



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/February 3, 2014

## News You Can Use

### Urbana Skate Park Fundraiser

An online fundraiser for the Urbana Skate Park is being held from February 3-6. Visit [www.fundsforcauses.com](http://www.fundsforcauses.com) for more information.

### Meeting Schedule

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

Wednesday, February 5—Design Review, 2:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 12—Covenants, 7 PM

### Management Office Open After Hours

For those who cannot come to the management office during regular business hours, the office will be open on Saturday, February 8 for all services from 9 AM to noon.

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### Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

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## Winter Weather Reminders

If you live in a single family home, please remember that you are responsible for clearing the sidewalks around your home.

Freezing weather can damage pipes, and burst water pipes cause a tremendous amount of damage. According to The Weather Channel: Surprisingly, ice forming in a pipe does not typically cause a break where the ice blockage occurs. It's not the radial expansion of ice against the wall of the pipe that causes the break. Rather, following a complete ice blockage in a pipe, continued freezing and expansion inside the pipe causes water pressure to increase downstream—between the ice blockage and a closed faucet at the end. It's this increase in water pressure that leads to pipe failure. Usually the pipe bursts where little or no ice has formed. Upstream from the ice blockage the water can always retreat back towards its source, so there is no pressure build-up to cause a break. Water has to freeze for ice blockages to occur. Pipes that are adequately protected along their entire length by placement within the building's insulation, insulation on the pipe itself, or heating, are safe.



### Letting the Water Run

Letting a faucet drip during extreme cold weather can prevent a pipe from bursting. It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, but water can freeze even with a slow flow. Rather, opening a faucet will provide relief from the excessive pressure that builds between the faucet and the ice blockage when freezing occurs. If there is no excessive water pressure, there is no burst pipe, even if the water inside the pipe freezes.

A dripping faucet wastes some water, so only pipes vulnerable to freezing (ones that run through an unheated or unprotected space) should be left with the water flowing. The drip can be very slight. Even the slowest drip at normal pressure will provide pressure relief when needed. Where both hot and cold lines serve a spigot, make sure each one contributes to the drip, since both are subjected to freezing. If the dripping stops, leave the faucet(s) open, since a pipe may have frozen and will still need pressure relief.

### If You Suspect a Frozen Pipe

If you open a faucet and no water comes out, don't take any chances. Call a plumber. If a water pipe bursts, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve (usually at the water meter or where the main line enters the house); leave the faucet(s) open until repairs are completed. Don't try to thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame; as this will damage the pipe and may even start a building fire. Don't use electrical appliances while standing in water; you could get electrocuted.

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### Fire Hydrants

As a public service, residents with fire hydrants on their property should clear snow from around them. This will allow firemen easier access in the case of emergency.

### Renew Your VOU Membership Pass

Membership Passes must be renewed every year! There is no charge for renewal and you do not need to come into the office. Just complete the form on line at [www.villagesofurbana.net](http://www.villagesofurbana.net) under Resources. All passes expire annually in May unless they are renewed. Contact [manager@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:manager@villagesofurbana.net) or by phone at 301-831-4810/301-874-0487.

### Lifeguard Jobs Available

High Sierra Pools is now hiring lifeguards for the upcoming summer season. They will be holding an interview day on Friday, March 14, between 4-6 PM at the Natelli Community Center. Interested applicants can apply online at [www.highsierrapools.com](http://www.highsierrapools.com) or contact a recruiter at 703-920-1750 x205.

### Management Office Closed for Presidents' Day Holiday

The Management Office will be closed Monday, February 17.

#### 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

# Kids Crafternoon

When: Friday, February 14, 2:30 to 4 PM

Where: Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street

**Join us for Cookies, Fun,  
and Crafts Galore**



## Wine Tasting and Social

March 15, 2014  
7-9 PM

Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street

Please join us for the Spring Wine Tasting event at the Villages of Urbana. We will have a nice selection of wines and light appetizers. This event is for adult residents of VOU that are 21 and older and is free of charge. Representatives from Franklin Liquors will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the wines. There is no charge for the event, but RSVPs are required by March 9. Email your name, address and number attending to [vouadmin@casinc.biz](mailto:vouadmin@casinc.biz).

THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULT RESIDENTS OF VOU ONLY

St. Paddy's Day

# FAMILY GAME NIGHT

March 17, 2014  
7 to 9 PM

Natelli Community Center  
9023 Harris Street

**FOOD AND FAMILY FUN**

