



VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/January 6, 2014

News You Can Use

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

Private Signs on County Roads

Please note that Frederick County prohibits the placement of private
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Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

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Cold Weather Reminders

Cold weather is here! Protect your home from burst pipes. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces and outside walls are particularly vulnerable to bursting in the winter. Here are some quick tips:

- Know where your main shut-off valve is.
- Wrap exposed pipes with foam rubber sleeves or other insulating materials.
- Open cabinet doors during cold spells so that warm air can circulate around pipes.
- Keep a trickle of water running from faucets that connect to pipes in unheated spaces.
- Check your furniture to make sure that it is not blocking heater vents.

Ice dams are caused when water in your gutters refreezes and seeps under your roof where it can soak interior walls. Check to make sure your gutters are draining properly.

According to Nationwide Insurance, 70% of winter storm deaths are auto-related. Nationwide recommends:

- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Top off antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, gas, oil and other fluids.
- Make sure your tires have enough tread. Consider snow tires.
- Keep bagged salt or sand in the trunk for extra traction and to melt ice.
- Clear snow from the top of the car, headlights and windows.
- Keep in your trunk a cold-weather kit containing a blanket or sleeping bag, gloves, hard candy, bottled water, folding shovel, first aid kit, flashlight and car cell phone charger.



All VOU Elementary School Children, Ages 6-12 are invited to a

Kids Crafternoon

When: Monday, January 13, 2:30 to 4 PM

Where: Natelli Community Center
9023 Harris Street

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

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signs on county roads. These signs are subject to removal without further notice.

Meeting Schedule

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

Monday, January 6—Pools and Outdoor Recreation, 7 PM

Wednesday, January 8—Design Review, 2:30 PM

Wednesday, January 8—Covenants, 7 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, January 13—Grounds, 7 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.

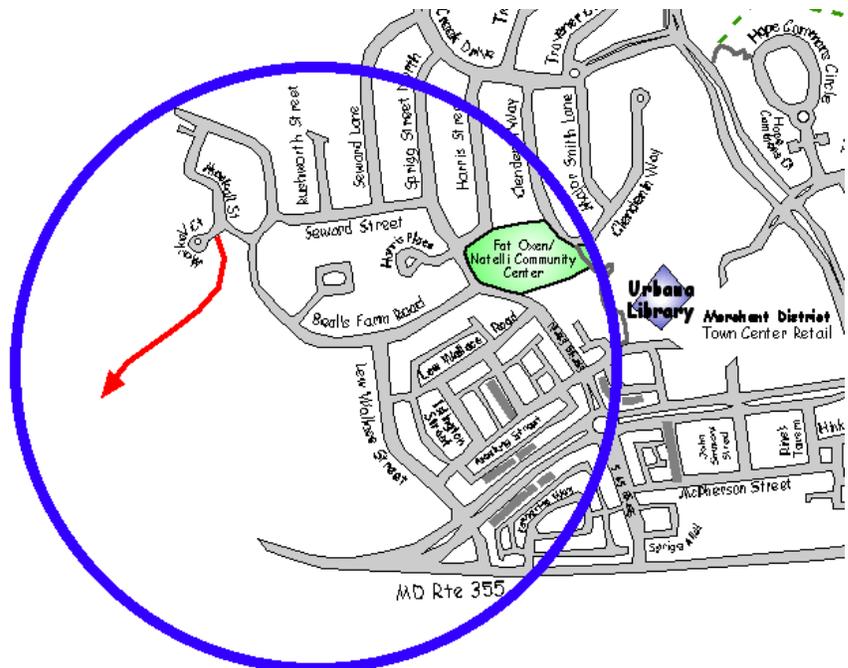
Whom Do You Call?

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

Recent Board Decisions

At its December meeting, the Board of Directors approved a change to the corporate calendar to schedule meetings of the Design Review Committee on Wednesday afternoons. This will make it easier for architects and contractors to attend the meetings. If a resident would like to attend to discuss his or her application, and finds the afternoon time inconvenient, please contact community management to make special arrangements. An updated calendar is available on the web site.

Also at its December meeting, the Board agreed to write to Frederick County expressing support for the completion of a path system connecting the Urbana Regional Park with the existing path from Mackall Court. This work would be done as part of the passive recreation phase of the regional park's improvements, anticipated to be done during the next year or two. If you have questions or comments, please contact the community manager at manager@villagesofurbana.net.



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.

