



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/February 20 2017

## You May Need to Replace Your Smoke Detectors

If your house is 10 or more years old you may not recall having heard one of your “hard wired” smoke detectors “chirping,” reminding you to change a battery. The reason may well be that the detector “died.” Installing a new battery won’t revive it. The life of these older smoke detectors is 10 years or less, and should be replaced.

Most likely, all of the builder-installed smoke detectors in VOU homes 10 years or older, are “hard wired,” interconnected, and with battery backup. Interconnection assures that if one goes off because of smoke or fire, all issue a loud audible noise. If the 120 volt power fails, the detectors receive power from the backup batteries.

Maryland recently passed a law setting new conditions for smoke alarms and you might wish to do a computer search on “Maryland revised smoke detector requirements.” Among the changes are that after 2018, smoke detectors must have 10-year long life batteries. Detectors that use replaceable 9-volt batteries will no longer be permitted. There are some other requirements, including that, if a property is leased or rented, and occupants change, detectors must be changed.

Carbon monoxide detectors are also desirable on each level of a home. They are available as “stand alone” versions as well in combination with smoke detecting capability.

In buying new smoke detectors the minimum qualifications include:

- Long life 10-year lithium backup battery powered
- Suitable for “hard wiring”
- Suitable for interconnection- so that all detectors in the home sound at the same time if actuated by a smoke or fire event
- Including a “Hush-Button” feature-that stops the alarm noise if it was triggered by a transient smoke event.

Changing old detectors can be done by some “do-it-yourselfers, but most people may have the work done by an electrician.

There are 2 sensing techniques used for detecting smoke or fire: photoelectric and ionization. The back of the detector should indicate which technique it uses. Units that use the photoelectric technique may be discarded in the trash. Ones using the ionization technique contain a radioactive component and must be disposed of by returning them to the manufacture or by taking them to a semi-annual county hazardous waste disposal event.

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

### February 20

Management Office Closed for Presidents Day. No change to trash schedule.

### February 21

10:00-11:30 AM - Let's Play Event

### February 27

7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting

### February 28

6:30 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

### March 8

7:00 PM - Covenants Committee Meeting

### March 10

4:00-6:00 PM - High Sierra Pools Interview Day

### March 15

10:00-11:30 AM - Winter Wiggles for Preschoolers  
1:30 PM - Design Review Committee Meeting

### March 20

7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting

## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? CONTACT US

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Office Hours: 10 AM- 4 PM

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Assistant Managers: Stephanie

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**JUST A REMINDER:** Please remember that it is the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their pets. Dog waste boxes have been installed throughout the community for your use. Please use them. Failure to clean up after your pet is a violation of both community association rules and Frederick County law.

## COMMUNITY SCOOP

### Soccer Bugs Urbana

Classes are held at the field at the intersection of Beall's Farm Road and Lew Wallace. Please park courteously on Lew Wallace. To register visit [http://mysoccerbugs.com/Main/SoccerBugs\\_Urbana.html](http://mysoccerbugs.com/Main/SoccerBugs_Urbana.html). Classes will run April 15 - June 3; 8 weeks, \$108 per child.

### Spring Fling

The Annual Spring Fling will be held Saturday, May 13 from 1-4 PM. This is a free event, featuring fun for the whole family. We are currently seeking vendors for the vendor mall—please email [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net) for an application.

### YMCA Community Kick Off Party

YOU'RE INVITED --7 PM, Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department, 3602 Urbana Pike, Frederick MD 21704

Beer, Wine, & Hors D'oeuvres provided.

Let Us Know You Are Coming!  
[rsnyder@frederickymca.org](mailto:rsnyder@frederickymca.org) or  
301-663-5131 x 1239.

#### 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

## Swim and Tennis Lessons in the VOU

The Pool & Recreation Committee has announced that Liz Salaverri, Carly Hollingshead, Shannon Vetter, and Elizabeth Lebherz will be teaching group and private swim lessons at the Villages of Urbana Pool. Lessons will begin after Memorial Day weekend and will continue through August for VOU residents. The aquatic team will release the swim lesson schedule on Monday, April 17th and will begin swim lesson registration. The schedule is available on the community webpage for VOU residents to access.

ITC Tennis will again be offering tennis lessons, clinics, and camps for VOU residents. Summer tennis camps are for ages 4-13 years. They run for 10 weeks, from June 13 to September 1. Private and group lessons are also available. For additional info, please visit the VOU webpage>Activities>Tennis, or contact ITC Tennis at Email @ [itc-tennis@comcast.net](mailto:itc-tennis@comcast.net); Phone: 301.748.2311; Website: <http://itc-tennis.wixsite.com/itc-tennis-frederick>; Like us on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/itctennisfrederick>.

VOU kids, grades K-8 are invited to

# Let's Play!

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

10 to 11:30 AM

Natelli Community Center

9023 Harris Street

Come enjoy the cozy space of the Natelli Community Center. Bring your favorite board or card game. Invite your friends for a meet up. We will provide a snack and drinks.

RSVP to [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net) by Feb. 17

# Beer & BINGO

Saturday, April 1, 2017  
7-9:00 PM

Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street  
Beer, Snacks, Bingo, Prizes

Are you a Fool for Bingo? Open to all VOU Residents over 21

RSVP to [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net) by March 27