryland Renaissance Festival 2025



**When:** Weekends and Labor Day Monday through October 19th from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm.

Where: 1821 Crownsville Road, Crownsville.

The Maryland Renaissance Festival features artists, costumed performers, artisans selling periodappropriate crafts and goods, traditional foods and drinks like turkey legs and mead, and various forms of live entertainment including jousting, music, juggling, and theatrical performances.

https://rennfest.com/ for more information including performers, tickets, and rules.

#### **BARKTOBERFEST**

When: Saturday, October 4, 2025 from

11:30 am - 6 pm.

Where: Annapolis Town Center, 1906 Towne Centre Boulevard, Annapolis.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of activities, including a dog fashion and costume show, stein-holding contests, yard games, and fall-themed photo opportunities.

https://www.annapolistowncenter.com/events

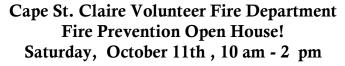


#### **Bay Bridge Run**

When: Sunday, November 9, 2025 Where: Chesapeake Bay Bridge Your once-a-year chance to run or walk across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. For

registration and more info visit https://

www.thebaybridgerun.com/Race/MD/Annapolis/ **BayBridgeRun** 



Join your friends at Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 11th from 10 am-2 pm for their annual Fire Prevention Open House. The theme for this year's



Fire Prevention Week is "CHARGE into Fire Safety<sup>TM</sup>. Learn the importance of buying, charging and recycling lithium-ion batteries. Did you know that most of the electronics we use in our homes each day, such as mobile phones, laptops, tablets, headphones, tablets and lots more, are powered by lithium-ion batteries? These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. Discover ways to stay safe in your home, learn valuable safety tips, check out the apparatus and meet your first responders!

> Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?

Because he was out standing in his field.



#### Most Popular Halloween Candy in 2024?

According to CandyStore.com, the most popular Halloween candy in 2024 was M&M's, which dethroned Reese's Cups for the first time ever. Reese's Cups came in second, followed by Sour Patch Kids, Skittles, and Starburst to round out the top five.





#### WALNUT RIDGE REMINDERS

Yard Waste must be in paper lawn and leaf bags (not plastic)





Daylight Saving Time ends 2am on Sunday, November 2nd

Trash & Recycle Bins must be stored <u>INSIDE YOUR FENCE</u> (not on community property)





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## Please Pick Up the Poop!



#### Walnut Ridge Community Association Budget / Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 6:30 pm



#### <u>Tentative Budget Meeting Agenda</u>

- 1. 6:30 pm Call to Order
- 2. 2026 Budget Presentation
- 3. Homeowner Forum / Questions
- 4. Executive Session
- 5. Board Motion / Board vote / Board Approval of 2025 Budget
- 6. Unfinished Business
- 7. Adjournment

#### Tentative Annual Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Verification of Quorum
- 3. Proof of Annual Notice Mailing
- 4. Review of Prior Annual Meeting Minutes
- 5. Report of Officers
- 6. Elections
- 7. New Business (open forum, homeowner comments)
- 8. Adjournment

#### Trick or Treating at the Shopping Center

Mark your calendars! This year, trick or treating at the Cape St. Claire Shopping Center will be on Thursday October 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.







FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025





# Events at the Broadneck Library!

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

#### Events below are at Broadneck Branch Unless Otherwise Noted



#### Beginner's Bluegrass Jam.

Thursdays, September 25, October 23 and November 20 at 5:30 pm. Enjoy a structured bluegrass jam for acoustic

instruments. All level players welcome. *Presenter:* Broadneck Bluegrass Jam Circle.

Beginner Line Dancing Fun. Thursdays, October 2 and November 6 at 6 pm. Learn some more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low-impact physical activity! Presenter: Jessie's Soul Line Dancers. For Adults.

**Spook-Tacular Storytime.** *Saturday, October 25 at 11 am.* Wear your costume for silly stories, treats, a parade and Halloween-themed fun. **For Preschoolers.** 



Zombie Dolls III-Zombie Dolls Rise Again (Severna Park Branch) Saturday, October 18 at 2 pm.
Create your own zombie doll for the spooky season.
Supplies and dolls provided. For Teens.

Halloween Teen Lock-In (Busch Annapolis Branch) Friday, October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Enjoy a movie, snacks, crafts and building your own trick-or-treat bag to take home. For Teens.

Yoga Nidra. Tuesdays, September 23, October 28 and November 25 at 6 pm. Try guided sleep-based meditations to ease street and support rest. Bring a mat, blanket or chair. Presenter: Joan Livingston. For Teens 11+ and Adults.

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

### Find Words Associated With Football

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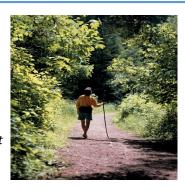
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Cheerleader
Goalpost
Yards
Offense
Scrimmage

Halftime Overtime Flag Receiver Coach Rush Turnover



# 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 <u>not</u> the Wanderer.)



It's that time again, the beginning of Autumn.

Walnut Ridge with cooler breezes, sunshine days and new routines.

What a difference it made to refresh the parking striping and house numbers!

The playground is full of kids of all ages, some with bikes and scooters.

Familiar faces and lots of newcomers.

Morning mothers and toddlers, followed by 11:00 day care group, my favorites.

Did I tell you how much I like the refreshed striping and the bright white house numbers?

Now we need the leaves to turn to complete the Autumn Picture.

The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

#### ProCom Portal—Check it out!

The ProCom portal is your best source for news, notifications, useful links and information about Walnut Ridge. You can sign up to pay your assessments, submit an ACC request or see your violations (if any). You can also access the governing community documents, forms, budget, monthly financials, newsletters and mailers. To access your account, visit the ProCom portal at <a href="https://procom.cincwebaxis.com">https://procom.cincwebaxis.com</a>. To view the Documents Library, navigate to the About Us tab and click on Documents.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS	, <b></b>
AA County—Main Number	410-222-7000
AA County FIRE—EMERGENCY	911
AA County Fire—Non-Emergency	
AA County POLICE—EMERGENCY	
AA County Police—Non-Emergency	
AA County Health Nuisance Complaints	
AA County Department of Aging	
AA County Department of Public Works	
AA County Department of Public Works/Waste Management	
Animal Control (Animal Complaints: Strays, Barking, etc.)	
Annapolis City POLICE	410-268-9000
Anne Arundel Medical Center (HOSPITAL)	443-481-1000
Astound Broadband (formerly Broadstripe)	800-427-8686
BGE—All Calls	800-685-0123
BGE—Report Power Outage	877-778-2222
Broadneck Library	410-222-1905
Bulk Item/Waste Removal	410-222-6100
Cable—Astound Broadband (formerly Broadstripe)	800-427-8686
Cable—Comcast Cable (Xfinity)	800-934-6489
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department	
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
CT Utilities (see Old Line Utility or Rudder Management)	
Department of Public Works	
Department of Public Works/Waste Management	
Environmental Health	
Health Nuisance Complaints	
J&W Utilities	
Management Company	
Maryland State Police Headquarters	
Old Line Utility c/o Rudder Management	
Post Office—Legion Avenue	
Poison Control	
Professional Community Management (ProCom)	
Recycling & Yard Waste	
Roadking Auto Transport (Towing)	
Rudder Management, Inc.	
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup)	
Trash Pickup Problems	
Water and Sewer Bills	
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water)	
Xfinity (Comcast) Cable	800-934-6489

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