



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/April 2, 2012

## News You Can Use

### Signs in the Community

Please be aware that Frederick County prohibits the placement of advertising signs of any sort within the county road rights-of-way. VOU-sponsored activity signs may be placed at VOU facilities with the permission of management. Non-VOU sponsored entities may not place signs along county roads, in the circles, or at VOU facilities.

### Turf Treatments Scheduled

Beginning Monday April 2, the landscapers will be treating the turf with fertilizer and herbicide. Please watch for the yellow signs which indicate application and be prepared to stay off the turf for 24 hours. For information on the chemicals used in the treatment, please contact the management office at 301-831-4810 or email [info@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:info@villagesofurbana.net).

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings this week at the Natelli Community Center:

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### Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

On-site Office: 9023 Harris St.  
Frederick, MD 21704  
Phone: 301-831-4810  
Fax: 301-831-4811  
Email: [vouadmin@casinc.biz](mailto:vouadmin@casinc.biz)  
Office Hours: 10 AM- 4 PM  
General Manager: Aimee Winegar  
Asst. Manager: Elizabeth Jenkins

## VOU Swim Season Information

The Villages of Urbana is preparing to open its ninth summer pool season! The Harris Street Pool and the Shafer's Mill Pool will both open on Saturday, May 26, 2012, at 10 AM. The season will come to an end on Monday, September 3, 2012. All of the swim information, as well as applications, can be found on the website: [www.villagesofurbana.net](http://www.villagesofurbana.net) under Amenities.

**All residents who want to use the pool facility must have a valid Photo ID Pool Pass.**

### NEW POLICY THIS YEAR

If your household already has photo ID pool passes, please complete and submit the 2012 Pool Pass Application/Renewal form for your pass to be activated for the 2012 swimming season! Mark "update" on top of form. That is all you need to do! Your pass will be automatically updated and re-activated for your use during the 2012 season Please submit the signed form as soon as possible by fax, in person, or mail at 9023 Harris Street. If you fail to submit the form, your photo ID pool pass will remain invalid and you will be denied entry into the pool. The form is available online and may be emailed back with your signature to community management staff at [info@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:info@villagesofurbana.net).

### ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? DO YOU NEED A PHOTO ID PASS?

If you are new to the community, never applied for a pool pass, or have a new member of your household, please submit the 2012 Pool Pass Application/Renewal form via mail or in person with a check for \$5 per new pass. Mark "new" on top of the form if your family is new to the community or no one in your family previously applied for a pool pass. Mark "update" if there is a new member of your household and other members have pool passes. Allow at least one business day to process the form, then visit the community management office at the Natelli Community Center at 9023 Harris Street to create your photo ID after Monday, April 23. The office is open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM, and Saturday and evening hours will be available; if those hours are not convenient for you, please contact the community management office at 301-831-4810, by fax at 301-831-4811, or by email at [info@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:info@villagesofurbana.net) to make an appointment. When you come to the office for your photo ID, you will need to show proof of residency with either a driver's license, a utility bill, or a government-issued document with your address.



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April 2, Pools and Outdoor Recreation, 7 PM

April 3, Design Review, 7 PM

### Fitness Center Key Fobs

Key fobs may be picked up at the Shafer's Mill Recreation Center from 1-4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Fobs can also be picked up after hours on the following days:

Monday, April 9, 4-6 PM

Saturday, April 14, 9 AM to 12 noon.

### Let Us Know You Are Reading!

Are you a regular Courier reader? Do you enjoy the VOU page of the paper? The VOU is trying to evaluate the level of resident interest in the VOU Courier page. If you are reading the page, please call, email, or fax the VOU management office at 301-831-4810/301-874-0487 (301-831-4811 FAX), [info@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:info@villagesofurbana.net) or take our online survey (Under Feedback/Surveys). Please let us know how you feel about our communications with residents through the Courier. Your feedback is important to us.

### Whom Do You Call?

Frederick County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Number: 301-600-2071  
Washington Gas: 800-752-7520  
Allegheny Power: 800-255-3443  
Frederick County Water and Sewer: 301-600-2187 M-F; 301-600-2194 after hours and holidays  
VOU After Hours Emergency: 888-788-2678

## April Showers on the Horizon — Grass Growing NOW!

The early warm, spring weather has pushed up the start of landscaping maintenance activities throughout the region. During some years, the Washington area is still digging out of snowdrifts in late March, but this year we are stepping over long tufts of grass while our contractors struggle with lining up their crews. Our first mowing in some areas has already been completed and should be finished throughout the VOU by the end of this week—three weeks earlier than planned. Mulching is underway and spring plantings have been ordered. For an update on what is planned near you, check the website later this week under Activities and Amenities/Greenspace.

As the community spruces up for spring, please take a moment to evaluate your yard. Please remember the following:

- Planter beds should be kept free from weeds.
- Planter beds should be mulched with brown or black mulch. Red mulch or mulch dyed other colors is prohibited.
- Lawns should be kept free of weeds; lawns with more than 25% weeds will be cited in violation and homeowners requested to treat their yards.
- If you live in a single family home, please note that the street parcel (that little strip of grass between the street and the sidewalk) is your responsibility to maintain. Please mow it and treat it for weeds. The VOU maintains the street tree and the mulch bed around the street tree.
- If you live in a single family home, please note that the plants around the utility box are your responsibility. Please keep them neat and trimmed properly. The VOU maintains the plastic screen. Please contact the management office if the plastic screen is in need of maintenance.

## Seahawks Swim Team

The Villages of Urbana Seahawks Swim Team will begin its 8th season in Division I of the Frederick Summer Swim League (FSSL). Practices and swim meets will be held at the Harris Street pool.

Swim Team Registration opens for returning VOU Seahawks swimmers and their families on April 1, 2012 running through April 20, 2012. New swimmers will be able to register April 21-May 5th. All interested in registering for the 2012 VOU Seahawks swim team should go to [www.VOUSeahawks.com](http://www.VOUSeahawks.com) during the registration period defined above. Please note that swim team spaces are given on a first come, first served basis, so register early! Questions? Email [Registrar@VOUSeahawks.com](mailto:Registrar@VOUSeahawks.com).



## VOU Earth Day AMAZING RACE

APRIL 21, 2012 10 AM Natelli Community Center

Up for a challenge? Ready for some fun?

Sign up your team today for the 2012 VOU Earth Day AMAZING RACE. Be the first team to follow the clues throughout the Villages, master each roadblock, and race to the finish line. Winning teams will receive prizes. The top team will receive a trophy, grand prize, and bragging rights! Teams of all ages should have a minimum of 2 members and must include a driving adult. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP with your team's name and contact address by April 14, 2012 to [vouadmin@casinc.biz](mailto:vouadmin@casinc.biz). Rain date April 28, 2012.