

# The Ivy Vine

# A Homeowners' Association of Ivy Hill Newsletter

### Winter 2016-2017

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#### Assessments

When paying your assessments be sure to include your property address on your check to ensure prompt posting to your account.

Your payment is due on January 1. For financial account Information call ext. 111

#### **Trash Reminder**

All trash, garbage and other waste or rubbish shall be kept in clean containers. All containers must not be exposed to either the neighbors or common areas. Recently a bear has been seen rummaging through trash cans in the community. To deter bears from coming on to your property remove any outside food attractants by keeping trash containers secured inside and removing birdfeeders, pet food, outdoor grills, and compost. Be sure to follow your trash provider's regular and holiday schedule and only put your trash out on the day of pickup. If you mistakenly 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 to put it out for the next trash pick-up!

The Board of the Homeowners' Association of Vvy Hill wishes you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year!

## It's Almost Snow Time Again

The roads in the community are maintained and cleared by the Virginia Department of Transportation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding street conditions, please contact VDOT at 540-347-3017 or you may also check www.vdotplows.org. Please do not park on the streets when snow is predicted to ensure that County vehicles can adequately clear the streets.

## **Holiday Decorating**

Many homes in the community are beautifully decorated each year, and this adds to everyone's enjoyment of the season. Thanks to all residents who decorate and give the community a festive air!

Please remember, as the holidays wind down, to remove and store away your decorations for next year.

If you have a natural, cut holiday tree that you would like to recycle, you can take it to the Corral Farm county landfill convenience site located past the Lord Fairfax Community College on Lord Fairfax Drive in Warrenton. All ornaments and tinsel must be removed from the tree. The landfill is open seven days a week, from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The trees are made into mulch, which county residents may have without charge.

#### **Preparing for Winter**

With the winter season approaching and its longer hours of darkness, along with colder temperatures, it is a good time to check on several things at your home.

Since night falls earlier, residents are coming and going from their homes during more hours of darkness. Having any outdoor lighting in top working order would be very beneficial to the members of your household, as well as the entire community.

To aid in the prevention of frozen water pipes, make sure to turn off the water valve for outside spigots. Be sure to drain the spigots after you have turned off the valve.

A shovel or broom to clear stairs and walks, and something to apply to them to help melt any ice would be handy to have in a known location to prevent last minute searches. Remember to purchase ice melting products which will not damage asphalt or concrete, or nearby grassy areas. It would also be good to have handy supplies such as fresh batteries for flashlights in case of a major storm.

A little preparation for the upcoming season will go a long way towards making life easier when it arrives!