



# Oak Notes

## The Oak Springs Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Winter 2018

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### Budgeting for 2018

As it is part of the responsibility of the Boards of Directors of homeowners' associations to see that their associations have adequate funds with which to provide needed services to the community, and also to set aside funds to cover the costs of future capital repairs and replacements, the Board of Directors of your association has reviewed the Association's income and expenses for the last few years.

With the dues having been increased in 2016 and 2017, it was the conclusion of the Board, in relation to expenses covered and reserve funding which took place, that the assessments could remain at their current level, for 2018. Increases in small increments will then resume in 2019, in order to avoid the necessity to initiate special assessments, to cover the costs of future major capital replacements, such as the resurfacing of the courts in the community.

### 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 best decorated for the holidays, was chosen, and the resident of the home received 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:

724 Acorn Court                      35 Pepper Tree Court  
743 Arbor Court                      724 Pine Tree Court  
771 Cherry Tree Lane

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.

REMEMBER TO REMOVE WINTER HOLIDAY DECORATIONS BY THE END OF JANUARY.

### Holiday Tree Collection

Again this year, the Town of Warrenton will collect formerly live cut holiday trees for recycling, beginning on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 this large amount of snow in one place is much harder to remove than the amounts which normally cover the streets prior to snow removal.

### Local New Year's Celebration

The Town of Warrenton and the presenters of the Bluemont Concert Series will again this year, hold a "First Night Warrenton" celebration. It will take place on Sunday, December 31, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M., and ending with a grand illumination and a verse or two of "Auld Lane Syne" on the steps of the old courthouse, at 11:45 P.M.

This is a family-friendly arts-oriented celebration, with a variety of different entertainment at 15 handicapped-accessible indoor venues in Warrenton. The cost is \$10.00 per person, with seniors over 65 to pay \$8.00, children ages 3 to 12 to be charges \$5.00, and children under 3, getting in free. For more information, go to [www.bluemont.org](http://www.bluemont.org).

### Repainting Areas on Homes

When initiating a project to repaint any area or item on your home, such as the door or the shutters, please note that paint applied to these areas may have faded or become discolored over time.

Should you not know the name of the color of the paint applied previously, do not try to match the current color of the item. Consult the information on colors in use in the community which is on file in the office, and the color chart, to see which color to apply.

And don't forget to submit an Architectural Approval Form for approval of your project before you begin it.

### Trash Reminder

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

### Next Board Meeting -

Wednesday,  
January 10, 2018

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