

# Across the Fence

The Official Publication of the Ashburn Farm Community



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# Helpful Numbers & Email Address

#### **Association Office**

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#### **Patriot Disposal**

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#### **Summit Management**

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#### 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**

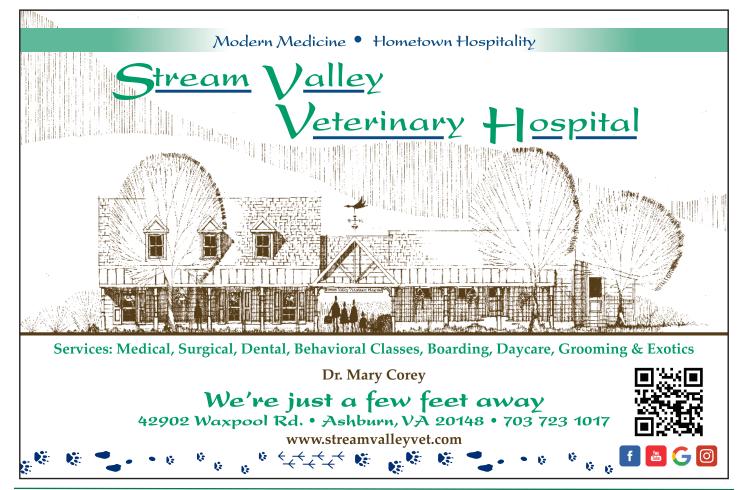
(P) 703-729-8906 (Laurie O'Donnell)

#### **Ashburn Post Office**

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

#### Ashburn Volunteer Fire/Rescue

(P) 703-729-0006



### Mark Your Calendars



The Association and Board of Trustees are working diligently to safely bring back the community events. Due to the recent updates of State regulations during COVID pandemic, certain events will be difficult to hold. The more difficult events to hold because of the buffet style food setting and limited capacity for gatherings would be Easter Bunny Brunch, Beer and Wine Tasting, Summer Kick Off, and Middle School Swim Night just to name a few. We are considering ways to have these event's which would be safe for the families attending and staff alike. We would like to move forward and bring back some normalcy to the community with event's like the community yard sales, Holiday Decoration Contest, and Christmas Card Contest.

Do not fret, we know how important these events are and will provide you with updates as we work through the regulations. Please reach out to the events@afhoa.net email with your ideas, questions, or concerns.

#### **Association Committee Dates 2021:**

- Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of every month. The Association sends via email notification with a reminder of meeting date, a link to meeting agenda, and a link to join the Board meeting remotely.
- 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.
- Budget and Finance meet the last Friday of every month. Call the Association office for additional information and questions.

All committee meeting dates are published on the Association community calendar located on the main page of the website. Check the calendar to acquire exact dates for committee meetings. You may also sign up via the website for email notifications to stay up to date on important updates or changes. Please call the office with additional questions at 703-729-6680.

www.ashburnfarmassociation.org

#### <u>Association Observation of Holidays:</u>

#### **Presidents Day**

Monday, February 15th

#### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 31st

#### Fourth of July

Friday, July 2nd

#### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 6th

#### **Thanksgiving**

Thursday 25th and Friday 26th of November

#### **Christmas**

Friday, December 24th

#### New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31st

These dates are published on the Association community website calendar. You may add these dates and all other Association published calendar dates to your personal calendar by clicking on "Subscribe to filtered calendar" located at the bottom of the calendar page and select which calendar works best for you.

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### Across the Fence

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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.

All materials (news, advertising, etc.) is subject to editing at the discretion of the Editor and/or General Manager. Ashburn Farm Association does not endorse or attest to the services offered by any advertisement and will not be held responsible as a result.

### 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
Karen Lowe – Architectural & Covenants Director
Chrissy Gier – Covenants Department Support Staff
Rachel Hess – Covenants Inspector
Cheri Jean – Financial Coordinator
\*Kristen Cornwell – Information, Events, & Rental Coordinator

\*Notary Public at Large for the Commonwealth of Virginia (call for information or appointment; \$5/document)

#### Ashburn Farm Association

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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 entitles 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 January 5, 2021 and the following was discussed:

- Vice President Scott Batchelder called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- A motion to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes, as submitted was passed (6/0/1/0)

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

No Members made any comments during the public forum.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Cushman noted that Patriot Disposal's trash service did not return to 7:00 AM during its first collection of 2021 but has spoken with the company and was reassured that it will not happen again.
- Due to the limited cash available in the reserve account, which is fully invested, the annual purchase of light poles was moved from December 2020. It will likely be brought to the Board for approval at the February meeting when the cash balance on the account increases.
- The traffic calming effort on Wayside Circle failed, due to a lack of votes by affected homeowners.
- Mr. Cushman stated that numerous trees were lost during the recent snow/ice storm. He noted that many of the lost trees were evergreens. Additionally, that fallen trees and limbs left by VDOT along Ashburn Road would be cleaned up and maintained by the Association.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 2021 Association Pools, Events, Rentals (Community Center, Facility & Fields) –Once again holding Red Cross blood drives at the Association community Center was discussed and it was decided that after confirming the Red Cross has necessary safety protocols in place and are able to enact those protocols in the community center that Red Cross blood drives would be scheduled at the association Community Center.
- The Board considered the options available for holding

a Summer Kick Off event again in 2021. The general consensus was that an attempt should be made to hold some sort of event, depending on Covid-19 restrictions at that time. Staff will work with the County, various vendors, fireworks company, etc. to see what possibilities are available and what their refund policies are. The option of homeowners prepurchasing tickets was considered.

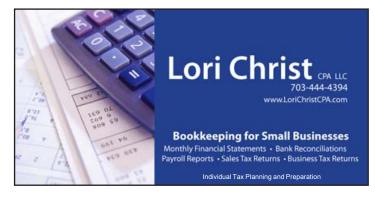
- The staff will also look at possibilities for other community events that could be held in 2021 to allow social distancing during events.
- Exterior Alteration Application Process Mr.
   Batchelder asked Board members to review the process of reviewing Exterior Alteration Applications to examine how to best incorporate concerns of neighbors regarding an application submitted to the Association. Concerns were also raised about residents completing work without applications and the complications that can arise. Mr. Batchelder stated that they hope more neighbors will come forward to report residents making changes to their homes without applications.

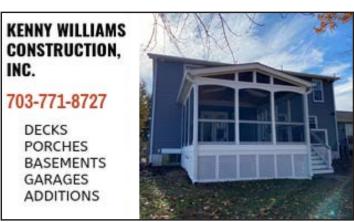
A suggestion that a certification statement be included on the Exterior Alteration Application for homeowners to sign, stating that the work will not have any negative impact on neighbors' properties in addition to requiring an EAA worksheet (i.e. drainage plan) for modifications that potentially would impact "stormwater/drainage". The Board has requested an article and drawings be included in the newsletter explaining drainage issues and how neighborhoods are designed to manage stormwater.

- Financial Information Dr. Lubore stated that there
  was \$13,000 in the undesignated reserve account.
  He worked with the Association's financial advisor
  to move \$10,000 of that to an investment account,
  gaining 4% interest.
- The Association is still waiting for the November and December financial statements from Summit Management; these have been delayed due to Summit changing to the Vantaca management software.
- Association Inspection Notice, Process & Letters
   Review Mr. Cushman provided the Board members
   with drafts of the new notices and letters for review.
   Mr. Hancock will review and edit the letters over the
   next month for the Board to review at the February

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# Association Assistance During COVID-19

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Ashburn Farm Association Board of Trustees voted to suspend the annual property inspections until the end of 2020 to allow Members to focus their full attention and resources towards their own wellbeing and that of loved ones.

The Association continues to respond to Resale Disclosure requests, Exterior Alteration Applications submitted, as well as concerns reported by email or phone. Additionally, the Association will continue responding to member notifications of compliance with the health and safety aspects of the Covenants & Architectural Standards, such as trash and parking enforcement, law maintenance to reduce the presence of rodents, etc. Property owners will be notified of severe violations of Covenants and/or Architectural Standards noted while responding to one of the aforementioned examples.

The work completed over the past six months to ensure the notification aspect of the annual inspections is paramount has been codified and will be in place when annual inspections resume in 2021; as will the changes to the Association's Architectural & Maintenance Standards.

Additionally, due to the circumstances created by the Coronavirus pandemic, the Ashburn Farm Association

Board of Trustees, will suspended late penalties for the financially affected.

We know that during the pandemic, as well as once it's under control, Association Members may be working less, unemployed, have other expenses, fall ill, or have family members that fall ill or need financial or other assistance. To seek relief from late penalties for non-payment of assessments Members will need to provide an written statement regarding the financial impact the Coronavirus pandemic has had. Please send an email to dues@afhoa. net, briefly explaining your situation.

This is not a waiver of assessments. The Ashburn Farm Association Board of Trustees is unable to waive assessments, which are required by the Covenants. The intent of this resolution is to waive late fees/penalties for those affected by the Coronavirus crisis as defined by the members in their own words.

The lasting effects of the Coronavirus pandemic are unknown, and the Association wants to support the Members every way it can during this time. Please contact us to discuss what assistance we can offer.

### 2021 Homeowner Assessments

Summit Management has experienced delays in the production and mailing of the 2021 homeowner assessment coupon books. If you have not received your coupon book, please contact Summit Management by phone or email. Please remember that HOA assessments are due on the 1st of every month. The new assessment amounts are below:

<u>Assessments</u>	2021 Monthly Fee	2021 Quarterly Fee
Public Street Homes (VDOT-maintained)	\$88.97	\$266.91
Private Street Homes (HOA-maintained)	\$100.09	\$300.27
Condos (Privately-maintained)	\$66.09	\$198.27

- If you are signed up for ACH payments through Summit Management, your payments will automatically update to the 2021 dues amount.
- If you are signed up for recurring payments through your bank, you will need to log into the link below and update your payment amount: https://pay.allianceassociationbank.com/

When making payments to Summit Management, please use the following information:

Management ID: 6657
Association ID: ASH

**Property ID:** House number + first three letters of street (i.e., 21400WIN).

If mailing your payment, please send your check or money order to:

Ashburn Farm Association

C/O Summit Management, Processing Center

P.O. Box 95366

Las Vegas, NV 89193-5366

Please contact Summit Management if you have any questions concerning your account or payment options:

Summit Management Services, Inc.

www.summitmanage.com

Phone: 301-495-0146

accounting@summitmanage.com



### Maintenance Minute

#### What is the Best Ice Melt for Concrete Sidewalks?

Good ice melt choices for concrete are Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride. While

Potassium Chloride is good for the environment it damages the concrete and typically costs 3-5 times more.

Another good de-icer is CMA – or Calcium Magnesium Acetate – which does not wash away as easily as the others and has a lower environmental impact. Normal bacteria will eat CMA so Mother Nature will clean up and control CMA contamination. These products undergo a chemical reaction that produces heat when they get wet, which controls the ice. These de-icers work at colder temperatures below zero degrees Fahrenheit. CMA, Calcium Chloride and Magnesium Chloride are most effective, with CMA being the longest lasting. Potassium Chloride and salt work at warmer temperatures above 20 degrees.

All de-icers are best applied just before the snow falls, coating concrete surfaces to minimize the ice buildup. These de-icers will not melt large quantities of snow or ice that has already fallen – for that you will need to shovel.



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### Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue February Newsletter

Stay up to date on our latest events at: https://ashburnfirerescue.org/events.

(Virtual) Prosepective Member Meeting – February 23rd – 7:00 pm.m to 9:00 p.m. Learn more about volunteering with AVFRD. Perations and Admin members needed. Many benefits. See our website for more information and how to apply. http://ashburnfirerescue.org/volunteer/process.

**Sprint Virtual B-I-N-G-O** – Join us on February 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm. For our Spring Virtual Bingo. Two cards per player, 6 different games, and great prizes! This is a free event, but registration is required. Space is limited so register today using the REGISTER button via http://ashburnfirerescue.org/event/sprint-virtual-b-i-n-g-o/.

**Save the Date: AVFRD Spring Picnic-To-Go Event – Drive-Through BBQ** – We are celebrating with the first Picnic-To-Go Half Chicken Grilled in Pennsylvania Firehouse style on March 13th. More information and how to order will be available soon.

**Founders Hall – Station 6, Ashburn Road** – The perfect event & meeting space. With space for 225 people, modern amenities and simple rental terms, this is the right choice for your event – big or small. Accessible, friendly, and fun for the family, friends and more! For more information go to http://ashburnfirerescue.org/facilities-apparatus/founders-hall/

### Covenants Corner

While the Association canceled annual inspections in 2020 in response to the Coronavirus, work continued during the year to address Member's concerns reported to the Association, as well as to ensure the resale process continued unimpeded. In fact, more than two-hundred homes were sold in 2020. Forty-six of those homes had no compliance or maintenance concerns at resale. The remaining properties were able to quickly resolve concerns ensuring the aesthetic quality of the community and protecting everyone's investment.

The Association received more than five-hundred concerns in 2020 and must respond every time a concern is received. Sixty-six percent of the letters sent by the Association in 2020 were in response to a concern received from a Member or a subsequent patrol of that area with that concern in mind.

Listed below are the top 5 types of concerns received at the Association Office over the past year. As a member of the Ashburn Farm community, please always remember to be considerate of your neighbors.

#### 1. Trash

- o Cans left out on common areas or streets after the pick-up day;
- o Recycling/boxes placed out and not broken down in a secured recycling container;
- o Special pick-up items set out, but not scheduled with Patriot;
- o Putting your trash in another homeowner's receptacle; and
- o Recycling items being placed out on non-recycling days. Patriot will not pick-up those items.

#### 2. Parking

- o Cars parked in 72 hour parking spaces for longer periods of time; and
- o Properties monopolizing the open spaces.

#### 3. Dog Waste/Noise

- o Allowing your pet to relieve themselves on another homeowner's property;
- o Not picking up behind your dog;
- o Constant barking; and
- o Dogs off their leash.

#### 4. Signs

- o Large banners on homes or signs in the yard; and
- o Political signs not removed the day after the election.

#### 5. Recreational play equipment

o Swings and other play equipment in front yards.

If you have any questions about the Policies, Standards or Covenants, please feel free to contact the Association Office or visit our website at www.ashburnfarmassociation.org. We are here to help.



Recycling placed out on non-recycling day



Trashcans on non-trash day



Trash & Recycling placed out not secured

### Board Briefs (continued)

BOT meeting. Mr. Fedak would like to discuss staff interactions with homeowners at a future meeting and recommended training sessions on customer service. Mr. Hancock stated that he would like the phone tree removed from the phone system to ensure that homeowners reach a person when they call the Association office.

- A motion was approved (4/0/3/0) to accept the proposed changes to the Architectural Standards that were reviewed by the Board via email over the last month, with Mr. Brewer, Mr. Oakley, and Mr. Tighe absent.
- Late Fee Policy Update, Resolution 01052021 –
   This document was reviewed at the December BOT meeting, and the Board members recommended changes. The changes were incorporated, and the new resolution was brought to the Board for review.
   Mr. Hancock indicated that the resolution incorrectly stated the timeframe guidelines and requested that this be corrected, and an updated resolution brought to the February BOT meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Appointment to the Architectural Review Board, Mr.
 Randy Vosbeck Resolution 01052021A – Mr. Hancock made a motion to approve Resolution #01052021A, appointing Randy Vosbeck to the Architectural Review Board. Dr. Lubore seconded the motion. The motion passed (4/0/3/0), with Mr. Brewer, Mr. Oakley, and Mr. Tighe absent.

#### **APPEALS**

 43238 Brookford Square, Appeal of Denial of Front Yard Tree Swing – Dr. Lubore made a motion to deny the approval of a front yard swing on the property located at 43238 Brookford Square. Mr. Hancock seconded the motion. The motion failed (0/4/3/0). Mr. Hancock, Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Fedak Dr. Lubore against; Mr. Brewer, Mr. Oakley, and Mr. Tighe absent.

#### **INFORMATIONAL**

Association Delinquent Status Report – No report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

• Mr. Hancock made a motion to adjourn the regular business meeting at 8:11 PM. Mr. Fedak seconded the motion. The motion passed (4/0/3/0).

Minutes for the Ashburn Farm Board of Trustees (BOT)

Meeting are developed from meeting recordings and BOT

member input.



Windmill Pond. Photo by Rachel Hess

# ASHBURN SCOUT TROOP 1158 Spring 2021 Mulch Sale FREE DELIVERY (Saturday April 10, 2021)

Proudly serving the greater Ashburn/Leesburg areas (20147, 20148, 20175, 20176)

Your support will help the Scouts of Troop 1158 purchase Troop equipment, attend training and scouting activities!!

Brown Double Shredded Hardwood mulch (3 Cubic Foot bag) - \$5.25/bag\* Enriched Black mulch (3 Cubic Foot bag) - \$6.25/bag\*

Special offer: Save your time and back! Have our Scouts spread your mulch for a low fee of \$3.50/baa\*



Easy ordering: On our website - www.troop1158.org OR on your phone (scan our QA code)

\*Same low

2019/20 prices

Payments processed securely via PayPal

ORDER BY 5pm Monday <u>March 29, 2021</u>

**Delivery** (1 day only) Saturday April 10, 2021

Sunday April 11 OR April 18 **Spreading** (you choose)

Contact CeCi Stephens at: 803-810-1158 or email at: mulchsales@troop1158.org All orders must be received and pre-paid by 5pm Monday March 29, 2021. No exceptions! We thank you for your support!

# COVID-19 TESTING



February 2021

**Tuesdays & Thursdays** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.



loudoun.gov/COVID19testing



# Selling Your Home?

You will need to request a disclosure package from the HOA prior to selling your home.

The homeowner or agent can request a disclosure packet from the HOA. The disclosure request form can be found on the Association website www.ashburnfarmassociation. org under the "resale/refinance" tab, then select "resale disclosure request". Click on "Disclosure Packet" and the form will appear. You may send an email to disclosures@ afhoa.net to request the disclosure request form. Drop off the completed form at Association office or email it to disclosures@afhoa.net. The packet will be completed within 14 calendar days. If you request a rush disclosure, it will take three (3) business days to complete and there will be an additional \$50.00 rush fee.

The disclosure packet in its electronic form (via email) for Single Family and Townhomes will cost \$225.00. The seller may also request the packet in paper form for \$250.00. The cost for a condo in its electronic and paper form is \$100.00. Payment can be made via check paid to the order of Ashburn Farm Association or the charge can be posted to the seller's account prior to settlement.

Once the HOA has received the disclosure request form, an exterior inspection of the property will be done. The inspector will cover all surface per the Covenants;

Article VI, Section 1(c) of the Covenants explicitly states that: No improvements, alterations, repairs, change of paint colors, excavations, changes in grade or other work, which in any way alters the exterior of any lot or common area or improvements located thereon from its natural or improved state, existing on the date such property was first subject to this Declaration, shall be made or done without the prior approval of the Architectural Review Board. No building, residence or other structure, fence wall or landscaping in lieu thereof shall be commenced, erected, maintained, improved, altered, made, or done on such property without the prior written approval of the Architectural Review Board.

An Exterior Alteration Application (EAA) will be requested for any modifications not previously approved. EAAs can be submitted to ARB@afhoa.net for processing.

Questions regarding EAA's can be directed to the ARB email address. Questions about the inspection itself can be directed to the Disclosures email address.

The Association must uphold the guidelines of *The Virginia Property Owner's Act.* Article 55.1-1808 Contract disclosure statement; right of cancellation:

B. Subject to the provisions of subsection A of § 55.1-1814, an owner selling a lot shall disclose in the contract that (i) the lot is located within a development that is subject to the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55.1-1800 et seq.); (ii) the Property Owners' Association Act (§ 55.1-1800 et seq.) requires the seller to obtain from the property owners' association an association disclosure packet and provide it to the purchaser; (iii) the purchaser may cancel the contract within three days, or up to seven days if extended by the ratified real estate contract, after receiving the association disclosure packet or being notified that the association disclosure packet will not be available; (iv) if the purchaser has received the association disclosure packet, the purchaser has a right to request an update of such disclosure packet in accordance with subsection G of § 55.1-1810 or subsection D of § 55.1-1811, as appropriate; and (v) the right to receive the association disclosure packet and the right to cancel the contract are waived conclusively if not exercised before settlement.

# Ashburn Farm Snow Removal Policy

The Association is responsible for snow removal on private streets (townhome streets and Perennial Lane). The Ashburn Farm Association is not responsible for removing snow, or treating, state or county maintained public (VDOT & Loudoun County) roadways (all single family home streets, except Perennial Lane). Recreational areas and parking lots will be cleared on an as needed basis, at the discretion of the Association.

- Snow removal will start after two inches (2") of snow has accumulated on paved surfaces, or at the discretion of the Association.
- All single-family homes (excluding those on Perennial Lane) are located on state or county (VDOT & Loudoun County) owned streets; snow removal on those streets is the responsibility of VDOT / Loudoun County. To contact VDOT please call 703-383-VDOT (8368).
- Please allow 18 hours for every 6" of snow accumulation for the roads to be cleared. If you're essential personnel, or are required to be available for work around the clock, please make private arrangements or park on a VDOT street.
- Ice melt will be applied at the discretion of management and the conditions in each neighborhood, unsafe conditions should be reported to the Association immediately. Ice melt application trucks will patrol Association owned streets after a snow or ice event, and after a melt/ freeze cycle (warm day/freezing night) immediately following the snow or ice event at the discretion of the management. Please ensure that you are wearing appropriate clothing, footwear, etc. to best deal with the conditions present at the time.
- All snow removal equipment contracted by the Association must maintain a minimum of thirty-six inches (36") of clearance from all parking spaces. The snow that accumulates within the thirty-six inches (36") is the sole responsibility of the person(s) assigned to or using the parking space. Curbside and open parking spaces will not be cleared.
- Vehicles parked curbside in the townhome areas must be moved to allow for snow removal. Failure to do so will result in a less efficient snow removal process and parked vehicles could become stuck due to snow deflecting off plows. Owners that find themselves in this situation due to an unmoved car will be responsible for clearing these areas.
- Please do not clear snow from driveway entrances or vehicles and place in/on the street, thinking a plow can/ will remove it. The pile will become packed and will

- require specialized equipment to remove and will be charged to the responsible party.
- Take caution when clearing snow from a driveway, parking space, etc. prior to the street or parking lot plowing by the snow removal contractor, as snow may be unintentionally deflected by removal equipment during plowing and may come to rest in driveways or parking spaces. In cases such as these, neither the Association, nor the snow removal contractor are responsible for clearing deflected snow. It is the responsibility of the resident to clear this snow.
- Snow should never be deposited onto streets, sidewalks, parking spaces, utility strips, or parking lot islands. If shoveling or blowing snow, deposit it onto your own property or grass covered common areas. This applies to contractors, residents, or anyone hired to perform snow removal service by a resident. The Association is not responsible for removal of snow piled in the street, in a parking space, or on the sidewalk by residents or a contractor hired by residents; however, should the Association be forced to remove it, the responsible party will be charged.
- Snow will be removed from Association owned mailboxes in the townhome areas by the snow removal contractors to allow mail delivery.
- The Ashburn Farm Association is not responsible for removing the snow from sidewalks in front of townhomes or single-family homes. This is the sole responsibility of the resident.
- Only sidewalks and trails that are used by students to travel to and from schools will be cleared when an accumulation of 2" or more has occurred, or at the discretion of the Association. The application of ice melt will be minimal on these areas. Please ensure that the footwear and clothing choices are suitable for the conditions.

Please contact the Association Office 703-729-6680 or email snowremoval@afhoa.net if you have comments or concerns regarding snow removal. To ensure your concern is addressed as quickly as possible please include clear contact information: your full name, street address, time of call and your concern.

### Be A Good Neighbor!

With the onset of winter weather, please be sure to clear sidewalks and walkways of snow and ice.

# Pool Pass Application and Updates

The Association will process requests for new and updated pool passes through email until further notice. The Association office is following Governors instructions on opening during the pandemic. The pools will open this year and have a similar process to last year's process for utilization. Be on the look out for the reservation process in the upcoming newsletters and e-mail notifications. If you are not signed up for the e-mail notifications, visit the Association website and following the "Sign Up for Email Alerts!" at the bottom of the homepage.

Requests for new pool passes and to update an existing pool pass should be sent to pools@afhoa.net. Pictures should also be sent to the pools@afhoa.net email with the name and address for each person.

#### Steps requesting new pool passes:

#### New residents will require the following:

- Pool pass application form.
- Proof of residency in the form of an ID or driver's license with the Ashburn Farm address. If the address has not been updated, a major bill must be submitted with the identification card. (electric, water, vehicle registration, etc.)
- Pictures in .jpg format for all residents over the age of nine in passport style, against a wall, from the shoulders up (see example below).
- Payment in the form of cash or check is accepted.
   The cost for each pass \$5.00. Checks should be made payable to Ashburn Farm Association or AFA.





Example of format for pool pass

#### New tenants will require the following:

- Off-Site Member Contact form, filled out by both the homeowner and tenant. If one has not been previously submitted.
- Pool pass application form.
- Proof of residency in the form of an ID or driver's license with the Ashburn address. If the address has not been updated, a major bill can be submitted with the identification card. (electric, water, vehicle registration, etc.)
- Submit pictures in .jpg format for all residents over the age of nine in passport style, against a wall, from the shoulders up (see example below).
- Payment in the form of cash or check is accepted.
   The cost for each pass \$5.00. Checks should be made payable to Ashburn Farm Association or AFA.

The pool pass application can be found on the next page or on the Ashburn Farm website;

https://ashburnfarmassociation.org/pools/.

If you have any questions, please contact the Association office at (703) 729-6680 or email at pools@afhoa.net.



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### 2021 Resident Pool Pass Application

Applying for pool passes as Owner Renter Adult Name 1: Email: Adult Name 2: Cell Number 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number 2: \_\_\_ Home Phone: Additional Members — Age two years and older **Date of Birth Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_ **Resident Guidelines Tenant Guidelines** New resident's must present proof of residency and a • The Offsite Information Contact Form must be valid ID due at issuing process. We accept any major submitted before or during the request for pool passes. bill (s) or closing documents. Proof of residency and a valid ID is due at issuing Pictures in JPG format for persons nine years and process. We accept any major bill. Lease is not older, in passport style be taken/submitted with accepted, due to easy fraudulence. application. Pictures in JPG format for persons nine years and older, in passport style be taken/submitted with All printed passes are \$5.00. Payment of check or cash is accepted. application. Passes must be updated for adults every five years All printed passes are \$5.00. Payment of check or cash and children every three years. 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: 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:

# **Events Around Loudoun County**

# February 4th and 11th - Wood Fired Pizza Making Class + Wine and Beer Paring

1600 Village Market Blvd, Suite 120, Leesburg, VA

(703) 443-1600

Location: Wild Wood Pizza Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Price: \$25.00

Join us for an adults-only wood fired pizza making class

with wine and beer pairings!

Join Chef Curtis Allred for a wood-fired pizza making

experience to remember!

• Individual pizza making kit

• 2 adult beverages (beer or wine)

Guest must be 21+ to attend.

# February 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26, and 27th – Cocktails with Cupcake

500 N Pendleton Street, Middleburg, VA 20117 For more information, please call (540) 326-4020

Location: Salamander Resort & Spa

Recurrence: Recurring weekly on Friday, Saturday

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meet the newest (and sweetest) member of our team, Cupcake! Our friend may be little in size but this miniature horse has a big personality. Each week she joins our team in the Living Room to greet our guests and welcome them to their home-away-from-home.

During this time, enjoy Gold Cup's new Cupcake Cocktail with vanilla vodka, dark and light Godiva, housemade whipped cream topped with rainbow sprinkles. \$14 per drink

# February 6th and 7th – Enchanted Carriage Rides

36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville, VA 20132 (540) 338-7973

Location: Franklin Park Performing & Visual Arts Center

Price: \$95.00

Cozy up with your family/special someone for an enchanted outing in Cinderella's Carriage! Take in the scenic views and pond while you listen to the clip-clop of two magnificent horses pulling the elegant white pumpkinshaped carriage on a ride though Franklin Park. You will be greeted along with way by some favorite princesses for selfies and sweet treats. Warm up after your ride with hot cider and time in the Arts Center gallery. Carriage seats 4 adults or a family of up to 6 people with small children. COVID precautions include cleaning carriage between rides; occupants should all be from the same family and face coverings are encouraged for maximum safety. Rides will be magical in all kinds of weather!

# February 6th and 7th - Nomini Bay Oyster Festival

18701 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135

(540) 554-2337

Presented By: Dirt Farm Brewing Location: Dirt Farm Brewing Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The folks of Nomini Bay Oyster Ranch, LLC will be on the mountain all weekend serving their famous oysters! Enjoy them raw or charbroiled, with specialty options that pair

perfectly with Dirt Farm beer.

Our property will be open with outdoor seating only.

#### February 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, and 20th – Till Death Do Us Part – Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane, Leesburg, VA 20175

(571) 477-9444

Presented By: Oatlands Historic House and Gardens

Location: Carriage House Time: 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Price: \$65.00 includes dinner and show

It's a raging Bridezilla versus a Groom who doesn't seem to care. But there's more than wedding jitters afoot as the couple prepares for the rehearsal dinner and a murder occurs. Someone is lying. The event planner needs your help to solve a mystery that threatens to turn the rehearsal dinner venue into a morgue with a room full of suspects. To keep the dearly beloved from becoming the dearly departed, speak now... or forever hold your peace! Doors open at 6:00pm. Show begins at 6:30pm. Dinner will begin at 7:00pm. The show resumes after dinner.

\$60 ticket price includes dinner catered by Pure Perfection and the show. Beer, wine, cocktails, and canned sodas will be available for separate purchase. [Plated Dinner Menu: Baby Romaine Salad with Roasted Tomatoes and Artichokes, Herb Croutons, and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing. 1. Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Brandy Terragon Jus. 2. Braised Beef Steak Au Poivre with Green Peppercorn Sauce. 3. Potato and Truffle Tortellini with Basil Pesto and Sweety Drop Peppers. All entrees served with Au Gratin Potatoes with Sautéed Mixed Vegetables, Flourless Chocolate Cake with Berry Compote, Soft Rolls and Butter. Self Service Coffee and Iced Tea.] Reservations are required for catering purposes and to ensure social distancing between tables.

https://stagecoachtc.com/till-death-do-us-part/

## **Events Around Loudoun County**

# February 11th, 12th, 13th, and 14th – Valentine's Weekend at Lost Barrel Brewing

36138 John Mosby Highway, Middleburg, VA 20117

Presented By: Lost Barrel Brewing Location: Lost Barrel Brewing Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join Lost Barrel Brewing to celebrate Valentine's Day Weekend! We will be celebrating all weekend! Come with your significant other, family or have a galentines date!

- Beer SpecialsThemed Desserts
- Photo Backdrops in the Saloon & Studio
- DJ's all weekend
- Table reservations via Opentable.com
- Fire pits, saloon and studio, email events@lostbarrel.com

Takeout options for your date night at home!

# February 12th and 19th - Sterling Playmakers Presents 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

PO Box 1611 Sterling, VA 20167 (703) 437-6117

Presented By: Sterling Playmakers Location: Sterling Playmakers Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole into the whimsical world of wonderland! Along this delightful journey you'll meet the comedic and sometimes chaotic characters residing there. From dancing animals and talking flowers, to poetic bugs and a lively royal court, this superfluous silly show is bound to entertain you. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, where nonsense makes quite good sense.

Sterling Playmakers is a non-profit 501(c)(3) community theatre organization in partnership with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Sterling Community Center. Founded in 1996, Sterling Playmakers provides amateur community theatre performed by local residents for the entire Loudoun community. We are proud to present quality, family-friendly entertainment.

# February 13th and 15th - MYHockey Congressional Cup

19201 Compass Creek Parkway SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
Presented By: MYHockey Tournaments
Location: Ion International Training Center
Join us for the MYHockey Congressional Cup. February 1315, 2021. The event will be played at the ion International
Training Center and Ashburn Ice House.

# February 29th - StageCoach Bandits Improv Comedy Show

20937 Ashburn Road, Suites 115 and 120 Ashburn, VA 20147 (571) 477-9444

Presented By: StageCoach Theatre Company Recurrence: Recurring monthly on the 3rd Friday

Location: StageCoach Theatre Company

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Price: \$15 Reservations required.

Improv troupe for StageCoach Theatre Company, the StageCoach Bandits are Loudoun County's funniest improv comedy team! Join us monthly for THIRD FRIDAY IMPROV! Just like "Whose Line Is It Anyway?", the Bandits perform short-form improv using suggestions from the audience. The show also includes several comedy skits. Shows are completely interactive. No show or game is ever the same twice!

Shows start at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7:00pm. In-person and via livestream

Get your tickets here: https://stagecoachtc.com/ stagecoach-bandits/

# February 13th and 27th - CLASSIC MOVIE MUSICALS NIGHTS!

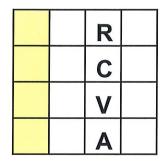
36441 Blueridge View Lane, Purcellville, VA 20132 (540) 338-7973

Presented By: Franklin Park Performing Arts Center Location: Franklin Park Performing & Visual Arts Center Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Price: \$3 purchase online www.franklinparkartcenter.org Yes, we did say movie musicals, shown in the theatre of the Arts Center! The movies will be a surprise, but you can surprise us and come dressed as your favorite musical character and parade across our stage! Seating will be socially distanced and a maximum of 50 tickets are available. Water will be sold. No snacks or food is permitted in theatre.

# Squigly's Secret Message

Solve the clues, write the answer in the boxes provided and when you read down the first column of each group of answers, you will reveal Squigly's Special Message.

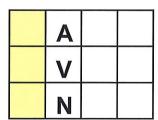


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**Emotion** 

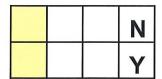
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Sweet potatoes

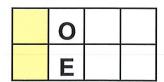
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Coffee \_\_\_\_

Simple



Additional

Dogs cry

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Grapes grow on this

High cards

Misplaced

A direction

Opposite of mean

Clock tell this

Press clothes

A Backstreet Boy

Finishes

## Library Corner



#### **Ashburn Library Programs and Information:**

#### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program

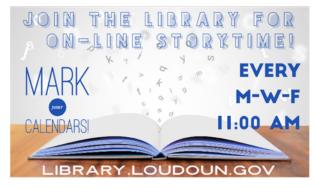
A Self-paced early literacy program. Engage readers early to continue a lifetime love of ready! Library.loudoun.gov/1000books

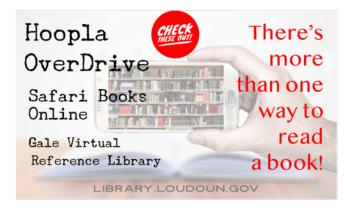
#### Want to Request a Title?

Visit the LCPL website and click on the "Suggest a title" section. Fill out the form and submit. An email will be sent to you if the library will or will not purchase the title and why. Books, ebooks, audiobooks, and DVFs are available for suggestion. Library.loudoun.gov.









# 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:**

Please note that even if your child is currently on the Odd Job Squad list, you must register them annually.

Anyone not registered will be removed from the list.

Child's Name				Age:	
Address					
Phone Numb	oer				
Services Ava	ilable (circle all	that apply):			
Pet Sitting	Yard Work	Office Work	Babysitting (Red Cross Certified – Y/N)	Snow Shoveling	Car Washing
Other (please	e specify):				
			/her name, address and telephone numb ed of participation in the Odd Job Square	•	Across the
Parent's Sign	ature			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!



### Advertising Information and Specifications

The following information lists the specifications for display advertising in Across the Fence. All advertising is due (copy and payment) by the **10th of the preceding month** of the issue.

Size	Price/mo	Extended Contract*
1/8 Page	\$110	\$100/mo
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\*Extended contracts refer to advertising commitments for a period of six months or more. Pre-payment of the term is required in order to take advantage of the extended contract discounts.

An Insertion Order Form must be submitted with ad. Forms are available at the Association Office or via fax and our website. Advertiser must provide in digital form (PDF or TIF files only, PC formatted). Ad copy may be in black & white or color. Ads will run as-is; no alterations will be made by the Association. Ads exceeding the proper size reserved will not run.

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Ad space is limited and reserved on a first come-first served basis. Payment in full is due for ad space before the deadline (except for extended term contracts – these are due at reservation). We do not bill – pre-payment of ad space is mandatory. **Make checks payable to Ashburn Farm Association.** If payment is not received by the deadline, the space becomes forfeited. We will not refund payment due to missed deadlines for copy. Copy submitted must meet the required specifications. We will not be held responsible if copy is not submitted by the deadline even though payment has been received.

Advertising copy and payment can be mailed to:

Ashburn Farm Association Attn: Alicia Lough, 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 ayoung@afhoa.net or 703-729-6680.

### Classifieds

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#### **Oriental Rug for Sale**

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#### **ESTATE PLANNING: WILLS AND TRUSTS**

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#### **Handyman Services**

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703-615-1665. Website DebRuns.com.

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I will tutor your math student in your home. Improve their abilities in middle school, SAT/ACT, high school, and college mathematics. Contact Steve Lubore, Ph. D. at 703-729-9248 or gr82learn@comcast.net.

#### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

A maximum of 40 words is permitted. Information is subject to editing at the discretion of the Editor. Ads submitted over 40 words will be edited as needed. Ad copy can be submitted by e-mail to ayoung@afhoa.net. Payment (where applicable) will need to accompany any e-mailed ad in a timely manner to assure it will run. In order to take advantage of the discounted rates for Ashburn Farm residents, you must provide an address and daytime telephone number to accompany your ad. Rates are listed below.

Business Ad	Resident \$10	Non-Resident \$25
Personal Ad	Resident	Non-Resident
	FREE	\$25

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CLASSIFIED ADS IS THE 10TH OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.



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### Coming in March. . .

March 2nd: BOT Meeting March 11th: ARB Meeting

March 25th: ARB Meeting/Hearing

March 26th: B&F Meeting