



# VOU News for You

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## Villages of Urbana Neighborhood Green Program

Frederick County's Neighborhood Green program gives many homeowners in the Villages of Urbana a clear path to control stormwater flowing off of their properties. Neighborhood Green is a county-managed conservation program that is funded through federal grants. The focus of the program is to help homeowners complete and afford small-scale Best Management Practices (BMPs) around the exterior of their homes. As opposed to some of the larger BMPs such as stormwater retention ponds that you may see in your development, Neighborhood Green concentrates on residential-scale practices such as tree plantings, rain gardens, rain barrels, and conservation landscaping.



All interested homeowners are encouraged to visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ngreen](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ngreen) to find more information or to complete an application. Or, you can contact Suzanne Cliber at 301-600-7414 or [Scliber@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:Scliber@FrederickCountyMD.gov). The deadline for applications is August 31, 2015. Once an application is received, your contact information will be passed along to the contractor, Larchwood Landscape Co. Larchwood will arrange a date to visit each site, where they will observe the layout of the land, take measurements and a soil sample. Based on the findings from the visit, Larchwood will prepare a brief stormwater management plan and will discuss the plan with the landowner and recommend which practices could be implemented on the site. The site visit, soil sample, and management plan are offered at no cost to the homeowner, and the homeowner is not required to implement any of the practices recommended by the contractor.

If homeowners choose to implement any of the recommended practices, they must pay the first \$100 of project costs. Once the initial homeowner cost share has been paid, an additional \$400 of grant funding is available to complete the project. Prices for the BMPs have already been approved by Frederick County through a competitive bidding process. Homeowners will be surprised how far the \$500 of project money will stretch to plant trees, do conservation landscaping or install rain barrels. All practices are completely installed by the contractor, so all that the homeowner needs to do is look out the window and appreciate them!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### August 18

5:30 - 7:00 AM - Morning Lap Swim at Harris Street Pool  
10:30 AM - 12 noon - Fantastic Foam Day at Natelli Community Center

### August 19

1:30 PM - Design Review Committee Meeting

### August 20

5:30 - 7:00 AM - Morning Lap Swim at Harris Street Pool

### August 21

6:00 PM - End of Summer Pool Bash at Shafer's Mill Recreation Center

### August 24

7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting

### August 25

6:30 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? CONTACT US

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**JUST A REMINDER:** Distracted driving is dangerous driving. Please don't text/call while driving through our neighborhoods. Also, please be aware of children playing.

## COMMUNITY SCOOP

### Call for Candidates

Three seats on the VOU Board of Directors are expiring this year. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please email [manager@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:manager@villagesofurbana.net) for information on being a candidate in this year's election. **Deadline is September 18.**

### Urbana Cub Scouts

Is your son entering first through fifth grade this fall? Perhaps he's interested in joining Cub Scouts.

Urbana Cub Scouts Pack 796 invites you to a picnic from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 30 at Urbana District Park (Shelter 3) to learn more about the program and meet other Scouting families.

Learn more about the pack at Urbana Cub Scouts Pack 796 or email: [CubScoutsPack796@gmail.com](mailto:CubScoutsPack796@gmail.com).

### 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

# Fantastic Foam Day

August 18, 2015

10:30 AM to 12 noon

**Natelli Community Center**  
**9023 Harris Street**

Join us for a fun craft day, using foam letters and shapes. We'll be creating posters, cards, and other fun items.

End of Summer

# BASH

August 21  
6 PM

Shafer's Mill Recreation Center

Come celebrate the last weekend of summer. Open to all VOU residents and their guests (with pool guest pass).

RSVP to [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net)