



VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/January 26, 2015

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Public Meeting Scheduled

Centerville ES in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office, FCPS, and County Roads is holding a community meeting at the school on February 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM to address the traffic issues around the school at dismissal. All residents are invited to attend.

Snow Plan

The Villages of Urbana has a detailed snow plan. To view it, please visit the website homepage. Please remember that streets with green street signs are county roads and are cleared by Frederick County. To contact Frederick County Highway Operations, please call 301-600-1564. Streets with white street signs are plowed by the Association's contractor. For more information, call the management office at 301-831-4810.

Grounds Update

Over the next few weeks, approximately 80 street trees in poor condition are being
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Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

On-site Office: 9023 Harris St.
Frederick, MD 21704
Phone: 301-831-4810
Fax: 301-831-4811
Email: services@villagesofurbana.net
Office Hours: 10 AM- 4 PM
General Manager: Aimee Winegar
Resident Services: Tammy MacLaren

Unauthorized Vehicles on Snowy Sidewalks

Please note that management staff has received reports of unauthorized vehicles operating on sidewalks and in parking areas, particularly during times of snow. These are primarily ATVs and are primarily driven by what appears to be teenagers. These vehicles are prohibited on parking areas and sidewalks at any time, but in the last few weeks they have been significantly interfering with snow removal operations in the areas of Sugarloaf Parkway, Singleton, Penrose, Shawfield, Sweet Briar, and Triton Lane. The ATVs are either in the way of authorized snow removal operations or they are crushing the snow so that it cannot be shoveled or removed from the sidewalks. This is creating potential hazards. If you have information about the people who are operating the ATVs on community property, please notify community management as soon as possible so that we may follow up by emailing manager@villagesofurbana.net. If your children are operating ATVs in the community, please remind them that ATVs are not permitted anywhere within the boundaries of the Villages of Urbana.



Kids Crafternoon

When: Monday, January 26, 1-2:30 PM

Where: Natelli Community Center
9023 Harris Street

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

Please RSVP to services@villagesofurbana.net

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removed. These will be replaced in the spring. Trees in Old Mill Condominium, Village 10 and Village 6 will be pruned. Certain trees throughout the community are being elevated. Evergreens and shrubs are being trimmed back. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Manager at manager@villagesofurbana.net

Meeting Schedule

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

Monday, January 26—Finance, 7 PM

Tuesday, January 27—Board of Directors, 6:30 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, February 2—Pools and Outdoor Recreation

Wednesday, February 4—Design Review, 1:30 PM

Goodwill Pick-up

Goodwill will be picking up usable household discards on the fourth Sunday morning of each month. This month, the date is January 25, with a rain/snow date of January 27. Just leave usable, good condition discards in plastic bags clearly labeled "Goodwill" at the curb before 9 AM.

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

Pond Safety

The ponds in the Villages of Urbana are beautiful. However, they are not safe places to play ever, and they are particularly treacherous in times of snow and ice. Over the past few days, the management office has been notified of children playing in the ponds with the ice and snow, particularly children of middle school age. If you are a parent of a middle schooler, please take a moment to speak with your child and ask him or her to stay away from the ponds. These are not natural structures -- they are engineered structures with drain pipes and grates and other structures that are often not visible above the water and could cause a child to trip and fall. Children can also damage these structures, leading to significant repair expense for the community. Please speak with your children about staying away from the ponds. If you see children in or near the ponds, please contact the non-emergency police number at 301-600-2071 and a deputy will follow up. Your assistance is appreciated.

Towing Signs to be Installed

Under Maryland law, specific signage is required for the association to enforce its covenants by towing on community-owned and maintained streets. In late 2014, the Board voted to install the required signage so that the VOU could once again begin towing vehicles that are abandoned or otherwise in violation of the covenants. At this time, vehicles cannot be towed from reserved parking spaces. Additionally, under Maryland law, towing must be ordered by an authorized community agent. In this case, authorized agents are management staff and representatives of the Board of Directors. After the signs are installed, towing will begin within several weeks. Please contact the manager at manager@villagesofurbana.net to report abandoned or violating vehicles, or if you have any questions about the signs or state laws.





Neighborhood Green =
Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens,
Tree Plantings,
Conservation Landscaping!



Frederick County's Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources (OSER)'s expanded Neighborhood Green program helps landowners in the Peter Pan Run watershed control stormwater runoff and reduce pollutants from entering our local waterways feeding into the Chesapeake Bay.

Applications are now being taken for Spring 2015 projects!

IF YOUR PROPERTY QUALIFIES, HOMEOWNERS WILL RECEIVE:

- A free site-specific "stormwater audit" for your property, an urban nutrient management plan and a landscape plan with suggestions for management (\$200 value).
- For a small homeowner cost-share of \$100, grant funds originating from outside of the County will provide up to \$400 for practices recommended by the contractor.

WHY PARTICIPATE? Polluted stormwater affects the water that we use for drinking, swimming and fishing, and contributes to stream erosion. Implementing these actions will attract birds and pollinators while beautifying your property! They will also have a beneficial and lasting impact on our stream and watershed health.

 For more information visit: www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/ngreen or call 301.600.7414

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