



# VOU News for You

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## News You Can Use

### Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Christmas trees and yard waste will be picked up every week through the month of January on your regular yard waste pick-up day.

### Management Office Closings

The on-site management offices will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and on February 20 for Presidents' Day.

### Comment Period for Design Guidelines Modification

The comment period for the Design Guidelines modification for groundcover guidelines (detailed in the Dec. 5 and 12 newsletters) has been extended until January 20, 2012. If you'd like to submit a comment about the proposed changes, please contact the Management office.

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### Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

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## Frederick County Announces New Alert System

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners has announced a new and improved way for residents to receive messages directly from public safety officials. The Frederick County Division of Emergency Management (DEM) will officially launch *ALERT Frederick County* on January 17, 2012, to allow government officials to send emergency messages to residents by telephone, e-mail, text message and other methods of communication.

Messages may be targeted to internal groups of first responders, elected officials, government agencies and emergency organizations. Emergency management and public safety officials will be able to send fast and efficient mass notifications regardless of physical location. Officials will also be able to target messages to



registered residents within a specific area, notifying only those who are directly impacted.

Emergency messages will contain only vital information such as flash flood warnings, Amber Alerts, the status of county government, road closures and other notices.

Residents may get more information and register for *ALERT Frederick County* by visiting [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ALERT).



## Valentines Party

Saturday, February 11, 2012

2-4 PM

Natelli Community Center

9023 Harris Street

Free Event open to all Villages of Urbana residents ages 3-12 and their parents.  
Please RSVP to [vouadmin@casinc.biz](mailto:vouadmin@casinc.biz)  
by February 5.



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### VOU Snow Plan on Website

A detailed snow plan for VOU can be found on the website at [www.villagesofurbana.net/announcements](http://www.villagesofurbana.net/announcements). By clicking on your street, you can find the plan for snow and ice treatment for your area.

### Fitness Center Key Fobs

Beginning January 17, key fobs may be picked up at the Shafer's Mill Recreation Center from 1-4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Fobs can also be picked up after hours on the following days:

Monday, Jan. 23, 4-6 PM  
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 4-6 PM  
Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 AM-12 PM

If you've already sent in a waiver form, your key fob is ready for pick-up. Additionally pick-up times can be scheduled by calling the Management Office.

### Meeting Schedule

Week of Jan. 9:

Grounds Committee--Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 PM at the Natelli Community Center.

Covenants Committee--Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 7 PM at the Natelli Community Center.

### 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

## Neighborhood Watch Meetings Held

During the first week of January, the Villages of Urbana hosted two community meetings to discuss safety, security, and policing in VOU. Many thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to Kelly, the Villages of Urbana Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for her time and effort in organizing the meetings. A third meeting is being scheduled for late February.

If you are interested in joining Neighborhood Watch, please email [vouwatch@hotmail.com](mailto:vouwatch@hotmail.com). VOU's Neighborhood Watch does not assume the role of the police. Their duty is to ask neighbors to be alert, observant, and caring, and to report suspicious activity or crimes immediately to the police. If you see or hear of suspicious activity report it to the Frederick County Sheriff's Department at 301-600-2071.



**So You Think You Can Paint? Contest**

The Villages of Urbana Pool and Outdoor Recreation Committee is sponsoring an art contest to enhance the ambience of the entrance way to the Harris Street pool, through the locker rooms.

**Details**

- Submit a colored drawing / painting of a mural that can be replicated on the pool bathhouse indoor wall.
- Submission should be on a poster board at least 11" x 14", no bigger than 24" x 36".
- The wall space for the mural is approximately 8' x 11' on concrete block.
- Submissions will be judged on creativity, use of color, appropriateness, artistic ability and VOU community spirit.
- Submit your drawing to the VOU on-site office at 9023 Harris Street by March 23, 2012.
- Submissions should include the artist's name, age, and contact information, as well as any experience painting murals.
- All Villages of Urbana residents are eligible to enter. Those under 18 must have parental consent to enter contest.
- The winner must be available to paint the mural at the Harris Street pool between April 2 and May 15.
- Any questions? Please contact VOU on-site office at (301) 831-4810 or email [vouadmin@casinc.biz](mailto:vouadmin@casinc.biz).

## Middle School Traffic Meeting

The Board of Education is holding a meeting at Urbana Middle School, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7 PM to discuss the traffic situation at the intersection of Route 80 and Pontius Court.

As a reminder, FCDOT has ordered a No Parking Zone on the east-bound side of Singleton Drive as part of a larger school safety program. The signs were installed by FCDOT. At the same time, please note that parking for pickup or drop-off is prohibited on both Caldwell Place and Winthrop Lane. Please be courteous—do not double park behind parked cars and do not use reserved parking spaces while waiting for children.