

# THE PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK

HOA NEWSLETTER

4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2017

## A Few Friendly Reminders

1. **Please find the most up to date information on the Preserve at Rock Creek Community Web-site:** [www.preserverockcreek.org](http://www.preserverockcreek.org)
2. **Please email any comments, concerns or questions to:** [contact@preserverockcreek.org](mailto:contact@preserverockcreek.org); this will go to our property manager and allow the Board of Directors (BOD) to see your comments and concerns and to be aware of what is happening in the neighborhood
3. **NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY! See Community Contacts Section.**
4. **Parking:** When parking on the street please be careful not to park on the grass and try not to park opposite of anyone's driveway. Doing so makes it very difficult for people to back out of their driveways and increases the risk of an accidental bump.
5. **Lawn Care:** Please be aware that you are responsible for the grass around your property all the way up to the street. This means you need to water and mow the grass between the sidewalks and street in addition to the grass between your house and the sidewalks.
6. **Street Trees:** Please water the street trees in front of your property. The trees are county property but homeowners are responsible for their watering.
7. **Exterior Modifications:** Please remember that all exterior modifications require approval from the Covenant Committee prior to starting any work. The Architectural Guidelines and Application are available on the community web site at PreserveRockCreek.org and click on Documents.
8. **Email Consent:** If you have not already given permission for us to deliver HOA documents to you via email, please do so. This will save the HOA (you) the cost of printing and mailing. Please visit the HOA web site at PreserveRockCreek.org and click on Documents.
9. **Leash Law:** Dogs should be on a leash in public areas, unless participating in a qualified activity.  
<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/Resources/Files/Chapter%205.pdf>
10. **Snow:** If there is a snow event please remember it is your responsibility to clear any snow from the sidewalk bordering your property.
11. **Noise Complaints:** The BOD was recently contacted to handle the noise coming from Magruder High School that was later than allowed by law. The current Montgomery County noise ordinance says that disturbances occurring between the hours of 9:00pm-7:00am Weekdays and 9:00pm-9:00am on Weekends constitute such a violation and should be reported to the Montgomery County Police using the non-emergency number: 301-279-8000.

## Committee Updates

- **The Social Committee:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Preserve at Rock Creek HOA Picnic was a success.
  - The Social Committee is holding a meeting before the next BOD Meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:00pm at Sequoyah Elementary

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

**New Community Management Company – Beginning Nov. 1, 2017**

### Property Management People

Sean Hall  
**1-800-336-8009**

**Jennifer Green – Managing until Oct. 31, 2017**

Community Manager  
[jgreen@sfmtcinc.com](mailto:jgreen@sfmtcinc.com)  
703-392-6006 x221

### Board of Directors

John Scheck - President  
Kristine Bissell - Vice President  
Howard Roth - Treasurer  
Liz Corrente – Secretary  
Francisco Mendoza

### Covenants Committee

Howard Roth - Chair  
Joong Kim  
Anna Chou  
Noble Joseph  
Dikran Diarbi  
Damon Riley

### Social Committee

Kristine Bissell - Chair  
Jodie Stocksedale  
Lalla Maiga  
Francisco Mendoza  
Shirley Hsieh-Lau

### Capital Expenditure Committee

Howard Roth - Chair  
Mark Stocksedale  
Eloi Kpamegan  
Taline Diarbi  
Damon Riley

### Sound Protection Committee

Mark Stocksedale - Chair  
Scaria Puthupparampil  
Eloi Kpamegan  
Jimmy Ibikunle  
Wanxing Cui (Luke)  
Chuanming Gao

### By-Laws Committee

Damon Riley  
Bing Liu  
Joseph Levy  
LeVaughn Crawford  
Paul Avelino  
Tom McDowell

### Community Website

[www.preserverockcreek.org](http://www.preserverockcreek.org)

**Questions/Concerns?**

[contact@preserverockcreek.org](mailto:contact@preserverockcreek.org)

School in the Media Room.

- **The Capital Expenditures Committee:** Improvements to the community were discussed at the Annual HOA Meeting. It was decided that any improvements would be discussed at subsequent meetings and another survey would be sent in the future.
  - The Capital Expenditures Committee is holding a meeting before the next BOD Meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:00pm at Sequoyah Elementary
- **The Sound Protection Committee:** This committee consists of homeowners whose homes border the ICC. This committee's goal is to potentially ask the county to build a sound wall. The committee has been successful at garnering support in the portion of the neighborhood most affected by a wall.
- **The By-Laws Committee:** This committee has been formed to propose modifications of the HOA By-Laws.
  - A Meeting of the Members is requested for Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm and will be held at Sequoyah Elementary School in the Media Room.

### **HOA Meetings for 2017**

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Board Meeting                      7:00p – 9:00p                      Location: Sequoyah Elementary School Media Room

### **Covenants Committee Meetings for 2017**

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>    7:00p – 9:00p                      Location: Sequoyah Elementary School Classroom 12

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>    7:00p – 9:00p                      Location: Sequoyah Elementary School Classroom 12

### **Update from M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks**

A meeting was held by the county to discuss the trail in our community and how it will eventually connect to the North Branch Hiker-Biker Trail. The County plans for this connection to happen during the Winter of 2019/Spring 2020, which would allow unrestricted access from our community via the Maryland Rock Creek Trail system to the Washington DC border where it will continue via the Washington DC portion of the Rock Creek Trail terminating at the Potomac River in Georgetown.

### **Safety Reminders – Montgomery County Police**

Thefts from vehicles continue to be among the most reported crimes here in Montgomery County and would be the most probable type of crime occurring in your neighborhood. A theft from vehicle occurs when a suspect(s) enters a vehicle with the intent to steal property. A majority of these thefts are from unlocked vehicles. In an effort to help prevent yourself from being a victim, please remember to **lock your vehicle doors**, remove items of value from your vehicles, secure or remove garage door openers from your vehicles and please **DO NOT leave spare keys** to other family vehicles or your vehicle inside of your car. This is how vehicles have been stolen in our area.

Report any suspicious activity or in-progress crime by calling 911, contact the MCPD non-emergency number at 301-279-8000 for any crimes or activity that has occurred earlier. If you are a victim, it is very important that you report the crime so that our officers can attempt to fingerprint the vehicle to identify a suspect(s) and so that our District can track these crime trends and deploy resources effectively. We have special detectives that investigate thefts from vehicles.

### **Neighborhood Lighting Concerns**

When the Montgomery County Police, Lt. Jason Cokinos and Commander Dinesh Patil spoke with the community at the most recent BOD Meeting the police officers were asked to comment on the amount of light in the community. Both officers said that they felt the lighting was adequate in our community and that they would feel perfectly safe walking through the community during the evening hours. They cautioned us in making the community too bright at night and a few other neighbors commented on the fact that we live in a preserve, which was part of the reason for moving here.