



Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter

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Walnut Ridge Community Association

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A Word from the President

Greetings to all Walnut Ridge residents, new and old! Fall 2012 serves as the final backdrop for the Presidential campaigns of our two major political parties. The Constitution of the United States and its succeeding Amendments have provided all adult citizens of our country the right to vote. This truly relevant and important right must never be taken for granted. If for no other reason, those that have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our country and its truly unique set of freedoms could be honored by the simple exercise of voting in a free election.

Over the last few months we have been inundated with political ads rife with statements taken out of context and outright untruths. It is our responsibility as citizens of the greatest democratic republic in the world to make *informed* decisions based on what we can determine *is* the truth. Our right to cast an individual vote for a candidate who we feel best represents our welfare and that of the country is a gift that can never be understated. The cynics and conspiracy theorists would have one believe that leadership has already been determined by a very small, very powerful set of individuals and that the whole political process is simply a public exercise to appease the masses. The fact is that voter apathy levels in this free country of ours is typically the highest in the free world. Failure to cast your ballot in the upcoming presidential election ensures a condition of leadership of this country based on a minority agenda.

Please – for the sake of your own welfare and that of our country, acquaint yourselves with the major issues (employment, economy, education, defense, etc.) and vote for the candidate that *you* feel best represents *your* understanding of the best direction of unified leadership.¹

Edward Rose, President
Walnut Ridge Community Association

¹ FactCheck.org (<http://www.factcheck.org/>) is one source for reliable information.

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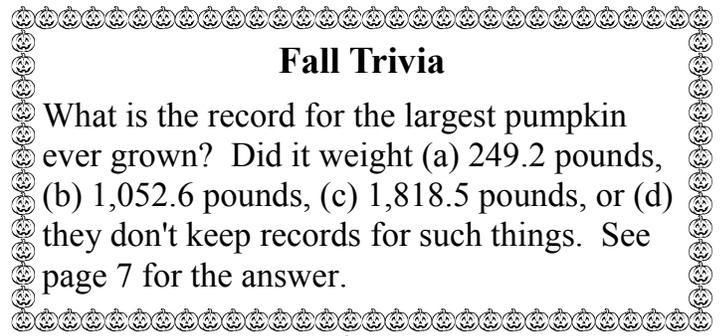
Put On Your “Rain Brain”

When driving in the rain, put on your “Rain Brain” and heed the following tips:

- Wipers On—Headlights On. Maryland Law requires all drivers to turn on headlights whenever windshield wipers are in use.
- Do not use cruise control on slippery roads.
- Have your windshield wiper blades checked periodically for wear.
- Check your tires regularly to be sure they are inflated to the recommended pressure and that they have sufficient tread depth to ensure good traction. When water builds up on the roadway, it’s possible to hydroplane at speeds as low as 35 mph.
- Maintain a safe following distance between you and the vehicle ahead.
- Avoid stopping on the shoulder of a roadway in the rain, but if you must stop, get as far off the road as possible, turn off your headlights, and turn on your emergency hazard lights.
- Slow down when roads are wet and allow more travel time.

Campaign Sign Reminder

While it is acceptable to post campaign sign(s) on **your own** property, campaign signs are not to be posted on the community’s open/public space. If a sign has been posted on the community’s public space, it will be removed.



Fall Trivia

What is the record for the largest pumpkin ever grown? Did it weight (a) 249.2 pounds, (b) 1,052.6 pounds, (c) 1,818.5 pounds, or (d) they don't keep records for such things. See page 7 for the answer.



Early Voting for Anne Arundel !

Want to beat the crowds at the polls this November? Read more about Early Voting on page 4.



Broadneck Peninsula Trail Update

Wondering about the clearing of trees along College Parkway Library and on Cape St. Claire Road? On August 2, 2012, ground was broken for the new Broadneck Peninsula Trail.



The new trail will be approximately 10 feet wide, extend about 6.6 miles east-west and will connect Sandy Point State Park with the B&A Trail in Arnold. The Trail will be completed over six phases. The Project Manager for Phase 1A is Joan Viennas and she can be reached at 410-222-4126. For more information about the Broadneck Peninsula Trail and all Anne Arundel County Trails please visit <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/parks/trails/>



Malfunctioning Traffic Lights



When a traffic light is malfunctioning or not working, you should treat this intersection as a four-way stop sign. Come to a complete stop and yield to all other traffic, then proceed when the way is clear.

Source: <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/>

YOUR ATTENTION REQUESTED!

Some residents have been placing their trash and recycling bins in the community planting beds.

TRASH AND RECYCLE BINS do not belong on community property, especially in the community planting beds! **Please refrain from this practice.** Your association assessments pay for many things in and around our community. One of those items is landscaping. Placing trash and recycling bins in the planting beds can injure or kill the plantings, the replacement of which ALL homeowners will have to pay for.

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Daylight Saving Time ends and Standard Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4th. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors too!

Upcoming Holidays

- Columbus Day—October 8, 2012
- Halloween—October 31, 2012
- Daylight Saving Time Ends—November 4, 2012
- Veterans’ Day—November 11, 2012
- Thanksgiving –November 22, 2012
- First Day of Hanukkah—December 9, 2012
- First Day of Winter—December 21, 2012
- Christmas Day—December 25, 2012
- First Day of Kwanza—December 26, 2012

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
- Treasurer: Vacant
- Secretary: Vacant

Members at Large

- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit Clair

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Maryland Residents must register to Vote by October 16, 2012. You may now register online - or find a place to register - at the following website: http://www.elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/index.html

Board of Directors’ Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Broadneck High School Conference Room/Admin Office, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. **Homeowners** are welcome to attend the public portion of the monthly Board Meetings to share suggestions and concerns. If you plan to attend a meeting, **please call D.H. Bader Management (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.**

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. The voting location on election day for all of Walnut Ridge is Broadneck Senior High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive. **Early Voting Centers** for the General Election will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 27, 2012 and October 29 through Thursday, November 1, 2012. On Sunday, October 28th, early voting centers will be open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. 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

Boys and Girls Clubs of
Anne Arundel County
121 South Villa Avenue
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 on elections and early voting, please visit

<http://www.aacounty.org/elections>

or

<http://www.elections.state.md.us>

Walnut Ridge Community Association Documents are available 24/7 on our website

Visit www.walnutridgeonline.org and click on Documents.



1393 Almond



1361 Hazel Nut



440 Peach



1340 Tanook



1307 Hazel Nut



1344 Almond

Editor's Picks for this Edition's Special Curb Appeal

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.)

END of SUMMER, START of FALL

Is it safe to come outdoors? The summer was sure hot and humid! I hope that by the time this is delivered to your door, that the weather will be cooler and dryer.

The walk around the neighborhood to check things out is sure slower in the heat. But, it did give me some inspiration.

Despite the heat, the plantings look good. Repairs have been made and houses spruced up. Residents are doing a great job maintaining the front of their homes. Curb appeal is everything in a community.

As important as it is to maintain the appearance of a property, it is critical to be familiar with the structure of your home and to know what to do in the case of an emergency.

Given much thought to how to turn off your electricity or turn off your water?

Ever wondered what that pipe is for that sits above your lawn? I admit that I didn't like the look of it and planted a small bush in front of it.

That pipe is actually critical! It is called the "clean out with a cap". Huh????? It is a way to look into your water exit from your house. In case of a plumbing problem, the repair people can look into the pipe to find the problem. Pretty cool, right????



I saw a home had to have a major repair job done to clear out a blocked line. Guess what? For some reason, many years ago, the builder placed the clean-out with cap far from the house and laid the concrete sidewalk over it. Bad news and a costly repair.

Made me wonder if anyone else has a hidden clean-out ?

So, walk outside and check for your clean out cap. Now, go back inside and find where you go to cut the power and water supply to your house.

Be safe.....repairs are costly.



WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

408 Peach—\$199,900

Average List Price—\$199,900



Recent Home Sales:

1370 Hazel Nut—\$182,000

1389 Almond—\$218,400

400 Peach—\$250,000

432 Peach—\$240,000

1372 Hazel Nut—\$210,000

1374 Almond—\$207,500

1387 Almond—\$211,900

402 Peach—\$200,000

Average Sales Price—\$214,975



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

Fall Trivia Answer

The Answer is a whopping 1,818.5 pounds! Jim and Kelsey Bryson from Ormstown, Quebec, Canada presented their record breaking 1,818.5 pound giant pumpkin at the Prince Edward County Pumpkinfest on October 15, 2011. Source: Pumpkinnook.com

CURRIED WALNUTS**Ingredients:**

2 cups walnut halves and pieces

1 Tbsp. butter

1 Tbsp. curry

Pinch of cayenne pepper

Pinch of granulated sugar

Pinch of salt

Dash of Worcestershire sauce

**Directions:**

In a medium saucepan, boil walnut halves and pieces for 5 minutes. Drain and discard any remaining liquid. Arrange walnuts in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake in a 350°F oven for 10 minutes. Shake vigorously in a colander to remove any loose skins.

In a nonstick skillet, melt butter over low heat. Add curry and cayenne pepper; cook 1 minute.

Toss walnuts in curried butter to coat. Add sugar, salt and Worcestershire sauce; toss again.

Store in a covered container. Makes 2 cups.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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	
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 Police Headquarters	410-653-4200	
North County Towing	410-760-3332	
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	
	or 410-573-1682	
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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