

Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter

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Walnut Ridge Community Association

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Yellow Curb = No Parking!

Parking is **not permitted** on any Yellow painted curbs in Walnut Ridge. The words “NO PARKING” and/or “FIRE LANE” are painted on the street in front of the Yellow Curb. Some visitors to Walnut Ridge and even some residents, have been observed parking on the Yellow Curbs. Why? Perhaps it is because it is more convenient? Is it closer to their destination? Someone told them it was “ok” to park there? Whatever the reason—it is **NOT ok** to park on a Yellow Curb. The curbs are painted yellow for very specific reasons, and those reasons are for Safety! Suppose an ambulance was called to a neighbor’s home, but couldn’t navigate the curve because someone has parked on the Yellow Curb or in the Fire Lane? Suppose there was a fire and the fire truck could not navigate the curve because there is a car parked on the Yellow Curb?



A word about “Fire Lanes.” Vehicles parked in a Fire Lane will be towed—no warning and no questions asked. Period.

Summer Trivia

Which gender of mosquitoes are responsible for those itchy mosquito bites?

See Page 8 for the answer.

Dumpster Details!

A Dumpster will be placed in the Cul-De-Sac on Monday, September 23, 2013 and will be picked up on Wednesday, September 25, 2013. Please be considerate and do not overload or place items outside of the dumpster, or place prohibited items in the dumpster (see list below).



Items that should **NOT** be placed in the dumpster include: hazardous waste, junk automobiles, trailers, boats, gas and propane tanks, tires, oil drums or tanks, paint, liquids, refrigerators or air conditioners. For the proper disposal of the prohibited items mentioned above, please call the County at (410) 222-6108. The dumpsters will be monitored, so please do not abuse this privilege.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- June 21st—First Day of Summer
- July 4th—Independence Day
- July 28th—Parents’ Day
- August 21st—Senior Citizens’ Day
- September 2nd—Labor Day
- September 11th—Patriot Day



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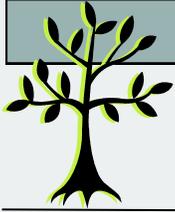
Did Management Send You A Violation Letter?

If so, please do not think of it as a personal attack but rather a friendly reminder. The Association has the responsibility to enforce the covenants, restrictions and environmental standards as stated in our governing documents. Be assured, you have not been singled out, and in fact, several 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. Please do not ignore the letter or violation notice. We depend on your help and cooperation to keep our community the attractive and pleasant community that we all call home. Remember—the rules in our governing documents apply to every resident!



Did you know that the print on a cat's nose has a unique ridged pattern, like a human fingerprint?





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 by sending an email to board@walnutridgeonline.org or send by snail mail to Walnut Ridge Community Association, Inc., c/o D. H. Bader Management, John Sheehy, Property Manager, D.H. Bader Management Services, 14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210, Laurel, MD 20707.

Independence Day Reminder

The discharging of most Fireworks are not allowed in our Community nor are they allowed in the State of Maryland without a permit.



Residents are encouraged to notify the police if they observe the above illegal behavior. Remember, fireworks can cause injuries and house fires.

Broadneck Trail Update

According to Matt Diehl, Public Relations Manager for Anne Arundel County, Phase 1 of the trail is projected to be finished by the end of July, pending weather and the completion of work by utility companies. As of this writing, the project is 90% complete. Once completed, signage will be installed and the finishing touches applied. The trail will not be lighted, so use will be from dawn to dusk. Community feedback is encouraged.

Garden Tip – Keep a watering can or bucket in your bathroom to capture the water that would normally go down the drain while you're waiting for your shower to heat up. Use it to water your house plants, outside containers and other plantings.



News from the Board of Directors

- * Curbs and Fire Lanes have been repainted.
- * The Board has arranged for a dumpster to be placed in the cul-de-sac (see page 2 for details).
- * New play mat wood chips have been placed at the playground.
- * Application was made with the Maryland Department of Agriculture for mosquito spraying (see page 8) for more details.
- * Look for more landscaping enhancements!



From the Architectural and Environmental Committee—

Exterior Paint Colors

If you are painting the outside of your home, remember to use the colors as required by the Association's Architectural and Environmental Standards:

- ◆ **Siding:** Olympic #59620A Premium Acrylic Solid Color Latex Stain, "Solid Cedar" color.
- ◆ **Trim:** Bruning #300-29 Exterior Alkyd Primer and painted with Bruning 3315-00 Exterior Semi-Gloss White.

If you have any questions about exterior requirements, please contact D.H. Bader Management.

Questions About Parking in Walnut Ridge?

Visit our website www.walnutridgeonline.org and click on [Community Documents](#)

Attention Dog Owners and Pet Sitters...

A BIG THANK YOU to our resident dog owners and pet sitters who are walking their pets on leashes and picking up after their pets and using the Mutt Mitt stations! We hope that others will follow in your footsteps!

**Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake Seeks Your Donations**

Items which are in good repair and taken from your home during a renovation - doors, windows, cabinets (kitchen or otherwise) working appliances, furniture, building or remodeling material - can be recycled through the Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 8101 Fort Smallwood Road, in Pasadena.

To have your items picked up,

1. Check to see if ReStore is able to accept your donation by using their [list of guidelines](http://www.chesapeakerestore.org/donate/guidelines.php) which can be found at <http://www.chesapeakerestore.org/donate/guidelines.php>.
 2. Call the ReStore at 410-633-0506 to request a pick up of your donation. Pick ups are by appointment only.
 3. A ReStore Staff member will give you a donation receipt. Your contribution is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law, and you should retain this donation receipt as your receipt for tax purposes.
- 100% of the profits from the ReStore support Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake.
- The Pasadena ReStore phone is 410-437-7755 and is open from 10-6 pm Monday through Saturday.

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: Vacant

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Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule for**Labor Day Weekend 2013**

Pick up will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 4th and NOT on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Broadneck High School Conference Room/Admin Office, 1265 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. **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 (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.**



1333 Hazel Nut



1366 Hazel Nut



424 Peach



444 Peach



1352 Almond



1365 Almond

Walnut Ridge in Bloom

(See full-color photos in Newsletters at www.walnutridgeonline.org)

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

408 Peach - \$205,000

Average List Price—\$205,000



Recent Home Sales:

1337 Hazel Nut - \$225,000

1357 Hazel Nut - \$225,000

1384 Hazel Nut - \$240,000

Average Sales Price—\$230,000



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

Board of Directors Information

The affairs of the Association are managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three but not more than seven elected positions. In addition to the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, four Directors are designated as Members at Large. The term for all offices is one year.

Report Community Street Light Outage

If you notice that one of our street lights is out, please call our management company at 301-953-1955 so that they can report the outage to BGE. When you call, please indicate the location of the street light or the street light number.

DID YOU KNOW....

That our *Community Documents* are available on our website? Visit www.walnutridgeonline.org and click on Documents.

Remember,

**Visitor parking spaces are just that—
For Visitors.**

Immediately Report ALL Vandalism especially if you see it in progress! Destruction of community property costs ALL of us! Dial 9-1-1

EASY PEACH COFFEE CAKE**Ingredients:**

- 18 oz. yellow cake mix
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3/4 cup pecans
- 1/4 cup butter (firm)
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups sour cream
- 29 oz. can peaches (drained)

Directions:

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 baking pan. Mix 2/3 cup cake mix with sugar, nuts and butter until crumbly. Beat eggs and blend in sour cream and remaining cake mix. Spread 1/2 batter in pan, sprinkle top with 1/2 sugar mixture. Spoon on peaches, spoon on remaining batter and top with remaining sugar mixture. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes





Broadneck Library Happenings!

Summer Reading Club 2013. Kids and Teens entering Grade 12 and younger are invited to join the Summer Reading Club! Kick Off for Broadneck Branch is on Wednesday, June 19th from 2-4.

Otto the Auto

Wednesday, July 31 at 10 a.m.

Otto the Auto, the beloved three-foot tall remote-controlled car, teaches children about road and traffic safety. *For preschoolers and school-aged children*



Family Concert—Rock Out With *Rocknoceros!*

Tuesday, July 2 from 7 to 8 pm



Edgy and fun, the band **Rocknoceros** (pronounced like “rhinoceros”) appeals to children and adults alike. Join Coach Cotton, Williebob and Boogie Bennie at the library for a hip and happening evening of very cool tunes. Weather permitting, concerts are held outdoors on the Library lawn. Feel free to bring blankets, low chairs and even a picnic. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be moved inside with seating available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 3 from 10 AM to 3 PM

You are eligible to donate if you are 17 or older (16 with written parental consent), weigh a minimum of 110 lbs., and are in good health. You may walk in or schedule an appointment by calling the American Red Cross 1-800-733-2767.

Storytime

Wednesday, August 15 at 10 AM

Storytime for ages 2 through 5.



Babies in Bloom

Wednesdays, June 5 and August 7 at 10 AM

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their babies (up to two years) for a fun-filled half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays all specifically designed to stimulate early infant development.



Family Bingo

Monday, August 19 at 6:30 PM

Enjoy an evening playing bingo with your whole family. Small prizes or books for winners.

Visit the Broadneck Branch Library!

1275 Green Holly Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21409

Hours Are:

Monday 1-9, Tuesday, Thursday 1-9, Wednesday, Saturday 9-5, Friday 1-5

For lots more Library events please call the Broadneck Branch Library at 410-222-1905 or visit <http://www.aacpl.net>.



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.)

Sometimes you just can't appreciate something that you see every day. It becomes the ordinary. We live in a beautiful community which on many days I take for granted. The community areas are well cared for, the streets are clean, the homes are in good repair. This is our daily view...the familiar...and sometimes unappreciated.

This wanderer has been wandering far and wide for the past month with return trips home on the weekends. Lately, I have really come to see our community with new eyes. Walnut Ridge Drive opens up to a beautiful landscape with beauty and serenity around. It has caught me by surprise. I am grateful to be able to return to a welcoming and peaceful neighborhood.

I know that sometimes we may get irked by the process of applying for approval to make changes in our structure, but it is a good process and one that results in beautiful and harmonious surroundings and allows for creativity in landscaping. (Love those gardens in the front of the houses.) Each home is unique but contributes to the whole.



Now can someone tell me what that pile of mulch was doing in the turnaround by the playground? It seemed to get smaller every day. Was it going into the landscaping? Were folks helping themselves to it? It was pouring rain and I could only hope the mulch wasn't being washed away. The school bus drivers weren't happy with the pile in their turn-around area. Help me understand why the mulch pile was left unprotected for so long.

Soon we can expect to see flags on display for the July 4th holiday. Keep them flying in memory of so many who gave so much!

Happy Summer.



Summer Trivia Answer

Which gender of mosquitoes are responsible for those itchy mosquito bites? It's the female mosquitoes who are the culprits! Male mosquitoes do not bite people. Female mosquitoes need human blood to develop fertile eggs. Source: <http://www.webmd.com/allergies/features/are-you-mosquito-magnet>





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May 23, 2013

Notice: 2013 Anne Arundel Co. Adult Mosquito Service

You have received this notice either because your community participated in the 2012 program or is on the wait list. Your community must have a completed 2013 application on file with MDA in order to receive service. Contact Mosquito Control if you need an application.

Your community will receive service on Wednesday Nights

The 2013 program will begin with technician training on May 29 – June 13.

Regular season activity will begin on June 16 and continue into September.

Spray trucks may be in your community and spraying as part of training between June 2 and June 13.

Any training involving spraying will only be done on your community's assigned service night.

Monitoring the adult mosquito population before spraying is required. The minimum threshold s for spraying are measured in landing counts as 3 mosquitoes attempting to bite in 2 minutes, or 12 female mosquitoes collected overnight in an unbaited light trap. Spraying will only be done when an MDA employee has determined the need to spray. Please refer to the Standard Operating Procedures that you received with your application and the Maryland Department of Agriculture web site for more information.

For more mosquito control information see: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx

Or call 410-841-5870
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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 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	410-222-6104	
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	410-760-3332	
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	
	or 410-573-1682	
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104	
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144	
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water).....	410-222-8400	

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