



Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter

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Letter from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new residents to our community since the publication of our Spring Newsletter. This year has continued to post some very disappointing indicators in spite of months old announcements of the end of the global recession. The upside is the fact that we have managed to cope with the situation and are half-way through a year that was predicted to be one of sluggish recovery, at best.

Your Board of Directors conducts business on a regular basis to meet the requirements of our community charter and to offer guidance to our management company. The Board consists of a small group of vol-

unteers willing to donate their time and energy toward the administration and maintenance of our community. We strive to be sensitive to individual needs and opinions and represent, to the best of our ability, the best interests of Walnut Ridge as a whole. We are constant in seeking new ideas and approaches toward meeting our goals. For this reason, we invite any and all participation on the Board, from a quickly drafted e-mail to attendance and ultimate term of service on the Board.

In closing, I have a few thoughts I would like to share. Our parking spaces throughout the community are limited. We have two designated and reserved spaces per household. Designated "Visitor" spaces are just that. If some residents use these "Visitor" spaces for storage of third and fourth vehicles that they rarely use or move, they deprive the rest of the community of a very limited number of spaces that are intended for non-residents on a temporary basis. For this reason, chronic abusers of the parking privileges of the community, particularly those vehicles that have not moved for weeks, will be considered in violation of our Parking Guidelines and ultimately tagged for towing if not removed. Another issue worthy of note is waste pick-up. Please be aware of regularly scheduled dates and leave out/remove receptacles on a timely basis. In closing, let us all be mindful of the right of peace and quiet of all our neighbors. The close proximity of our homes requires a more sensitive approach toward the rights of others when holding late night parties and get-togethers.

Please feel free to let us know how we may better serve you in the future. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,
Edward Rose, President
Walnut Ridge Community Association

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The Dumpster is Coming, the Dumpster is Coming!!

Mark your calendar! The County will provide a dumpster on September 17th and 18th . It will be located in the cul-de-sac. Hazardous waste products, propane tanks, tires, oil drums or tanks, paint, liquids, refrigerators or air conditioners are not permitted in the dumpster. For the proper disposal of the prohibited items mentioned above, please call the County at (410) 222-6108.

Please do not leave items on the ground if the dumpster is full. You will be asked to remove them.



The dumpsters will be monitored, so please do not abuse this privilege.

Disposal of Worn American Flags

If your American Flag is worn, tattered and beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful and dignified manner. One option available to you is to contact one of the following organizations and they will properly dispose of your flag:

- The American Legion—<http://www.legion.org/>
- Boy Scouts of America—<http://www.scouting.org/>
- Girl Scouts of the U.S.—<http://www.girlscouts.org/>

Storage of Trash Cans and Recycle Bins

Trash cans are not to be stored (either in garbage cans or in bags) in any location visible from the street or front yard.

Placement of Trash and Recycle Bins for Pick Up

When placing trash cans and/or recycle bins out for pick up, they should NOT be placed in common areas and should NOT be placed on common area plants, shrubs.

If you happen to miss the trash and/or recycle pick up time, you should take your trash and/or recycling back until the next scheduled pick up date. It should **not** sit out until the next collection date.

Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. **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 Services (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.**

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: Anita Ramundo

Members at Large

- Michelle Henderson
- Ziggi Nickel
- Gloria Petit Clair

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Summertime Trivia Question

What was the highest temperature ever recorded in the United States?



See page 5 for the answer.

Editor’s Corner

As a teenager living in the country, “school’s out” meant one thing: the search for a summer job! We teenagers needed to work so that we could pay for cars and/or car insurance and gasoline. In the country, we did not have buses or taxi cabs to take us to social events - we had to have our own transportation – and that meant driving. When we got our driver’s license, driving to social events usually meant borrowing the family car. Most of our friends did not own cars and those that did, paid for those cars with hard-earned money from summer jobs. We had friends who worked on farms picking vegetables and fruits, driving tractors and milking cows. We had friends who dipped ice cream at the local “creamery.” We also had friends who had more conventional jobs, like life-guarding. But that life-guarding was done at a quarry, not at a pool. Whatever job it may have been, it seemed to last much longer than those summer days and we thought we’d never see summer’s end. But, all in all, it paid off by fattening our bank accounts with the funds to keep us driving!

Parking

Vehicles without tags or with expired tags are not permitted within the community. These vehicles will be towed. For more information on this and other parking information, please refer to the Parking Space Guidelines which can be found on our website at www.walnutridgeonline.org and click on Community Documents, then click on Parking Space Guidelines.



Did you know...

That Broadneck Park on College Parkway has a recycling dumpster that is available to the public when the Park is open? Some residents may find this alternative more convenient than putting out their recyclables for pick up. For more information about this recycling dumpster or any other recycling questions, you may contact Rich Bowen, Anne Arundel County Recycling Manager, at 410-222-7951.



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Reminder to All Pet Owners

Good neighbors leash and clean up after their pets. If your pet should defecate in your own yard, in your neighbor’s yard, or in the Community’s common areas, please promptly pick up its waste. Remember, this applies to **CATS** and **all pets**, as well as **DOGS**.

Article III Section B, Paragraph 22 of the Architectural and Environmental Guidelines of our Community states:

“Leash laws within the state of Maryland and this community expressly prohibit free-roaming dogs, cats and other domestic animals. When animals are walked outside the unit, they must at all times be leashed and curbed. All pet feces must be removed from the common areas by the walker. “

Please keep your pet on a leash at all times when it is outside of your home.



WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

There are no active listings at this time.



Recent Home Sales:

1372 Almond Drive - \$199,900
 1358 Tanook Court - \$238,900
 1366 Almond Drive - \$248,000



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

Grilling Safety Tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

So, You Got a Letter?

Did you recently receive a letter from our management company indicating that something needs to be corrected on your home? If so, please consider it a friendly reminder, not a personal attack. The Association has the responsibility to enforce the covenants, restrictions and environmental standards as stated in our governing documents. You have not been singled out, and in fact, many other residents may have received similar letters or violation notices. Some violations may require your immediate action, especially if the violation concerns health or safety. Other violations may require correction within a reasonable period of time (as stated in the letter). If you feel that you have been sent a letter or violation notice in error, please contact D.H. Bader Management. The Association does not make unreasonable demands in the enforcement of the covenants, restrictions and environmental standards. We depend on your help. Please do not ignore the letter or violation notice. The rules apply to everyone!

Association Dues

Assessments are due on the 1st day of each quarter and are considered late if received after the 15th of the month it is due. If payment is made by check or automatic bill pay, please be sure that your payment is sent to Payment Processing Center, c/o Walnut Ridge HOA, PO Box 105007, Atlanta, GA 30348-5007. Payment may also be made by direct debit or online by visiting www.dhbader.com and clicking on Online Payments. Amex, Disc, MC accepted.

Community Repairs

Repairs to our streets including asphalt, speed humps and the re-stripping of curbs are being planned and the repairs should commence in the coming weeks.

Answer to the Summertime Trivia Question:

The highest temperature ever recorded in the United States was 134° F. at Death Valley California in 1939.

The highest temperature ever recorded in Annapolis was 103° F in 1991.

Source: *The Weather Channel*

~ Almond Mandarin Salad ~

Ingredients:

- 1 head Romaine Lettuce, washed and drained
- 2 (11 oz) cans mandarin oranges drained
- 6 green onions, sliced thin
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 1/2 cup sliced Almonds
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 olive oil
- 1 tablespoon white sugar



Directions:

In a large bowl, combine the lettuce, oranges and onions, Heat 2 tablespoons sugar with the almonds in saucepan over medium heat. Cook and stir while sugar starts to melt and coat the almonds, Stir constantly until almonds are light brown. Turn into plate and cool for 10 minutes.

Dressing:

Combine red wine vinegar, olive oil and one tablespoon sugar in a jar with tight-fitting lid. Shake vigorously until all sugar is dissolved.

Just before serving, toss lettuce with dressing until coated and top with sugared almonds.

PoNdO's Tech Trek – Summer 2010

You may already be familiar with the information in my Tech notes. My focus is on those Computer Users who may not have a thorough understanding of the tips, shortcuts and information I have to offer. Please, feel free to share your favorite Computer tweaks with other Walnut Ridge Community Residents by sending e-mail to this Newsletter.



- BUYING & SELLING ON-LINE OR USING YOUR 'SMART' PHONE

As summer is upon us, you may be thinking about simplifying your life (and simultaneously recovering more room in your house) by selling some of your possessions that you no longer use. You may be planning to use a 'Yard Sale' to sell your items. But, on-going technological advances have provided us with the option to set-up a 'virtual' yard sale on the Internet using your computer – and now, even using your 'Smart Phone'.

The GOOD: Selling on the Internet will allow the items you have for sale to be viewed by far more potential buyers than a 'conventional' yard sale. Advances in software have made it easier and safer than ever to sell on-line.

The BAD: With the exception of sites like Craig's List, selling on the Internet may cost you a fee (usually based on selling price) or a surcharge to use the website where you will list your sale items. You'll have to find a reliable method of getting paid for your sold item. You may have to pack, insure and ship your sold item if the buyer doesn't live close enough to pick it up.

Here are a couple Websites where you can sell your stuff:

- **Craig's List (<http://baltimore.craigslist.org/> or <http://annapolis.craigslist.org/> + many other locations in the area)** – It's free to list most (see website) items in a virtual classified Ad. There is no surcharge or Seller's fee if you sell your item. Some items are prohibited. There are also Help Wanted Ads on Craig's List). You are not required to set-up an Account to post an Ad. Check out the website for additional details. **Also available as an 'APP' for your Smart Phone or iPad (FREE to \$1.99).**
- **eBay (<http://www.ebay.com>)** – Free to join. Many items are now free to list on eBay (you only pay if you sell your item). You have a choice of listing your item as a 'Classified Ad' 'Auction' or 'Auction w/ an option to Buy It Now'. There are several variations of listings to choose from. eBay has been in business on-line for many years. So, they have had time to work out most of the problems you might expect to find on an on-line Auction site. It's secure and very easy to use. I recommend setting-up a PayPal account, if you don't already have one. See website for restrictions and additional details. **Also available as a FREE 'APP' for your Smart Phone or iPad.**
- **Penny Saver on-line (<http://www.pennysaverwired.com/>).** Yes! That's correct! Even though the Penny Saver Magazine that you get in the mail on Wednesday or Thursday is just a shadow of its former self, Penny Saver continues to thrive on-line. You may place a Classified Ad for a price that ranges from 'Free' to 'Very Expensive'. It all depends on how many items you have, what your asking price is and how elaborate you'll want your Ad to be.

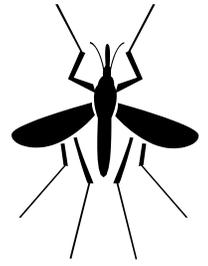


- Google '**on-line selling**' to find additional sites where you can sell your unwanted items. I'll focus on Payment Methods in the next Tech Trek. That will be in the Fall issue of **Walnut Ridge Newsletter**.

Until then - Safe Computing!!

PoNdO ➔ [djpondo @ gmail . com](mailto:djpondo@gmail.com) (without the spaces)

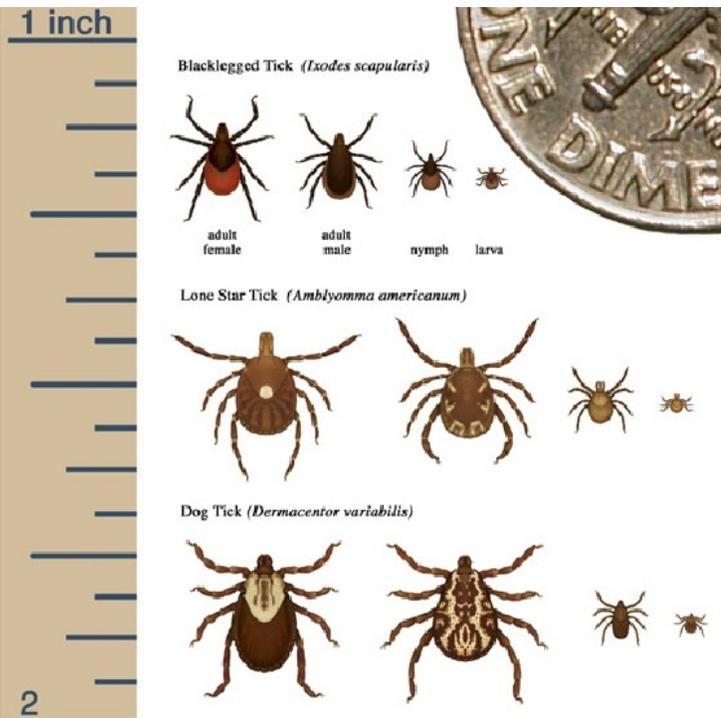
**Measures to Prevent Bites from Mosquitoes, Ticks,
Fleas and other insects and arthropods**
From the Centers for Disease Control



To reduce the possibility of being bitten by insects or arthropods that can transmit diseases (vector-borne), such as malaria, dengue, and tickborne encephalitis (TBE), you should—

- Use an insect repellent on exposed skin to repel mosquitoes, ticks, fleas and other arthropods. EPA-registered repellents include products containing DEET (N,N-diethylmetatoluamide) and picaridin (KBR 3023). DEET concentrations of 30% to 50% are effective for several hours. Picaridin, available at 7% and 5 % concentrations, needs more frequent application.
- DEET formulations as high as 50% are recommended for both adults and children over 2 months of age. Protect infants less than 2 months of age by using a carrier draped with mosquito netting with an elastic edge for a tight fit.
- When using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and then repellent. Repellent should be washed off at the end of the day before going to bed.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts which should be tucked in, long pants, and hats to cover exposed skin. When you visit areas with ticks and fleas, wear boots, not sandals, and tuck pants into socks.
- Inspect your body and clothing for ticks during outdoor activity and at the end of the day. Wear light-colored or white clothing so ticks can be more easily seen. Removing ticks right away can prevent some infections.

- Apply permethrin-containing (e.g., Permanone) or other insect repellents to clothing, shoes, tents, mosquito nets, and other gear for greater protection. Permethrin is not labeled for use directly on skin. Most repellent is generally removed from clothing and gear by a single washing, but permethrin-treated clothing is effective for up to 5 washings.



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- Be aware that mosquitoes that transmit malaria are most active during twilight periods (dawn and dusk or in the evening).
- Stay in air-conditioned or well-screened housing, and/ or sleep under an insecticide treated bed net. Bed nets should be tucked under mattresses and can be sprayed with a repellent if not already treated with an insecticide.
- Daytime biters include mosquitoes that transmit dengue and chikungunya viruses and sand flies that transmit leishmaniasis.

STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES- 2010

The Anne Arundel County & City of Annapolis Mosquito Control Program is conducted by the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, located in Annapolis, under cooperative agreement with the County and City Governments.

The following services will be conducted in the indicated time frames:

County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: March - October

Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: Starting June 1, 2010-September 2010

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES/LARVICIDES

- Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Inspector determines it is necessary.

Nuisance Abatement Thresholds for Ground Based ULV Treatments:

Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count
 Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap
 24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap

- **SPRAY/APPLICATION SCHEDULE FOR LARVICIDES/ADULTICIDES:**

Larvicides (Treatment for mosquito larvae)
 Monday - Friday

Adulticide (Treatment for adult mosquitoes)
 Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community)
 After 7:30 p.m.

Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.

- **LARVICIDES/ADULTICIDES TO BE USED:**

Larvicide**Formulations****Bacterial Larvicides:**

VectoBac and Aquabac: <i>Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis</i>	Liquid, Granular
Vectolex: <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	Liquid, Granular

Insect growth regulator:

Altosid (Methoprene)	Liquid, Charcoal Briquet or Pellets
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Adulticide**Formulation**

<u>Biomist 30+30:</u> Permethrin mixed with Piperonyl Butoxide and Mineral Oil	Aerosol 0.0038 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application)
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- The Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges that swarm on homes, boats, trees and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow moving water ways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.
- **Program Supervisor**
Katie Brewer, Agricultural Inspector
BrewerKA@mda.state.md.us
Phone: (410) 841-5870, Fax: (410) 841-5734
Monday – Friday, 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

For more information, insecticide MSDS and labels, please visit our web site at:
www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/



**Congratulations to our neighbor at 1394 Almond Drive
for having this edition's special curb appeal!**

(See full-color pictures at www.walnutridgeonline.org)

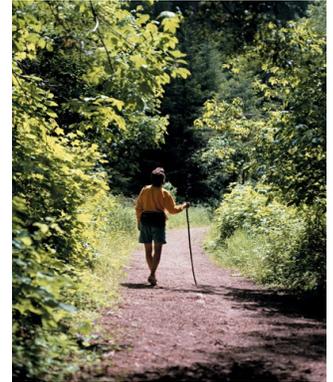


A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

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.)

Oh my gosh, I blinked and spring was gone and we're into summer weather!!!

How nice that someone decorated our WALNUT RIDGE sign with flags for Memorial Day. What a treat!! Thank you, neighbor.



Saw a little neigh-bearly game on Peach Court. One morning a bear appeared on a lawn and the next morning it was gone and found a home on another lawn. I haven't seen it in a few weeks. Has anyone seen it lately? If someone has it, let's keep it going.



Just a reminder of our proximity to the beautiful city of Annapolis and their activities on City Dock. If you haven't ever gone down to see the Fourth of July Parade, you should give it a try. It's an old fashioned parade complete with floats, marching bands and community groups. Of course, there is the usual contingent of politicians looking for your vote. Come on out and have some fun in our little neck of the woods.



Walnut Ridge Wanderer

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number	410-222-7000
AA County Fire —Emergency Calls	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.....	410-222-8900
Annapolis City Police	410-268-9000
Anne Arundel Medical Center	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.....	410-255-4494
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
Trash Pickup Problems.....	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water)	410-222-8400