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Helpful Numbers & Email Addresses

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Patriot Disposal

(P) 1-703-257-7100
e-mail: customerservice@patriotdisposalservices.com

Summit Management

(P) 301-495-0146
(F) 301-933-2625
e-mail: accounting@summitmanage.com

Al's Towing and Storage

(P) 703-435-8888

Breezyhill Pool

(P) 703-858-9831

Summerwood Pool

(P) 703-729-9706

Windmill Pool

(P) 703-729-9739
e-mail: pools@afhoa.net

VDOT & State Services

State Highway Info

(P) 800-367-ROAD

Report a Road Condition

my.vdot.virginia.gov

State Police

(P) 800-572-4510

VDOT Snow Removal

(P) 703-383-8368

Ashburn Farm Condos & Apartments

Ashberry Condos

(P) 703-707-6404

Camden Apartments

(P) 703-729-7800

Sanders Mill Condos

(P) 703-385-1133
(FirstServiceResidential)

Westmaren Condos

(P) 703-729-8906
(Laurie O'Donnell)

Ashburn Post Office

(P) 703-406-6291
e-mail: fast@usps.gov

Ashburn Volunteer Fire/Rescue

(P) 703-729-0006

Association Committee Dates 2021:

- **Board of Trustees** meets *the first Tuesday of every month*. The Association sends a reminder via our community notification system of meeting date, a link to meeting agenda, and a link to join the Board meeting remotely.

Meeting dates are as followed:

September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th.

- **ARB (Architectural Review Board)** meets *the second and last Thursday of each month*. Additional information can be found on the Association website in the "For Homeowners" tab, under "Architectural Review Board and Association Standards", located at the top of the page.

Meeting dates are as followed:

August 12th and 26th, September 9th and 30th, October 14th and 28th, November 11th and December 9th.

- **Budget and Finance** meet *the third to last Friday of every month*.

Meeting dates are as followed:

August 20th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th and December TBD.

Please call the office with additional questions at 703-729-6680.

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Yard of the Month



Please give a great big congratulations to the Long family at 20786 Silverthistle Court for taking first place in July's Yard of the Month!

Ashburn Farm homeowners and residents put a lot of time, effort, and money into maintaining their homes and landscaping. It is one of the things those prospective homebuyers notice first when entering Ashburn Farm. This year, we would like to recognize and reward those efforts by identifying a few properties within the community with a, "Yard of the Month" award.

During the months of June through October, the Board of Trustees encourages residents and members of the Association to email pictures of nominees to events@afhoa.net. Please include the property address for each nomination.

Submissions must be received on or before the 15th of each month to give residents time to vote using the online forum. Submissions received after the 15th will be added to the next month's voting list. The link to vote will be available on the Association's temporary website; <http://ashburnfarmassociation.org/>. The HOA membership will have one week to vote, and voting will close on the 22nd of each month.

The selected property will receive a gift card and a yard sign will be placed in the front lawn for the month to

recognize the achievement. A picture of the property will be prominently featured in the monthly 'Across the Fence' newsletter.

All single-family homes and townhomes in good standing are eligible. The winning home will be notified prior to any sign being placed in their yard and to arrange pick-up of the gift card.



Across the Fence

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Editor – Kristen Cornwell

Jeremy Cushman – General Manager

David Tighe – President, Board of Trustees

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DEADLINES:

Display Advertising – 10th of the preceding month

Classified Advertising – 10th of the preceding month

Committee Reports/Community News – 15th of the preceding month

For more information on Advertising Specifications and Guidelines, please see the back pages of the newsletter.

Neither the Ashburn Farm Association, its Members, or the Board of Trustees recommends or endorses any advertiser. The Ashburn Farm Association reserves the right to decline any advertisement for any reason deemed appropriate. Submitted materials are the author's opinion and do not reflect the views of Ashburn Farm Association, its Members, or the Board of Trustees. For the sake of clarity or length, the Editor or General Manager may edit articles.

Ashburn Farm Association Staff

The Association Staff is responsible for enforcing the rules and regulations of the Association. The staff cannot make or change rules nor can they make arbitrary exceptions to existing rules. We are happy to assist you with any questions you may have or provide information. The Association Office is open 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Jeremy Cushman – General Manager

William “Chip” Mathews – Director of Operations

Ronald Moran – Maintenance Assistant

Karen Lowe – Architectural & Covenants Director

Chrissy Gier – Covenants Department Support Staff

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Ashburn Farm Assessments & General Information

Collection Policy

Assessments are due the first day of each month. Any installment of the annual assessment not paid to the Association within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be considered delinquent and a late charge of \$25.00 shall be assessed to the Owner and posted to the Owner's account every thirty (30) days delinquent.

Home Sales

Effective July 1, 1989, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a new law entitled the “Virginia Property Owner's Association Act”. This act required the seller of a home to make certain disclosures to the intended purchaser of their lot. All home sales in Ashburn Farm are subject to the Virginia Property Owner's Association Act. A written request of the Association Disclosure Package and a check in the amount of: \$225.00 for an electronic disclosure (via email) for townhome/single family; \$250.00 for a paper disclosure for townhome/single family; \$100.00 for electronic or paper disclosure for condo; are required to begin processing. A rush fee of \$50.00 may be paid to receive your disclosure within 3 days. Checks should be made payable to the Ashburn Farm Association. A form is available on the website or at the Association office. The completed package will be issued within 14 calendar days to the requesting party or agent. For further information, please contact the Association office.

Further Information

Please feel free to contact Summit Management Services for further information or with any questions you may have about your assessment account.

Summit Management Services, Inc.

www.summitmanage.com

Phone: 301-495-0146

accountsreceivable@summitmanage.com

Ashburn Farm Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is an all-volunteer resident group that is responsible for interpreting the covenants and rules governing Ashburn Farm. Board of Trustees meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Windmill Community Center located on Windmill Drive. All Ashburn Farm homeowners are encouraged to attend.

David Tighe – President

Scott Batchelder – Vice President

Cary Hancock – Secretary

Steve Lubore – Treasurer

Rich Oakley – Trustee

Doug Brewer – Trustee

Mark Fedak – Trustee

Board Briefs



A complete draft of the Board Meeting Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Board Meeting, which are held the first Tuesday of each month. A complete set of minutes is available on the Association's

website, Board of Trustees page:

<https://ashburnfarmassociation.org/board-of-trustees/>.

The following Meeting was held on July 6, 2021. President, Dave Tighe, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board Members provided the following comments:

- **Mr. Batchelder** – Called Patriot because of a broken trash can top; they said it would take one trash cycle to replace/fix it. He put it out on Monday, and they fixed it. No issues.
- **Mr. Tighe** - thanked Mr. Hancock on the work he did on the Personnel Policy Manual, which will be discussed in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tighe asked for a motion to **approve the June 8th, 2021, version 1 meeting minutes as submitted**. Mr. Hancock made the motion; Mr. Oakley seconded. **The motion passed (7/0/0/0)**.

APPEALS TO THE BOARD - None

PUBLIC FORUM –

- **Bill & Kim Fortney** - stated that they have 2 homes and have been living in Ashburn Farm for 29 years; they feel it is a great place to live. Mrs. Fortney spoke about a continued concern about the Association Website; she would like the Board to set a deadline and provide a date when the website will be up and running. She stated that she is willing to help in any way needed. Mr. Cushman asserted that the Association website and its status will be covered in his Manager's Report.
- **Steve Lovejoy** - Mr. Lovejoy, a 22-year resident, spoke about the background and history of research into a location for and creation of a dog park in Ashburn Farm. Mrs. Batchelder is heading up a committee to take another look at locating a dog park in Ashburn Farm; research has not been completed or been made ready for presentation. Mr. Lovejoy thanked the Board for allowing him to address them. President Tighe stated we will wait until Mrs. Batchelder is ready to make her proposal.
- **Trash Collection** – Mrs. Fortney raised the issue of trash collection. She would like to see a survey within Ashburn Farm regarding the collection of trash going from twice weekly to once weekly as a potential cost savings. Mr. Oakley stated that any savings were minimal as compared to the loss of service.

MANAGER'S REPORT – reported by Mr. Cushman.

- **Overflow Parking Chokeberry Square & Southwind Terrace** – Mr. Cushman presented information about a possible exception for long term parking of commercial vehicles at Breezyhill Recreational Center for people living on Chokeberry Square and/or Southwind Terrace who cannot park on the adjacent VDOT streets. A motion was made and seconded. There was Board discussion and a proposed amendment followed by further Board discussion. Action Item: Mr. Cushman to propose a draft policy for the September meeting.
- **Association Website** – status provided: data and links reviewed; new photos taken. All documents, forms, and content are there; should be able to launch after meeting. **Action Item: Mr. Cushman to meet with developer on 7/7/21 AM and will provide the Board with a date for going live after the meeting.**
- **Cell Tower Update** – Mr. Cushman reported that he had reached out to the project contractor to see if Ashburn Farm has a location that will suffice for the tower but has not yet heard back.
- **Reserve Study Update** - Mr. Cushman provided the Board with a second revision of the draft Reserve Study. He stated that it has been reviewed by staff and he has also reviewed it with Mr. Ginnetti (study's author). Mr. Ginnetti will attend the July 20th meeting to review the study with the Board and answer any questions. Dr. Lubore invited the Board to consider the inflation and interest rates included in the study. Mr. Cushman stated that the study is updated every three years and has been made more inclusive, by adding additional detailed items added every time it is updated.
- **Association Solar Proposal** – Mr. Cushman reported that this is on hold; Dr. Lubore has reached out to another company, but no response yet. Mr. Cushman heard back from Prospect Solar and they addressed questions he and Dr. Lubore had discussed relative to their proposal. Proposal is \$225,000, which covers the Windmill Community Center, three pool houses, the maintenance shop, and some of the streetlights. **Action Item: Mr. Cushman to solicit additional bids for September meeting.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Draft 2022 Operating Budget** – Mr. Cushman reported a small change from last draft. The Board will review line by line at the July 20th meeting; feedback and questions are welcome. **No action taken by the Board.**

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Home Maintenance Tips



Below are tips and tricks for around the house during the months to come. This time of year, the temperature and humidity are at its highest. Don't just focus on the exterior of your home though, this is a good time to also pay attention to the inside.

AUGUST

- Look inside the attic to make sure there is no water intrusion.
- During the summertime, homeowners tend to grill out a lot more. It's a good idea to regularly clean it.
- Depending on the size of the household and the number of guests, it might be time to have the carpet professionally cleaned.

SEPTEMBER

- Over time doors can become loud and squeaky. Sometimes the best way to fix it is to remove the pin from the door hinge and apply some oil.
- Replacing caulk around exterior windows can help prevent water from finding its way inside and causing damage over time.
- Nails and screws can work their way out of wood from the hot and cold temperatures. Tighten any loose nails or screws on the deck to keep boards secure and prevent a trip hazard.
- Inspect fence for any needed repairs, loose boards or fading paint.
- Fall Home Maintenance Tips

- Below are tips and tricks for around the house during the fall months. Fall is a great time to start preparing your home for colder temperatures. Complete any task outside that you may not want to finish when it is below freezing.

OCTOBER

- Winter is coming and temperatures are dropping. Now is a good time to have your furnace serviced and cleaned.
- Remove hoses from outside spigots to prevent freezing and bursting pipes.
- Reverse ceiling fans to clockwise direction to better circulate the warmer air, especially tall, vaulted ceilings.
- Winter is right around the corner and the hot summer temperatures should be coming to an end. Look at the attic to make sure you have adequate insulation.
- Winterize outdoor lawn equipment.

NOVEMBER

- It is important to create an emergency escape plan and practice it once or twice a year.
- Shut off supply for exterior spigots.
- Have fireplace inspected & cleaned before you use it during the winter months.
- Clean and cover any outdoor furniture.
- Winter Home Maintenance Tips
- From December through February the temperature is usually at its coldest. During these months, check for indoor home maintenance items to perform around the house.

DECEMBER

- Have dryer vent cleaned or replaced.
- Run water & flush toilets in unused bathrooms
- Inspect weather-stripping around doors & windows to help prevent unwanted drafts.
- Clean faucet aerators to remove sediment buildup.

Source: <https://garrettsrealty.com/blog/yearly-home-maintenance-tips.html>

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

September 25th, 2021 - 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our Annual Fall Community Yard Sale is rapidly approaching! If you would like to participate, there are two ways you can sign up. You may fill out the registration form and return it to the Association Office during business hours or drop it off in the drop box outside of the Association Office. Or, register by sending the registration form in an email to events@afhoa.net. A listing of participating homes will be available at the Association Office on Friday, September 24th after 5 pm or can be downloaded from the website: www.ashburnfarmassociation.org. Residents will be responsible for setting up their own tables, merchandise, and collecting money. Set-up may begin at 7 am in your yard, and all items should be removed by 4 pm Saturday. We will be advertising the yard sale in a variety of online websites to increase turnout, but residents participating are allowed and encouraged to put up their own signs, as long as they are removed after the sale.

If you have questions please email events@afhoa.net or call the office, 703-729-6680

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I would like my house listed on the flyer
as participating in the
Community Yard Sale on 09/25/2021

X _____

Signature

Circle types of items you are selling:

EL- Electronics

CT- Baby/child toys

BC- Baby/kids clothing

AC- Adult clothing

V- Video games, CDs

P- Pet items

F- Furniture

K- Kitchen Items

HD- Household Decor

L- Linens/curtains

T- Tools

M- Miscellaneous

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There were no Board Member comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hancock stated that the July 6th Meeting Minutes will be reviewed in September for approval.

PUBLIC FORUM –

Scott Shearer – Mr. Shearer spoke about the ponds – specifically, Chokeberry Pond. Mr. Cushman addressed his comments as well as the status and maintenance of each pond. Mr. Tighe commented on the work done by the Association to maintain and improve the ponds.

Kim Fortney - Mrs. Fortney commented about the new website; she stated she is pleased with it and thinks overall it is a much better website. She raised the issues of trash and a proposed dog park, which is being researched, and the need for community input on items like these that come before the Board; she also stated that she encourages the community to become involved and to provide input to the Board.

Mr. Tighe thanked all for their input. He stated that when Mrs. Batchelder is ready to present her dog park research, we welcome anyone's input; and, when a survey goes out it will be to the whole community.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Presentation of Association Reserve Study, PM+ Reserves** – Mr. Stacey O'Bryan gave a presentation on the Reserve Study. His presentation provided a framework for how the Study was conducted and a review of both the General Reserve Study and the Townhome Reserve Study; for clarification, the townhomes are included in the General Reserve Study, but are also in a separate study. Mr. O'Bryan stated that a Reserve Fund is a "Save to Spend Plan." There was discussion and questions raised by the Board; Mr. O'Bryan responded to questions and provided further clarification of the slides and information. Dr.

LOUDOUN
COUNTY
VIRGINIA

Health
Department

SUMMER VACCINATION EVENT

For Rising 7th Graders in
Loudoun County Public Schools

- Vaccines offered include: TDAP, MCV4, and HPV.
- These three vaccines are required for entry into 7th Grade.
- These three vaccines are free to students.
 - If you have health insurance, bring your health insurance card for the billing of administrative fees.
 - If you do not have health insurance, you will not be charged administrative fees.

APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Call to Schedule: 571-258-3146

Saturday, August 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dulles Town Center Vaccination Site

21090 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling, VA, 20166

Hosted by the Loudoun County Health Department.

LOUDOUN
COUNTY
VIRGINIA

Health
Department

EVENTO DE VACUNACIÓN DE VERANO

Para estudiantes de séptimo grado en
Escuelas públicas del condado de Loudoun

- Las vacunas que se ofrecen incluyen: TDAP, MCV4 y HPV.
- Estas tres vacunas son necesarias para ingresar al séptimo grado.
- Estas tres vacunas son gratuitas para los estudiantes.
 - Si tiene seguro médico, traiga su tarjeta de seguro médico para la facturación de las tarifas administrativas.
 - Si no tiene seguro médico, no se le cobrarán tarifas administrativas.

SOLO CON CITAS

Llame para programar su cita: 571-258-3146

Sábado, 14 de agosto de 2021

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sitio de vacunación Dulles Town Center

21090 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling, VA, 20166

Organizado por el Departamento de Salud del condado de Loudoun.

Adult Swim Nights

ADULT ONLY SWIM NIGHTS CONTINUE THROUGH AUGUST AT THE WINDMILL POOL. ON THESE EVENINGS, WINDMILL POOL WILL **CLOSE AT 7PM TO THOSE UNDER AGE 18**. THE POOL WILL THEN BE ADULTS ONLY UNTIL CLOSING AT 9 PM. SUMMERWOOD AND BREEZYHILL POOLS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY.

AUGUST

TUESDAY THE 3RD

TUESDAY THE 10TH

THURSDAY THE 26TH



PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT (703) 729-6680 OR EVENTS@AFHOA.NET IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR FEEDBACK ON THE EVENT.

Conflicts Involving Trees and Neighbors

Trees can give your property shade in the summertime, a home for songbirds, and general beauty. But trees also can be a source of tension among neighbors if they're not properly maintained, drop debris over the fence, or cause other problems. While trees and neighbors can sometimes be a volatile combination, especially among neighbors who generally don't get along, it's important to know your rights and responsibilities before taking drastic measures.

The following are answers to some frequently asked questions about disputes involving neighbors and trees, including the right to trim encroaching branches and how trees relate to (and sometimes define) property lines.

If my neighbor's tree branches hang over my yard, can I trim them?

Yes. By law, you have the right to trim branches and limbs that extend past the property line. However, the law only allows tree trimming and tree cutting up to the property line. You may not go onto the neighbor's property or destroy the tree. If you do harm the tree, you could be found liable for up to three times the value

of the tree. Most trees have a replacement value of between \$500 and \$2500. Ornamental or landmark trees can have a value of between \$20,000 and \$60,000.

If my neighbor's leaves keep blowing into my yard, do I have a good nuisance claim?

No. Leaves are considered a natural product. Even if the leaves cause damage, like clogging your gutters or pipes, you have no legal claims against the owner of the tree. If, however, the tree branches that are shedding the leaves are hanging over your yard, or the tree trunk is encroaching on your property, then you have a right to trim those branches up to the property line.

Most of a large tree hangs over my yard, but the trunk is in the neighbor's yard. Who owns the tree?

The neighbor owns the tree. So long as the tree trunk is wholly in the neighbor's yard, it belongs to the neighbor. When the tree trunk is divided by the property lines of two or more people, it is referred to as a "boundary tree." In the case of a "boundary tree," all of the property owners own the tree and share responsibility for it. Tree removal without the consent of all the property owners is unlawful.

Board Briefs *(continued from page 5)*

- **Exterior Modifications for Administrative Review Resolution 07062021** - Mr. Batchelder reported on the meeting with Mr. Colclough of the Architectural Review Board; time needs to be set aside to hammer out the details with him and the Board. **No action taken by the Board.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Appointment to the Architectural Review Board Recommendation, Rose Ridolfi, Resolution 07062021A** – Dr. Lubore made a motion to approve Rose Ridolfi to the Architectural Review Board, Resolution 07062021A, for a period of two years; seconded by Mr. Batchelder. **Motion passed 7/0/0/0.**
- **Association Private Street & Walking Trail Asphalt Maintenance** – Mr. Cushman clarified that the timing is ahead of the normal service cycle (3 years vs. 4 years). Discussion and explanation by Mr. Cushman of Staff recommendations.
 - » Dr. Lubore made a motion to maintain the asphalt trails at a cost not to exceed \$54,000; seconded by Mr. Oakley. Discussion by Board; **motion passed 7/0/0/0.**
 - » Staff recommends not performing the asphalt maintenance work proposed for the private streets. **No Board action taken.**
- **Association Private Street and Facility Concrete** – Staff recommendation to complete concrete work on the private streets. Dr. Lubore made a motion to approve funds not to exceed \$32,000 for the private street and facility concrete maintenance expenditures out of the General Reserve; seconded by Mr. Oakley. The motion authorized the staff to reduce costs by ‘grinding’ edges to safe levels and allowing exposing aggregate when appropriate. **Motion passed 7/0/0/0. Action Item: Mr. Cushman to provide ARB guidelines on aggregate exposure.**
- **Association Retaining Wall Replacement (Livery Square)** – Dr. Lubore made a motion for the demolition and rebuilding of a retaining wall at a cost not to exceed \$15,642.46; seconded by Mr. Oakley. Further discussion; **motion passed 7/0/0/0.**
- **Easement Request, 43208 Ambleside Court** – Mr. Cushman explained that the easement request is for installing the same type of dark fiber cable and is being made by the same company from an earlier request. **Motion passed 7/0/0/0.**
- Mr. Tighe asked for a motion to leave Regular Session and move to Executive Session; seconded by Dr. Lubore. **Motion passed (7/0/0/0); 8:50PM.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Personnel Policy Manual Review** – The Board discussed updates made to the Personnel Policy Manual. Dr. Lubore made a motion to approve the updates to the Personnel Policy Manual; seconded by Mr. Oakley. **Motion passed 7/0/0/0.**

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED at 9:10PM.

INFORMATIONAL

- **Association Delinquent Status Report** – No Discussion.
- Mr. Cushman stated that there is approximately \$7,000 of uncollected settlement funds that have been identified for write-off consideration; funds to be discussed at the next Budget and Finance meeting and, if necessary, a recommendation made to the Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn at 9:13PM. **Motion passed (7/0/0/0).**

Minutes for the Ashburn Farm Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting are developed from meeting recordings and BOT member input by the Recording Secretary.



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Air Conditioning Units

Just a friendly reminder now that the summer heat and humidity are constantly in full force. The Architectural Design & Maintenance Standards (page) state that, “air conditioner



units that are placed in a window or protrude beyond the exterior plane of the windowsill are not permitted.” However, “portable

indoor units, in which neither the unit itself nor the exhaust extend beyond the windowsill are allowed and do not require an application.” Those units that can be vented out a window, such as the example in the picture, are allowed. These self-contained units can be a bit more expensive but are a good alternative for those rooms that do not seem to get cooled down enough.

If, however, your air conditioning has broken and you have scheduled to have it repaired, please contact the Association Office, and let us know if you must use an A/C window unit for a short time period. We can enter a note in your property record so that you do not receive a violation.



ASHBURN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE



August 2021 Newsletter

Saturday - Aug 21st - 4:00-8:00pm. Come out and support AVFRD at the inaugural “The Brew Mile” event on August 21. Join House 6 Brewing Co. for their running of The Brew Mile from 4pm-8pm. AVFRD has teamed up with House 6 to be a charity partner and will receive donations from this event. For more information on how to support this event, or to sign up, please visit www.theBREWmile.com or <https://ashburnfirerescue.org/2021/06/01/come-out-and-support-avfrd-at-the-brew-mile-event-on-august-21-2021/>

Prospective Members Meeting - August 31st - 7:00-9:00pm Learn more about volunteering with AVFRD. Operations and Admin members needed. Many benefits. See our website for more information and how to start the application process in advance. ashburnfirerescue.org/go/volunteer

Save the Date

Saturday - Sept 18th - Firehouse Chicken -- 12:00noon-6:00pm. Great opportunity for some good eats and no cookin! Drive through. Reservations only. Go to ashburnfirerescue.org/go/chicken

Saturday - Oct 9th - 3rd Annual AVFRD 5K. For more on how to register or become a sponsor for this event, please visit ashburnfirerescue.org/go/5k

Founders Hall - Stations 6, Ashburn Road - With modern amenities and simple rental terms, this is the right choice for your event - big or small. Accessible, friendly, and fun for you, family, friends and more! For more details and information go to: founders-hall.com or email: info@founders-hall.com

Loudoun County Senior Centers

Centers for seniors are serving persons 55+ years who are well, active and can independently take care of their basic needs. For the full details and information of each Senior location, visit the Loudoun County website - <https://www.loudoun.gov/1139/Senior-Centers>

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Recreational and educational programs, activities, and classes
- Daily hot lunch with a 24-hour advance reservation
- Day and overnight trips
- Fitness facilities and programs
- Volunteer opportunities are available at all senior centers, senior activity centers and with the Home-Delivered Meals Program.
- Room rentals available at certain locations
- Membership
 - Annual membership for seniors 55 and over allows participation at any Loudoun County senior center. The annual fee is \$32 for county residents and \$48 for non-residents.
 - Drop-in fee for visitors and non-members
 - Transportation
 - Transportation is provided in selected areas; please contact individual centers for more information about pick-up schedules.

SENIOR CENTERS LOCATIONS



ASHBURN CENTER ****NEW LOCATION****

20880 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn
571-367-8340 or 571-367-8341
ceola.grant@loudoun.gov

Hours: Monday through Friday – 9:00am to 5pm
Closed Saturdays and Sundays

Learn about the features and programs, including two indoor pickleball courts and expanded outdoor spaces, at the newest senior center located in Ashburn.

CASCADES CENTER

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21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
571-258-3280 or 703-777-0257
brenda.davis@loudoun.gov

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri – 9:00a to 5:00p
Tuesdays – 9:00a to 8:00p
Saturdays and Sundays – Closed

View amenities, activities, ongoing programs, and rental information for the Senior Center at Cascades.

DULLES SOUTH CENTER

24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding
571-258-3456 or 703-777-0343
paul.goudeau@loudoun.gov

Hours: Monday through Friday – 5:00a to 9:30p
Saturdays – 8:00a to 8:00p
Sunday – 8:00a to 8:00p

Hours may vary for the competition and leisure pool. Call 571-258-3600 or visit www.loudoun.gov/dullessouthcenter
Find information on daily noon meals and a variety of educational and recreational classes and activities.

CARVER CENTER

200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville
571-258-3400 or 703-777-257
bonnie.keeler@loudoun.gov

Hours: Monday – 9:00a to 7:00p
Tuesday – 9:00a to 8:00p
Wednesday – 9:00a to 5:00p
Thursday – 9:00a to 8:00p
Friday – 9:00a to 5:00p
Saturday – 9:00a to 12p
Sunday – Closed

Carver Center in Purcellville provides quality programming for all ages, with specific programs for adults 55 and older on weekdays.

LEESBURG CENTER

102 North Street, N.W., Leesburg
703-737-8039 or 703-777-0257
erik.onate@loudoun.gov

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri – 9:00a to 5:00p
Tuesdays – 9:00a to 8:00p
Saturdays and Sundays – Closed

Learn about The Senior Center of Leesburg, which offers a daily noon meal, monthly outings, classes, special events, and rental space.

Virtual Board Meetings

Recently, the Ashburn Farm Homeowners Association Board of Trustees (BOT) business meetings have installed a virtual capability that allows our members and residents to attend the meetings virtually. This is an exciting opportunity for the BOT to reach more residents and allow our residents to discuss topics that are important to them. However, to proceed in an orderly fashion it's important that attendees follow appropriate meeting protocols during virtual attendance.

Understanding that people are passionate about what they wish to discuss during the business meeting, those attending need to be courteous and respectful while in attendance. Treat everyone in the meeting as you would want to be treated by providing the BOT and other members the same level of courtesy and respect that you expect. Conducting ourselves in this manner will help us all in the long run.

The protocol for attending the Board of Trustees Business meeting is as follows:

1. By joining the meeting, you agree to have your video and audio recorded.
2. All non-Board of Trustee (BOT) participants will be muted upon arrival.
3. Members wishing to speak during the public comment section of the meeting will be called upon by the Board President or presiding officer to speak. It would benefit both the Board of Trustees

and the resident wishing to speak if you submit your comments to the Association prior to the Board Meeting at Bot@afhoa.net (president) & GM@afhoa.net (Association manager). This will help us to research the matter and hopefully provide better information to the resident and the community.

4. Topics brought up during the public forum section of the business meeting will be limited to 10 minutes.
5. Within the virtual environment there is a chat window. This will be used to request an opportunity to speak during the public forum.
6. Participants on the published agenda will be able to speak during the discussion of their agenda item so that they can provide comment and answer questions.
7. Online participants should not interject during Board of Trustees, discussion and may be muted to allow others to hear the discussion
8. The meeting is at the direction of the presiding officer.
9. The presiding officer and Board of Trustees reserves the right to mute or excuse meeting participants.

Hopefully this will help make our meetings more effective in a virtual environment, and continue to make Ashburn Farm a great place to live!



Loudoun County Dog Licenses Information

Why License My Dog?

- Failure to purchase a dog license is a Class IV Misdemeanor which can carry up to a \$250 fine. Veterinarians are also required by Virginia State code section 3.2-6529 to provide the Treasurer's Office in each locality with a copy of all canine rabies vaccination certificates.
- A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray and can identify you as the owner should your pet be found running loose.
- Animal Control Officers will attempt to deliver your licensed dog home to you immediately, skipping a trip to the animal shelter.
- Dog licenses are required for entrance to many dog parks.
- License fees support Animal Services programs including care and housing for approximately 3,000 stray and abandoned animals a year, investigations of animal neglect and cruelty, emergency rescue and response services for animals, adopting homeless pets to new families, and community education and outreach.

License Requirements

- The Commonwealth of Virginia mandates Loudoun County to require all dogs four months of age and older to be licensed.
- In Loudoun County, dog licenses are issued concurrently with the rabies vaccination effective period for each individual dog.
- The county issues permanent tags to remain with the dog for its lifetime (replacement tags are available if needed).
- All dogs must have a license tag securely attached to a collar and worn whenever the dog is off the owner's property.
- Citizens have the option to purchase dog licenses for one-, two- or three-year periods provided that the rabies certificate is valid for the period of time being covered.
- The cost is \$10 per dog, per year, regardless of spay / neuter status.

Veterinarians

All veterinarians practicing in Loudoun County are required to submit monthly rabies reports for their clients to Loudoun County Animal Services within 45 days.

Purchase A Dog License

New Resident or New Dog

If you are new to Loudoun County, need to purchase a license for a new dog, or your dog's rabies information is not current in the database, you will not be able to purchase your license online until you submit a current rabies certificate for your dog. You may scan and send the current rabies vaccination record by email to Animal Services; animals@loudoun.gov. We will then provide information needed to purchase the license online.

Please note, dog license expiration dates run concurrent with your dog's rabies vaccination date. As a result, your first license purchase may be less than a full year.

Pay Online

To pay online you will need your dog license renewal notice and your dog's rabies vaccination information must be currently on file in our database to renew online. Read detailed instructions on completing your online transaction.

Online Payment Options

Please note that credit card convenience fees will be assessed for online payment - \$1.95 for MasterCard, Visa and Discover and \$1 for debit cards. If at any point you receive an error message or need assistance completing your transaction, please call 703-777-0406 or email animals@loudoun.gov. Our knowledgeable customer service staff are happy to help! We will work with you to ensure our records are correct and help resolve any issues that may be preventing the completion of your transaction.

Pay in Person

Dog licenses may be purchased at multiple locations. Please bring a current rabies vaccination certificate for your dog(s) and a dog license application.

- LCAS Animal Shelter (By mail only)
39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197
- Treasurer's Office (Leesburg Location)
1 Harrison St. SE, 1st Floor, Leesburg, VA 20175
- Treasurer's Office (Sterling Location)
21641 Ridgetop Cir., Suite 104, Sterling, VA 20166

Dog License Replacement Tags

Replacement tags are available for purchase for \$1 at the Treasurer's Office in Sterling and Leesburg. You can also mail in a check made payable to:

County of Loudoun
39820 Charles Town Pike
Waterford, VA 20197

Please include your person ID number and animal ID number on the check.

Source: <https://www.loudoun.gov/4155/Dog-Licenses>

Loudoun County and Association Standards on Leash Laws



Owning a dog brings great joy but also great responsibility. Rarely does an owner want to acknowledge that their pet has the potential to harm someone. Many states have adopted state-wide laws regarding the responsibilities of an owner to control their dog. These laws are generally referred to as “leash laws.” In Virginia, there is a two-part system.

What are the leash laws in Virginia?

First, there is no state-wide “leash law,” but the law does empower local jurisdictions (cities, counties and towns) to adopt regulations concerning the control of certain breeds of dogs, or at certain times of the year. These local ordinances have the effect of law and are called “running at large” ordinances. Localities are also empowered to enact ordinances that require a dog owner to have a dog under “immediate control” which means on a leash or under voice control. These local ordinances also have the effect of law and are called “leash laws”.

Over the past year, there have been reports of unleashed dogs in County parks and in the neighborhood causing problems. Ashburn Farm Standards As a reminder, pets are not permitted in common area unless the pet is carried or leashed.

All pets must be registered and inoculated as required by state law and Loudoun County. The appropriate governmental authorities shall have an easement across the property to enforce local animal control laws and ordinances.

Pet feces must be cleaned up by the owner responsible for the pet being on the property.

This includes removing any pet feces on your own property as well as common area. Neighbors on either side of your property shouldn’t have to worry about which way the wind is blowing on any given day before they can go outside and enjoy their own backyard if you are not maintaining your property.





Ashburn Farm Association
 21400 Windmill Drive
 Ashburn, VA 20147
 703-729-6680 - pools@afhoa.net

2021 Resident Pool Pass Application

Applying for pool passes as Owner Renter

Adult Name 1: _____ Email: _____

Adult Name 2: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Number 1: _____ Cell Number 2: _____

Additional Members — Age two years and older	Date of Birth

Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____

Resident Guidelines	Tenant Guidelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New resident's must present proof of residency and a valid ID due at issuing process. We accept any major bill (s) or closing documents. • Pictures in JPG format for persons nine years and older, in passport style be taken/submitted with application. • All printed passes are \$5.00. Payment of check or cash is accepted. • Passes must be updated for adults every five years and children every three years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Offsite Information Contact Form</i> must be submitted before or during the request for pool passes. • Proof of residency and a valid ID is due at issuing process. We accept any major bill. Lease is not accepted, due to easy fraudulence. • Pictures in JPG format for persons nine years and older, in passport style be taken/submitted with application. • All printed passes are \$5.00. Payment of check or cash is accepted. • Passes must be updated for adults every five years and children every three years.

Terms and Conditions

All pool members are bound by the established Ashburn Farm Pool Rules as set forth by the Board of Trustees. Privileges may be revoked if your HOA assessments are not kept up-to-date. Signing indicates member has read and understood all Pool Rules and Policies and agrees to the terms and conditions.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing, you're acknowledging your email address will automatically be added to our community communication email list. This system is used to inform residents of subjects such as trash information, crime reports, events, and emergency situations. AFA will not share your information.

Please check here if you would like to opt out of receiving these important emails.

OFFICE USE				
Due: _____	Check: _____	Cash: _____	Completed By: _____	Date: _____



Ashburn Farm Pool Hours

Opening day is the Saturday prior to Memorial Day

Season's last day is Labor Day

WINDMILL - 21400 WINDMILL DRIVE - (703) 729-9739

WEEKDAYS UNTIL JUNE 15TH - 4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

REGULAR SUMMER HOURS

WEEKDAYS 11:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

WEEKDAYS AUGUST 26TH TO SEPTEMBER 6TH - 4:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

BREEZYHILL - 43250 HAY ROAD - (703) 858-9831

WEEKDAYS UNTIL JUNE 15TH - 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

REGULAR SUMMER HOURS

WEEKDAYS 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

WEEKDAYS AUGUST 26TH TO SEPTEMBER 6TH - 1:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

SUMMERWOOD - 43641 GOLDEN MEADOW CIRCLE - (703) 729-9706

WEEKDAYS UNTIL JUNE 15TH - 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

REGULAR SUMMER HOURS

WEEKDAYS 11:30 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY 11:30 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

AUGUST 26TH & 27TH & SEPTEMBER 4TH TO 6TH - 4:30 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Summerwood pool will close Monday through Friday, the week prior to Labor Day.

Please contact the Association with any questions or for additional information
at 703-729-6680 or pools@afhoa.net.

Fleas and Ticks Tips

Although Fleas and Ticks are year-round pests, their populations, and the problems they cause can increase seasonally, making Spring and Summer months key months to ensure you and your pets are protected. Fleas and ticks can spread tapeworms, cause allergic dermatitis or other, more serious, associated diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or Ehrlichia. Mosquitoes can also carry bloodborne illnesses that can affect you and your pets.

There are many different approaches to keep you and your family safe and all should be carefully considered before implementing. For those that want maximum protection, there are environmental controls that can be used in areas where pets spend time in your yard, as well as yard maintenance practices that can decrease the chance of contact with these pests.

There are organic/biologic means of controlling flea, tick & mosquito populations. Practices like regular mowing to keep grass short and pruning shrubs or other foliage from overhanging pathways or areas where your family spends time is helpful in reducing encounters. Squirrels, rabbits, foxes, etc., can all carry fleas and ticks into your yard when visiting feeders, etc., and so removing sources of food for these critters from around your home will help reduce the possibility of these pests entering your yard.

Topical treatments for pets are available over the counter and from your veterinarian but can vary based on the type of pet and their weight. The Association recommends consulting with your veterinarian as some of these products can be harmful to your pets if accidentally misused.



Additionally, there are numerous topical treatments for people, some of which are intended to be used to treat your clothing versus your skin. Wearing light colored clothing that fully covers your arms and legs as well as regularly checking yourself after outings is a good way to prevent bites. Checking your pets and brushing their coats after outings is a great way to prevent them from being bitten.

For additional information on effective pest prevention for your pets, please contact your veterinarian.

Remember To Pick Up After Your Pet

Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly; it is a health risk to pets, people, and water bodies. Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is carried by stormwater runoff into the storm drain before eventually discharging into a natural body of water, untreated.

Per Loudoun County Stormwater Management, some of the harmful effects of pet waste that is not disposed of properly include:

- Pet waste decays, using up dissolved oxygen and releasing compounds that are harmful to fish and other aquatic life.
- Nutrients present in pet waste can cause excessive algal growth in a waterbody, potentially leading to fish kills and disrupting the water's natural ecology.
- Harmful bacteria such as E. Coli and Fecal Coliform can make our waters unfit for drinking, irrigation, recreation and other uses.
- Parasites present in pet waste can spread gastrointestinal illnesses in humans such as Giardia and Salmonella.

How You Can Help

- **Bring A Bag and Use It** - Remember to bring a bag with you every time you walk your dog. Be sure to use the bag to pick up after your dog. Ashburn Farm

Association also provides dog waste bags throughout the community. Residents use over 120,000 of these bags each year!

- **Dispose of the Bag Properly** - After using the bag, secure it and dispose of it in your own trash receptacle or in one of the community dog waste stations. There are 34 waste stations located throughout Ashburn Farm to make disposal convenient (see photo). This year, it is estimated that Ashburn Farm Association will collect 60 TONS of dog waste from these stations!



It's the Law

Don't forget that cleaning up after your dog is the law. In the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, Chapter 612.19, Section a (9), it is considered a Class Four misdemeanor "for the owner of any dog to fail to remove immediately the dog's feces from any property."

Thank you for helping keep our community clean!



Ashburn Farm Association Administrative Resolution
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 07062021

WHEREAS, Ashburn Farm Association (the “Association”) is a Virginia nonstock corporation and subject to the provisions of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act; and,

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws, The Board of Trustees shall appoint three or more persons to serve as the Modification and Change Panel of the Architectural Review Board, and,

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 4, subparagraph (a), When the Developer’s rights as Developer cease, the Architectural Review Board shall consist of three or more persons who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees as provided in the Bylaws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rose Ridolfi be appointed to the ARB, for a term of two years, from July 6, 2021 – July 4, 2023.

The Board of Trustees adopted this Resolution at a duly convened meeting on July 6, 2021 and directed that the same be incorporated in the Book of Resolutions.

Ashburn Farm Association

By: _____ Signature on File _____

David Tighe, President of the Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

____ Signature on File _____

____ 07/06/2021 ____ (Seal)

Cary Hancock Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Date

Ashburn Farm Association Administrative Resolution Appointing Rose Ridolfi to Architectural Review Board RESOLUTION NO. 07062021

10 Helpful Back-to-school Tips for Parents

Can you believe it is almost time to start school again? Here is a list of tips to help to be more prepared on the first day this year.

Going back to school after the long summer is always a time of excitement. While your children may be overly excited or even a little bit worried about new teachers, new subjects and meeting their friends, the days before starting school again are always busy and stressful. Instead of rolling into school with no plan, we have compiled ten tips that will help to keep organized, create routines and support children to be their best at school.

1. Use a calendar

Your children will be better prepared for school when they can visually see when school will start again. A good idea is to hang a calendar in their room and let them mark off each day with a colorful pen until the new school year starts.

2. Start bedtime routines early

Children will need some time to get back to the sleeping pattern that they had before the summer holidays started. In order to make it easier for the kids to be awake early in the morning, parents can introduce the school sleep routine two weeks before school starts.

3. Back-to-school shopping

Pick a date to go school shopping with your children. This date should be set and organized some time in advance to have a relaxed shopping experience. Choosing their own school supplies, clothes, a backpack, or lunchboxes will engage children to take part in the activity and may increase their excitement about going back to school and using all the new things.

4. Make the unknown environment more familiar

If your children are worried about the fact that they will start school in a new environment such as having a new classroom or being taught by a new teacher ask the school if you can go on a tour. Let your child see the new classroom and ask if it is possible to meet the new teachers. Going on a tour will help the kids to become more familiar with the new place. It is also a good idea to have a conversation with them about all the positive aspects at school such as their favorite subject and the activities they love at school.

5. Prepare lunchboxes and keep them easy

Studies show that pupils who have breakfast function better at school and have more energy. In advance,

ask your children about healthy food that they like to take to school. Maybe your child likes particular fruits or vegetables which you can pack as well as a healthy sandwich. You can also have a look at the school's cafeteria and see if it offers healthy snack options.

6. Find a 'go-to-school friend'

If your child walks or takes the bus to school and there are other children in the neighborhood who go to the same school talk to the parents and ask them if the kids can walk or take the bus together. This way the kids will have more fun on their way to school and may share their worries and help each other to feel more comfortable going back to school.

7. Talk about homework

Children who understand the topics at school properly have more fun at school. Usually, good quality homework is key to understand topics and achieve good grades. Review the environment where your child does his or her homework: Is it quiet enough? Is there enough space? Besides the environment, it is also important to think about activities and Internet or TV usage. Do your children have enough time to do their homework and are they not distracted?

8. Deal with expectations

Older children will already have set themselves expectations they want to fulfill at school. Therefore, it is helpful to ask them what they expect about returning to school. It can help to read a story about children who go to school in order to start the conversation and to make it easier for kids to talk about their feelings. It is also important to ask kids if they have any questions or are unsure about anything. Let them know that other kids will be nervous as well and that teachers will help them to feel more comfortable.

9. Show them that you think about them

When getting lunch or a snack ready for school include a little note in the lunchbox to show your kids that you care and that you think about them during the day even if they are away.

10. Childcare after school

A parent should be at home to help the kids to get ready for school in the morning and to supervise them when they return. If this is not possible talk to your children that it is important to follow rules and listen to the adult supervising them.

<https://novakdjokovicfoundation.org/back-school-tips-parents/>



Good Neighbors Make Great Communities

Over the past 18 months, our lives underwent a variety of changes. The number of persons working from home increased; we were able to have most of our needs met through the wonder of technology – groceries, toilet paper and medicine were delivered to our doorstep; work, personal and family meetings and classes were conducted online via a myriad of applications. What an amazing amount of change in a short period of time! We quickly moved from social interaction to social distancing.

During the last two months, however, people are getting out and enjoying the outdoors, homes and yards are being spruced up either for routine maintenance or sales purposes, and we are all moving forward into a more normal routine, which includes a return to social interaction. The Association has had the opportunity to welcome an influx of new community members over the past few months, which means that many of you are saying goodbye to old friends and welcoming new ones. Just as before, change is upon us. It can be difficult for many – often we hesitate to make the first move in reaching out to a new neighbor. The following tips may be helpful for those who have lived in Ashburn Farm for years as well as those just moving in. It is never too late, though, to strengthen neighborhood and community relations through becoming a better neighbor.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TIPS

- Welcome new neighbors. A smiling face and guiding hand go a long way toward forming bonds of trust, openness, and belonging. Ashburn Farm is a great community – first impressions really do count!
- Communicate with your neighbors regularly. Keep lines of conversation open and positive – honest praise and compliments for good behavior and actions set the tone for when more serious conversations are necessary.
- Remember to bring in your trash cans. Following Ashburn Farm guidelines not only sets a good example but improves the overall neighborhood appearance. Sometimes it is the simple actions that speak loudest.
- Alert neighbors about events like parties or remodeling. Most neighbors appreciate being in the loop about things going on nearby. This is reflected in many of the Guidelines set forth by your Board of Trustees and Architectural Review Board – who, by the way are made up of Ashburn Farm homeowners, like you. By way of example, the Exterior Alteration Application requires homeowners to obtain the signatures of neighbors for exterior work they are planning.
- Tidy your yard. Front yards often receive more attention than backyards because they are not visible from the street. Take time regularly to get a “neighbors eye view” of your backyard.
- Organize an annual event like a block party or garage sale. Nothing brings a neighborhood together like a party. Did you know that the Association has guidelines for neighborhood parties, which includes an allowance for those neighborhoods wishing to host an event? Contact the Association Office at (703) 729-6680 or email info@afhoa.net for details.
- Be flexible and go the extra step. We are all busy and life sometimes has a way of sending us in a thousand directions at one time. This is where knowing and communicating with our neighbors on a routine basis is helpful. Emergencies come up out of the blue. If you notice that your neighbor’s well-kept yard has not been so well kept lately, there may just be something going on that they need help with. Talk to them and share ideas to remedy the issue.

General Rules for: Trash, Recycling Storage & Collection

- Loudoun County & Ashburn Farm Association require **rigid containers with tight fitting lids** for storage and collection of household trash and recycling that prevent against blowing, spillage, littering, etc.
- The following items must not be put in totes, but instead be separated out for collection: **rocks, concrete, dirt, soil, sod, tree stumps, brick, landscaping timbers, construction debris, “trash-outs” and containers or bundles weighing more than 50 lbs. or longer than 4 feet.** These items are considered not part of the collection service contract and will only be collected for an additional charge. Call the Patriot Disposal Customer Service Department for a quote.
- **The Association will not collect Special Pick-up items if left at the curb but will bring the responsible party to a 55-513 Hearing** where fines can be assessed, so the financial burden of the item’s disposal is not put upon the Association Membership.
- Containers cannot be placed out at curbside until after 6:00 p.m. the night before pickup.
- Container(s) shall be removed and properly stored at the earliest opportunity the same day as trash & recycling pickup and are considered a violation the following day.
- Trash and recycling containers repeatedly left at the curb will be considered abandoned & will be collected.

Special Item Pick Up

Special items will be collected at the curb each week. Special items include appliances, small furniture, small electronics, mattresses, and other large items. Advanced notice is required for the collection of all special items. Pricing for certain, specific items is listed below:

- TVs:
 - Up to 29” – \$50.00
 - 30”-39” – \$60.00
 - 40”-49” – \$80.00
 - 50”-59” – \$100.00
- Tires – \$35.00 ea. (*car*)
- Grills – \$35.00 ea.
- Hot water heaters – \$35.00 ea.
- Lawn mowers – \$35.00 ea.
- Computers – \$35.00 ea.
- Filing cabinets – \$35.00 ea.
- Basketball hoops – \$35.00 ea. (*broken-down into 3 pieces and base emptied*)
- Basketball hoops – \$70.00 ea. (*not broken-down*)
- Car batteries – \$35.00 ea.
- Used oil / cooking oil – \$35.00 ea. container
- Toilets – \$35.00 ea.
- Exercise machines – \$35.00 ea.

Charges for the following items are based on quantity/weight (Patriot will send someone out to do an estimate):

- Construction debris
- Carpeting
- Excess yard waste or yard waste not tied in bundles or bagged
- Trees, mulch, dirt, rocks, bricks, etc.
- Swing sets
- Wood
- Patio table/chairs
- Kitchen cabinets

All fees can be paid over the phone with a credit card (VISA or Master Card) and must be paid prior to collection.

Special items scheduled for pickup that are not out on the scheduled pickup day will be re-scheduled for pickup at the request of the homeowner for an additional \$25.00 fee.



RECYCLING GUIDE

✓ ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Loudoun County, in partnership with local curbside recycling service providers, offers the following guidance on what to recycle and how to do it correctly. The full range of what is accepted for recycling may vary among service providers, but the information in this brochure includes the majority of what is actually recyclable through local programs.

If an item is not listed here, assume it is not accepted for curbside recycling. Contact your service provider **before** placing unlisted items into your recycling container.

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| ✓ Cardboard | ✓ Office Paper |
| ✓ Paper Boxes (cereal boxes, etc.) | ✓ Mail |
| ✓ Aluminum Cans | ✓ Paper Bags |
| ✓ Steel Cans, Tin Cans | ✓ Books (remove and discard hard cover) |
| ✓ Disposable Aluminum Pans | ✓ Glass Bottles and Jars (county residents only; town residents should check with their town office) |
| ✓ Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars | ✓ Yard Waste (set out separately) |
| ✓ Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs | |



Plastic bottles, jugs and jars **only**



Cardboard and paper



Aluminum cans



Steel cans

✗ NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Any item **not** listed in the Accepted For Recycling section should not be included with curbside recycling, and here are some specific items that are **absolutely not accepted**:

- ✗ Food / Food Waste
- ✗ Plastic Bags of any type
- ✗ Any plastic item that is not a bottle, jug, or jar
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Pesticide / Herbicide Containers
- ✗ Pool Chemical Containers
- ✗ Hazardous Material Containers
- ✗ Motor Oil / Antifreeze Containers
- ✗ Pressurized Tanks
- ✗ Batteries, Electronics, Light Bulbs
- ✗ Diapers, Clothing, Textiles
- ✗ Pizza Boxes, Napkins, Tissues, Paper Towels
- ✗ Paper Plates
- ✗ Shredded Paper
- ✗ Twine, String, Wire, Cables, Cords, Hoses
- ✗ Medical Waste, Syringes, Needles
- ✗ Rubber Hoses, Latex Gloves, Face Masks
- ✗ Scrap Metal

LANDFILL RECYCLING SERVICES

Learn more at loudoun.gov/landfill

Materials Accepted:

- Bottles, Cans, Jugs, Jars, Paper, Cardboard
- Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Oil Filters
- Automotive Batteries
- Tires,* Scrap Metal,* Propane Tanks*
- Refrigerated Appliances*
- Latex Paint,* Yard Waste* (*Fees Apply)

GLASS BOTTLE AND JAR RECYCLING

A separate collection program for glass bottles and jars is being established at Loudoun County Recycling Centers. Look for the purple recycling bin and follow the instructions for how to recycle glass bottles and jars.

Currently glass collected through curbside recycling programs is used as aggregate for landfill road construction, cover material for landfilled waste or the glass is simply disposed of as waste.

Companies that provide curbside recycling service within the county's jurisdiction (i.e. not the towns) are still required to collect glass bottles and jars for recycling.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

Find your closest recycling center at loudoun.gov/recycle

There are eight public recycling centers that accept typical household quantities of bottles, jugs, jars, cardboard and paper available to all county residents and businesses free of charge.

- Refer to the Accepted for Recycling section for acceptable materials.
- Help keep these facilities clean by not leaving any items on the ground, not overfilling the collection containers and not depositing items that are not accepted.
- If all containers are full, please take your recyclables with you and either return at another time or find another center.
- Collection schedules are posted at each location to help you plan your next visit.

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

- Bottles, cans, jugs and jars must be empty and rinsed clean.
- Place recyclables loosely in recycling bin.
- Do not use plastic bags for recycling.
- Do not use cardboard boxes to hold other recyclables.
- Cardboard boxes must be empty and flattened.
- Keep bin covered.

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August 7th – Loudoun Mini Athletes' Tri Splash, Flash and Dash

43008 Waxpool Road, Ashburn, VA 20148

Dates: August 7th

Location: Broadlands Community Center

Time: 8:30a to 11:00a

Price: Starting at \$45 per person

E-mail: mblogisticsandevent@gmail.com

WE. ARE. BACK! Live and in-person... and calling all youth athletes to grab their gear and prepare to splash, flash and dash in the 6th running of the Loudoun Mini Athletes' Tri on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

Swim laps in the pool at the Broadlands Community Center (NEW location for 2021), bike ride around the Broadlands neighborhood on the bike course and run through the Broadlands tunnel and track for your run.

Young athletes of all levels ranging ages 6-16 are welcome to participate! All triathlon participants will receive a participation medal at the finish line, a bag of goodies to include our commemorative race bragging shirt.

Awards will be awarded to winners in the following age groups 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, and 15 - 16 years of age.

OR

Choose to do our virtual duathlon where you are encouraged to enjoy the sunshine and get out there and move with a run/bike/run, or bike/run/bike, any time and any distance between August 7 and 15. Get out there and MOVE! All virtual participants will receive our commemorative gear bag.

August 8th – Wolf Trap: Steve Martin and Martin Short

1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Location: Wolf Trap

Time: 8:00p to 11:00p

Tickets: \$47.00 to \$127.00

E-mail: groupsales@wolftrap.org

Steve Martin and Martin Short's The Funniest Show in Town at the Moment is a live performance that redefines the form in unexpected and profound ways, from two of the funniest, most influential, and acclaimed comedic talents of the past century.

August 8th – Peach Daze Fuzztival at Great Country Farms

18780 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135

Location: Great Country Farms

(540) 554-2073

Join Great Country Farms, Bluemont Vineyard, and Dirt Farm Brewing for two weekends of contests, games, peach picking, and live music on July 31-August 1 and August 7-8, 2021! Come hungry too — there will be peach pie, peach slushies, peach wine, craft beer, peach pancakes, peach flatbread, peach ice cream, and more!

Admission to the festival includes visits with plenty of furry, feathered, and hooved favorites, including cows, chickens, pigs, and miniature horses. Enjoy playing on rope swings or a giant

jumping pillow, zooming down 80-foot slides, and much more! Can't make this opportunity? Then plan for The Big Dig Potato Harvest, hosted August 14-15, 2021.

August 13th – Godspell

46400 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls, VA 20165

Presented By: Sterling Playmakers

Location: The Theater at Potomac Falls High School

Dates: 08/13, 08/14 and 08/15

Price \$25.00 per household streaming, \$20.00 general admission in person

E-Mail: godspell@sterlingplaymakers.org

Based primarily on the Book of Matthew, Godspell focuses on eight strangers, all from different walks of life, coming together to tell the lessons and parables of Jesus Christ through improvisation, various games, storytelling techniques and a hefty dose of comic timing. By the end of the show, which features a reenactment of the Last Supper and Crucifixion, the strangers learn to carry Jesus' message of kindness, tolerance, and love. Featuring a score from Stephen Schwartz (famous for Pippin, The Prince of Egypt, and Wicked) with various contemporary genres from pop to rock and gospel to vaudeville, this show has made a lasting impression on American musical theatre since its New York premiere in 1971, and later film version in 1973. The version of the script Sterling Playmakers will produce comes from the 2011-2012 Broadway revival, which masterfully injects this story with contemporary references and dazzling new music arrangements.

When the show premiered in 1971, our country was very much divided. We had the Vietnam War and counterculture movement, which was highly politicized and a moment of social tension in our American history. It feels right to set the show in today's time as we seem to be in need of healing during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the same unresolved social issues. Our group of strangers will begin the show divided in a black and white world as masked protesters during the pandemic. It's not until the entrance of Jesus that they begin to be in a world of color. Through the teachings of Jesus, they learn to come together and build a beautiful city of man, and spread the message of tolerance, compassion, and love.

August 14th – A Treasure Quest Adventure

21430 Cedar Drive, Suite 200, Sterling, VA 20164

Presented By: SN Mortgage Company

(703) 880-1846

Time: 11:00a to 4:30p

E-Mail: Neil.Scartz@snmc.com

Sn Mortgage Company Presents a Treasure Quest Adventure Sterling, VA – Sn Mortgage Company will present a Treasure Quest Adventure, taking place at locations throughout Loudoun County on Saturday August 14th at 11 AM.

The Treasure Quest Adventure will be a fun and challenging scavenger hunt of skill and wit for a chance to win a \$7,500 cash prize, all while supporting HomeAid Northern Virginia. The first clue leading to the first location will be sent to cell phones

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of registered participants and teams. Starting from anywhere, players will travel the county solving clues that lead to COVID-19 friendly locations. The first player or team to solve all clues and check into all locations will then return to SN Mortgage Company @ 21430 Cedar Dr, Sterling, VA 20164 and be acclaimed as the winner.

All players will be notified to return to SN Mortgage Company for a reception with our sponsors and representatives of HomeAid Northern Virginia, to enjoy a great meal, yard games, swag bags and raffle prizes (all included in the ticket price). The \$7,500 check will be presented to the winning player or team and all fundraiser proceeds will go to HomeAid Northern Virginia to benefit a great cause. Get yourself, your family, and your team outside for some fun, fresh air, and networking in historic Loudoun County, VA. For more information, contact Heather. Kyle@snmc.com (703) 880-1851.

WHO IS HOMEAID NORTHERN VIRGINIA AND WHY SHOULD I HELP?

HomeAid Northern Virginia has been building hope in the community since 2001. They strive to build new lives for families and individuals who experience homelessness through housing and community outreach. HomeAid builds multi-unit housing for homeless families and individuals then donates it to charities such as Family Promise, Salvation Army, Mercy House, and more. They are a 501C3 non-profit organization with the primary goal of ending homelessness. HomeAid Northern Virginia has completed over 150 projects and has provided support to local aid organizations which have changed thousands of lives. Please join us in helping local builders, shelters, volunteers, and trade partners of HomeAid Northern Virginia to continue changing the lives of the homeless in our region every day by becoming a sponsor. You can sponsor your own team to represent your company or by simply participating in the event.

August 21st – Youth Fly-Crafting Workshop

102 The Plain Road, Middleburg, VA 20118
Presented By: National Sporting Library & Museum
(540) 687-6542
Time: 10:00a to 12:30p
Price: Members: \$15.00 and non-members: \$30.00

Learn to tie fishing flies with Regal Vise pro-staff tier and owner of Fiber Flies Dubbing, Jim Bensinger. Whether you are an experienced fly angler, or have never tied a fly before, we will show how to tie nymphs, dry flies, and winged wet flies. Students will practice tying fundamentals such as thread control, attaching materials, wrapping materials, dubbing, hackling, and finishing the fly. Workshop is limited to 15 people per class. Ages 15 and under. 10AM – 12:30PM Members: \$15 / non-members \$30. Call 540-687-6542 x25 or email VPeacock@NationalSporting.org to sign up.

August 21st – World Heritage Festival & Kite Festival

60 Ida Lee Drive, NW Leesburg, VA 22176
Presented By: Chic Events DC
Location: Ida Lee Park
Time: 11:00a to 6:00p
Price: Free
E-mail: artsandcrafts@royal-eventsplanning.com

Welcome to the 2021 World Heritage Festival and Festival of Kites at Ida Lee Park on August 21, 2021 at from 11am - 6pm! There are several food vendors who will showcase only ethic food, fresh smoothies and traditional beverages.

Enjoy a cultural performance show while shopping from our more than 80 artists displaying everything from fine art to jewelry, ceramics to crafts, and every creative item in between. Other vendors include area nonprofit organizations, entrepreneurs, and local businesses.

The kids zone has activities and games throughout the day. All games and activities are weather dependent and may change according to the CDC and County guidelines.

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For more details, please visit our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/events/537502343468388/?active_tab=discussion



Ashburn Farm Odd Job Squad

The Odd Job Squad is updated regularly! Residents are often looking for some extra help with those little jobs around the house. If your child is interested in making some extra cash and helping his/her neighbors, fill out this form and email, mail, or fax it to the Association Office. Sign-ups are ongoing throughout the year.

The Odd Job Squad list will appear monthly in the Community Newsletter according to the information given below. This information will not be published in our online Newsletter. The Ashburn Farm Association makes no claims as to the qualifications of the participants of this program.

PARENTS:

I hereby give my child permission to have his/her name, street, telephone number, age, and acceptable tasks published in the Across the Fence newsletter each month for the purpose of participation in the Odd Job Squad.

Child's Name _____

Age: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Services Available (circle all that apply):

Pet Sitting Yard Work Office Work Babysitting (Red Cross Certified – Y/N) Snow Shoveling Car Washing

Other (please specify): _____

Parent's Signature

Date

Any changes to the above information must be submitted in writing to the Ashburn Farm Association Office. Our mailing address – 21400 Windmill Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147. You may also send changes via email to info@afhoa.net, or via fax to (703) 729-0247. Thank you!

Ashburn Farm Odd Job Squad

Please consider the following young people for your odd job needs!

The Ashburn Farm Association makes no claim as to the qualifications of the below-mentioned persons.

Please be sure to update your contact information regularly. Thank you!

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Advertising copy and payment can be mailed to:

Ashburn Farm Association
Attn: Kristen Cornwell, Editor
21400 Windmill Drive
Ashburn, VA 20147

Note: The Editor reserves the right to reject any advertisements for any reason. Ads that are deemed inappropriate or distasteful for this publication will not be run. No political advertising permitted. Advertising orders cannot be canceled after the deadline without prior arrangements. Questions can be forwarded to kcornwell@afhoa.net or 703-729-6680.

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