



# VOU News for You

VOUCA Management Newsletter/ November 28, 2011

## News You Can Use

### Fitness Center Key Fobs

**In response to popular demand, a second key fob will be made available per household. The charge will be \$20 per key fob, payable by check. Checks should be made out to Villages of Urbana.**

If you have not picked up your Fitness Center key fob, fobs can be picked up at the Shafer's Mill Community Center from 1-4 PM weekdays.

Occasional evening hours are available; during November and December, the office will be open the following hours in addition to business hours:

- November 28, to 6:30 p.m.
- November 29, to 6:00 p.m.
- December 6, to 6:30 p.m.
- December 7, to 6:30 p.m.

The office will be open on Saturday, December 10 and December 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

### Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Please note that trash will be the *continued on p. 2*

### Questions? Concerns? Contact Us

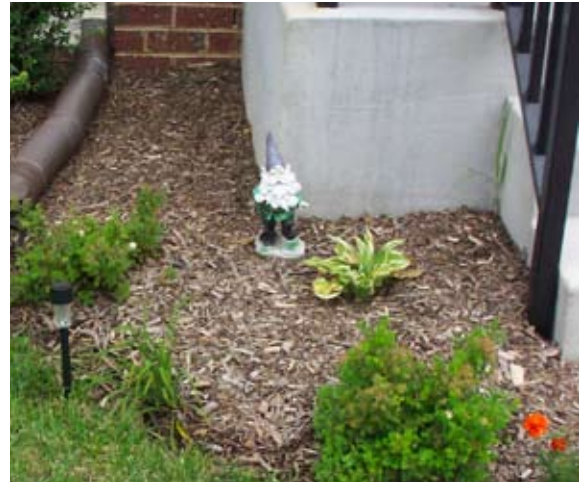
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## VOU Board of Directors Amends Design Guidelines

**A**t its October meeting, the VOU Board of Directors moved to amend the Design Guidelines to permit up to two small yard ornaments in the front yard. The complete guidelines are as follows, with the new text in bold.

### *Yard Structures and Yard Ornaments*

The location of yard structures and ornaments such as, but not limited to, self-standing pergolas and trellises, sculptures and statues, bird houses and baths, water and fire displays, and animal, bird or other types of figurines are restricted to rear yard location within the area bounded by the lines established by the sides of the home. To the greatest practical extent they should be located in rear yards that are not visible from the front of the home. Sculptures and statues whose character/subject may be considered as lewd or otherwise offensive to good taste are prohibited.



In the case of self-standing structures such as pergolas, trellises, water or fire displays, DRC approval is required of all such items which were not a part of the original construction, either as a standard or optional feature. They will be evaluated in terms of their general appropriateness, size location, compatibility with architectural design, and anticipated impact on the adjacent area and surrounding homes. See also the section of these guidelines entitled "Water Displays, Fountains."

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### Have you entered the VOU Holiday Lights Contest?

Enter online at [UrbanaMaryland.com/holidaylights](http://UrbanaMaryland.com/holidaylights) by December 5. All homes entered will have the option of being included in the Villages of Urbana Holiday Light Tour that will be listed on [UrbanaMaryland.com](http://UrbanaMaryland.com). The houses will be judged between December 10 to 14. Be sure to keep your lights on all nights. Winners will be announced online December 17.

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An exception to the prohibition on location of sculptures, statues, and figurines in front yards shall exist in the case of items whose foot print does not exceed one square foot and whose height does not exceed one foot. A maximum of two such items will be permitted in front yards. These items may not be located on turf or lawn areas. They may be placed only in mulched beds or on front porches or steps. Additionally, they must be of a muted color palette consisting of shades of white, gray, black, brown, and earth tones. Sculptures, statues and figurines containing overly bright colors, fluorescent shades or metallic finishes are prohibited.

#### Flags

Displays of ornamental flags are allowed on the front or rear exterior of homes, and do not require DRC approval. The size of such flags shall not exceed four feet by six feet. In addition, they may not: depict a political theme; contain lewd subject matter or that otherwise offensive to good taste; be the flag of a nation other than of the United States.

Flags attached to mail box posts should not interfere with the insertion of mail into boxes by Postal Service staff.

See also the section of these guidelines entitled "Flags and Flagpoles" for additional conditions.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to the conditions described in the section entitled "Holiday and Seasonal Displays."



The Villages of Urbana Social Committee invites you to

# Songs of the Season

Sunday, December 11, 7 PM  
Shafer's Mill Community Center  
9228 Shafer's Mill Drive

Spread a little holiday cheer as you join with friends and neighbors in singing songs of the season.  
Refreshments will be served.

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collected on your usual day during the week of Christmas and New Years. There will be no changes to the trash removal schedule due to the holidays.

### Management Office Closings

The on-site community management office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2011 in observance of Christmas and New Years Day.

### Meeting Schedule

Week of November 28:

Finance Committee, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Natelli Community Center, 9023 Harris Street

VOU Board of Directors, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Natelli Community Center, 9023 Harris Street

Week of December 5:

Design Review Committee, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Natelli Community Center, 9023 Harris Street

Pools and Outdoor Recreation Committee, December 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Natelli Community Center, 9023 Harris Street

### 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