

Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter



Spring 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 April 1st

A Word From The President

Spring is right around the corner and the daffodils, forsythia and trees all have begun to bud and bloom. We experienced a relatively mild winter and now we can look forward to the warm weather. Spring brings with it a fresh start and a rejuvenation of hope. As we enter into this season, we ask that you to please be mindful of the following.

As for the Covid-19 or Coronavirus pandemic - PLEASE TAKE ALL personal, necessary, and advised precautions regarding the recently declared National Emergency. I believe our local, state, federal government, and medical professionals are on top of this threat. With the policy of containment to further prevent the spread, testing of suspected cases of infection, and treatment of confirmed cases, our society will prevail.

There continue to be a few people in our community that habitually fail or refuse to pick up and dispose of their dog's waste. In particular, this has been occurring all along the south side of Walnut Ridge Drive. It has been commented on in countless communications, complained about to Board members, and picked up and disposed of several times by a few individuals to slow the buildup. This practice of not cleaning up after your dog is particularly annoying when the waste is not even 10 feet from a waste station that has a container and bags. If you see this being done, please say something to that dog walker. If you are the dog owner or walker committing this, please start acting responsibly and pick up and dispose of it. This is a high density neighborhood with people that deserve the ability to walk without the fear of stepping in dog droppings or be fouled with the rank smell of it.

I think most of us are doing a better job of placing our garbage out for pick up in sealed containers. However, there are those that still don't seem to have gotten the message. Garbage stored or put out for collection in bags is almost immediately set upon, torn open, partially eaten, and spread about by wild animals, rats, and large birds such as

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vultures and crows. Additionally, wind blown trash from compromised bags is then strewn everywhere. Is this really the kind of community appearance we want? Most of us will answer with an emphatic "NO!" Also, many residents continue to leave their CONTAINERS in PLAIN SITE of the FRONT of their home OR OUTSIDE of their fenced or unfenced PROPERTY LINE in the rear. Many are not removing their empty containers in a timely manner following pick up. These are clear violations of our Community Guidelines and will not be tolerated by the Board of Directors or the management company. C'mon people! Let's ALL do our parts to make our community LOOK and FEEL attractive and pleasant! As part of that effort, the Board of Directors has decided to require your containers to be marked with indelible ink (like a "Magic Marker" or "Sharpie") with your house number.

Once the current threat of viral pandemic has subsided and "social distancing" becomes just a memory, you may notice additional parking restrictions along some of our community-owned curbs. These areas have been problematic in the past due to their narrow nature. When used by residents for parking excess vehicles, it makes it difficult for entering and exiting marked parking spaces and further restricts access by emergency vehicles.

Finally - on a more pleasant note, the Board is now postured to order the necessary materials and renovate the community playground. Our goal is to have work completed and open for use by May 4th or sooner. I'm certain the renewed facility will be welcomed and well attended by the SUPERVISED children of our community.

Edward Rose, President

Walnut Ridge Community Association

Dumpster is Coming!! Mark Your Calendar!

The Board has once again arranged for Walnut Ridge to participate 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 Friday, July 10, 2020, and will be picked up by 12 noon on Saturday, July 11, 2020.



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, Janice Hariadi, Kelly Miller

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**Spring is nature's way of saying,
'Let's party!'**

— Robin Williams

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

- Playground repairs/improvements completion is targeted for the first of May.
- The Board continues to look to Anne Arundel County regarding the lack of maintenance on the cable boxes located throughout the community.
- Rodents (rats specifically) are again a problem in the community. The Board is requesting bids for long-term pest control.
- Property inspections will begin in early Spring. Property owners and residents will be notified when the inspections will take place.
- The Board received and reviewed approximately 5 A&E requests since the Winter 2019 newsletter publication.
- Communicating with BGE regarding the replacement of our aging wooden street lights with ones similar to the new street lights on Cape St. Claire Road.
- Arranged for a county dumpster to be delivered July 10th in connection with the Community Clean-Up Program.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS CHANGED TO JUNE 2, 2020.

Primary Election Day has been changed by the Governor's proclamation due to the coronavirus outbreak. The new date is Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The voting location on election day for all of Walnut Ridge is Broadneck High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive. Visit www.aacounty.org/elections for more information.

And the Survey Says . . .

In an issue of one of America's top rated consumer magazines, according to a survey as to what bugs us the most, rated #6 is **UN-SCOOPED DOG POOP**.

Other POOP facts:

- The average-sized dog produces 276 lbs. of waste per year generating 21 billion lbs. of dog poop each year in the U.S.
- 40% of dog poop goes un-scooped.
- 20% of bacteria in contaminated water can be traced to a canine source.

So, **PICK UP THE POOP, PEOPLE!**

There are several Mutt Mitt stations located throughout the community. **USE THEM!** If you find that any of the Mutt Mitt stations are out of stock, running low or are full, please notify Management immediately either by email (TJames@procomgt.com) or by phone (410-721-0777, Ext. 118).

The Next Board of Directors Meeting is

Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 6:30 pm

Broadneck Library, 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, Maryland

Early Voting



As of this publication, Early Voting begins on Thursday, April 16, 2020 and continues through Thursday, April 23, 2020. All Early Voting Centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 8:00 pm. You can go to any early voting center in the county where you reside.

Early Voting Center locations in Anne Arundel County are:

Severna Park Community Library
45 West McKinsey Road
Severna Park, MD 21146

Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center
273 Hilltop Lane
Annapolis, MD 21403

Odenton Regional Library
1325 Annapolis Road
Odenton, MD 21113

Edgewater Community Library
25 Stepneys Lane
Edgewater, MD 21037

Glen Burnie Regional Library
1010 Eastway
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Crofton Community Library
1681 Riedel Road
Crofton, MD 21114

Anne Arundel County Board of Elections
6740 Baymeadow Drive
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

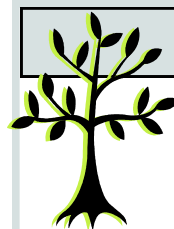
Note: Early Voting Centers **will not** be open on election day.

Stay Informed About Elections Dates

The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) is communicating regularly with federal and state health agencies to monitor developments related to COVID-19. Visit the Maryland State Board of Elections website <http://www.elections.state.md.us> for all developments related to COVID-19.

Campaign Sign Reminder

Posting campaign signs on **your own** property is fine, however, campaign signs are not to be posted on the community's open/public space. If a sign has been posted on the community property, it will be removed.



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.

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4 - 8

Monday, May 4 through Friday May 8 is the time to recognize the dedication of the teachers in and out of the classroom who support our students.



Association Assessments are due on:

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



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is mobilizing law enforcement officers nationwide to look out for drivers texting or using their cell phone behind the wheel.

Five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. At 55 mph, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field.

To prevent tragedies due to distracted driving, motorists are urged to:

- Turn off electronic devices and put them out of reach before starting to drive.
- Be a good role model for young drivers and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving.
- Speak up when you are a passenger and your driver uses an electronic device while driving. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task.
- Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against unsafe drivers.



Find Words Associated with Spring

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March	May	Sunshine
Flowers	Tulip	Nest
Kites	Garden	April
Chick	Picnic	Green
Season	Bees	Rainbow
Butterfly	Warm	Eggs
Birds	Blossom	Seeds
Spring	Bunny	Easter

Community Shred-A-Rama!

When: Saturday, May 9, 2020, 9 am to Noon

Where: South River Senior High School
Brooklyn Park Middle
Odenton Shopping Center
Anne Arundel County Police HQ

Hosted by the Anne Arundel County Southern District Police-Community Relations Council (PCRC), bring your personal documents and watch them safely shredded in a commercial shredding truck. Items not allowed: binders, clips, x-rays, film, CDs and coat hangers. The intent is to provide Anne Arundel County residents identity theft prevention. There are no costs for Anne Arundel County residents, but donations will be accepted at the site. 4 box/bag limit. The PCRC is a 501(c) non-profit.



*Walnut Ridge Reminders***Trash and Recycle**

Trash and recycle out **no earlier than 6pm** on Monday; cans and bins removed no later than Tuesday evening!

**A&E Inspections Are Scheduled for Mid-May****Association Assessments**

Next assessment is due April 1st.

Wednesday, April 15**Administrative Professionals' Day: April 22, 2020**

National Administrative Professionals' Day is a day to recognize the work of secretaries, administrative assistants, receptionists and other administrative support professionals for their contribution to the workplace. The first Administrative Professionals' Day was celebrated in 1952, known then as National Secretaries' Day.

**Memorial Day Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick Up Schedule**

**Pick up will be Wednesday, May 27th
(not Tuesday, May 26th)**



SPCA OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
9AM-12PM**



QUIET WATERS PARK



Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 21, 2020



In 1790 (the year of the first Census), Maryland had 319,728 persons counted. That was 8.2% of the US population. The total population in the United States in 1790 was 3,893,635 million.

Special Thanks from the Editor

Thanks to 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."

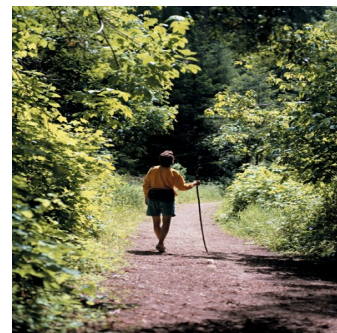


A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

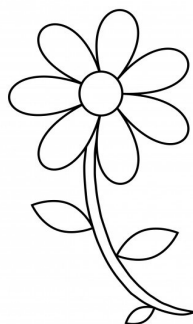
The Walnut Ridge Wanderer reports on various observations around the community. To preserve anonymity, the identity and gender of the Wanderer will not be revealed. (However, I will say that this Editor is not the Wanderer.)

Been watching kids on the playground for more than 20 years.
Playground quiet during winter months, sometimes covered in snow.
But, this winter has been mild and seems short.
Kids and families outside during most of the winter.

Making social connections, kids being healthy.
Laughter, shouting, running, jumping, sliding, climbing
And the parents connecting after a long day or week at work.
Will this change with the recent health alert?



Schools will close for two weeks to contain Covid-19.
A necessary decision, but a strain on families.
We're told to avoid social contacts with large groups.
It's called social distancing.



Social engagement is what childhood is all about.
Please remember the special times outdoors
And return to the playground when you're comfortable.
We need to get back to normal.

Hang in there, parents with school-age kids!

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!

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

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