

Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter



Summer 2016



Walnut Ridge Community Association
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Local Independence Day Events

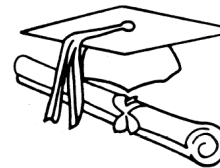
Cape St. Claire Parade - July 4th 10:00 am (Cape St. Claire Fire Hall to the Main Beach)

Annapolis Parade - July 4th 6:30 pm (Amos Garrett Blvd., right on West Street, around Church Circle, down Main Street, left on Randall Street, and ends in front of the Market House).

Annapolis Fireworks - At approximately 9:15 p.m., the fireworks will be launched from a barge in Annapolis Harbor. The best viewing areas include public spaces Northeast of the Severn River, along the Naval Academy Bridge (limited parking area), any of the street-end parks facing Spa Creek, and aboard a boat in the Annapolis harbor. The Spa Creek Bridge will be closed to traffic beginning at 9 p.m. to create a spectator pier with an unobstructed view of the fireworks. (Parking restrictions from about 4:30 to 10:30 pm.)

Severna Park Parade - July 4th 10:00 am (Benfield and Evergreen Roads to downtown Severna Park).

Congratulations to all of our Graduates!



Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule for July 4th



Pick up will be
Wednesday, July 6th
(not Tuesday, July 5th)

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When communicating with the Board via email (board@walnutridgeonline.org), please include in your email, Association Manager, Leslie Ochs (LOchs@procomgt.com).



Reminder to Homeowners!
Your next quarterly association
assessment payment is due July 1st

Treasurer's Report

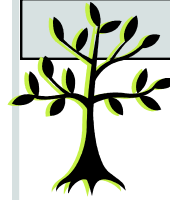
I wanted to take a moment to give everyone a quick update on Walnut Ridge's finances. We are finishing up a couple of tough snow years. It is no surprise that we are already over budget for our snow expense for the year and we are showing a small net loss at the end of April 2016. That being said, I'm happy to say that the association is sufficiently funded. We have planned for contingencies such as bad snow years and we are keeping our savings at appropriate levels.



I'm also happy to say that the balance for delinquent accounts is at the lowest level that it has been since I became a board member. ProCom has shown to be a diligent partner in pursuing our delinquent accounts. Additional collections have helped us somewhat to pay for the snow bills.

If I were to summarize Walnut Ridge's finances, I would call it good if not great. I just signed off on a clean 2015 Audit and I see no reason for a change in the coming year. The board as a whole takes pride safeguarding your investment in Walnut Ridge. We hope to maintain Walnut Ridge for years to come.

Peter Giguere, CPA



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 Association 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.

Expecting Visitors? Having Company? Be Considerate of Your Neighbors.

If you are expecting visitors (relatives, friends or a plumber, electrician, etc.), please instruct your visitor to not park in any designated (numbered) parking space other than your own. Don't assume that they already know this because often they don't. To avoid confusion, you could (ahead of time): either (1) move YOUR vehicle to an available parking space along a curb (but NOT a yellow curb or fire lane) to allow your visitor closer access to your home, (2) ask permission of your neighbor if your visitor may temporarily park in their parking space while they are at work, if applicable, or (3) ask your visitor to park in a Visitor Parking space if one is available. Under no circumstances should your visitor park in another designated (numbered) parking space nor should they "double park" behind your vehicle(s). In the unfortunate circumstance that an emergency vehicle needs to access your street, double parking or parking along a yellow curb or in a fire lane could delay their access.

Association Assessments are due on:

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



Happy Fathers Day



According to RandomHistory.com, the top 5 most popular summer vacation activities in the United States are: 1) shopping (54%), 2) visiting historical sites (49%), 3) swimming/water sports (49%), 4) going to a park or national park (46%), and 5) sightseeing tours (46%).



Anne Arundel Hazardous Waste Drop Off Schedule

6/11/16 - Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie, MD

7/23/16 - Millersville Recycling Center, 389 Burns Crossing Road, Severn, MD

9-17-16 - Southern Recycling Center, 5400 Nutwell Sudley Road, Deale, MD

10-22-16 - Northern Recycling Center, 100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie, MD



- Drop-off hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (at all locations and all dates).
- Program for Anne Arundel County Residents only.
- Commercial vehicles and commercial waste are not accepted.
- For questions and comments on household hazardous waste drop-off days call (410) 222-7951.
- Be prepared to show an Anne Arundel County driver's license and registration.

Safer Alternatives to Hazardous Products for Use in Your Home

Cleaning use	Alternative
Ammonia-based cleaners	Vinegar, salt and water mixture for surface cleaning. Baking soda and water for the bathroom.
Abrasive cleaners	Rub area with one-half lemon dipped in borax, then rinse.
Floor or furniture polish	1 part lemon juice, 2 parts olive or vegetable oil.
Silver polishes	Soak in boiling water with baking soda, salt, a piece of aluminum.
Toilet cleaners	Baking soda, toilet brush.
Disinfectants	One-half cup borax in 1 gallon water.
Drain cleaners	Plunger; flush with boiling water, one-quarter cup baking soda, one-quarter cup vinegar.
Rug/upholstery cleaners	Dry cornstarch sprinkled on, then vacuumed.
Water softener	One-quarter cup vinegar in final rinse.
Oil stains	White chalk rubbed into stain before laundering.
Glass cleaner	White vinegar and water or rubbing alcohol and water.
Copper cleaner	Paste of lemon juice, salt and flour or, rub on tomato paste, rinse off and buff.
Abrasive cleaners	Baking soda
Stainless steel polish	Baking soda or mineral oil for shining, vinegar to remove spots.
Stain Remover	Vinegar
Mildew remover	Lemon juice and salt or white vinegar and salt.

Those Pesky Mosquito Bites!

There has been a lot in the news lately about mosquitoes and what you can do to help control their breeding around your home. But, if you're out and about, here are a few tips to avoid being bitten:



- Wear long pants, long-sleeve shirt and hat when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET. Consult a physician before applying DEET to young children.
- Avoid areas of high mosquito infestation.
- Restrict the outdoor play of your children if mosquitoes are present.
- Avoid unnecessary outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Drain all water-holding outdoor containers around the home.
- Inspect basements and crawl spaces. If they are flooded, drain as quickly as possible.
- The very young, the elderly and persons with depressed immune systems are at most risk for acquiring disease from mosquito bites.

Contact the *Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture*, 410- 841-5870, for additional assistance and advice.

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
- Vice President: Laura Richardson
- Secretary: Joey Schneider
- Treasurer: Peter Giguere

Members at Large

- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit-Clair

Property Management

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Professional Community Management, Inc.
400 Serendipity Drive
Millersville, MD 21108
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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

August 17, 2016

September 21, 2016

October 19, 2016

All Board meetings are held at Broadneck High School meeting room and begin at 6:30 pm. Residents are always welcome to attend. All meetings have on the agenda a homeowner forum because we want to hear from you!





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.

Celebrate Father's Day, Drop in Crafts. *Saturday, June 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM.* Children may drop by to make something special for men they love.

Author Visit. *Monday, June 20 at 7 PM.* *Tour of Duty* author Steve Danko will share his experience as a Baltimore City homicide detective. His stories are sure to take us through the complex duties and responsibilities of police officers functioning in a dangerous high-profile profession. Book sale and signing to follow. For Adults.

Yoga For Kids. *Thursday, July 14 from 2 to 3 PM.* Experience the many benefits of yoga in a fun, engaging and age-appropriate environment. *Sponsor: Jillian Amodio, Registered Yoga Instructor.*




Beach Reads Book Discussion. *Tuesday, July 12 at 7 PM.* Bring a beach read to share and get ideas on books to see you through the summer. For Adults.



Hooray for Ballet. *Thursday, August 11 at 9:30 AM (ages 3-4) and at 10:30 AM (ages 5-7).* Boys and girls are welcome to try a ballet lesson and dance to beautiful music. *Sponsored by Academy Ballet School of Annapolis.*

American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Wednesday, August 24 from 1:30 to 7 PM.  You are eligible to donate if you are 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., and are in good health. Walk-in or call the American Red Cross 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

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

Anne Arundel County Now Has Textile Recycling !

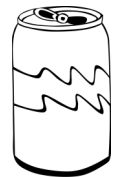
Anne Arundel County has added Textile Recycling to their Recycling Centers. Residents can now recycle the following items: **fabrics, clothes, shoes, bed linens, stuffed animals and more.** All materials must be dry and fairly clean. They cannot be damp or smell like mildew.

Items placed in the new Textile collection bins will be separated by usability. Reusable items will go to thrift stores throughout the US and other countries to be used as second hand clothing or recycled for rags or basic fiber to create new products.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.recyclemoreoften.com



Aluminum can be recycled over and over again... Forever.



Happy July 4th

Walnut Ridge
A Great Place to Call Home!

Walnut Ridge Word Search

R G P E A C H H T O W M E V
 B R O A D N E C K A V V K I
 E A L M O N D E L T I G D T
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 Z S K U R T H L A O T M E Y
 B X P N O I T A I C O S S A
 K R D D B N D Y Z C R K W O
 P G V E H U U G O E N O Y P
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 M E F R I E N D S A L L E B

Walnut	Arundel	Hazelnut
Almond	Drive	Court
Tanook	Playground	Peach
Community	ProCom	Friends
Anne	Bellas	Broadneck
Grauls	Cape	Visitor
Ridge	Neighborhood	Association

Anne Arundel County

Farmers' Markets



The 2016 Farmers Market Season is in full swing! Delicious fresh local produce is available at several nearby locations! For general information, call 410-222-7410 or visit one of these local Farmers Markets:

AAMC Energize Farmers' Market
 2001 Medical Parkway, Sajak Pavilion
 Friday: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm, June - Aug
 Contact: Charlotte Wallace, 443-534-4515

Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market
 Annapolis: Riva Road & Harry S. Truman Parkway
 Saturdays: 7:00 a.m. to Noon May - Oct.
 Tuesdays: 7:00 a.m. to Noon May - Oct.
 Contact: Brenda Conti 410-349-0317

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
 580 Taylor Avenue
 Thursdays: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. June - Sept.
 Contact: Lisa Barge 410-222-7410

Severna Park Farmers' Market
 Ritchie Highway (Rt. 2) & Jones Station Road
 Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. to Noon April - Oct.
 Contact: Anita Robertson 410-827-9192

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

1325 Hazelnut - \$225,000
 1335 Hazelnut - \$199,990
 1356 Hazelnut - \$195,000
 1372 Hazelnut - \$239,900
 424 Peach - \$211,000

Average List Price - \$214,178



Recent Home Sales:

1342 Almond - \$218,000
 1390 Almond - \$250,000
 1346 Hazelnut - \$273,000
 408 Peach - \$189,000

Average Sale Price - \$232,500



Statistics courtesy of: Ziggi Nickel
 and taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Services)

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.)

Used to play flute when I was a kid. You know, those plastic things we played in elementary school? Well, I'm thinking it just might come in handy.

Handy for what? Well, for getting rid of rats!

Yeah, rats, the big ugly creatures that have been spotted in backyards. Even got some folks catching them in traps. Yuck!!

I think the problem started when the road crews did all the digging on Cape St. Clare Road. Remember the tie-ups day and night? At first I thought they were just widening the road but now I know that they were digging deep to lay sewer lines. Seems that all that digging may have upset the rat population.

If the Pied Piper could get the rats out of Hamelin, maybe the Wanderer can get them out of Walnut Ridge. Only problem is that it'll take some time before I can learn my flute songs. So, I need some help right now. Let's discourage the rats from taking up residence.

The AA County Animal Control website says to do the following:

1. Keep your grass mowed.
2. Do not leave food outside.
3. Remove bird feeders.
4. Put trash in metal containers and use the lids.

Remember, all it takes is one neighbor to forget to do these things and we might as well put up a sign that says: "WELCOME RATS!!!"

Meanwhile anyone want to take music lessons with me?

Walnut Ridge Wanderer



Happy July 4th, But Remember...

The discharging of most fireworks are not allowed in Walnut Ridge nor are they allowed in the State of Maryland without a permit. Remember, fireworks can cause injuries and house fires. Help protect our homes - notify the police if you observe the illegal discharging of fireworks in Walnut Ridge.



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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 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	410-222-6104
Cable—Broadstripe (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300
Cable—Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
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
North County Towing	410-573-1682
	or 410-674-4221
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).....	410-263-4019
Towing—North County Towing	410-573-1682
	or 410-674-4221
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400

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