



# Walnut Ridge

## Community Newsletter

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### **A Word from the President**

Where did Summer 2010 go? At the time of this writing, Labor Day Weekend is nearly over and the weather already cooling in preparation for Fall. Almanac and scientific predictions both point toward a “kinder” winter season ahead. It seems not long ago that we were nearly snowed in here at Walnut Ridge with back to back century marking events. Thanks to the vigilant management company and dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, the discomfort experienced by our owners and residents was kept to a tolerable minimum. With inspections having been completed and notices of violation conveyed, I would like to point out the obvious to some and a sincere reminder to others. We as owners and/or residents

have a responsibility to our community to conduct ourselves and maintain our individual homes in a fashion appropriate to our group surroundings. When we act neighborly and maintain our homes within the mandatory HOA agreement, the positive result can be no less than a paramount benefit to every resident in the community of Walnut Ridge. It has been the single-minded goal of your Board of Directors to maintain our community in a fiscally responsible manner to achieve a group of dwellings we can all be proud of – a place we all can call “home.” Please be reminded that this effort does not come without sacrifice. The individuals that serve on The Board of Directors donate countless hours of their personal time, without any compensation other than the satisfaction experienced in achieving our common goal. The owners/residents must also reach within themselves and contribute something other than ridicule, criticism, and derision. If we, as a group of neighbors in this townhouse community, continue on this course of self-serving thought and action, the common good that we would all benefit from will very likely never be realized – regardless of all the efforts of a small number of dedicated individuals. Please keep this in mind as we proceed into the coming change of seasons. The Board of Directors of Walnut Ridge whole-heartedly welcomes all active participation and/or opinion from our residents. Here’s hoping to see more of you at our next regularly scheduled meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward Rose, Board President  
Walnut Ridge Community Association

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NEW POLICY REGARDING VISITOR PARKING SPACES

Due to the misuse of our Visitor Parking Spaces, parking in the Visitor Parking Spaces by anyone other than Visitors at any time will run the risk of being towed at the vehicle owner’s expense. Parking in Visitor Parking Spaces is reserved strictly for Visitors. This new policy will be monitored and enforced.

Dumpster Weekend—September 17 and 18!!

The Association is participating in a Community Clean-up Program. The dumpster will be delivered by noon on Friday, September 17, 2010 and will be picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2010. There will be one container placed at the end of Walnut Ridge Drive, in the cul-de-sac. Please note that hazardous waste products, propane tanks, tires, oil drums or tanks, paint, liquids, refrigerators or air conditioners are not permitted in the dumpster. For the proper disposal of the prohibited items mentioned above, please call the County at (410) 222-6108.

Please do not leave items on the ground if the dumpster is full. You will be asked to remove them.

The dumpster will be monitored, so please do not abuse this privilege.

Thanksgiving Day Curbside Collection Reminder. Trash will be picked up on Saturday, November 27th.



Halloween Trivia

What candy tops the list as the most popular candy for trick-or-treaters ?

See page 4 for the answer.



New Maryland Resident Vehicle Registration

If you are a new resident of Maryland you must register your out-of-state vehicle within 60 days of moving to Maryland. If you delay beyond 60 days, you may be subject to a citation for an out-of-state registration and you will not be eligible for a tax credit for any titling tax paid in another state.

Walnut Ridge Community Association documents and newsletters are always available on our website.

www.walnutridgeonline.org

**Editor's Corner**

I enjoyed meeting many of you these past few weeks when I came around door-to-door asking if you would like to sign up to receive community news via email. An overwhelming number of you signed up! Thank you! It was a pleasure to meet my Walnut Ridge neighbors and I look forward to meeting more of you in the weeks to come.

For those who signed up, please remember to respond to the confirmatory email which was sent to the email address you provided. That confirmatory email ultimately places you on the mailing list. The email comes from:

mailing list manager <majordomo@ml.1and1.com> and has in the subject:

“Request for confirmation of subscription to the mailing list [news@walnutridgeonline.org]”

If you have not yet signed up and would like to, please send an email to:

[subscribe@walnutridgeonline.org](mailto:subscribe@walnutridgeonline.org) and note in the body of your email your street and house number.

**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](mailto:board@walnutridgeonline.org)

**Officers**

- President: Ed Rose
- Vice President: Laura Richardson
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Secretary: Anita Ramundo

**Members at Large**

- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit Clair

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14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210  
Laurel, MD 20707  
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[www.DHBbader.com](http://www.DHBbader.com)



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Reminder— Daylight Saving Time ends and Standard Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7th. Remember to set your clocks *back* one hour. The Fire Department recommends that this is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!



**Sign Up for Walnut Ridge News!**

[subscribe@walnutridgeonline.org](mailto:subscribe@walnutridgeonline.org)

**Wanted: Previous Newsletters**

We are looking for previous editions (older than 2006) of the Walnut Ridge Community Association Newsletter. If you happen to have any of these editions, please contact Laura Richardson, at [editor@walnutridgeonline.org](mailto:editor@walnutridgeonline.org).

## WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

## Active Listings:

1338 Hazel Nut Court - \$224,900



## Recent Home Sales:

1337 Hazel Nut Court - \$235,000

1355 Almond Drive - \$248,000

1372 Almond Drive - \$199,900

Average sales price: \$227,633



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

**Your Association Assessments**

Your quarterly association assessments pay for:

- ◆ Landscaping and upkeep of common areas
- ◆ Snow Removal on our private streets
- ◆ Maintenance of parking areas and private streets
- ◆ Replacement reserve fund
- ◆ Accounting and Audits
- ◆ Taxes
- ◆ Legal Fees
- ◆ Management Services

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 sent to Payment Processing Center, c/o Walnut Ridge HOA, PO Box 105007, Atlanta, GA 30348-5007. Payment may also be made by direct debit or online by visiting [www.dhbader.com](http://www.dhbader.com) and clicking on Payments.

**Conference To Be Held:  
Aging In America—  
Are You Ready for Boomer Shock?**

The Chesapeake Region Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI) is hosting a program entitled “Aging in America—Are You Ready for Boomer Shock?” In 2011 many “baby boomers” will begin retiring and our community needs to be concerned about the “social, economic, and physical ‘health’ of our community and our association.”

This program will be held on September 23, 2010 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Martin’s West, 6187 Dogwood Road, Baltimore, MD. More information may be found by visiting the CIA’s website at

<http://www.caimdches.org/>

**Answer to the Halloween Trivia:**

The Snickers Bar by Mars.

Source: *Halloween-website.com*



## PoNdO's Tech Trek – Fall 2010

The goal of this column is to help Walnut Ridge Computer Users avoid hazards of The Internet. Please, feel free to share your own favorite Computer tweaks with your fellow Walnut Ridge Community Residents by sending e-mail to this Newsletter through [editor@walnutridgeonline.org](mailto:editor@walnutridgeonline.org). Put 'Tech Trek' in the subject line of your e-mail.

**PAYING & ACCEPTING PAYMENTS ON-LINE**

In the last Walnut Ridge Newsletter, we talked about selling on-line instead of conventional Yard Sale (see Summer 2010 Newsletter). If someone decides to buy what you have for sale, how will you get paid? Nearly every day we read about people getting scammed on the Internet. So, we have to use extra care and caution when accepting or making payments on-line. Fortunately, there are a few payment methods that can provide some measure of safety...



**PayPal** (<https://www.paypal.com/> – It's free to join. Free to send money. Fees for accepting money (for other than a refund) vary - see <https://www.paypal.com/> & <http://www.moneypakpromotion.com/> websites for details.

**PayPal** began in 1998 as a credible, independent on-line e-commerce Business to facilitate payment between on-line Buyers and Sellers. In 2002, PayPal became a **wholly owned subsidiary of eBay**. Since then, it has continued to gain credibility and has emerged as the most popular (and probably the most trusted) method for on-line payment. PayPal has added a new way to add money to your account. It's called **MoneyPak** and it is similar to Top-Up Cell Phone cards, Gift Cards or Pre-Paid Credit Cards. You can pre-deposit money into your PayPal account by purchasing a **MoneyPak** card from a participating store, then activate the card on-line to 'Top-Up' your PayPal account.

**Square / SquareUp** (<https://squareup.com>) – A new service that (essentially) allows you to accept Credit Cards through your Smart Phone. Square was developed in late 2009 by Twitter Co-Founder Jack Dorsey. It's Free to join and they'll send you a free card-swiping device that plugs into your Smart Phone. But, there are varied fees when you accept payment. Square will also require a Credit Check to start taking Credit Card payments. More info on-line at <https://squareup.com>.

I do not endorse or specifically recommend either PayPal, Square or any other Payment Service. I recommend that Walnut Ridge Computer Enthusiasts should thoroughly investigate all available options before using.

Look for another Tech Trek in the Winter issue of Walnut Ridge Newsletter where we'll talk about some new e-mail scams and how to avoid getting trapped by them. **Remember, NEVER click links or open attachments associated with any e-mail, unless you know and trust the Sender!** E-mail me direct with questions/suggestions.

Until then, Safe Computing!!

PoNdO → "djpondo @ gmail . com" (without the spaces and quotes)

## ~ Hazelnut-Crusted Chicken ~

**Ingredients:**

- 4 boneless chicken breast halves, without the skin
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 3/4 cup panko bread crumbs
- 3/4 cu[ chopped hazelnuts
- 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon sale

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Heat oven to 375° & Lightly grease a shallow baking pan.

- Wash chicken and pat dry; trim off any excess fat.
- Put chicken breasts between 2 sheets of plastic wrap or in a food storage bag; pound lightly just to thin out to an even thickness. In a shallow bowl, beat eggs and butter together with 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning.
- In a food processor, combine the breadcrumbs, hazelnuts, 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning, thyme, and salt. Pulse several times, until crumbs are fine and mixture is well blended. Put crumbs in a shallow bowl.
- Dip chicken in the egg mixture, coating thoroughly, then into the crumb mixture, turning to coat well.
- Place in the prepared baking pan. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the chicken breasts are browned and cooked through (170°).

**GET OUT AND VOTE!!**

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, September 14th. The voting location on election day for all of Walnut Ridge is St. Andrews By The Bay Catholic Church, 701 College Parkway.



If you missed the “Early Voting” for the Primary Election, you have another chance. The General Election is on Tuesday, November 2nd. Now, with “Early Voting,” instead of having only one day to vote, you can choose to vote on any one of six days. Special early Voting Center locations for the General Election will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. beginning Friday, October 22nd —Thursday, October 28th, except for Sunday, October 24th. You can go to any early voting center in the county where you reside. Early Voting Center Locations in Anne Arundel County are:

West County Library  
1325 Annapolis Road  
Odenton, MD 21113

Edgewater Library  
25 Stepneys Lane  
Edgewater, MD 21037

North County Library  
1010 Eastway  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Annapolis Senior Activity Center  
119 South Villa Avenue—Rm #5  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Severna Park Library  
45 McKinsey Road  
Severna Park, MD 21146

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

For more information please visit

<http://www.aacounty.org/elections> or <http://www.elections.state.md.us/>



**Congratulations to our neighbors at 1368 Almond for having this edition's special curb appeal!**



*(See full-color photos at [www.walnutridgeonline.org](http://www.walnutridgeonline.org))*

## 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.)

### *The Wondering Wanderer or The Wanderer Wondering... What was THAT all about?*

It's hard to laugh at the events while they were happening, but the retelling of the story dulls the pain. Talk about UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES!!! Let's re-view the GOOD, BAD and the just plain UGLY!

The WRCA and D.H. Bader Management Company undertook the huge effort to renew the street surfaces and to restripe the parking lines. **GOOD** A schedule was put in place, notices were sent by snail mail, email and on the association website alerting residents of the upcoming paving and striping and adjustments that residents would have to make during this time. **GOOD**. All work was to be done within a four day period – PENDING WEATHER CONDITIONS. **GOOD**

To start with, the weather didn't cooperate. **BAD** Four days became 8 days. **BAD** Residents were to remove cars by 6am in prep for paving/striping and not return until 6am the next day. **BAD** What looked good on paper didn't work out well at all. On one night everyone's cars were to be off the streets. **VERY BAD!**

This is where the wandering and the wondering come together! It was easy to see the beautiful paving under the moonlight. But, where was all the noise coming from? So I took my walking stick and hiked to the end of Walnut Ridge Drive. OMG!!! **Here comes the really ugly!** I looked out on a sea of cars, SUVs, motorcycles all jammed in every which way, even on our playground area. It looked like a used car lot or a parking lot at an outdoor concert..... Dude..... it reminded me of Woodstock.



Did anyone think about the consequences of parking across intersections? This prevented emergency equipment from reaching homes. **BAD IDEA**. How many cars were blocked in by the cars behind them?

I hope everyone has learned something from this fiasco.

- Future major street projects should be broken into thirds to allow for parking on Walnut Ridge Drive.
- Never block intersections so that emergency equipment can't put out a fire or save a life.
- Don't park on the playground.
- Laugh at the ridiculous!!!!
- When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

**Walnut Ridge Wanderer**

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number .....	410-222-7000
AA County <b>Fire</b> —Emergency Calls .....	911
AA County <b>Fire</b> —Non-Emergency .....	410-222-8300
AA County <b>Police</b> -Emergency .....	911
AA County <b>Police</b> —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.....	410-222-8900
Annapolis City <b>Police</b> .....	410-268-9000
Anne Arundel Medical Center .....	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 <b>Fire</b> Department .....	410-757-3434
Comcast Cable .....	800-266-2278
CLT Utilities, Inc.....	410-697-2026
D.H. Bader Management Services .....	301-953-1955 Ext. 11
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
Maryland State <b>Police</b> Headquarters.....	410-653-4200
North County Towing.....	410-255-4494
Post Office—Legion Avenue .....	410-573-0953
Poison Control .....	800-492-2414
Recycling & Yard Waste.....	410-222-6100
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup).....	410-263-4019
Towing—North County Towing .....	410-255-4494
Trash Pickup Problems.....	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water) .....	410-222-8400