



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/March 6, 2017

## WE NEED YOU to Help Keep VOU Beautiful



On Thursday, March 2, the winds were high and so was the amount of recycling blowing around the community. Bottles, papers, and boxes are all recyclable—and they were everywhere in the VOU. The staff person hired to clean up streets, greenspaces and ponds was authorized to work extra hours to assist in clean up, but the environment will struggle for weeks after yesterday's wind storm. This was a preventable event.

Please note that recycling is managed by Frederick County (not VOU) and if you have comments, concerns or questions (or complaints) please call the county at 301-600-2960. Here are a few more reminders;

- The area is being inspected on trash and recycling days. Any unsecured or improperly packaged trash and recycling will be cited and, if not corrected, the homeowners will be fined. The fines will be used to offset the additional cost of the cleanups.
- Frederick County suggests that you use painter's tape to tape down the lid of your bin if you have a lidded bin. For unlidded bins, they ask that you not pile materials higher than the top of the bin.
- If you flatten your boxes before putting them in the bin, the bin will hold more and they are less likely to blow away.
- Frederick County has suggested that if the wind is blowing hard on recycling day, do not put out your recycling. If you cannot hold onto your waste as recycling for an extra two weeks, then throw it away as trash. If the materials blow into the environment, they will be thrown away as trash.
- Frederick County has been asked to clean out county storm drains that are filled with recyclables. If they do not, the boxes, bottles, and papers will either flood the street or eventually deteriorate and get into the storm water ponds, where they must be cleaned out at VOU expense. If you see debris in the gutters or storm drains, please clean it up. You are doing the environment a favor.

## MONTH AT A GLANCE

### March 8

7:00 PM - Covenants Committee Meeting

### March 10

4:00-6:00 PM - High Sierra Pools Interview Day

### March 15

10:00-11:30 AM - Winter Wiggles for Preschoolers  
1:30 PM - Design Review Committee Meeting

### March 20

7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting

### March 21

6:30 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

### March 25

11:00 AM - Weed Warriors Meeting

### March 28

7:00 PM - Weed Warriors Meeting

### April 1

7:00-9:00 PM - Beer and Bingo Event

## QUESTIONS? CONCERNS? CONTACT US

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Assistant Managers: Stephanie

Turner and Lydia Gettys

## COMMUNITY SCOOP

### Spring Fling--Save the Date

The Annual Spring Fling will be held Saturday, May 13 from 1-4 PM. This is a free event, featuring fun for the whole family. Residents can start registering for the event by emailing [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net) and/or on the Events tab on the website.

We are currently seeking vendors for the vendor mall—please email [services@villagesofurbana.net](mailto:services@villagesofurbana.net) for an application.

### Winter Wiggles on March 15

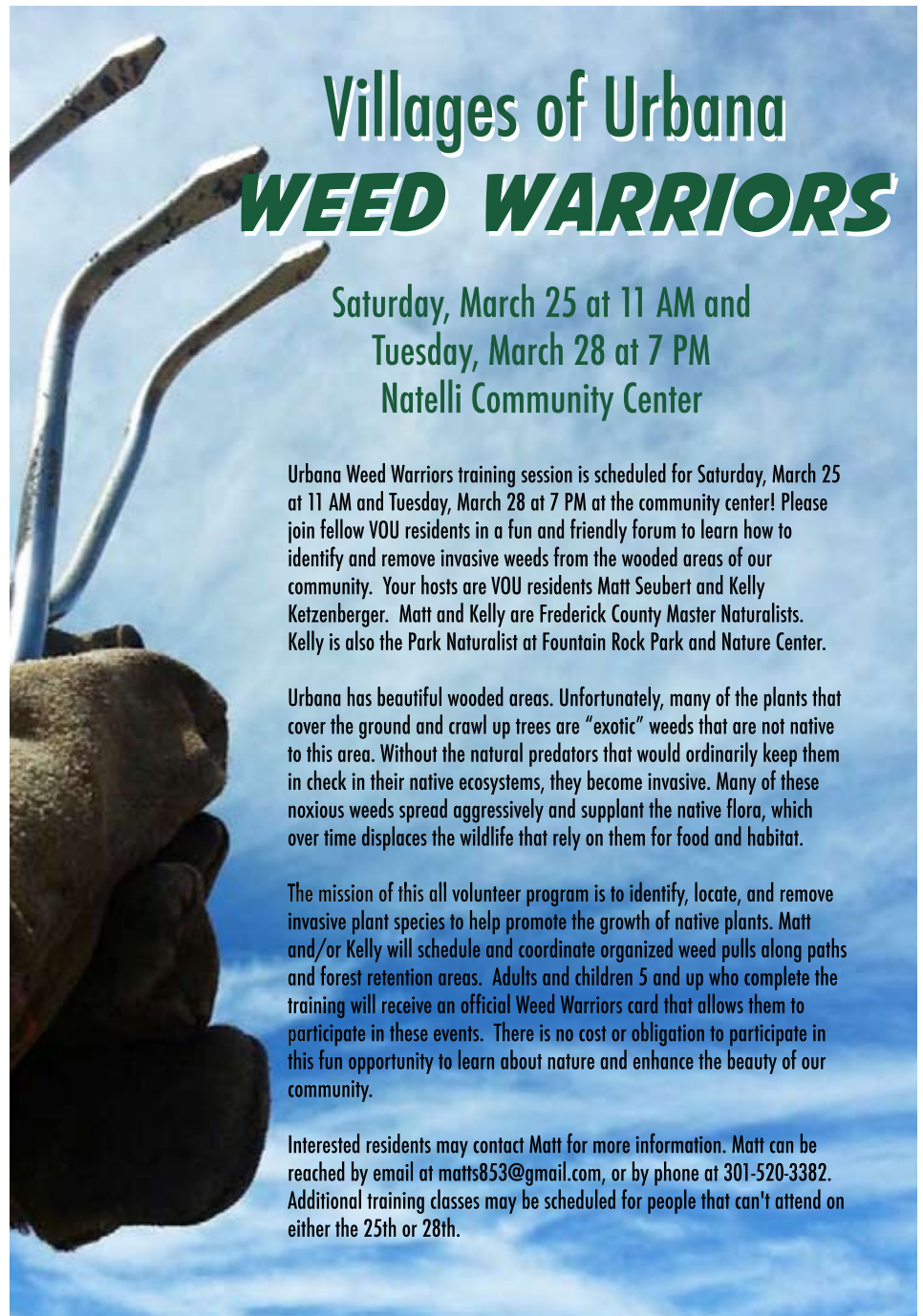
All VOU tots, 4 and under, and their parents are invited to participate in the last Winter Wiggles on March 15 from 10 to 11:30 AM at the Natelli Community Center. Join us for stories, songs, games, and of course, movement.

### Clean Up After Your Pet

Remember that it is the responsibility of dog owners to clean up after their pets. Failure to do so is a violation of both community association rules and Frederick County law.

#### 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



## Villages of Urbana **WEED WARRIORS**

Saturday, March 25 at 11 AM and  
Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM  
Natelli Community Center

Urbana Weed Warriors training session is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 11 AM and Tuesday, March 28 at 7 PM at the community center! Please join fellow VOU residents in a fun and friendly forum to learn how to identify and remove invasive weeds from the wooded areas of our community. Your hosts are VOU residents Matt Seubert and Kelly Ketzenberger. Matt and Kelly are Frederick County Master Naturalists. Kelly is also the Park Naturalist at Fountain Rock Park and Nature Center.

Urbana has beautiful wooded areas. Unfortunately, many of the plants that cover the ground and crawl up trees are "exotic" weeds that are not native to this area. Without the natural predators that would ordinarily keep them in check in their native ecosystems, they become invasive. Many of these noxious weeds spread aggressively and supplant the native flora, which over time displaces the wildlife that rely on them for food and habitat.

The mission of this all volunteer program is to identify, locate, and remove invasive plant species to help promote the growth of native plants. Matt and/or Kelly will schedule and coordinate organized weed pulls along paths and forest retention areas. Adults and children 5 and up who complete the training will receive an official Weed Warriors card that allows them to participate in these events. There is no cost or obligation to participate in this fun opportunity to learn about nature and enhance the beauty of our community.

Interested residents may contact Matt for more information. Matt can be reached by email at [matts853@gmail.com](mailto:matts853@gmail.com), or by phone at 301-520-3382. Additional training classes may be scheduled for people that can't attend on either the 25th or 28th.

### High Sierra Interviews

High Sierra Pools will be holding interviews for those wanting to be life guards and gate guards for the 2017 pools season on Friday, March 10 from 4-6 PM at the Natelli Community Center. Applicants can also apply online at [www.highsierrapools.com](http://www.highsierrapools.com) or by contacting a HSP recruiter at 703-920-1750, ext. 205.

