



# Walnut Ridge

## Community Association

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### Reminder to Homeowners!

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

### President's Message

Spring weather is just around the corner! Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow last month and per tradition, that means he is predicting an early spring. Spring is certainly close by - I've heard the chorus of the spring peepers!

The Board has been very busy the last several months. The annual meeting was reconvened on January 17th. At the meeting, all Board members were re-elected to another term. Ed Rose will now serve as Vice President and we are pleased to welcome back to the Board Peter Giguere, CPA who will serve as our Treasurer.

The budget meeting went forward on November 29th. During discussion, it was noted that assessments have not been increased in the past 4 years. In order to maintain healthy reserve funds and to keep up with rising costs, it was deemed necessary to increase quarterly assessments for 2024. By law, assessments may be increased by 10% per year, but it was decided to only increase assessments by 3% (an additional \$7.50/qtr.) beginning January 1st.

We managed to escape the snowy weather experienced by the northeast; however, we did receive a damaging rain and windstorm on January 9<sup>th</sup> which caused a tree to fall across Walnut Ridge Drive. Because Walnut Ridge Drive is a county-owned road, Management reported the incident to Anne Arundel County and the County Department of Public Works promptly removed the tree that same night. During the storm, it was reported that a light pole on Tanook had fallen. BGE was contacted and will be replacing the light pole in the coming weeks.

In early February, Level Green performed spring cleanup of our common areas which included mulching, weeding, cutback of the lirioppe and ornamental grass, leaf and debris removal. Back in October, Board Member Ed Rose walked the community with our go-to arborist from

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Annapolis Tree Company and identified several areas of concern. In January and February, Annapolis Tree performed the much-needed pruning and/or removal of several trees, and removed lower branches which were hovering over the streets, sidewalks, parking lots and walkways.

After soliciting proposals for the replacement of the retaining wall and railing at 1352-1354 Tanook Court, Chamberlain Contracting was awarded the contract and that project began on March 4th with the installation of a new retaining wall. Installation of the new railing is planned for March 27th, weather permitting.

Bids are being solicited to rake, redistribute and spread additional mulch at the playground.

The Board has once again arranged for a dumpster to be delivered to the cul-de-sac in mid-July. Watch for more details in the Summer Newsletter.

In closing, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new residents and a very happy Spring season to all.

Warm regards,  
Laura



**Take Pride in Your Community!**

Do you see trash that has blown onto your lawn? Do you see trash on the street around where you park your vehicle? Do you see trash around the mailboxes? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then please take a moment and pick it up!



You might walk right past it and say to yourself "that's not mine, I don't need to pick it up." Please do your part and take pride in our community and pick up trash when you see it.



**Walnut Ridge  
Board of Directors**

**Officers**

- President: Laura Richardson
- Vice President: Ed Rose
- Secretary: Gloria Petit-Clair
- Treasurer: Peter Giguere, CPA

**Members at Large**

Rich Dugan, Kelly Miller, Lili Zimmerman

**Contact the Board**

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**PEST CONTROL INSPECTIONS**

Pest control inspections are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month. These monthly inspections are necessary in order to monitor any new or recurring evidence of rats or other invasive rodents. Please help the inspectors to help us by making sure your front and back yards are accessible for the inspection. Please be reminded that the Board contracted with a pest control company at the Community's request in order to address the rodent problem. Community cooperation is key to the success of the inspections.



**Memorial Day Trash and Recycle Pick Up Schedule**  
Pick up will be Wednesday, May 29th  
(not Tuesday, May 28th)



**2024 Presidential Primary Election**

**Early Voting**

Early Voting for the Presidential Primary Election begins on Thursday, May 2, 2024 through Thursday, May 9, 2024. All Early Voting Centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.



You may go to any early voting center in the county where you reside.

As of this printing, the Board of Elections has not yet made available the list of Early Voting Centers.

**Election Day**

Presidential Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The voting location on election day for all of Walnut Ridge residents is Broadneck High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive.

Visit [www.aacounty.org/elections](http://www.aacounty.org/elections) for more information.



**Drive 25 On Walnut Ridge Drive!**

The speed limit on Walnut Ridge Drive is 25 mph. Please slow down! Did you know that it takes an average of 62 feet to come to a stop when your vehicle is traveling 25 mph?



**National Donut Day  
Friday, June 7th**

Each year on the first Friday in June, people participate in National Doughnut or Donut Day, celebrating the doughnut and honoring the Salvation Army Lassies. The Salvation Army Lassies are the women who served doughnuts to soldiers during WWI.



### Walnut Ridge Reminders

**Don't Forget to Scoop the Poop!**



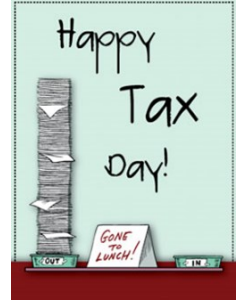
**A&E Inspections Are Coming in April!**

Start preparing now to be sure your home is ready!



**NO PARKING ON YELLOW CURBS**

**You could be towed!**



Monday, April 15th

### Trash & Recycling—Another Reminder

Plastic trash bags left out which contain food waste/scraps, cooking oil, diapers and pet waste are prime targets for vultures, rats and other pesky varmints. These animals will rip open the plastic bags, pull out the garbage and create an unsightly mess and a very unhealthy situation for you and your neighbors.

PLEASE! All trash and garbage should be placed out in tightly-covered trash cans/containers. Trash and garbage in tightly-covered containers will help keep birds and other unwanted animals away, will keep the wind out and will avoid trash being blown into the street and yards. To keep recyclables from blowing away, flatten boxes and milk jugs, don't overfill your recycling bin and place heavier items on top.

As a reminder, trash and recycling containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 6:00 pm on Monday evenings. Containers should be out before 6:00 am on Tuesday mornings to ensure pickup. Containers should not be placed on the common areas or at the mailbox stations. Trash and recycling containers should be taken in no later than Tuesday evening. Trash and recycle containers should be stored out of sight and not visible from the street and/or sidewalk. Your cooperation is paramount in keeping our community aesthetically attractive, maintain property values and curb appeal.

### Campaign Sign Reminder



Campaign signs are not to be posted on community property. Posting campaign signs on **your own** property is fine. If a sign has been posted on community property, it will be removed.

### Spring Joke

How do you know Spring Flowers are friendly ?

Spring Flowers always have a lot of new buds !



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Sunday, June 16, 2024

*Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!*




### Broadneck Community Library Happenings!

**Broadneck Branch** - 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, Maryland 21409 (410.222.1905) <http://www.aacpl.net>  
**Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 10 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm.

**An Introduction to Taiko, The Art of Japanese Drumming.** *Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 pm.* Enjoy both traditional and contemporary songs and explore instruments, voice, history and vocabulary.  
*Presenter: Mark H. Rooney. For all ages.*

**Naval Aviation Maintenance in World War II.** *Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm.* Join Naval Officer, Professor and Author Stan Fisher for a discussion on the major role that naval aviation maintenance played in the US victory over Japan in World War II.

**Poetry Storytime.** *Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 and 11:30 am.* Enjoy a special storytime exploring the wonderful world of poetry both new and old. **For Preschoolers (Ages 0-5).**

 **Tinker Lab.** *Thursdays, March 28, April 25 and May 30 at 3 pm.* Enjoy imaginative fun with open-ended, hands-on exploration of different materials and manipulatives.

**Yoga Nidra.** *Tuesdays, April 23 and May 28 at 6 pm.* Discover how Yoga Nidra can help relieve the effects of stress, insomnia, chronic pain and anxiety. Bring your own mat, pillows and blanket. *Presenter: Joan Livingston. For Teens 11+up, Adults.*

**Beginner Line Dancing.** *Thursday, May 23 at 6 pm.* Learn some more beginner soul line dances and discover a fun, low impact physical activity. *Presenter: Jessie's Soul Line Dancers. For Adults.*

#### Kindergarten Readiness

**Babies in Bloom.** *Mondays at 10:30 am.*

**Toddler Time.** *Mondays at 11:30 am*

**Preschool Storytime.** *Tuesdays at 10:30 and 11:30 am; Wednesdays at 5:30 pm*

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

### Find Words Associated With May Day

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| Fun       | Blossom   | Dance   |
| Maypole   | Butterfly | Dress   |
| Nature    | Tradition | Ribbons |
| Festival  | Sunny     | May     |
| May Queen | Flowers   | Flora   |
| Village   | Outside   | First   |
| Parade    | Basket    | Trees   |
| Celebrate | Spring    | Bloom   |



## *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.)*

### *Spring 2024*

Just about the time a new season is coming, I'm asked for any observations. Like, "what's going on in the community. This letter you're reading right now started weeks ago, one of those wet, windy, dark days when it's hard to be inspired about Spring. And besides all that, these new weather patterns are messing with me.

I mean, did we really have winter? Oh wait, I looked at my calendar and there was a day when there was enough snow for kids to take their sleds to the playground and slide down the small hill. Small to me, but huge to the children, who are making their own childhood snow memories.

Their parents surely remember real snowstorms, and their grandparents remember monster snowstorms. (Along with "I walked 2 miles uphill to school in the storms.") Really?

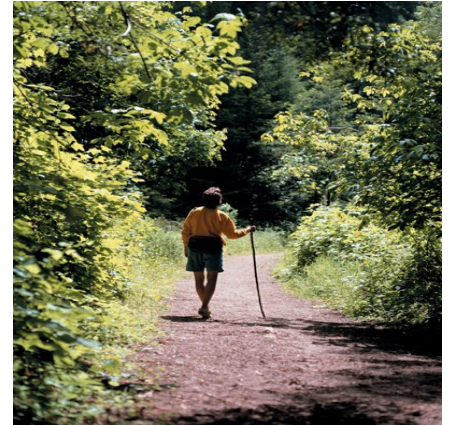
My snow memories, helped with photos and google search, showed snowstorms in 1940s to 1990s, but our last actual snowstorm, closing schools for a week, was 8-10 years ago. Feel free to tell me I'm wrong!

Thank you, Walnut Ridge, for always anticipating snowstorms. The snow markers were set, the Board designated a member to coordinate the pre-treatment and the actual plowing. It's a big behind the scenes operation. This year, instead of clearing snow, our contractors cleared tree debris from windstorms.

Mother Nature is providing inspiration today. The sun is shining, my windows are open, I smell fresh air, feel the breeze, hear children laughing and birds chirping.

Happy Spring, all is right in Walnut Ridge.

*Walnut Ridge Wanderer*



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### **ProCom Portal—Check it out!**

The ProCom portal is your source for useful links and information about Walnut Ridge. You can sign up to pay your assessments, submit an ACC request or see your violations (if any). You can also access the governing community documents, forms, budget, monthly financials, newsletters and mailers. To access your account, visit the ProCom portal at <https://procom.cincwebaxis.com>. To view the Documents Library, navigate to the About Us tab and click on Documents.



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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