

***Springfield Oaks
Homeowners Association
Important News
May 2010***

Sand Removal!!

Because of the severe snow storms we all experienced this winter, there has been a backlog for scheduling requests for sand removal from residential streets. We are scheduled for sand removal on June 2-3.

On Wednesday, June 2, removal will be done on the western side of Springfield Oaks (8500 block), Northern, Laurel, Blue Oak and Gamble. On Thursday, June 3, removal will be done on the eastern side of Springfield Oaks (8400 block), Chapman and Canyon. **This will require all vehicles on each side be moved by 7:30 a.m. the day of cleaning in order for your area to be cleaned.** If your car is not moved, the truck will not return to your area. Signs will be posted at the entrances of the side being cleaned the day before as a reminder. We apologize for the inconvenience but appreciate your efforts in this matter.

If there are any trees that need to be addressed from the storms, please call or email Sequoia Management.

Community Yard Sale

This year's community yard sale will be **Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m.** until noon. We will have printed signs at the entrances announcing this to those who pass by as well as post an ad on Craigslist.

Due Process Resolution

Attached is Regulatory/Policy Resolution 2010-2 – Resolution on Due Process Procedures. This resolution was updated to include all recent changes in the law and to ensure owners that are in violation fully understand the implications of not correcting violations of the rules and regulations of the community.

This resolution was passed by the Board of Directors at the May 25th meeting and becomes effective July 1, 2010.

Ft. Belvoir Update

At a public information meeting with Ft. Belvoir on May 17, we were informed that the parkway development will be substantially completed by the end of this year.

The first of 8,500 employees will start moving in around Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday in 2011. Approximately 200 people per week will resume their work in their new location. The final phase of the construction will be completed in November 2011.

They will encourage employees to car and van pool by providing preferred parking places in the 5,100 car garage. They will run shuttles from Metro (definitely) and VRE (probably).

They have plans on how to handle the 8,500 employees, but they admitted they won't know the full impact until the move is complete.

EMAIL Broadcast

The Board of Directors will send a broadcast email of important updates to owners and residents that are signed up. Your email address is protected. Go to www.springfieldoaks.org to sign up.

Board Meetings

The Board meets every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at Saratoga Elementary School. For the summer, the location of the July and August meetings are tentatively scheduled at:

Lorton Library
9520 Richmond Highway
Lorton, VA 22079

This is pending receiving confirmation that renovation has been completed at the Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150-3499. Broadcast messages are sent to those who have signed up, or visit our website for meeting locations.

Most Common complaints:

Dog Poop - We continue to get complaints about residents not picking up after their dogs or disposing of on common property. Not picking up after your dogs will attract rats and snakes and is a serious health hazard. Please do not dispose of on common property as this causes a serious health hazard. We want to keep areas clear for the children who will be out of school and playing.

News - At the May 25 Board meeting, the Board discussed adding Dog Waste stations where residents can get a bag and dispose of their dog waste and using a service for pick up and removal. We would love to hear your views and questions. This will be discussed again at the June 22 Board meeting.

Trash is not to be put out until the evening before or the morning of trash pickup. There are certain areas in Springfield Oaks who are serious violators of this. This brings the property value down, particularly when there are houses up for sale and realtors are bringing in potential buyers. When trash is left out, this invites unwanted animals and trash spreads throughout the neighborhood. If you have an issue in your area, please report this to Sequoia Management. Violators are fined \$50 per incident.

Do not put boxes out on Monday. AAA considers this recyclable material and will not pick them up until Thursday, recycle day. If boxes are left behind, you must bring them back in and put them out on Thursday.

Home Repairs - Before you commit to a contractor or purchase supplies for your home project, make sure you **get approval by the Architectural Committee.** Failure to get approval may result in fines and having to redo the project.

Caution this spring/summer:

Fairfax County Police Department has reported that there have been some cases of wild animals being caught and tested for rabies as well as an unusually high number of copperhead snakes.

The Fairfax County Wildlife biologist recommends the following safety tips:

- Keep grass and vegetation mowed short on private property
- Supervise children at all times
- Keep dogs on leash at all times
- Wear appropriate protective clothing when outdoors
- Keep your cell phone nearby
- Stay on the sidewalk and park trails
- Do not approach a wild animals or snakes - NEVER pick up a snake
- Do not overturn rocks or logs

Copperheads are venomous snakes that are found here and throughout Virginia.

Copperhead snake bites have been reported across Fairfax County in the Dranesville (Riverbend Park), Hunter Mill (Reston), and Springfield (Clifton) Districts. Typically, reports of snake bites (and sightings) do not peak until between August and October when baby copperheads are hatching.

Virginia is home to three poisonous species of snakes, the Timber Rattlesnake, the Cottonmouth and the Copperhead. It's important to remember that while death from snake bite is Virginia is extremely rare, they can be painful and cause a number of symptoms such as; swelling and bruising, sweating, weakness, nausea, vomiting, muscle twitching and a metallic taste in the mouth. It is important to seek medical attention if you or your pets are bitten.

If you are bitten by a snake:

- Stay calm
- Do not apply a tourniquet
- Keep body part immobilized and area level with heart
- Seek immediate medical attention (nearest hospital)

For more information on copperheads or other local wildlife, please visit the Fairfax County Government website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife. For more information, or to report a copperhead incident, contact Vicky Monroe the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist at 703-324-0240.

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