



Oak Notes

The Oak Springs Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Winter 2023

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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.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, January 11th at the Warrenton Police Station located at 333 Carriage House Lane in Warrenton, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Social distancing in seating will be followed, and masks can be worn, by those who feel it is appropriate, at the discretion of the person attending.

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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:

721 Acorn Court	750 Cherry Tree Lane	724 Pine Tree Court
707 Arbor Court	29 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.

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!

Home Improvements

For all of your outdoor home improvement projects including, but not limited to, painting or repair of trim, siding, shutters, and doors; roof, window, and fence repair or replacement; or tree removals or additions, remember to submit an Architectural Approval Form for approval of your project, PRIOR to beginning work. Be sure to include all of the details regarding the project, again including, but not limited to, location on the property, size, materials to be used, and swatches of proposed colors, or links to websites where these can be seen. Having this information provided to the Architectural Control Committee from the start, will speed up the processing of the application, and avoid unnecessary expense to the homeowner should the project not be approved, after the work is done.

Grounds Maintenance

Please make sure that your front and side yards are neatly maintained, kept free of miscellaneous items, do not have overgrown plants and shrubbery impeding the community sidewalks, including low hanging tree limbs, which should be trimmed back. Be considerate of your neighbors and trim shrubbery and trees that may extend beyond your property, onto adjoining homes and properties. This includes trimming back or removing grass, weeds, and vines that may grow through or over fences. All limbs, grass trimmings, and debris from overgrown plants and vines must be disposed of by the owner and not placed on common area. Failure to do so may result in monetary charges being assessed through the Due Process procedure.

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.

Holiday Tree Collection

Again this year, the Town of Warrenton will collect formerly live cut holiday trees for recycling, beginning on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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 6:00 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.

Regular Trash and Recycling Collection

Keep your recycling bins and trash cans in the side or rear yard of your property, inside the fence, when not putting trash or recyclables out for collection. Also, remember that the Town of Warrenton no longer accepts glass items for recycling. However, residents can take glass items to the Fauquier County landfill, for recycling. Recycling bins and trash cans may not be stored on the front or side stoops of the homes.

Regular trash collection in Oak Springs is conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays only. In the event that you put trash or recyclables out on a day when trash or recyclables are not being picked up, you are responsible for removing it yourself. Help to keep our community clean!

Parking in Visitors' Spaces

Residents are NOT allowed to park in visitors' spaces, per the Association's Parking Resolution. Residents with more than two vehicles must park additional vehicles elsewhere. Non-residents who drive to work with a resident, also cannot park in visitors' spaces.

In order to ensure proper enforcement of the Association's Parking Regulations, if a homeowner receives a note about improper parking and claims that the driver of the improperly parked vehicle is not a resident, the homeowner should provide documentation that the driver is not a resident. Additionally, visitors expecting to park in visitors' spaces for over 72 hours must contact the office and give an approximate start/end date in order to prevent the vehicle from being tagged. If you are going to have regular visitors during the day, contact the office with this information.

Reminders About Pets

**Please put your pet's waste in bags and dispose of them responsibly,
and keep your property clear of pet waste!**

**Dogs must be leashed when out in the community,
pursuant to the Town of Warrenton leash ordinance!**