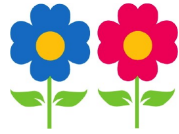
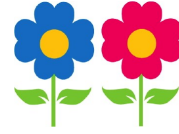


Walnut Ridge

Community Association



Spring 2019



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Reminder to Homeowners!

**Your next quarterly
association
assessment payment is
due April 1st**

A Word From The President

Spring is nearly here and none too soon in this writer's opinion! We've made it through another winter and managed to somehow avoid much of the severity that other areas of the country have experienced.

Our community can look forward to some significant improvements in the coming months. Management is soliciting bids for a two-phase operation of repaving of our roadways, the oldest of which is approaching 40 years of age. The first phase of this is slated for this summer and the second phase will take place next year to complete the project. The actual dates of construction will be announced well in advance to allow for temporary parking during each phase. We will be restriping parking spaces, numbering, marking curbs for restrictive parking, and marking visitor spaces immediately following the repaving process of each phase.

Some replacement trees have been discussed and plantings in our common areas will continue to be maintained and enhanced as needed. At the direction of the Board, Management is also soliciting bids for improvement of the community playground and the possible expansion and addition of a new feature.

We have a new member on your Board of Directors and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rich Dugan as our newest Member at Large. Please be reminded that we are always looking for new faces, new ideas, and participation in the decisions relating to the operation of the community.

Finally, please be reminded of two issues that continue to crop up. One relates to residents who operate more than two vehicles and use

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the few "Visitor" spaces available for their additional vehicles. This practice prevents the use of these spaces for legitimate visitors and **must not** continue. Those that continue to do this may receive a written warning sticker followed by the vehicle being removed by our towing company. Please do not merely move the vehicle from one "Visitor" space to another, thinking that towing will not occur. Our community can only accommodate two cars per household and those residents with additional vehicles will simply have to find other places to park.

The other issue has to do with trash collection. We have all received notice from the Dept. of Waste Management that recycling will only be collected if left in approved containers. There has also been a redefinition of waste that will be accepted as recycling. As an example, plastic bags or anything left in plastic bags will not be collected. This includes recycle materials that are placed in a plastic bag in a recycling can. The can will just be ignored and will not be emptied.

Yard waste (tree trimmings, grass clippings, etc.) must be left in an approved paper bag. These are available at many local hardware and grocery stores. Plastic bags marked with an "X" will no longer be picked up.

Finally, please leave your trash out the evening before pickup and in approved cans with tops and **marked** with your house number. Please store your emptied containers the day of collection or the morning following. Trash that is left out for collection in cans without tops or in plastic bags alone are easy targets for birds, vultures, and rodents. Please don't continue to do this! It seriously detracts from the appearance of our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

Kind regards,
Edward Rose – President, WRCA

Association Assessments are due on:



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

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

Member at Large
Rich Dugan

Property Management

Tamara James, Association Manager
Professional Community Management, Inc.
400 Serendipity Drive
Millersville, MD 21108
410-721-0777 Ext. 118
TJames@procomgt.com
www.procomgt.com

Spring Riddles

- Q: I am a bow that cannot be tied.
What am I?
- Q: What has to be broken before you can use it?
- Q: I fall, but I don't get hurt. I pour, but I'm not a jug. I help plants grow, but I'm not the sun. What am I?



See Answers on Page 9

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

- At the reconvened Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Broadneck Library, all Board members were re-elected to another term. Rich Dugan was elected as Member at Large.
- Bids are being considered for playground repair and enhancement.
- Proposals are being considered for replacing the asphalt on our streets, to include striping, marked parking and curbs. The Board will also be considering bids for sidewalk, curb and road gutter cleaning and re-caulking of the sidewalks.
- Reserve Study will be done after the asphalt replacement has occurred.
- Spring inspections will again be conducted by CIS Inspection Experts.
- Attention to unauthorized parking in visitor spaces and in marked resident spaces.
- Cat Branch Stream Restoration. The project is ongoing by Anne Arundel County on lower Peach Court and Walnut Ridge Drive.

**FROM THE A&E COMMITTEE**

Every resident (owners and renters alike) should have a copy of the Walnut Ridge Architectural and Environmental Standards. A copy of the A&E Standards can be found on the Walnut Ridge website www.walnutridgeonline.org. Here are a few key points the Board would like to remind you about:

- ♦ **An A&E Application must be completed** in writing and submitted to the Management Company for any exterior alteration, addition or new construction. Be sure to include with your completed Application:
 - two copies of your Application,
 - a copy of your site plan, sketches, plat with dimensions of your project,
 - once completed, your Application with all enclosures/attachments should be either mailed to ProCom Management, 400 Serendipity Drive, Millersville, MD 21108, or sent by email to Board@walnutridgeonline.org.
- ♦ Any exterior alteration, addition or new construction **must be approved**, even when a similar or substantially identical alteration, addition or new construction had been previously approved.
- ♦ Fences of any style **must be approved** before construction begins.
- ♦ Awnings on windows, doors, and decks are not permitted without express written consent of adjoining neighbors and committee approval.
- ♦ Exterior clothes lines **are not permitted**.



Woof! Arf! Bark!

Ok, So Let's Face It — Dogs bark. Barking dogs are inevitable, but when the barking continues on a daily basis, the barking then becomes a **public nuisance**. If your dog is prone to barking, whether he is outside **OR** inside, please address the problem, investigate why he is barking, talk to your veterinarian if you need to, but please come up with a solution! Whatever may be the cause of your dog's barking, please don't ignore his incessant barking—you, your neighbors and your dog will be much happier!

Save the Date! SPCA Walk for the Animals

The 28th Annual Walk for the Animals will be held Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Walk through Quiet Waters Park with your family and friends (2 or 4 legged), at your own pace. Swing by the Food Bowl to enjoy some delicious eats! 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!



If you are interested in participating, contact the Anne Arundel County SPCA at 410-268-4388 or register online at: <http://www.aacspca.org/walk>

*All dogs must be leashed,
preferably on a non-retractable leash.*



Dog Parks in Anne Arundel County

Broadneck Park

613 Broadneck Road, Annapolis
(410-222-7317)

Bell Branch Park

1150 Barbara Swann Way, Gambrills
(410-222-7317)

Loch Haven Park

3399-3361 Glebe Heights Dr., Edgewater
(410-222-7317)

Maryland City Park

565 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel
(410-222-7317)

Towers Branch Park

1407 Jackson Road, Odenton
(410-222-7317)

Quiet Waters Park (park entry fee)

600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis
(410-222-1777)

Dog Beaches:

Downs Park (park entry fee)

8311 John Downs Loop, Pasadena
(410-222-6230)

Quiet Waters Park (park entry fee)

600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis
(410-222-1777)

Anne Arundel County Lost Pet Listing

View lost pets or report lost or missing pets on the Anne Arundel County Animal Control website at <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/animal-control/lost-pet-list/index.html>



Animal Complaints

The Board of Directors does not get involved in animal complaints. All complaints concerning animals (noise, running loose, etc.) should be addressed between neighbors directly or residents may contact Anne Arundel County Animal Control at (410) 222-8900.

Walnut Ridge Reminders

Association Assessments

Next assessment is due
April 1st.



Monday, April 15th

Happy
Tax Day



You changed your
clocks, but did you
change your smoke
alarm batteries??

Spring Walk-Through

**Community Inspection
Service (CIS)**
will again be conducting
exterior inspections.
Start now to be sure your
home is ready!



Questions about Spring Inspection Findings?

For more information about your inspection findings go to your secure customer portal at portal.HoaInspectionServices.com. Your PIN is located at the top of your Inspection Findings Page included with your **Second** Notice. To contact HOA Inspection Services, go to <https://www.hoainspectionsservices.com/>.



Memorial Day Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick Up Schedule

Pick up will be Wednesday, May 29th
(not Tuesday, May 28th)



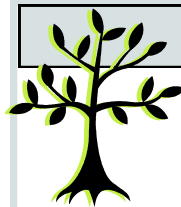
VISITOR PARKING

Anyone **other than Visitors** using ANY of our Visitor Parking Spaces will risk having their vehicle **TOWED** at the vehicle owner's expense. **Reminder:** Parking in Visitor Parking Spaces is **reserved** for Visitors.

Visitor Parking Space Policy

HAPPY
MOTHER'S
Day!

Sunday, May 12, 2019



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 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.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

6:30 pm

Broadneck Library
1275 Green Holly Drive
Annapolis, Maryland

HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!



Sunday, June 16, 2019

Dumpster is Coming!

Walnut Ridge is again participating in the Anne Arundel County Community Clean-up Program. A dumpster is tentatively scheduled to be available in the Cul-De-Sac by **12 noon on Monday, April 29, 2019, and will be picked up by 12 noon on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.** In accordance with the AA County Community Clean-Up Guidelines, do not place items outside of the dumpster, or place prohibited items in the dumpster. Prohibited items are:

Junk automobiles	Liquids
Hazardous Waste	Refrigerators
Trailers	Air Conditioners/Freon
Boats	Items
Gas & Propane Tanks	Metal Items
Tree Trunks/Logs	Cardboard
Batteries	Paper
Oil Drums or Tanks	Plastic or Glass
Paint	

For proper disposal of the prohibited items listed above, please call the County at 410-222-6108.

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



Anne Arundel County
Waste Management Services

**Recycling and Waste
Reduction Division**
2662 Riva Road, Suite 490
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 222-7951

For more information or for tips
to boost your recycling visit:



Recycled Paper

Items Accepted for Recycling

PAPER - examples include:

- Milk & juice cartons/boxes
- Cardboard
- Boxes (cereal, cracker, frozen food, shoe, pizza, etc.)
- Books (hard and soft cover)
- Sheets & pads of paper
- Newspaper & inserts
- Junk mail & envelopes
- Magazines & catalogs
- Folders & notebooks
- Photo paper

METAL - examples include:

- Aluminum foil & pans
- Aluminum cans
- Tin/steel cans
- Empty aerosol cans

PLASTIC - examples include:

- Bottles, jars, jugs, tubs & trays
- Plastic cups, plates, utensils
- Plastic buckets & flower pots
- Storage totes
- Plastic furniture
- Plastic laundry basket
- Trash cans & old recycling containers
- Plastic toys, pools & playsets

GLASS

- Bottles and jars (any color)

NEW

Unbag your recyclables. Place paper, plastic, metal, and glass items loose inside your recycling container.

Return clean, dry plastic bags to a local grocery or retail store or County Recycling Center for recycling.

RECYCLING TIPS

- Put all recycling into the same container, there is no need to separate.
- You do not need to rinse or clean recycling and you can include labels, caps, and lids.
- You may put out an unlimited amount of recycling.
- Use the yellow recycling container or any other container of your choice marked with a large 'X'.
- Place large recycling items next to your recycling container.
- When in doubt about an item, give us a call at 410-222-7951.
- Place yard waste in kraft paper bags or reusable containers (marked with an "X") or tie into bundles.
- To avoid confusion, **do not** use yellow recycling containers for yard waste.

Reminder to Walnut Ridge Landlords

Landlord owners are obligated to provide their tenants with a written Lease or Rental Agreement which, among other things, indicates that the tenant must conform to the Covenants, Bylaws, and other documents of the Community.

Landlords are also responsible to the Association for the actions of their tenants, since the tenants, just like owners, must also comply with the Covenants, Bylaws, etc. Landlords are responsible for maintenance or covenant violations committed by their tenants.

Landlords: Please provide to your tenant(s) a copy of: (1) the Association's Covenants, Architectural & Environmental Standards, and (2) a copy of the Parking Space Guidelines. Please emphasize to your tenant(s) the importance of abiding by the rules outlined in these documents. By doing so, it may avoid any misunderstandings, hard feelings and possible legal action when Management and/or the Board of Directors points out a non-conformance.

And finally, as a Landlord, you must--

- Notify the Association's management agent, ProCom (in writing) of the lease or rental period, names of the tenants, make and model of tenant vehicle(s) and contact telephone numbers.
- Inform the management agent of your mailing address while your home is being leased/rented so that Association correspondence may go directly to you. This is a requirement of Maryland law.

WIPERS ON—LIGHTS ON

Maryland law **requires** drivers to turn on headlights whenever windshield wipers are in use.
(MD Code, Transportation, § 22-201.2)

Special Thanks

The Editor would like to thank the following Walnut Ridge friends who give of their time in order to bring you the Walnut Ridge Newsletter: Ed Rose, Joey Schneider and children, Jim Brady, and of course, "The Wanderer."



Word Search: Spring Flowers

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Iris	Freesia	Bluebell
Magnolia	Crocus	Forsythia
Spiraea	Pansy	Peony
Tulip	Redbud	Daffodil
Lily	Zinnia	Rose
Azalea	Snowdrop	Dogwood
Lilac	Hyacinth	Clematis



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.

Money Management, Estate Planning & Wills. *Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm.* Attorney Sarah Dwyer-Heidkamp will discuss the differences between wills and trusts, powers of attorney and medical directives. *Sponsored by Council Baradel.*

Career Counseling for Women. *Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.* Global Career Coach Paula Brand will share resources to help you break through to move your career forward. **For adults.**

Income Tax Assistance. *Tuesdays, through April 16 from 1 to 3 pm.* Sign-up sheets will be available at 1 pm each Tuesday. Volunteers will be available at the library to answer tax questions and assist with tax form preparation. The service requires no registration at the Broadneck branch and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Self-service electronic filing is available using the library computers.



Author Visit — Maryland Can Be Murder. *Thursday, May 2 at 7 pm.* Join Mary Ellen Hughes, Marcia Talley and Tracy Kiely to learn about their latest books set right here in Maryland and about the art of mystery writing.

Aladdin Marionette Puppet Show. *Thursday, April 25 at 2:00 pm.* Experience the magic of Aladdin through the marvel of hand-crafted wooden marionettes. Stay after the performance for a special behind-the-scenes demonstration. *Sponsor: Stevens Puppets.*



Bilingual Storytime. *Tuesday, May 28 at 9:30 and 10:30 am; Martes 28 de mayo a las 9:30 y 10:30 am.* Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and Spanish.

Music & Movement. *Monday, April 15 at 9:30 and 10:30 am.* Sing, chant, play instruments and move creatively as we explore sounds, rhythms and patterns that make up our language. **For children ages birth to five.** *Sponsored by Music Together Chesapeake.*



Be sure to visit Discoveries: The Library at the Mall for more exciting activities!

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

Kindergarten Registration begins April 3, 2019

Before your child can enter kindergarten, be sure to:

1. Determine Student's Eligibility: Children must be five-years-old by September 1 to enroll in kindergarten.
2. Identify and contact the school: You should register at the child's local school. To determine what the local school is for a specific address, check the School Assignment Locator or call The Planning Office at 410-439-5683.
3. Verify age, identity, residency, and immunization compliance: Parents/Legal Guardians registering their children in an Anne Arundel County Public School must provide proof of student's age, identity, county residency and immunizations, unless homeless. Additionally, immunizations must be up to date.



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.)

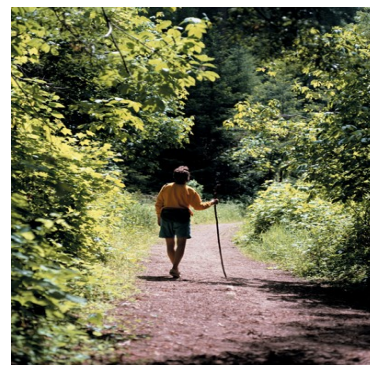
2009 Wanderer Reprinted by Special Request

I heard the birds chirping in the morning, I really did! I smelled spring in the air, I really did. I took off my heavy coat, I really did! I put away my snow shovel, I really did! I sat on my deck one afternoon and enjoyed the fresh air, I really did! I opened my windows to air out the house, I really did!

So, what happened? The temperature went to 10 degrees, it really did! It snowed all night and day, it really did! I shoveled out my car, I really did!

The Wanderer must wander, despite the weather. While I was admiring the fresh snow that left soft outlines on our cars and trees, I noticed strange snow covered shapes by the curbs. Were they snowmen? No. Were they bushes? No. What were these strange shapes covered with snow? They were trash cans and bags that were put out on Sunday evening for trash pick-up on Tuesday morning.

I quickly thumbed through my WRCA rules about putting out trash. Guess what? Trash can only be put out after 6:00 the night before trash pickup. I'm glad these snow covered shapes caught my eye, because it gave me the chance to remind everyone that trash sitting out for over 24 hours is not pretty or allowed. Animals roaming the neighborhood break into trash bags and spread the trash on the street. Remember, set out your trash after 6:00 in the evening before trash pick-up. Help keep our neighborhood looking good.



Walnut Ridge Wanderer

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Board meetings are now held at the Broadneck Community Library, 1275 Green Holly Drive and begin at 6:30 pm.

Answers to Spring Riddles

Q. I am a bow that cannot be tied. What am I?

A: A Rainbow

Q: What has to be broken before you can use it?

A: An Egg

Q: I fall, but I don't get hurt. I pour, but I'm not a jug. I help plants grow, but I'm not the sun. What am I?

A: Water

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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 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
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