Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter

Winter 2020

Walnut Ridge Community Association

Bringing you Walnut Ridge News For Over 12 Years

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Walnut Ridge Community Association Board of Directors wishes you and your family a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.

Here comes SANTA!

Children of all ages (adults too!) were treated to the Santa Parade which procession route included Walnut Ridge! See more photos on page 3.

Reminder to Homeowners!

Your next quarterly association assessment payment is due January 1st

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

- Budget: The Board voted to approve the 2021 Budget at its virtual meeting on November 12, 2020. No assessment increase was proposed for 2021.
- A&E Applications: The Board received and reviewed approximately 6 A&E requests since the Fall 2020 newsletter publication.
- Rodent Problem: The Board contracted with Blades of Green to address the rat problem in the community. Blades of Green reports positive results from their efforts to control the rodent issues. They also noted that cooperation by the residents has contributed to this success.
- Anne Arundel County was notified and street signs have been replaced as needed as well as road repairs on Walnut Ridge Drive.
- Replacement of our light poles - still working on it.
- Snow removal contract was renewed with Level Green Landscaping.

Board Meetings

Although Board meetings have been postponed until further notice, your Walnut Ridge Board of Directors continues to work behind the scenes to ensure that things are running smoothly. Please check the Walnut Ridge website for any Board meeting updates.

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

Property Management

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Millersville, MD 21108
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"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."
— John Steinbeck

Santa and Friends Visit Walnut Ridge
Saturday, December 5, 2020

Christmas Tree Pickup

Natural Christmas trees, garland and wreaths will be picked up on our normal collection day (Tuesdays). Remove the tree stand, bags, metal ornament hangers, and all decorations. Cut very tall trees in half so that the tree will fit into the contractor's truck.

Prepare Your Vehicle For Winter Weather

Ice and snow can present a major challenge to your vehicle. Here are some tips to ensure your vehicle is ready for the inclement weather.

- **Fill up your tires.** Low air pressure in your tires can be potentially dangerous on winter roads. Check your tire pressure and fill your tires if necessary.

- **Check your tire tread.** You can check your tire tread using the "penny test" by taking a penny and placing it in the tread groove of your tire. Place the penny with Lincoln's head facing you, and place the penny in the tread so that the top of Lincoln's head is no longer visible. If his entire head is visible while in the groove, it's time to replace your tires.

- **Check your fluids.** Antifreeze should be at a 50/50 ratio with water. With salt on the roads, you'll be using plenty of washer fluid to clean your windshield. Be sure the window washer fluid tank is full and that the fluid is at the proper strength so that it will not freeze.

- **Wiper Blades.** Using your wipers to clear away frost and ice can damage the rubber on the wiper blades, so plan on replacing your vehicle's wiper blades at least once a year, or more often if you notice they're no longer doing the job.

- **Battery.** Cold weather is rough on your vehicle's battery. Your engine will require more current from the battery in cold weather. Your vehicle's battery capacity lessens in the cold weather, so be sure your car is prepared for winter. Have a professional inspect your battery's fluid and cables.

Walnut Ridge - A Great Place to Call Home!

****About Front Foot Assessment Invoices****
If you receive an invoice for your Front Foot Assessment, Do Not Ignore.

Some homeowners whose front foot benefit assessment is not yet paid off, will be receiving (or have already received) their front foot benefit assessment bill from either J & W Utilities or Old Line Utility, LLC. These assessments, which are paid for 33 years in accordance with a Deed and Agreement made between Arundel Union Enterprises (the developer) and either Old Line Utility LLC (successor to CLT Utilities) or J&W Utilities, Inc., are to pay back the developer for the costs incurred by the developer (not the Association) for the installation of water and sewer lines in our community. For some properties, this assessment may be already paid off. Be reminded that, you, as the homeowner, are responsible for this yearly invoice until the expiration of 33 years in accordance with the Deed and Agreement. Note, this is not a bill for quarterly water usage nor is it part of your quarterly assessments paid to Walnut Ridge Community Association, Inc.

If you don't know if your front foot benefit has been paid off or if you have any other questions regarding your front foot benefit assessment, contacts are:

For Hazel Nut, Almond or Tanook contact
J&W Utilities, Inc.
3027 Bennett Point Road
Queenstown, MD 21658
(410-827-8516)
jwutilities@gmail.com

For Peach Court contact
Old Line Utility LLC
c/o Rudder Management Inc.
PO Box 1475
Severna Park, MD 21146
(410-647-7929)
info@ruddermanagement.com

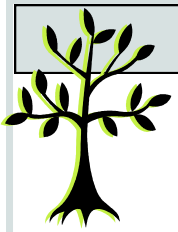
House Color Specifications

Exterior of townhomes: Siding must be painted using acrylic, solid body stain. The color must match "Solid Cedar". This color is available in many brands and sold by several local dealers.

Trim of townhomes: Trim (to include gutters, downspouts, and the attached shed doors) must be painted using an exterior acrylic semi-gloss white material.

Fences: If fences or screening are stained, they must be stained the same color as the townhome ("Solid Cedar").

Roof: Roof shingles must be the color "Autumn Brown." GAF Royal Sovereign and Owings Corning both make "Autumn Brown" color shingles.



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.

Association Assessments are due on:

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

When it snows…

Snow plowing will occur at 3" and sand and/or salt will be used as needed.

Anne Arundel County Public Works is responsible for Walnut Ridge Drive which is a county-owned road.

Residents, you are responsible for shoveling your porch, walkway and sidewalk in front of your home as well as your numbered parking spaces. When shoveling snow, do not throw or place the snow in the street or around the mailboxes. The mail carrier must be able to get to the mailboxes, otherwise mail will not be delivered.

What does a Christmas tree eat with?

Utinsels

December Fun Fact

The term "yuletide" comes from a Norse tradition of cutting and burning a tree to bring in the Winter Solstice. This was to last through twelve days, later known as the twelve days of Christmas.

Special Thanks from the Editor

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, Peter Giguere, Jim Brady, and of course, "The Wanderer." Thank you!!

Find Words Associated with Winter

A	Z	I	P	L	P	W	S	A	J
U	T	K	P	H	F	T	O	B	S
G	G	S	N	O	W	M	A	N	B
I	C	I	C	L	E	V	O	H	S
X	S	K	I	I	N	G	V	C	S
O	F	G	U	D	J	G	A	Z	D
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Blizzard	**Hat**	**Skiing**
Boots	**Holidays**	**Sled**
Chilly	**Ice Skate**	**Snow**
Cold	**Icicle**	**Snowball**
December	**January**	**Snowflake**
Frosty	**Mittens**	**Snowman**
Frozen	**Scarf**	**Snowsuit**
Gloves	**Shovel**	**Wind**

Walnut Ridge Reminders

Association Assessments

Next assessment is due January 1st.

Sunday, March 14th

Do you know where your snow shovel is?

Keep your pets inside in cold weather.

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.**

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS OFFERED BY ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY!

All library programs through February 2021 are held via Zoom or Facebook Live.
All Zoom programs require registration.
Visit http://www.aacpl.net or call call the Broadneck Branch at 410-222-1905 for more information

Babies & Preschoolers

* **Babies in Bloom**. *Thursdays at 10:30 am.* Babies from birth to 18 months.
* **Preschool Storytime.** *Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am.* Join library staff from across AACPL as they present stories, songs and fun.
* **Bilingual Storytime**. *Tuesdays at 10:30 am.* Young children will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and activities while building ready to read skills in English and Spanish.

Kids

* **Winter Wonderland Storytime.** *Saturday, January 30 at 11 am.* Families with young children enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes and movement activities while building early literacy skills. (registration required)
* **Drumbeat For Change.** *Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 pm*. Author Kelly Starling Lyons shares her picture books, *One Million Men and Me* and *Sing a Song: How to Lift Every Voice & Sing Inspired Generations*, that celebrate their roles in making a difference. (for ages 6-10, registration required)

Teens

* **Virtual Teen Anime Manga Club.** *Tuesdays, January 19 and February 16 at 6 pm.* Share in the love of Japanese animation and comics online! Join your fellow Otaku and enjoy discussion of your favorite anime and/or manga with others. Artwork sharing is also welcome!
* **Mindfulness Through Yoga: Teens.** *Wednesday January 20 at 3:30 pm.* Yoga that will help teens with mindfulness, led by Michele Bickley of *LiveLifeYoga.org.*

Adults

* **Credit Smarts.** *Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm.* Your credit score is an important component of your financial health. Learn about credit reporting, how scores are determined and ways to build a positive credit score. Sponsored by the *Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition*. (registration required)
* **Build Income. Understand Taxes.** *Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm.* Need extra income? Attend this webinar to learn ideas on "side gigs" and methods to increase your income while at the same time, understanding how taxes can impact your income. Sponsored by the *Annapolis/Anne Arundel Financial Education Coalition*. (registration required)

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.)

Ending 2020, starting the winter, and looking to 2021,
A turning point, with hope of a vaccine in our future.
Last March, Covid-19 was entering our lives.
Forcing changes to what we do and how we do it.
Making choices affecting ourselves, our families, our community.
New information, almost daily, making decisions harder.

Looking from my window and walking around the community,
Watching our children and young families adjusting to this "new normal."
Seeing playfulness, energy and "kids being kids".
Schedules changed because of virtual school.
Playground full of kids before school, at lunch time and after school.
Parent group "meet-ups" after "virtual school."

I see smiles and hear laughter.
I see kids getting bigger and stronger,
I see new pets being walked by kids.
I see hope, resilience and joy
I see our future.
I am hopeful.

Remarkably, they're accepted the changes,
Playing in new ways, learning in new ways.
Tolerating masks while having fun.
We're all adjusting in the time of Covid-19.
Wishing you a safe and memorable holiday.
See you on the other side; 2021.

Walnut Ridge Wanderer

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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