



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/December 2, 2013

## News You Can Use

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings to be held this week at the Natelli Community Center:

Monday, December 2—Design Review, 7:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, December 16—Finance, 7 PM

Tuesday, December 17—Board of Directors, 6:30 PM

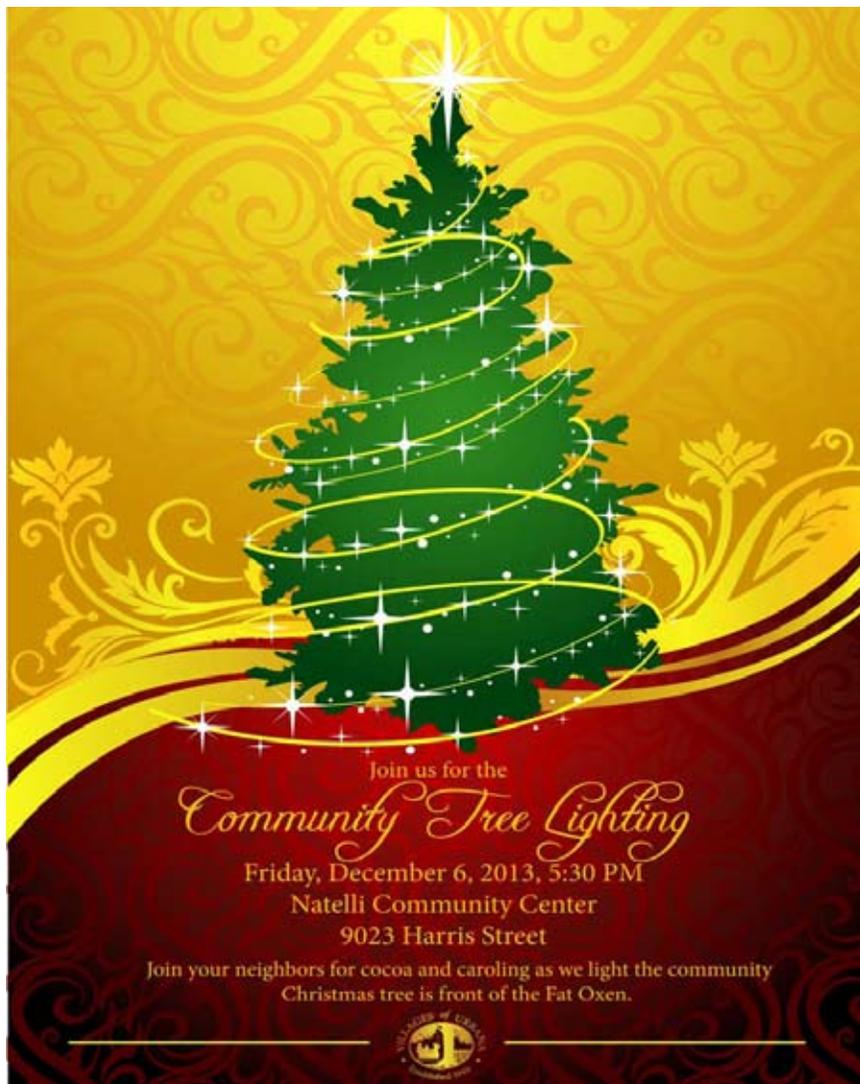
### Parking in Assigned Spaces

With the holidays approaching, residents are reminded to park only in their assigned spots or those unnumbered spaces, designated for visitors. Please be considerate of your neighbors by informing your holiday guests

### Leaf Removal

Residents are reminded that leaves are removed from the townhouse areas by VOU, but residents of single family homes should package

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## Policy Changes Approved by VOU

At its November meeting, the VOU Board approved changes to several policies. The Books and Records Policy was updated to reflect procedures for responding to requests for electronic documents. The VOU Board also approved a modification to the code regarding vehicles that will permit members to park vehicles with up to six (6) square feet of commercial writing on their vehicles. The draft policies have been posted on the web site for several months for resident comment. Finally, the Board eliminated the requirement that members must register their satellite dishes. Satellite dishes must still be installed in compliance with community guidelines, but they need no longer be registered. More information will be posted on the web site.

### Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

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their leaves for removal by the yard waste recycling contractor.

### Crime Statistics in the VOU

At the 2013 Annual Meeting, Frederick County Sheriff Jenkins distributed important information about crime in the Villages of Urbana. Statistics and a map are available on the website, under Message Board/News>Neighborhood Watch>Urbana Area Crime Rates 2012-2013.

### Yoga Classes

Yoga with Stacy Mallow will continue in the new year with sessions at 9 am on Friday mornings at the Natelli Community Center. The Sunday evening sessions have been switched to Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at the Shafer's Mill Community Center.

### Infant Massage at the VOU!

January 14 and 21, from 10 AM to 11 AM at the Shafer's Mill Recreation Center. Parents and babies share the many benefits of infant massage. Bring a blanket and your child, ages 2 to 12 months. Two part class, space is limited. Registration is required by January 12. To register, or to get more information, contact Darlene at 301-865-6989 or 910-546-1401.

### 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

All VOU Elementary School Children, Ages 6-12 are invited to a

## Cookies and Crafts

When: Wednesday, December 18, 7-9 PM

Where: Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street

Join us for Cocoa,  
Cookies, and Crafts Galore

Please RSVP to vouadmin@casinc.biz by Dec. 13



## 20 VOU Families Benefited from Solarize Frederick County

Solarize Frederick County wrapped-up in September with a total of 66 contracts for solar electric systems and 12 contracts for solar hot water systems. The Villages of Urbana (VOU) was one of two communities targeted for special outreach for this volume purchase program that also included special Solarize incentive grants. Twenty solar electric systems, 30% of all the Solarize electric contracts county-wide, will be installed in VOU. Collectively, these homeowners will be installing 140 kilowatts of solar energy.

All of the households took advantage of the nearly 24% discount due to the high kilowatt volume purchase with the installer, Astrum Solar. Sixteen of the 20 households were able to take advantage of special \$2,000 or \$2,500 Solarize incentive grants. These incentives are in addition to the \$1,000 Maryland state grant and the 30% federal tax credit for solar energy systems.

Participating households shared their excitement, pride, and the many benefits of the program and their systems through photos and testimonials which can be viewed at <http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/index.aspx?NID=5518>. For example, resident Steve Malko shared this testimonial:

"We had our solar panels installed in August. We have already seen a huge reduction in our electric bill. One of the motivating factors in having the panels installed was to help offset the amount of energy a family of 5 can use. It can be challenging with 3 young boys. However with the various projects we have done while being a part of the Green Homes Challenge, my boys have seen the type of work that can be done to help reduce their carbon footprint. They have witnessed the work being done and have come away with a sense of what it takes to help care for the environment in which they live. Between the monetary savings and knowing that we are helping the planet, we are very grateful for all the programs that Frederick County has offered."

