



# Oak Notes

## The Oak Springs Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Winter 2022

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### Reminder Regarding Snow Removal

Residents are responsible for removing the snow from the stoop and stairs in front of their home, and the part of the community sidewalk that is located in front of their home.

### Board of Directors' Meeting

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at the Warrenton Police department, located at 333 Carriage House Lane in Warrenton, at 7:00 P.M.

Appropriate Covid protocols will be followed.

As usual, all homeowners are welcome to attend.

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### Seasonal Issues

At the end of each season, there are matters to which residents must attend, to prepare for the next season, keep items in good repair, and the community looking its best.

When the warm weather is over, temporary gazebos placed on decks to add shade, must be taken down. It would be best for garden hoses, even if they are kept in an unobtrusive location outdoors, to be removed from the outside faucet, drained, and stored away, and the faucet winterized, to maintain these items in good condition, so that they can be used again the following spring.

After the winter holidays have passed, the decorations for these holidays are to be removed by the end of January.

Clearing away items used in the season that has just passed, will enable residents to prepare for the coming season, and to enjoy it more fully!

### Holiday Decorating Contest

Once again, many of the homes and properties in Oak Springs were beautifully decorated for the winter holidays. A contest was held, in which a home on each court that was the most excellently decorated for the holidays, was chosen. The resident of the home receives a prize of a gift card to be used at a local business.

The residents of the following homes were chosen to receive the prizes:

729 Acorn Court

750 Cherry Tree Lane

725 Pine Tree Court

709 Arbor Court

65 Pepper Tree Court

Thanks to everyone who decorated their homes and properties, which gave the neighborhood a very festive air, and added to the residents' enjoyment of the season, and to the residents and their young helpers, who conducted the contest.

### Holiday Tree Collection

Again this year, the Town of Warrenton will collect formerly live cut holiday trees for recycling, beginning on Monday, January 10, 2022, and continuing through that week, starting at one end of Town and going to the other. Residents should place their trees at the street line by 8:00 A.M. on that day. These trees are fed through a chipper to create usable mulch, so all stands, and anything on the tree, must be removed. Call the Public Works Department at 540-347-1858 if you have questions about the tree pick-up.

### Be Considerate When Clearing Away Snow

During snow storms, residents are requested to not pile snow in the streets when clearing it from their vehicles, parking areas, or sidewalks, in addition to not putting it where it adds to the burden of other residents' snow removal. The snow should be placed onto grassy common areas whenever possible, without blocking any fire hydrants or mailboxes. If your home is not close to one of these, and the only open space available is in the street, spread the snow around as much as you can. Piles of snow left in the streets increases the cost of snow removal, as it is harder to remove than the amount of snow that fell.

### Trash Reminders

Trash is removed from the community on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Recyclables are picked up on Wednesday mornings. Trash and recyclables are not to be put out any earlier than after dark on the evening before a pickup! Trash cans and recycling bins are to be put away as soon as possible. The cans and bins may not be stored in front of homes, behind stoops, in unfenced side yards, or anywhere else outside homeowners' fences.

Many residents have developed the habit of putting their trash near mailboxes or fire hydrants. Trash is not to be put in these locations! It becomes a trip hazard in the dark, prevents residents from getting their mail, and blocks access to the fire hydrants!

If you put your trash out on the wrong day, do not leave it there! Put it away in its regular out-of-sight storage location until it is time for the next regular removal!