



VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/ January 17, 2011

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 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.

VOU Snow Plan on Website

A detailed snow plan for VOU can be found on the website

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Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

On-site Office: 9023 Harris St.
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Frederick County Recycling News

It has been reported that the Frederick County recycling contractor did not collect recycling from all planned streets on the regular recycling day last week. The office has contacted the contractor and requested that they return to clean up spilled and blown recyclables. If your recycling was missed, please call 301-694-6498 for information about when the truck will be returning to your area and to report areas that need cleanup.

Frederick County has a great website focused on what you can and cannot recycle: http://www.learnmorerecyclebetter.org/faqs#recycling_basics. Under the heading, "What are some of the craziest things someone has tried to recycle?" it says:

"Believe us, we've seen it all. While there is a loooooong list of "yeps" in our recycling program, there are also a lot of things you should NOT recycle. Everyday stuff like potato chip bags and Styrofoam and then of course the off-the-wall stuff like garden gnomes, boom boxes, shag carpets and last night's leftovers... you name it. Remember: when in doubt, throw it out! But really, there is so much you CAN recycle!

Putting the wrong kinds of things in your cart hurts the recycling program's efficiency and overall value. While we might wish more things were recyclable, some things just are not. Maybe there is no market to sell them to. Or maybe the technology to process the materials just doesn't exist yet. Or maybe they've just reached the end of their usefulness. When you're not sure if something is recyclable or not, the bottom line is: when in doubt, please throw it out with your regular trash."

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
by February 5.

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at 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. 16:
Social Committee--Thursday,
Jan. 19 at 7:00 PM at the Natelli
Community Center.

Week of Jan. 23:
Finance Committee--Monday,
Jan. 23 at 7:00 PM at the Natelli
Community Center.

Board of Directors Meeting--
Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 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

Tips For Being a Good Neighbor

By H. Jackson Brown, Jr., author of *Life's Little Instruction Book*

1. Curb thy dog.
2. Keep televisions and music at reasonable volumes.
3. Park in your own space(s).
4. Don't be a six-car family.
5. Take care of your property.
6. Help with Neighborhood Watch.
7. Walk softly.
8. Share a smile with a neighbor.
9. Offer to lend a hand.
10. Welcome new neighbors into the community.
11. Nurture relationships
12. Talk about problems. Direct conversation is more effective than sending a letter or banging on a wall.



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.

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.