

Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter



Summer 2020



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Reminder to Homeowners!

Your next quarterly association assessment payment is due July 1st

Walnut Ridge Community Association
Bringing you Walnut Ridge News For Over 10 Years

A Word From The President

These have been unprecedented times with the continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the necessary mitigation, the loss of life associated with the virus, the painfully high unemployment numbers, and the accelerated social unrest triggered by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Painful does not begin to describe the situation for any of us and I hope the residents of our community are dealing with all of these issues with grace, compassion for one another, and responsible behavior. Together as a community we can weather this storm and at the same time help to bring about positive and much needed social change.

Your Board of Directors has been busy behind the scenes through coordination with Professional Community Management to keep Walnut Ridge looking its best. We can expect the silt and orange safety fencing installed during the restoration of the Cat Branch Stream to be removed any day now. Additional plantings at the sediment pond continue to be added by the county's landscape contractor. Several dead trees have been recently removed and stumps ground to below grade. The playground mulch surface has been replaced, as well as the toddler and pre-teen swings. Wear surface mats have been installed under the two pre-teen swings. The county will again be providing a free community clean-up dumpster for our use on July 10th to the 11th. Please take this opportunity to shed any unwanted and allowable articles. The Mosquito Control Program provided by the MD Dept. of Agriculture will again take place this summer, however, their level of activity regarding spraying frequency may be effected by the ongoing pandemic threat. The Board is in the process of deciding on an inspection for our annual and will be

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awarding that contract as soon as possible. The Norway rat issue continues to be a problem and will be dealt with by a professional exterminator using a community wide approach. Success of this control program will depend upon total cooperation and participation by all residents. As a friendly reminder to all, trash is to be left out for collection no sooner than the evening before day of pickup and in a sealed container. Trash left out in plastic bags frequently ends up strewn about the community by marauding birds and animals. Further, it is equally important to remove your trash/recycle containers the same day of pickup and to store them in a manner that conceals them from front sidewalk view.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding. Here's looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive summer!

Best regards,

Edward Rose, President,
Walnut Ridge Community Association

Our Open Space / Common Areas

Walnut Ridge has several open space / common areas which are shared by and are available to all homeowners.

Recently, children have been leaving toys, skateboards, bikes and sporting equipment in our common areas. This not only gives the appearance of an unsightly and unkempt neighborhood, but also poses a risk for these items to be damaged or stolen.

Parents: Please help keep our neighborhood clean and neat and encourage your children to take their toys, bikes and sporting equipment home with them.



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, Kelly Miller

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Tamara James, Association Manager
Professional Community Management, Inc.
400 Serendipity Drive
Millersville, MD 21108
410-721-0777 Ext. 118
TJames@procomgt.com
www.procomgt.com

Association Assessments are due on:

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



FREE Slurpee Day ~ National 7-Eleven Day

Every summer, thousands of 7-Eleven stores (including the 7-Eleven at 730 E. College Parkway) celebrate the franchise's unofficial birthday on July 11 (7-11) by hosting Free Slurpee Day. Customers can come in between 7 am and 11 pm to receive a small free Slurpee.

**Find Words Associated with the Beach**

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Sea	Shark	Coast
Waves	Palm	Driftwood
Fish	JRiptide	Shell
Crab	Surf	Bikini
Jellyfish	Jetty	Trunks
Ocean	Boardwalk	Sunglasses
Sand	Shore	Sunscreen
Relax	Sandbar	Sandcastle



**Congratulations to all of
our Graduates!
Best wishes and good
luck in all your future
endeavors!**

Summer Trivia

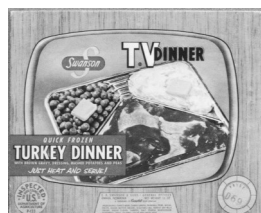
Which gender of mosquitoes are responsible for those itchy mosquito bites?

See Page 5 for the answer

NATIONAL TV DINNER DAY – September 10

The first TV Dinner was created by C.A. Swanson & Sons and hit the market in 1954. It consisted of a Thanksgiving meal of turkey, cornbread dressing, buttered peas, and sweet potatoes. It sold for 98 cents. The original tray was made of aluminum and each food item had separate compartments. The dinner had to be heated in the oven and typically took about 25 minutes. The cardboard box it came in was designed to look like a television set, complete with “dials” and a “volume control knob.” The first year, Swanson’s production estimate was 5,000 dinners. To their surprise, Swanson far exceeded that amount. In the first year, they sold more than 10 million TV Dinners. In 1962, Swanson stopped using the name TV Dinner. However, in the United States, the term remains synonymous with any prepackaged dinner purchased frozen from a store and heated at home.

In 1986, The Smithsonian inducted the original Swanson TV Dinner tray into the Museum of American History.



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.)

Summer 2020

It seems like yesterday that I wrote about the start of the Covid-19 and school closing.

Yes, it was March 13th but we didn't call it a Pandemic.

I said I'd miss the kids on the playground and hoped they'd be back soon.

Well, "soon" is now 3 months and not sure when things will be normal again.

The playground has a few kids and moms at a time, keeping the social distancing.

I see masks in cars showing that people are wearing them outside of home.

In the meantime, the playground equipment has been repaired/replaced

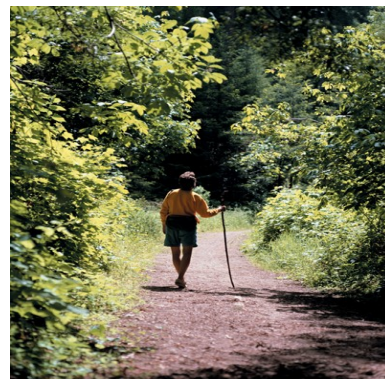
And a thick layer of mulch added to the swing area.

A great improvement.

Walking around the neighborhood, I see changes.

Lawn plantings are beautiful and lawns are mowed.

The mail boxes were even power washed!



Surprised to walk on Almond Drive

And see the colorful sidewalk messages celebrating first responders and nurses.

Probably drawn for their moms and dads.

Our surroundings up on the ridge, buffered by tall trees

Makes me feel protected and safe.

But when we leave here, always remember,

MASKS and SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!

Walnut Ridge Reminders

Association Assessments

Next assessment is due July 1st.



Summer Pet Care



Don't leave your pets outside without shade and water!

Discharging of fireworks is prohibited in Walnut Ridge.



Trash and Recycle

Trash and recycle out no earlier than 6pm on Monday; take in your cans and bins no later than Tuesday evening.



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 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.



Labor Day is Monday, September 7th.

Trash and Recycle Pick Up will be Wednesday, September 9th (not Tuesday, September 8th)

SPCA OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

NEW DATE:
OCTOBER 4TH 2020

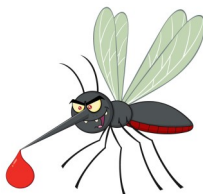


QUIET WATERS PARK



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.



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.

Special Thanks from the Editor

Thank You,
Thank You,



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." Thank you!!

Happy July 4th

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COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION VERIFICATION FORM

Fogging cannot begin in your community until your community has been notified and this form has been returned to the Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Section. This form can be emailed, faxed, or mailed. Email or fax is preferred at this time. Please return this form by Wednesday, May 27, 2020 to ensure that we are able to process your form before the start of fogging.

Do not forget to include the name of your community!!

I have contacted the members of my community and informed them which night of the week the community will be fogged, and about the opportunity to opt out of the program.

Method of contact (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Community Facebook Page
- ☒ Newsletter
- ☐ Email Blast
- ☐ Sign or poster placed in community
- ☐ Flyers distributed door to door
- ☐ Flyers mailed to residents
- ☐ Telephone Calls to residents
- ☐ Knocked on doors and spoke with residents
- ☐ Community Meeting
- ☐ Twitter or other social media
- ☐ Community website
- ☐ Other (Please describe)

Community:

Walnut Ridge Community

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May 21, 2020

Notice Regarding COVID-19

Due to COVID-19 there is currently a hiring freeze for state of Maryland government agencies. This unfortunately means we are not able to hire the seasonal contractual employees on which our program heavily relies. Until MDA is given notice that we can resume hiring, Nighttime ULV fogging will be limited to disease response and particularly severe nuisance problems. If permission is not granted to hire seasonal employees by May 27, nuisance problems will be evaluated on a case by case basis to determine if ULV fogging will be performed.



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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

- Due to COVID-19, State of Maryland agencies are under a hiring freeze. We therefore have a very limited field staff. We are able to perform very limited laticiding activities. In June we will begin our population and disease monitoring program. Unless the hiring freeze is lifted, ULV fogging for adult mosquitoes will be limited to disease case response and exceptionally high population density of adults, to be determined on a case by case basis.
- Your Community's assigned fog night is: **Wednesday**
 - Your community will only ever be fogged on Wednesday nights during the 2020 season, except possibly in case of disease response
- Fogging can occur anytime between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM
 - The fog program will begin on June 3.
 - Fogging will not begin until the community has been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form
 - October 6 is the estimated last day of fogging for 2020
- Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on our website: <https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/Exemption%202018.pdf>
- Please stay indoors while fogging operations are being conducted
- For Further information:
 - http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx
 - mosquito.control@maryland.gov
 - 410-841-5870, mosquito.control@maryland.gov
 - For information on the products used: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx



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May 21, 2020

Dear Community Representative:

Your community's assigned fog night is **Wednesday**.

Fogging cannot commence until your community has been notified. It is your responsibility to notify your community.

Included, please find the following documents:

- A sheet with the information that is to be shared with the community
- The exemption policy and form
- A letter regarding your community's fog night and our standard operating procedures
- A Notice Regarding Changes due to COVID-19
- The Community Notification Verification Form

Monitoring the adult mosquito population before treatment is required, and treatment will only be carried out if an MDA employee has determined the need for it. Minimum thresholds which must be met for treatment to occur are as follows (any one of these is sufficient):

- Landing rate count of 3 mosquitoes attempting to bite in 2 minutes, OR
- 12 female mosquitoes collected overnight in an un-baited light trap, OR
- 24 female mosquitoes collected overnight in a baited light trap

IMPORTANT: Your community will not be fogged until residents have been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form. Please return forms by June 3 to ensure that we are able to process them before the start of spraying.

STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES – 2020

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR FOGGING OF ADULTICIDES (Treatment for adult mosquitoes):

- **Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: June 3 – October 6**
Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community)
Anytime between 7:00p.m. - 2:30 a.m.
- Fogging for adult mosquitoes will be **done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it is necessary.**
 - Fogging **will not be conducted** during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH or below 1 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.
 - **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
 - Conditions that threaten public health, such as mosquito borne disease
- | Adulticide | Formulation and application rate |
|---|--|
| <u>Permanone 30-30:</u>
Permethrin mixed with Piperonyl Butoxide and Mineral Oil | Liquid
0.0031 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application) |

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF LARVICIDES (Treatment for mosquito larvae):

- **County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: April - October**
Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM -4:00 PM
- **LARVICIDES TO BE USED (This list is subject to additions or other revisions):**

Larvicide	Formulations
<u>Bacterial Larvicides:</u>	
VectoBac and Aquabac: <i>Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis</i>	Liquid, Granular
Spheratax: <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	Granular
<u>Insect growth regulator:</u>	
Altosid (Methoprene)	Liquid, Briquet, or Pellets

- 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 waterways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.



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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

MOSQUITO CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT

OBJECTION TO ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL

The policy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture regarding an objection to adult mosquito control by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) application of insecticides is as follows:

! An individual may have his/her owned or leased real property and a surrounding buffer up to 300 feet on all sides of the property excluded from ground based ULV adult mosquito control.

! Each individual requesting this exclusion must submit the request in writing to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and provide copies to the appropriate community association or city/town. The request must provide the address of the property to be excluded and must be signed by the owner(s) or leasee(s). This request will be acknowledged in writing by the Department.

! If the number of individual objectors and the location of excluded properties precludes an effective mosquito control adulticide service in a community, the service in that community will be suspended. Service may be reinstated upon the written request of the community and approval by the Department.

! A city/town or community association may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority believes the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service. Requests to rescind or modify spray exclusion requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture.

! The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objection continues.

! In the event of mosquito-borne disease or conditions that threaten public health, the suspension of mosquito adulticide service in an area due to objectors will be discontinued and the full range of mosquito control procedures available will be utilized.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE:

Your **request for exemption from adult mosquito control services** by the Maryland Department of Agriculture **WILL NOT** be processed unless **ALL** of the information requested has been supplied. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct this information. Under State Government Article, 10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be generally available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with state, federal, or local government agencies.

Individuals should direct correspondence regarding this issue to:

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mosquito Control Section
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy
Annapolis, MD 21401

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

This application must be completed by the individual residing within a community participating in the Mosquito Control Program who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) sprayers. The attached statement entitled "Objection to Adult Mosquito Control" explains the Maryland Department of Agriculture's policy on individual objectors. Please retain it for your files.

Please complete all information below. Please read the "Public Information Notice" on the attached policy statement. **Exemptions will not be accepted unless all of the information requested has been supplied. Failure to respond to contact from MDA will result in the voiding of your exception. It is your responsibility to notify MDA should your contact information change.** Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please print or type:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. Day: _____

Telephone No. Evening: _____

Email: _____

Name of your Community Association: _____

Name of the Subdivision in which you reside: _____

Signature: _____

(I have read MDA's Adult Mosquito Control Objection Policy)

Your city/town or community association will receive notice of the scheduled night for surveillance and spraying. It is the responsibility of the city/town or community association to notify the residents of the schedule. Spraying will be conducted only if needed and will be done on the same day (as the above mentioned survey) of each week. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at:

St. Mary's County: 301-373-4264/65

Charles County: 1-888-523-0256

Baltimore & Harford: 1-877-425-6485

Prince George's: 301-422-5080

Central and Western Maryland: 301-422-5080

Anne Arundel: 410-841-5870

Queen Anne's: 410-758-0920 ext. 4140

Eastern Shore: 410-543-6626

Application should be sent to:

Program Supervisor
Mosquito Control Section
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

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