



Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter



Fall 2020



Walnut Ridge Community Association
Bringing you Walnut Ridge News For Over 10 Years

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Reminder to Homeowners!

Your next quarterly association assessment payment is due October 1st

Your Community Association

Who Needs It?

Did you ever wonder why we have a community association and why, as residents of our community, we are required to follow all the rules and regulations?

One of the most important functions of our community association is to enforce the Walnut Ridge Community Association's official governing documents: **"Covenants, Restrictions and Affirmative Obligations" and "Architectural and Environmental Standards."** The Association is also charged with managing and protecting the neighborhood's community assets – among those assets: our homes.

What keeps our neighborhood attractive and nice looking? It is the conscientious work of our residents working alongside our Board of Directors. Working in tandem with our management company, enforcement of Covenants and Restrictions and the Architectural Guidelines helps to keep the Community looking good. When we purchased our homes in Walnut Ridge, we agreed to abide by and follow the rules and policies as set out in the Community documents

Without the enforcement of these rules and guidelines, we might find parked cars or motorcycles on the grass in front yards or on our common areas, paint on homes would be left to peel and fade, construction or home repairs would be left unfinished, large trucks, boats or motor homes would be parked in our parking spaces, trash and garbage would be left in front and back yards. If these were to occur, the value of our homes would surely decrease.

So, the next time you are wondering why we have an association and why you are required to pay those pesky quarterly dues, just remember: Your association may well be your best tool in protecting the value of your home and the quality of your neighborhood.

News From The Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors often works “behind the scenes” for the benefit of our Community. Here are some of the items the Board, along with Management, have been working on.



- The Board received and reviewed approximately 6 A&E requests since the Summer 2020 newsletter publication.
- ProCom is performing the 2020 annual home maintenance inspections.
- Blades of Green Pest Control was contracted for pest control services to address the rodent problem which has been experienced by many residents.
- The Board began review of the 2021 Budget.
- Annapolis Tree Company was hired to remove dead trees, ground stumps, prune/ trim several trees including trimming above sidewalks and around street signs.
- Attention to, and in some cases, removal of illegally parked vehicles.
- Working with Anne Arundel County Cable Administrator regarding the maintenance of cable companies' equipment, especially along Walnut Ridge Drive.

Leash Laws—Please Obey Them

Anne Arundel County has leash laws. All residents are expected to abide by the law. **Dogs and Cats alike are prohibited to run loose or roam the neighborhood**

without a leash. A pet owner may claim that their pet is “in their control” even though it is not leashed. It doesn’t matter. If your animal is not leashed, you’re breaking the law. Avoid breaking the law and possible monetary fines – always leash your pet and don’t let it run loose.

If any resident observes dogs and/or cats in the neighborhood without a leash and/or running loose, and the owner cannot be located, they should contact Animal Control (410-222-8900). Animal Control can set traps and/or have the animal picked up.



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: Gloria Petit-Clair

Treasurer: Peter Giguere, CPA

Members at Large

Rich Dugan, Kelly Miller

Property Management

Tamara James, Association Manager

Professional Community Management, Inc.

400 Serendipity Drive

Millersville, MD 21108

410-721-0777 Ext. 118

TJames@procomgt.com

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Association Assessments are due on:

January 1st

April 1st

July 1st

October 1st





Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department Fire Prevention

Drive-By Open House!

**Saturday, October 10th
12 pm - 2 pm**

Come to the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department for a "drive-by" open house. Children will be able to see Marshall from Paw Patrol, look at the fire apparatus, see the firefighters and pick up goodie bags all from their cars!

Autumn Trivia

On what day does Fall officially end?

See Page 6 for the answer



DID YOU KNOW....

That BGE will pickup and haul away your old refrigerator or freezer for recycling at no additional cost to you? BGE offers:

- \$50 reward for recycling an old, working refrigerator or freezer
- \$25 reward if you also recycle an old, working room air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time as your refrigerator or freezer.

<https://bgesmartenergy.com/>



*Daylight Saving
Time Ends*

Daylight Saving Time ends at
2:00 am on

Sunday, November 1st
Remember to turn
back your clocks!

Find Words Associated with Elections

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Primary

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Officials

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Politician

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Delegate

Incumbent

Executive

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President

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Caucus

Poll

Issues

Senator

Speech

Lobbyist

Platform



Early Voting - 2020

As of this publication, early voting will be held from Monday, October 26, 2020 through Monday, November 2, 2020. Each early voting center will be open continuously from 7 am to 8 pm each day. Anyone in line at 8 pm will be allowed to vote. You can go to any early voting center in the county where you reside. Note: Early Voting Centers **will not** be open on election day.



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 2ND			
Early Voting Location	Address	City	Zip Code
ANNAPOLIS			
Pip Moyer Recreation Center	273 Hilltop Lane	Annapolis	21403
CROFTON			
Crofton Middle School	2301 Davidsonville Road	Gambrills	21054
EDGEWATER			
South River High School	201 Central Avenue East	Edgewater	21037
GAMBRILLS			
Arundel High School	1001 Annapolis Road	Gambrills	21054
GLEN BURNIE			
North County High School	10 East 1st Avenue	Glen Burnie	21061
PASADENA			
Northeast High School	1121 Duvall Highway	Pasadena	21122
SEVERNA PARK			
Severna Park High School	60 Robinson Road	Severna Park	21146

Election Day Voting



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020. This election, you can vote in person at the location of your choice in Anne Arundel County. The list of election day Vote Centers will be updated when it is finalized. Check the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections website for updates and locations. <https://www.aacounty.org/>

Voter Registration and Mail-In Ballot Requests

- The deadline to register online to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- The deadline for registering by mail to vote is (postmarked by) Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- The deadline to register in person to vote is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- The deadline to request a ballot by mail is (received by) Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

For more voting information, please visit: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/>

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.



Safe Trick or Treating During the Pandemic

The Halloween holiday will be a little different this year due to the pandemic. Typically the Fall season and Halloween means house parties, costume contests, carving pumpkins, apple picking and Fall festivals. But what about trick or treating?

Experts say that trick or treating may still go on and happen safely with a few measures in place. Here are some suggestions for safe trick-or-treating during the pandemic:



1. Children and parents—wear a mask. Be creative and make the mask part of your costume; plan a costume around a character face mask.
2. Trick-or-treaters should stay in as small of groups as possible and continue to practice social distancing.
3. Place a table in front of your door and give out individual baggies containing a few pieces of wrapped candy. That way the candy will be ready for the kids to pick up their “treat” and minimize contact with others. Avoid a bowl filled with candy.
4. Limit the number of houses you visit.
5. “Trunk or Treating” may seem like a good way to reduce the number of people you see on Halloween, but it may be more difficult to practicing social distancing.
6. Anyone giving out treats should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth.
7. Treat-givers might consider distributing goodies with tongs or grabbers.
8. Be sure children always have access to hand sanitizers.

A few things to avoid this Halloween: homemade goods, bobbing for apples, packed parties, costumes that prevent wearing a mask, any activity where you cannot practice social distancing.

Found on Almond Drive!

This is NOT proper mask disposal! Do not litter our streets with your masks!

Dispose of your masks in a trash can or your home garbage.



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.

Newsletters are also available online at
www.walnutridgeonline.org



*Walnut Ridge Reminders***Association Assessments**

Next assessment is due
October 1st.

**CHANGE your clock,****CHANGE your batteries****No Parking
In The Cul De Sac**

You could be towed!

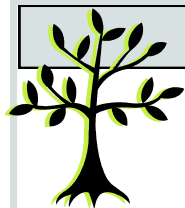
**Trash and Recycling**

Out after 6:00 pm on
Monday Nights



What kind of cake is
served in a haunted
house?

"I scream" cake.

*Contact Us*

If you have a request, an idea or an issue you would like to bring before the Board, please send email to board@walnutridgeonline.org and also to our manager Tamara James at TJames@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.

Fall Trivia Answer

It seems late, but Fall ends and Winter doesn't officially begin until December 21st which is usually the shortest day of the year.



Be sure to check our website for
information regarding future
Association meetings
www.walnutridgeonline.org

SPCA OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**WALK FOR THE
ANIMALS**

NEW DATE:
OCTOBER 4TH 2020



QUIET WATERS PARK



Walk through Quiet Waters Park with your family and friends (2 or 4 legged), at your own pace. (Turn on your Wooftrex app and track your steps!) Join a team and raise funds with your friends. Stroll through Vendor Village and meet the wonderful Veterinary Hospitals, Pet clothing providers, Artisans, Home Remodeling, and many other vendors who love animals just as much as you do! Head down the hill to see some incredible vehicles at the exclusive Cars & Critters car show. Donate \$20 per car you plan to show. Donate \$25 or more on the Cars & Critters page and get a stuffed animal! Swing by the Food Bowl to enjoy some delicious eats!

Special Thanks from the Editor

Thanks to the following Walnut Ridge friends who have given of their time in order to bring you the Walnut Ridge Newsletter:
Ed Rose, Joey Schneider and children, Peter Giguere, Jim Brady, and of course, "The Wanderer."



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.)

Looking forward to writing the fall Wanderer.

Thinking this article could write itself.

Following up on the virtual schooling last spring.

Kids spending their summer playing, growing and having adventures,

School buses arriving to pick up the kids and drop them off at the end of the day!

But, that didn't happen!

Oh, there was playing on the playground in the spring and summer.

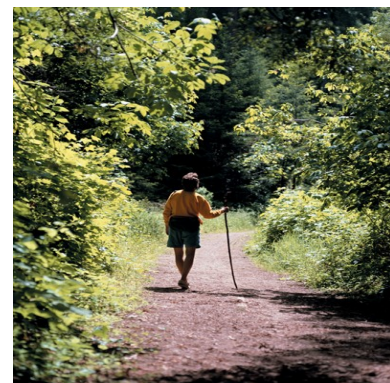
Parents having a regular routine of inside versus outside play times.

Friendship pods moving from bikes to swings to climbers.

Boys and girls continuing to grow over the summer.

Everything the same, except no big yellow school bus coming up the hill.

No new backpacks, lunch boxes and shoes.



No kids rushing to the bus line

And returning home tired and a little bedraggled

Waving goodbye to friends

As they head for their houses and an after-school snack

And the usual question, "How was your day at school?"

School is at home, at a screen, in a zoom class.

Kids playing before class, during a recess break, after lunch and then after school.

Kids adapt well to the new normal.

But what about their parents?

It's been a mixed bag!

I feel your pain!

Follow precautions and this will be over!

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number.....	410-222-7000
AA County Board of Elections.....	410-222-6600
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 Aging.....	410-222-4464
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.....	410-222-6100
Cable—Broadstripe (formerly Millennium).....	410-987-9300
Cable—Comcast Cable (Xfinity).....	800-934-6489
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
Old Line Utility c/o Rudder Management.....	410-647-7929
Post Office—Legion Avenue.....	410-573-0953
Poison Control	800-492-2414
ProCom.....	410-721-0777
Professional Community Management (ProCom).....	410-721-0777
Recycling & Yard Waste.....	410-222-6100
Rudder Management, Inc.	410-647-7929
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup).....	800-728-7825
Top Notch Towing.....	410-224-4808
Trash Pickup Problems.....	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400
Xfinity (Comcast) Cable.....	800-934-6489