



VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/ December 5, 2011

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Comment Period for Design Guidelines Modification

As a reminder, the comment period for the Design Guidelines modification for yard ornaments (detailed in the Nov. 28 newsletter) remains open until January 5, 2012. If you'd like to submit a comment about the change, please contact the Management office.

Fitness Center Key Fobs

In response to popular demand, a second key fob will be made available per household. The charge will be \$20 per key fob, payable by check. Checks should be made out to Villages of Urbana.

If you have not picked up your Fitness Center key fob, fobs may be picked up at the Shafer's Mill Community Center from 1-4 PM weekdays.

Occasional evening hours are available; during December, the Shafer's Mill office will be open the following hours in addition to business hours:

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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
Office Hours: 10 AM- 4 PM
General Manager: Aimee Winegar
Asst. Manager: Elizabeth Jenkins

Santa is Coming to VOU

Santa has graciously agreed to come visit with VOU residents twice this holiday season.

December 9, 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Natelli Community Center. Bring your camera and your kids and take photos with Santa in front of the beautifully decorated tree.

December 11, 7 to 8 PM at the Shafer's Mill Community Center. Santa will be attending the Songs of the Season event sponsored by the Social Committee. Come meet Santa and have fun caroling with friends and neighbors.



Need a setting for great holiday photos? Come in any weekday to the Natelli Community Center between 10 AM and 4 PM to take photos in front of our gorgeous tree.



Last week to enter the VOU Holiday Lights Contest!

Deadline extended! Enter online at UrbanaMaryland.com/holidaylights by December 9. All homes entered will have the option of being included in the Villages of Urbana Holiday Light Tour that will be listed on UrbanaMaryland.com. The houses will be judged between December 10 to 14. Be sure to keep your lights on all nights. Winners will be announced online December 17.

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December 6, to 6:30 PM

December 7, to 6:30 PM

The Shafer's Mill office will be open on Saturday, December 10 and December 17 from 8 AM to 12 noon.

Cell Phone Drive

Ryan Mogel, a VOU resident, will be hosting a cellphone drive to benefit the Heartly House in Frederick. Heartly House serves Frederick County residents who have been impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Please bring your used cell phones to the Shafer's Mill Community Center on Saturday, December 17 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM.

Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Please note that trash pick-up will be collected on your usual day during the week of Christmas and New Years. There will be no changes to the trash removal schedule due to the holidays.

Management Office Closings

The on-site community management offices will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2011 in observance of Christmas and New Years Day.

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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

Board of Directors requests Design Review Committee to consider guidelines related to groundcover and edgers

At its regular meeting, November 29, 2011, the VOU Board of Directors received several resident petitions related to groundcover and mulch color, as well as an appeal related to the use of decorative stone for groundcover. In response, the Board requested that the DRC consider the current guidelines related to groundcover and edgers, potentially to include scalloped edgers and groundcovers other than brown or black mulch. Specifically, the following questions are to be considered:

- Should red mulch be approved as a mulch color?
- Should scalloped or other decoratively shaped edgers be permitted?
- Should river rock or gravel be considered in yards as an alternative to mulch?

The Design Review Committee will be kicking off the discussion at its December 6 meeting. Residents who would like to submit comments are invited to do so throughout December and January. The DRC will also be reviewing the design guidelines in place in comparable communities which may be considered as examples, as well. At present, the design philosophy in VOU is aimed at highlighting the homes and plantings—red mulch and decorative edgers are prohibited because they can be seen as competing with the architecture and landscaping plants. Brown and black mulch and low edgers which tend to visually blend with the landscaping are permitted. The widespread use of stones in planter beds is also prohibited.

Your input is important! Please contact the community management office by email (vouadmin@casinc.biz) or in a short note to convey your opinion to the Design Review Committee.



The Villages of Urbana Social Committee invites you to

Songs of the Season

Sunday, December 11, 7 PM
Shafer's Mill Community Center
9228 Shafer's Mill Drive

Spread a little holiday cheer as you join with friends and neighbors in singing songs of the season.
Refreshments will be served.

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Meeting Schedule

Week of December 5:

Design Review Committee,
December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the
Natelli Community Center, 9023
Harris Street

CANCELED -- Pools and Outdoor
Recreation Committee, December
7. January meeting date TBD.

Week of December 12:

Board of Directors Conference Call,
December 14, 11:00 AM.

Yard Waste Recycling to be Continued

Good news! We have negotiated
with Key Sanitation to extend the
yard waste collection through
the month of January, 2012. Yard
waste/leaf collection will also be
collected with Christmas tree pick-
up during the month of January.

Natural Christmas trees will be
collected from the curb in front of
your house beginning the week
after Christmas and continuing
throughout January. Please remove
all decorations, lights and stands.
There is no additional charge for
this service.



1st Overall Female 5K - Jacqueline Kascie

VOU Turkey Trot a Great Success



The VOU Turkey Trot held on Thanksgiving Day was a huge success, raising over \$1000 and 2 large, overflowing bins of food for the Greater Urbana Area Food Bank. Thanks to all for participating.

Turkey Trot Results

Nathan Davis, 19:08, 1st Overall Male 5K
Matt Leizear, 19:57, 2nd Overall Male 5K
Will Fortier, 21:29, 3rd Overall Male 5K
Jacqueline Kascie, 22:42, 1st Overall Female 5K
Emily Baba, 23:09, 2nd Overall Female 5K
Maggie Kemp, 23:24, 3rd Overall Female 5K
Wayne Bergstrom, 27:40, 1st Male 50+ 5K
Gloria Dunham, 33:09, 1st Female 50+ 5K
Brett Wilcom, 28:18, 1st Male 11-14 5K
Maddie Abel, 24:39, 1st Female 11-14 5K
Andrew Jannes, 25:11, 1st Male Under 11 5K
Sara Jarman, 29:05, 1st Female Under 11 5K
Team Wilcom, 1st Team 5K
Joseph Harvey, 9:09, 1st Male 11-14 2K
Maddie Harrington, 10:09, 1st Female 11-14 2K
Bryce Patterson, 10:22, 1st Male 8-10 2K
Katie Desotell, 9:03, 1st Female 8-10 2K
Grant Fisher, 10:38, 1st Male Under 8 2K
Kaitlin Gould, 15:05, 1st Female Under 8 2K

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