



VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/January 13, 2014

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Office Closed MLK Day

The Management Office will be closed Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen Tuesday, January 21 at 10 AM. There is no change to the trash pick-up schedule on January 20.

Christmas Tree Pickup

You may leave undecorated Christmas trees at the curb for removal on your regular yard waste recycling day. Please, no wires, no metal, no plastic.

Holiday Decorations

Just a quick reminder that all exterior Christmas decorations must be removed by January 31.

Dogs and Cold Weather

During cold weather, it is more important than ever that pet owners clean up after their pets. Dog waste left in snow piles becomes a nasty mess when the snow melts. Please remember that your dog's waste is your

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Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

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Winter Reminders

While no snow is in this week's forecast, here are a few tips for making sure you and your home are safe in this cold winter weather, with appreciation to FEMA for the information:

Furnaces

- Have your furnace inspected annually to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line if you have a chimney. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation may be needed.
- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported, free of holes and cracks? Soot around seams may indicate a leak.
- Keep trash and flammable items away from the heating system.

Fireplaces

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and away from the house.
- If you use an electric space heater, do not overload the circuit. Only use extension cords that have the necessary rating to carry the load. FEMA TIP: Choose an extension cord that is the same size as or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- Do not use space heaters in bathrooms or areas where they could come in contact with water.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please check it during storms to make sure it is visible to the fire department during snow, and clear snow piles from around it.
- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm.

Parking

Please use your garage and driveway, if you have them, for parking. During snow storms, all Frederick County roads (with green street signs) are considered snow emergency routes, and parking along those roads is discouraged. On community roads (with white street signs) please park in designated parking spaces only. Please respect the reserved parking designations and park only in those spaces assigned to your home.



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responsibility. Residents who do not clean up after their pets will be cited and become subject to fines.

Meeting Schedule

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

Monday, January 13—Grounds, 7 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, January 27—Finance, 7 PM

Tuesday, January 28—Board of Directors, 6:30 PM

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 under Resources. All passes expire annually in May unless they are renewed. Paper copies of the renewal form are available at the management office or can be mailed to you upon request. Contact the manager at manager@villagesofurbana.net or by phone at 301-831-4810/301-874-0487.

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

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.

THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULT RESIDENTS OF VOU ONLY

VOU Street Tree Pruning

The Villages of Urbana performs extensive tree pruning in each neighborhood on a 3- to 5-year cycle. In 2014, pruning is scheduled for Bear Branch, Granary, Spring House, and Stauffer Bridge. The work is being performed by licensed arborists and tree experts. Work is scheduled to begin in Bear Branch (Kendall, Spicebush, Triton, Sweet Briar) on or about January 2, weather permitting. Ash trees will not be pruned at this time, as they are scheduled to be replaced over the next three years. If you have any questions about this work, please contact the community manager at manager@villagesofurbana.net.

