

THE PRESERVE AT ROCK CREEK

HOA NEWSLETTER

4th QUARTER 2020



Hello Neighbors!

It has been almost 8 months since we were forced to adjust in order to keep ourselves healthy. I hope that everyone has managed to live somewhat of a normal life without too much difficulty.

Those with young ones in school have had to deal with the biggest challenges. My son remarked the other night that if MoCo doesn't give the green light for a return in January, that he would have spent ½ of his middle school years learning online. I thought for a moment and felt really bad for him. Luckily, he has been able to maintain his friendships with his buddies virtually after his classes a few times a week, but by no means is it an acceptable substitute. Diane and I force him to get out and walk each day. He has even found the time to play a little tennis at Magruder HS a few times a week. Anything to just get out of the house! I seem to recall that a few neighbors used to get together to do just that a few years ago. Maybe it could happen again if a few of you are interested? (The courts were refinished a few months ago)

Thanks much to my Newsletter partner, Taline Diarbi for the facelift on this newsletter!

-Jim

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Community Updates

- The Preserve at Rock Creek Homeowners Reconvene Annual Meeting was held on Monday September 14, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. Please join us in congratulating *Robert Bertrand and Kuo Hwa Wang* as our new board members both for 3- year terms. Thank you all who participated in the meeting and mailed in your ballots.
- Board has approved a bid from Mainscapes to purchase and replant the dead or damaged trees in the neighborhood.
- Board has approved to refresh the mulch located at the playground.
- Join our new Facebook page The Preserve @ Rock Creek – Derwood, MD

Committee Updates

- **Social:** The annual picnic was canceled for 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis.
- **Communications:** Thanks to neighbors, Taline Diarbi and James Chou for volunteering to run the newsletter and our Facebook page! Please ensure that Sean Hall, our Community Manager, has your updated email address to ensure that you get each newsletter and the Zoom meeting log-in information for all HOA and Board meetings!

Upcoming Meetings

Board Meeting

Monday 12/7/2002 7-9pm Via Zoom

Covenants Committee Meeting

Monday 11/3/2002 7pm Via Zoom

Monday 12/1/2002 7pm Via Zoom

Please note that meetings are open to all Homeowners of the Preserve at Rock Creek Community.

Reminder emails will be sent to all homeowners prior to each meeting with the proper Zoom meeting log in information.

We encourage you to join the meetings and hear the happenings in our community and to voice your opinion.

Community Checklist

- **Please email any comments, concerns or questions to:** contact@preserverockcreek.org as this will go to our property manager and allow the Board of Directors to see your comments and concerns. This ensures that your concerns are reaching the right individuals.
- **Trash/Recycling:** Trash and recycling collection occurs EVERY Monday and Thursday. Trash and recycling bins should be placed out on collection days and should be put away out of sight promptly after pick up. Bins should not be left in driveways or in front of garages.
- **Lawn Care/Street Trees:** Please continue to maintain your yards, including the ditch or swale up to the street with proper mowing, weed control, mulching, seeding and watering.
- **Parking/Sidewalks:** When parking in your driveway, please remember not to block the sidewalk. If the sidewalk in front of your home has a crack, please call #311 to report the issue. Montgomery County will send out a contractor to review and have it repaired.
- **Speeding:** The speed limit in the neighborhood is 25mpg. With most of us currently at home, please mind your speed.
- **Exterior Modifications:** Reminder, reminder, reminder! All exterior modifications require approval from the Covenants Committee before starting any work. The application is found on the last page of the Architectural Guidelines PDF Document in our community website.
- **Lease Law:** Dogs should be on leash in public areas unless participating in a qualified activity. Please remember that many of us utilize the excellent sidewalks and paths that span the entire neighborhood and some may become nervous upon encountering an unleashed dog. If this should occur, try to avoid contact and hopefully the owner should get the hint. As a last resort, please call the Montgomery County police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.
- **Noise Complaints:** The current Montgomery County noise ordinance says that disturbances occurring between the hours of 9:00pm to 7:00am weekdays and 9:00pm to 9:00am on weekends constitute a violation and should be reported to the Montgomery County Police using the non-emergency number 301-279-8000.

Halloween in the Hood

Thank you to neighbor Stephanie Yang as she organized a “Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt” for our Community.



Here are the details:

1. Households who are interested in participating will print out or draw a pumpkin.
2. This pumpkin can be colored, decorated, etc, in any way.
3. On Halloween (Saturday, October 31) before 3pm households will tape their pumpkin to their door.
4. During Halloween kids can go around the community and take pictures with all the different pumpkins.
5. Parents should then send the pictures to Stephanie Yang at anunusualfriend@gmail.com where she will compile all the pictures into an online album and circulate it after Halloween.

Details can also be found on our website in the “Events” section along with the flyer and printouts for the pumpkin pictures.

In addition to the community pumpkin scavenger hunt, candy goodie bags will be available for the community of the children to enjoy. A grand prize to the child who present the most pictures!

We invite the children to pick up a Halloween goodie bag at the front porch of neighbor and fellow board member Robert Bertrand’s house at 5701 Achille Lane whose home is the “Blue Farmhouse” locate on the historic lot within our community.

Please send in some of your fun Halloween Day costume pictures to Stephanie at anunusualfriend@gmail.com. Pictures will be collected and used for both the quarterly newsletter as well as an online slideshow for the community to enjoy.



See Something Say Something

To keep our community beautiful and safe, if you notice that something does not look right, please reach out to the property manager at sean.hall@pmpbiz.com

Please note that PMP conducts periodic on- site inspections to address any infractions in the neighborhood.

And..... Onward

- And just brought to our attention about the paved trails.... Please mind social distance spacing on the trails. If you're taking a break, please give way to those walking by so they don't have to walk into the brush to get around you. A little consideration for each other is the mark of a good neighbor!
- The Greater Olney Civic Association has an organized group to address the ICC sound protection and other noisy issues such as motorcycles, etc. HOA VP John Shi thought it would be useful for our community to be aware of this and get involved since it significantly impacts our community too. We use to have a sound protection committee but unfortunately it dissolved. <https://www.goca.org>

Thanks for taking the time to read our first newsletter as the new Communications Committee. If you're on Facebook, don't forget to drop one of us a line so we can add you to our private page. Please offer your comments on how you think we can be an even better community. We want to try to address at least one for each future newsletter.

Please see the attached announcement from the Montgomery Parks regarding the annual deer population control operations.

Remember: A lot of info can be found on our website! www.preserverockcreek.org

Thanks!

The Newsletter Team

Deer Culling Program Starts In September: Montgomery Parks



GERMANTOWN, MD — Montgomery Parks' annual [deer population management program](#) will start next in September and run through March 2021, according to county officials.

The program was created 24 years ago to address the county's burgeoning deer population. Officials say more than 20,600 deer have been removed over the years.

"Our deer population management efforts are intended to address these matters of public safety, natural resources protection, and other concerns of county residents. Across all program elements, the safety of residents remains our top priority," said Montgomery Parks wildlife ecologist Ryan Butler.

Trained, pre-screened archers and sharpshooters will be deployed at 54 parks for the duration of the program, according to county officials, and will work in cooperation with parks wildlife ecologists.

Yellow signs will be posted in advance throughout the affected parks and areas.

Archery and Shotgun-Managed Hunting

Archery Managed Deer Hunting will take place at 14 parks, from September through January. Parks do not need to be closed.

[Lottery-based and Cooperative Managed Deer Hunts](#) (shotgun) will take place at 11 parks. Those sites will be closed to the public for 24-hour periods while operations are underway. A complete schedule of hunt dates and locations is [available online](#).

Sharpshooting

Park Police-based sharpshooting operations will be conducted at night from February to March of 2021. Thirty-three parks will be closed in preparation for and during the operation from sunset to sunrise, officials said.

Driving In Deer County

The risk of deer-vehicle collisions increases around the same time the deer hunting program goes into effect.

Montgomery Parks urges motorists to plan ahead and offers the following recommendations:

- *Be alert for deer on or near roadways and take precautions.*
- *Be aware that deer are most active from dusk through dawn.*
- *Look for eye-shine along road edges.*
- *Deer may travel in groups, so if you see one deer expect others.*
- *Pay attention to deer crossing signs; these signify areas where multiple accidents have occurred.*
- *Never swerve to avoid colliding with a deer.*
- *A collision with a deer can happen on any roadway in the county but be particularly cautious in areas where you observe deer often and where woodlands/natural habitat run adjacent to the roadway.*