A Word from the President

Greetings everyone. I would like to wish everyone a happy spring. I think that we have suffered the last snow storm and cold snap of the season. We can look forward to some warmer and less eventful weather. I urge everyone to get out there and plant some flowers and tidy up their yards to make Walnut Ridge look its best this year. A sharp looking community helps bring all of our property values up. Whether you are selling, refinancing or just trying to build some equity, a higher property value is a good thing.

I am happy to say that we have settled in with our new management company ProCom. There was no break in service to speak of and we seem to be on track with the collection of assessments. I hope that it is the start of a long stable relationship.

Peter Giguere, CPA
President, Walnut Ridge Community Association

Association Assessments are due on:
- January 1st
- April 1st
- July 1st
- October 1st

Read more about Association Assessments on Page 2.

Spring Walk-Through

Exterior inspections of all homes will begin soon!
Are you ready?
See “It’s Spring Clean-Up Time” on Page 4.

Board of Directors meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except for July and December). Meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are held at Broadneck High School. Note: If you plan to attend a meeting, please call ProCom Management (410-721-0777) to confirm the meeting date, time and location.
Meet our New Community Association Manager!

Ms. Paula McClendon, our new Community Association Manager, brings 10 plus years of professional experience to Walnut Ridge. Paula has earned the professional designations of Certified Manager of Associations and Association Management Specialist through the Community Associations Institute (CAI) and is a member of Chesapeake Chapter CAI. Paula hopes to help make Walnut Ridge a harmonious place to live while maintaining the high standards of the community. Contact Paula at 410-721-0777 ext. 102 or via email pmcclendon@procomgt.com.

Info You Should Know About Our New Management Company

ProCom (Professional Community Management, Inc.)

Business Hours:

ProCom’s business hours are 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday. Every effort is made to return non-emergency calls within 24 hours or the next business day. If you leave a message, please state the name of your community, your name, address, telephone number, and the nature of your concern.

Emergencies:

Homeowners that have an emergency that threatens life or property after business hours should call ProCom’s office 410-721-0777 or 301-261-0777 Ext 110 to be connected to the answering service. The on-call manager will promptly return your call. Non-emergency concerns will be handled the next business day.

Resale Certificate:

To obtain a Resale Certificate and a set of Governing Documents when selling your home, please visit www.homewisedocs.com. The resale package will be delivered to you electronically.

ProCom’s Website: www.procomgt.com

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for Anne Arundel County Public Schools for the 2015-2016 school year will begin on April 8, 2015. Children must be five-years-old on or before September 1st to be eligible. Check the AACPS website www.aacps.org for more information.

From Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works

Did you know that plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures a year? Use curbside pickup to recycle most plastic items including tubs, plastic bags, flower pots and even old plastic toys!

About Your Association Assessments

Association assessments are due quarterly on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st of each year and are considered late if received after the 15th of the month it is due.

All homeowners should have received by now, their new Coupon Book for 2015. If you are paying by check, send your check (payable to Walnut Ridge Community Association) along with your coupon, to Walnut Ridge Community Association c/o ProCom 572, 211 E. Lombard St PMB/Box 134, Baltimore, MD 21202-6102.

You may also go to https://www.mysmartstreet.com/ to make an online payment. Important reminder: If you previously paid your assessment through recurring automatic debit, you will need to complete a new request form through ProCom. Visit ProCom’s website at www.procomgt.com and click on Proposals/Requests and download the Direct Debit form. Fill out the form and return to ProCom with a voided check.

If you have online bill pay set up through your bank, be sure to change your Payee Details to reflect your new account number which is located on your coupon.
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).

Spring Salad with Walnuts, Strawberries and Feta Cheese

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups spring mix green, washed and rinsed well
- 1 1/2 cups baby spinach, washed and rinsed well
- 6 medium strawberries, washed and quartered
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts

Combine all ingredients in a medium salad bowl.

**Raspberry Vinaigrette**
- 6 teaspoons raspberry preserves
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1/2 a lemon

Blend all of the above ingredients together. Drizzle over salad just before serving.
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 Professional Community Management, Inc., Attention Paula McClendon, Association Manager, 400 Serendipity Drive, Millersville, MD 21108.

Lost or Found Pets?

View lost pets or report lost or missing pets on the Anne Arundel County Animal Control website at http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl/Lost_Pets/Lost.cfm.

Daylight Saving Time Began on Sunday, March 8th---

Did you change your smoke detector batteries?

Upcoming 2015 Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, Apr 1: Association Assessments Due
- Friday, Apr 3: Good Friday and Passover begins
- Sunday, Apr 5: Easter
- Wednesday, Apr 15: Tax Day
- Sunday, May 10: Mother’s Day
- Saturday, May 16: Armed Forces Day
- Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
- Sunday, June 14: Flag Day
- Sunday, June 21: Father’s Day

It’s Spring Clean-Up Time!

Spring walk-thru inspections will begin soon. Here are some suggestions to help your home and Walnut Ridge look its best:

- Power wash dirt, mold, mildew and algae off your house and trim.
- Paint siding and trim where needed.
- Cleanup limbs, leaves, debris and junk from your front and back yard.
- Spruce up flower beds and trim bushes and shrubs.
- Replace rotted wood around windows and/or doors.
- Repair or replace loose or missing gutters and/or downspouts.

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

- 1338 Hazel Nut - $239,000
- 1313 Hazel Nut - $215,000
- 1335 Hazel Nut - $207,990
- 1322 Hazel Nut - $235,000
- 1329 Hazel Nut - $200,900
- 1342 Tanook - $234,000

Average List Price - $221,982

Recent Home Sales:

- 1389 Almond - $230,000
- 1368 Hazel Nut - $224,000

Average Sale Price - $227,000

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

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**AARP Income Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low-and Middle-Income Residents**

*Tuesdays through April 14 from 1 to 3 PM.* Trained volunteers are available to answer tax questions and assist with tax preparation for free. This service is only for taxpayers with incomes under $90,000 with special attention given to those ages 60 and older. Taxpayers who own rental property, have business expenses or a Roth IRA over $10,000 or with incomes over $90,000 are not eligible. No AARP membership is required. Unless noted otherwise, the drop-in service requires no registration and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Self-service electronic filing is available using the library computers.

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**Ask the Expert!**

*Monday, April 27 at 7 PM.* Jim Rooney, author of the *Capital Gazette* column *On the Level,* shares his expertise. Bring questions and listen to common sense approach to household problems that may save you time and money.

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**Babies in Bloom**

*Mondays at 9:30 AM and Saturdays, April 25 and May 9 at 9:30 AM.* Babies from birth to 18 months (with caring adult) enjoy songs, action rhymes and playtime while building early literacy skills. A great way to get to know other families in our community!

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**Toddler Time**

*Tuesdays at 9:30 AM.* Children ages 18 to 36 months (with caring adult) enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities.

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**Family Movie Night**

**ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY**

(Rated PG, 80 minutes) *Saturday, May 23 at 1 PM*

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**LegoPalooza!** - *Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM.* For all ages. Design and build your own fantastic creations. *(Note: The Library will supply lots of Legos, please do not bring your own. The Legos must remain at the Library.)*

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**Game On!** - *Tuesday, April 21 at 2:30 PM.* For ‘tweens and teens. Play Rock Band, Mario Kart and other games with friends on the big screen!

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**FYI … No More Mailed Notices**

As a cost-saving measure, Anne Arundel County Public Library will discontinue sending overdue notices via US mail as of June 1. There will be no change to current email and phone notifications. To begin receiving overdue notifications via email, or otherwise update your account, stop into one of the branches for assistance or log on to www.aacpl.net.

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

I want to know that by the time you’re reading this newsletter that spring will have arrived……and……is staying with us. Is that too much to hope for?

There have been so many false starts. Snow, ice, cold and wind alternating with brief days of sunshine, warmth and very blue skies. Cabin fever? You bet!

So, I opened my front door this morning and heard birds chirping. I opened my back curtains and saw the wood of my deck. Hello deck, I haven’t seen your color in weeks. It’s been white, white, white!

The best scene was a few days ago when kids were back playing on the playground. At first the kids were just standing there hanging out with their friends. Then one kid and then another went to get shovels. They cleared the slush from the basketball court and pretty soon they were shooting baskets again. The slides and climbers were cleared and the playground became a happy place again. Even the dogs were happy.

So how did the community manage all this weather? Thanks go out to the WRCA for hiring an amazing plowing company. The crews were clearing roads during the night and during the storm to be ready for early risers. They came back several times to complete their work.

A second “thank you” goes to the neighbors who pitched in to help others who were unable to shovel. Every block seems to have at least one person who looks out for the rest. They are “Neighborhood Heroes.” On my block, my hero is named Jim. He quietly watches over us and takes on the tasks that need doing. He’s a treasure. Do you have a “Neighborhood Hero”? More importantly, can you be a “Neighborhood Hero?” It starts with getting to know your neighbors. After all, this is communal living!

~ Walnut Ridge Wanderer ~

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