



# Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter

Summer 2014



**Walnut Ridge Community Association**  
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## Greetings from the New President

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve the Walnut Ridge community as the board president. I am a Maryland CPA that specializes in managing homeowners associations just like the Walnut Ridge Community Association. I work at a management company like D.H Bader and it is my job to maintain the cash flow, operations, tax returns and audits for many associations. It is my pleasure to volunteer my experience to the board. I also see it as an opportunity for myself to see an HOA from the other side of the table.

Everything that I see tells me that Walnut Ridge is being run well and is healthy. The landscaping looks great. The operations and reserves are right where they should be. The 2013 audit noted no issues and was what I call “pleasantly boring”. The reserve study performed by Miller Dodson this spring told me that our cash reserves are right where they should be. The heavy snow fall put a strain on our checking account but it is not anything that can’t be dealt with utilizing our resources. With the help of D.H. Bader we hope to continue on this track in the future.

I look forward to serving you as your board president in the coming year and I hope to stay on the board for years to come.

Peter Giguere, CPA  
President, Walnut Ridge Community Association

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**ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 24, 2014!**

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 24, 2014. 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 Senior High School, 1265 Green Holly Drive. Check [www.aacounty.org/elections](http://www.aacounty.org/elections) for more information.**



**Thank You to Our Past President, Ed Rose**

Ed Rose is the outgoing president of our Community Association. Ed's dedication and commitment to keeping the association in tact deserves recognition. His consistency has helped keep a diverse population of 158 homeowners and landlords to maintain their real estate investment in an attractive townhome community that is nearly 30 years old. Times change and so has our community. Through all the change of the past decade, Ed continued to work with the Board on numerous issues affecting the day-to-day operations of the community ... not an easy task by any means.

There were periods when no one wanted the job, yet Ed continued to serve knowing that it was vital for the Community Association to remain intact thus protecting the community from falling into disrepair. The list of legal and technical challenges could fill a book. Yet what all residents should be mindful of is that Ed worked to keep Walnut Ridge a viable and attractive community worthy of our continued active participation.

Now that we have Peter Giguere beginning his term as President, Ed will be assuming the role of Secretary/Treasurer and continue to enjoy the viable community he has helped lead since 1997.

*Contributed by Anita Ramundo*

**Summer Safety Tips for Fun in the Sun From the American Academy of Pediatrics**

Babies under 6 months:

- The two main recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn are to avoid sun exposure, and to dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and brimmed hats that shade the neck to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF (sun protection factor) to small areas, such as the infant's face. If an infant gets sunburn, apply cool compresses to the affected area.

For All Other Children:

- The first, and best, line of defense against harmful ultraviolet radiation (UVR) exposure is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that provide 97% -100% protection against both UVA and UVB rays), and clothing with a tight weave.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- On both sunny and cloudy days use a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater that protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- Be sure to apply enough sunscreen -- about one ounce per sitting for a young adult.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- Use extra caution near water and sand (and even snow!) as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.



COUNCILMAN DICK LADD

Anne Arundel County Council Fifth District

Points of Interest summarized from County Councilman Dick Ladd’s recent newsletters:

◆The Cape St. Claire Road expansion Project has been slightly delayed and is due to start in late June. The project will likely run beyond the end of the year with a completion for Spring 2015.

◆A new child care center is being constructed on College Parkway between College Manor and Jones Station Road. Plans have been submitted and permits include adding a center turn lane on College Parkway to alleviate traffic congestion from numerous subdivision access roads, and single residences along this stretch of College Parkway without stop-light assistance.

◆The BGE installation of underground power lines along St. Margaret’s Road between Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard and Whitehall Road near Route 50 has been delayed for further information call 1-800-685-0123.

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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](mailto:board@walnutridgeonline.org)

Officers

President: Peter Giguere  
Vice President: Laura Richardson  
Secretary-Treasurer: Ed Rose

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Ziggi Nickel  
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[www.dhbader.com](http://www.dhbader.com)

Parade!

There will be a 4th of July Parade beginning at 10:00 a.m. starting at the Cape St. Claire Firehouse followed by games, cooking contests, food and craft vendors at the Cape St. Claire main beach.

Summer Trivia

If you’re a native Marylander, this is an easy one: What is the most popular Maryland summer vacation destination? See Page 5 for the Answer.

Frosted Hazel Nuts (these are soooo good!)

Ingredients:

- 2 egg whites
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbs water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp each ground cloves, cinnamon & allspice
- 4 cups hazel nuts



Directions:

In a medium bowl, lightly beat egg whites. Add sugar, water, salt, and spices; mix well. Let stand 5 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Add hazel nuts, stir gently to coat. Spread into two greased 15x10x1" baking pans. Bake at 275° for 50-60 minutes or until crisp. Remove to wax paper to cool. Store in airtight containers.





## 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](mailto: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; 301-953-1955 Ext. 11.

### Summer Trivia Answer

Why, it's Ocean City, Maryland, of course! According to HomeAway.com, Ocean City hosts approximately 8 million visitors per year.



### A Reminder About Campaign Signs

While it is acceptable to post campaign sign(s) on **your own** property, campaign signs are not to be posted on the community's open/public space. If a sign has been posted on the community's common areas, it will be removed.



### Curbside Collection Holiday Schedule for Labor Day Weekend



Pick up will be Wednesday, Sept. 3rd (not Tuesday, Sept., 2nd)

### Summer Dates to Remember

Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Sunday, July 27	Parents' Day
Monday, Sept 1	Labor Day
Sunday, Sept 7	Grandparents' Day
Thursday, Sept 11	Patriot Day
Tuesday, Sept 23	First Day of Autumn



### July 4th and Fireworks

The discharging of most Fireworks are not allowed in Walnut Ridge nor are they allowed in the State of Maryland without a permit. Remember, fireworks can cause injuries and house fires. Residents are encouraged to notify the police if they observe the illegal discharging of fireworks in Walnut Ridge.



Please remember, Visitor Parking Spaces are just that --- **For Visitors.**

### WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

<p>Active Listings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1331 Hazel Nut - \$250,000</li> <li>1368 Hazel Nut - \$200,000</li> <li>1357 Almond - \$225,000</li> <li>1394 Almond - \$255,000</li> </ul> <p>Average List Price - \$232,000</p>	<p>Recent Home Sales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1355 Hazel Nut - \$249,900</li> <li>1352 Tanook - \$260,000</li> </ul> <p>Average Sale Price - \$254,950</p>
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**Statistics courtesy of: Ziggi Nickel, Long & Foster Realtors 410-544-4000 and taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Services)**



## 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.

### Family Story Time

*Tuesdays, at 9:30 AM (EXCEPT JUNE 24, AUGUST 5 AND AUGUST 12) AND AT 6:30 PM ON TUESDAYS JUNE 17, JULY 8 AND AUGUST 19.* Families with young children enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills.



### Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Club Kickoff

*Thursday, June 26 from 2 to 4 pm*

Sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Club.



### The Magic of Joe Romano

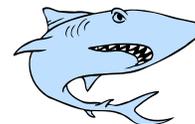
*Wednesday, July 9 at 1:30, 3:30 and 7:00 pm*

Joe Romano returns to the Library to amaze, amuse and delight with his magic. Be prepared to watch the fizz and hear the boom!

### Sharks! At the Library

*Thursday, July 17 at 1:30, 3:30 and 7:00 pm*

Did you know that sharks are NOT the fearsome eating machines portrayed in the movie "Jaws?" The National Aquarium will help you discover more about these unique creatures and their amazing survival adaptations.



### The Bubble Lady

*Thursday, July 31 at 1:30, 3:30 and 7:00 pm*

Have you ever wondered, "How big can a bubble possibly get?" Watch Margie Lynch, aka the "Bubble Lady," create huge bubbles using dry ice and hot water. Find out if a librarian fits inside a bubble!

### Fizz, Boom, Build with Legos

*Thursday, August 7 from 2 to 4 pm*

Let's build a city! Bring your imagination and the Library will provide the Legos. Have fun building your own creations and making them part of the Library's imaginary city.

### Authentic Australia

*Tuesday, August 12 at 10:00 am*

Christalene Karauskakis, well-known artist from Down Under, presents this interactive, fun and imaginative program about all things Australian: animals, art, music, movement and more.



### Otto the Auto



*Thursday, August 14 at 10:00 am and repeated at 11:00 am*

Otto the Auto, the beloved three foot tall remote controlled car, returns for special safety lessons for young children, sponsored by AAA Mid Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education.

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.)

Mother Nature’s rain joined with the skill of our landscapers have created magic. I can’t remember ever seeing Walnut Ridge Drive look this good. We deserve it after all the rain we’ve had...and the rain storms we keep having. As I drive up the hill, I can feel the stress of the day roll away. It seems like the landscapers do their work before the weekend, so we can enjoy it in daylight. Thank you!!



I can’t help but think of Walnut Ridge as an oasis in the midst of the Broadneck Peninsula. I know, I know, an oasis is supposed to be a fertile spot in a desert. But it can also mean a pleasant or peaceful area or period in the midst of a difficult, troubled or hectic place or situation.

The highways and streets around us are challenging on a normal day and can be a nightmare at least a few times a week. We bring home our road stress and our work stress. Walnut Ridge welcomes us with its beautiful landscaping. Maybe we can enter our homes and greet our families and neighbors with a smile and a kind word. I notice that many families are spending late afternoon and early evening in the playground area. They’re visiting, talking and laughing while the kids are playing on the equipment or just running around freely. It’s all good!!



During my walk-about last month, I saw the results of an organized clean up of streams within our community. Look how much trash was collected!



Just a last thought: Now that more people are using the hiking trail, more people are walking through our intersection with Cape St. Claire Road. Sometimes, they walk through the intersection while a car is waiting to exit. I know they have the right of way, but if you’re at the stop sign and focusing on waiting for the traffic to clear on your left, you might not notice someone entering the intersection on your right. It happened to me. Luckily I saw the family with child and dog before I made my turn. Just a thought for both walkers and drivers. Don’t assume anything about a pedestrian or a driver. Use caution.

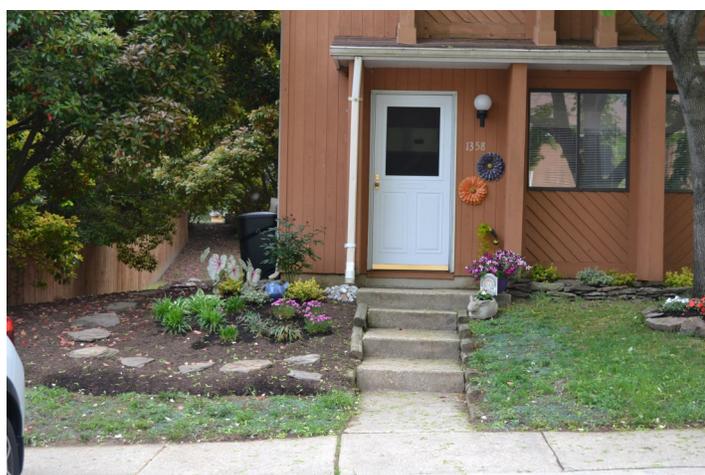
*Walnut Ridge Wanderer*



1365 Almond



1373 Hazel Nut



1358 Hazel Nut



1352 Almond



1344 Almond



1345 Hazel Nut

*Spring Flowers and Foliage in Walnut Ridge*

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County—Main Number.....	410-222-7000	
AA County <b>FIRE—EMERGENCY</b> .....	911	
AA County <b>Fire</b> —Non-Emergency.....	410-222-8300	
AA County <b>POLICE—EMERGENCY</b> .....	911	
AA County <b>Police</b> —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 ( <b>Animal Complaints</b> : Strays, Barking, etc.).....	410-222-8900	
Annapolis City <b>POLICE</b> .....	410-268-9000	
Anne Arundel Medical Center ( <b>HOSPITAL</b> ).....	443-481-1000	
BGE—All Calls .....	800-685-0123	
<b>BGE—Report Power Outage</b> .....	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 <b>Fire</b> Department .....	410-757-3434	
Comcast Cable .....	800-266-2278	
<b>CLT Utilities, Inc.</b> .....	410-418-4553	
<b>D.H. Bader Management Services</b> .....	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	
<b>Health Nuisance Complaints</b> .....	410-222-7364	
<b>J&amp;W Utilities</b> .....	410-827-8516	
<b>Maryland State Police</b> Headquarters .....	410-653-4200	
<b>North County Towing</b> .....	410-573-1682	
	or 410-674-4221	
Post Office—Legion Avenue.....	410-573-0953	
<b>Poison Control</b> .....	800-492-2414	
Recycling & Yard Waste .....	410-222-6100	
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup).....	410-263-4019	
<b>Towing—North County Towing</b> .....	410-573-1682	
	or 410-674-4221	
Trash Pickup Problems .....	410-222-6104	
Water and Sewer Bills.....	410-222-1144	
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Emergencies</b> (no water).....	410-222-8400	

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