

THE PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK

A STANLEY MARTIN & WINCHESTER HOMES COMMUNITY

HOA NEWSLETTER

MAR & APR 2016

Get ready...

After a severe winter where we had everything from ~30+ inches of snow to 70 degree temperatures on Christmas Eve, spring is literally just around the corner.

My son, Jason is literally salivating each morning when we leave for work and school as he looks out the car window and sees that he will have a full season of playing on the completed tot lot.

Although this newsletter is only published every other month, everyone can “keep in touch” with others at our Nextdoor site.

As you may have noticed, the back of the neighborhood is really starting to build up now! Literally, it appears like new homes are sprouting up within a week! Before you know it, the construction equipment will be gone and the final layer of pavement will be down.

As I mentioned before, we issued a “Call for Candidates” in the past couple of months. Kathy Simonovich sent a letter dated 2/23/2016 to everyone to inform you of the date of the Special Meeting: Thursday, 4/14/2016 @ 7:00PM. (Location TBD) The purpose is to elect owners to the Board of Directors, thereby transferring control of the HOA to the homeowners.

Being a longtime Montgomery County resident, (since 1974) I really believe that we live in a unique neighborhood and together we can make it the BEST place to live in the county!

The newsletter will be emailed every other month. The next one will be May 2016. If you know any friends/neighbors who haven't given me their email addresses yet, please encourage them to do so!

-Jim Liaw- Heartwood Drive

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**** Please note that future editions will be in electronic format****

Noteworthy Stuff from the HOA & Management

Thanks to everyone for taking extra care while entering/exiting the neighborhood by Magruder High School! The paving of the shoulders have helped tremendously. Please continue to exercise caution at this “uncompleted intersection.”

Here are some developer updates:

- There are approximately 20 homes left to sell in Phase 2
- The topping of the Muncaster Mill Road intersection at the back of the neighborhood widening slated to be completed, weather dependent, in the next 8 -12 weeks
- We anticipate completion of an entry feature (basically a merge lane) within 4-6 weeks.
- Construction on a Hiker/Biker trail through the Park and Planning property is anticipated to begin in the late spring.
- We are working with County inspection officials to receive approval to top roads in Phases 1A/1B/3. *We are NOT anticipating topping roads any earlier than late fall 2016.
- HOA Turnover meeting is scheduled for April 14.
- Replacement of dead trees, as required by the County inspector, will be completed concurrently with road topping.
- Street lights outages have been reported to Pepco. We are reviewing the “leaning” lights and will also repair as we move forward with topping roads.

The neighborhood is slowly coming together!

Thanks everyone for your patience and helpful input!



For all the new neighbors: a reminder that trash pick-up days will be on Monday and Thursday. The recycling day is on Thursday. Please make sure that the receptacles are out of public view on non-pick-up days! You may put them out the night before after 6pm. Also remember on holiday weeks that the schedule changes, usually a day or so later for pick up.

The trash removal is through the Association (recycling is through the County). The removal of trash will occur on all holidays that fall on a regularly scheduled pick-up day, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day and July 4th. When a designated pickup day falls on one of these holidays, uncollected trash shall be removed on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.

IMPORTANT



Covenants Committee Notes

Next meeting: April 1, 2016 @ 6:45pm

***To be held at Olney Library in the Meeting Room
3500 Olney Laytonsville Rd., Olney, MD 20832***

Covenant Committee Members:

Kristine Bissell, Francisco Mendoza, Janny Tao, Jimmy Yin, Lara Woodruff

There are typically Covenants meetings monthly. Unless the location is given in the Newsletter please always check with the HOA Management Company for details.

Thanks to Mike Scripps for having served on the committee in the past. He has stepped down and his spot is being filled by Lara Woodruff. Welcome Lara!

It was brought up in the last Covenants meeting that some residents have been parking in their driveway, blocking the sidewalk right of way. We would like to encourage everyone to use the sidewalks rather than the road while taking their walks, thus it would be great if everyone would take care when parking to leave the sidewalk area clear.

There was a memo sent to everyone from SFMC date 2/24/2016 regarding an amendment to Design Guidelines. It spells out requirements in order to keep up with the aesthetics of the neighborhood. If you missed it, email me for an electronic copy.



Social Committee

With warmer weather just around the corner, get ready for some great events! Before any such meeting is scheduled the community will be notified. Time and place of each event will have to be worked out, as we do not have a community center in the neighborhood. Stay tuned!



Community Events/Announcements

There have been a lot of questions regarding lawn care. We will try to have something interesting and useful for the remainder of the year in this column.

Japanese beetles have been rampant in the past few years. If one yard is untreated, the beetles will attack and infest the whole community. Grub control is a method that is highly effective. As it exterminates the beetles before they mature to their adult stage.

Scott & Kristine Bissell add:

“Besides conventional pest control there are more organic ways of controlling the grubs. You can also apply beneficial nematodes or milky spore treatments to lawns and gardens. My husband and I primarily treated our street trees for the last two seasons with conventional pesticides and will probably continue to do so just immediately around the trees this year as well. In my gardens we plan to use the beneficial nematodes and a variety of other beneficial insects to try to keep the pesticide load down.”

There is a local place called Newsom Seed which is located nearby (~5 miles, 12 minute drive): Airpark Service Center, 7620A Rickenbacker Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Phone 301-355-6366. Newsome Seed has been helpful in providing a lawn treatment schedule and this information can be found on their website.



Your neighbor, **Taline Diarbi** is on the PTA board at Sequoyah Elementary. She wants to let everyone know that she is available anytime if you have any questions regarding Sequoyah!

Email @ talinediarbi@gmail.com or by cell at [240-418-5253](tel:240-418-5253), for any information about the school at any time.

Also if anyone in our community is interested in having a tour of the school at any time during the year, feel free to either contact her or the school and our principal Dr. Jasper will arrange for anyone to have a tour! (A form is at the end of the newsletter)

Sharon St. Pierre – Deputy Chief of Staff of Montgomery Councilmember: Craig Rise notes:

“I wanted to let you know that Councilmember Craig Rice (Chair of the Education Committee) along with Interim Superintendent Larry Bowers and Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard are hosting 5 Education Budget Forums throughout the county Our next forum is Wednesday, March 16th at Magruder High School. This is a great opportunity to come out to hear how the budget process works, what to expect this year and ways you can provide input into the process. Attached is the flyer with the dates and times of each forum. If you could pass along this information to your community, that would be wonderful. We hope to see you at one of the forums! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!”

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To interact virtually daily with our neighborhood and a few others, make sure you register yourself at:

<https://preserveatrockcreek.nextdoor.com>

It only takes a minute or so, but you can immediately see what is being discussed about the neighborhood.

If you have something to pass along in the newsletter, please contact Jim Liaw at jimeliaw@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

Sun, Mar 13		Daylight Saving's Time (Spring Forward by 1 hour!)
Thurs, Mar 17		St. Patrick's Day
Sun, Mar 20		FIRST day of Spring!
Fri, Mar 25		NO SCHOOL
Fri, Mar 25-Fri, Apr 1		Mont. Cty- Spring Vacation – NO SCHOOL
Fri, Apr 1		April Covenant's Meeting (email Kathy for details!)
Thurs, Apr 14	7:00-8:00pm	Special Meeting – HOA Elections (Location TBD)
*Tues, Apr 26		Primary Election Day – NO SCHOOL Magruder High School is the polling location!

****Corrected Calendar!***

CLASSIFIEDS

The community newsletter will accept classified ads of 40 words or less from owners or residents! We screen all requests to make sure that you are supporting your neighbors.

**If an ad is no longer good, please let me know!*

Email your ad to Jim Liaw at jimeliaw@gmail.com.

Babysitting Job Requested: Christopher Koelln - 23 yr old Aupair from Germany, living at 5805 Coppelia Drive, available 9:30am-3:30pm school days; weekends anytime
301-775-8264



“PRC List” – The Preferred List of Providers/Services

****All vetted & recommended by your fellow neighbors!***

**Did you have a great experience with a HVAC company? Plumber? Repair shop for your car? Here is where you can help your neighbors out by spreading the word about someone or someplace that you want to brag about!*

Magic House Cleaning Services- We have 10 years of experience and can provide excellent references. Call for free estimate! M.J. Arevalo 240-644-4850 / 240-380-9977

White Flint Auto Repair – 301-984-3902 -Call Juan or Allen who have taken care of me for over 5 years and have saved me a bundle! They have an almost perfect Yelp rating of 5 stars! -Jim Liaw

2015 Professional Turf Program suggestions by Newsom www.newsomseed.com

St. Patrick's Day March 17th:

Round 1. Crab Grass Control: Dimension or Cavalcade with Fertilizer or without.
13-0-2, 20% XCU w/ .10% Dimension or 12-0-0, 20% XCU w/ .29% Cavalcade
0-0-7 w/ .17% Dimension or 0-0-7 w/ .38% Prodiamine

Mothers Day May 10th:

Round 2. Second round of Crabgrass Control or Straight Fertilizer.
18-0-3 40% SCU 2% Fe 19-0-6 w/ Lock up & Dimension (Weed/Feed & Crabgrass control)

Father's Day June 21st:

Round 3. Start Broadleaf Control: Liquid or Granular with/without Fertilizer
Triplet, Escalade 2, 4 SpeedXT, Spoiler, 19-0-6 w/LockUp, 0-0-7 w/LockUp

4Th Of July:

Round 4. Insect Control or Summer Fertilizer:
0-0-7 w/ .225% Allectus or 8-0-0 20% XCU, 23% Bio Solids w/ .225% Allectus
Summer Fertilizer: 18-0-3, 25% XCU, 15% Bio Solids w/ 2% Iron

Labor Day September 7th:

Round 5. Seed and Aeration: Starter Fertilizer and Seed:
14-24-4 20%XCU, 18-24-12 50%XCU

Thanksgiving November 26th:

Round 6. Winterizer & Lime:
33-0-3 30% XCU or 25-0-3, 25% XCU and Solu-cal (Lime)

Finally....Did you know.....?

...that there is an inexpensive way to get to Baltimore-Washington International Airport? (BWI) Why get up at the crack of dawn, beg for a ride, or pay expensive parking lot rates? The state of Maryland operates a shuttle (bus route 201) that goes between the Shady Grove Metro station and BWI, with stops at the Park & Ride on Georgia Avenue, the Burtonsville Park & Ride, and Arundel Mills Mall (Maryland Live! Casino).

Here is the best kept secret: *It is only \$ 5 each way!* Factor in gas, tolls, parking, and you can't beat the cost! Buses depart hourly from Shady Grove around 5-6 minutes past the hour. Check out the schedule online! www.mtaiccbus.com



Also, as of this month, the Metro rail system will no longer be accepting paper farecards. If you haven't gotten your plastic SmartTrip cards yet, make sure you do it soon!

Remember to send me your email address so I can get you on the master list for future newsletter editions! See you in May!

-Jim

Sequoyah Elementary School
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Dear Sequoyah Families:

Kindergarten Orientation for our August 2016 class will be held on Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27, 2016. Please use the tear-off sheet below to let us know about eligible children in your families. To be eligible, a child must be 5 years old by September 1, 2016. Children who will be five on or before September 1, 2016 must attend kindergarten:

- In a public school, or
- In a licensed private school, or
- At a home under the law regulating home education, or
- Complete and submit an Exemption to Kindergarten Attendance Requirement, MCPS Form 560-19.

If you know of anyone in our community who will enter kindergarten in the fall, please share this letter with them so we can send them registration materials in April. If you have any questions, please call us at 301-840-5335.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bobbi Jasper
Principal

Sequoyah Elementary School – Kindergarten Orientation 2016-2017

Child's Legal Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Father's Name _____ Work Number _____

Mother's Name _____ Work Number _____

Has child attended any MCPS program such as PEP, Pre-K or Head Start? If yes, where _____

Name of oldest child at Sequoyah (if any) _____