



The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

January 2021



RHA Board & Committee News:

Upcoming Meetings:

Board	Jan 11 (tentative) Jan 25
ACC	Jan 5 Feb 1
SA	Jan 6
REC	(tentative) Feb 10
Parking	Jan 13
Social	Feb

Until further notice, all meetings will be **online** at 7pm & are subject to change.

The RHA website has instructions on attending online meetings.

www.rha-homes.org

Important Dates:

Dec 21-Jan 1	FCPS Winter Holidays
Jan 1	New Year's Day 2021 Display 2021 TH Parking Stickers
Jan 4 & 11	TH Christmas Tree pickups
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (FCPS holiday)
Jan 20	Inauguration Day (FCPS holiday)
Jan 25	(FCPS holiday)

Board:

by Willie Jimenez Elias, RHA Board President

- 2021 RHA Board Priorities will be posted on the RHA website shortly; please review and see if there are any projects that you would like to assist in completing in 2021.
- **Street Ambassador (SA)** Program will meet every first Wednesday of the month at 7PM starting on January 6. Current SAs and all homeowners are encouraged to attend.
- Illegally dumped Bulk items and Litter Pick-up contracts are signed for 2021. Help keep our association dues low by reporting any illegal dumping to L&N and encourage TH residents to call Bates by Thursday afternoon for Friday bulk-item pick-up.

- TH area Light Study is almost complete. The Board is now waiting for final recommendations from the Engineering Consultant and we will start with electrical design so that we can secure electrical bids for the work.

- The 2nd RHA Board meeting in December (on the 28th) was cancelled due to the holidays
- Any 2020 RHA budget surplus will be split to 2021 Budget (50%) & RHA Reserve Funds (50%).

Architectural Control Committee:

by Georgette Nuss, ACC Chair

At the December 7, 2020, scheduled meeting of the ACC, the Committee acted on two requests for change. One request for propane tanks was denied because the tanks were in public view, and one request was approved that will extend the roof over a townhome's balcony so that it will be covered.

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RHA Board Position Available - Come Join the All Volunteer Team! During the December 14th RHA Board meeting, a board member submitted their resignation. While we always appreciate the commitment and energy given to the community by the volunteer board members, we realize life, family and work situations change and should take the attention each person needs them to.

Being an RHA Board member is a thankless job, but somebody has to do it. ...With that in mind, we are looking for a community member to step up and do great things in and for the community. Other than the current 2 meetings (via Zoom) each month, any other time commitment is yours to define.

Our Bylaws allow for the RHA Board to fill a vacant position by appointment. If you are a homeowner and would like to be considered, please send an email to Rhboard@RHA-Homes.org Provide your name, address and phone number, as well as, a brief statement introducing yourself and why you would be an asset to the community. Indicate any special expertise, interest or motivation that could be useful to RHA.

Please respond no later than January 8. The person will be appointed at the January 11 board meeting and will serve a 2 year term, until the Annual Meeting in November 2022, which is the remainder of the vacated term. ...Mirror Mirror who is the next RHA Board Member to make a difference?



RHA Board

President:

Willie Jimenez Elias

Vice President:

Don Nuss

Treasurer:

Charlie Marts

At Large:

Mike Olson

5th Member:

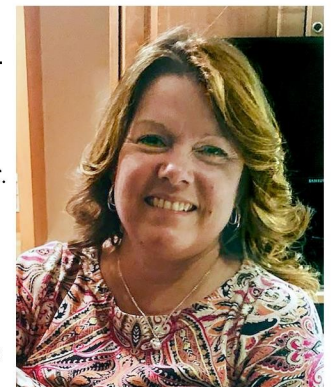
*****(vacant)*****

L&N Property Manager
Karen Sine 703-970-8856

Please welcome **Karen Sine**, (KSine@legumnorman.com) our new Legum & Norman property manager. Karen has been serving in Community Association Management for 4 years. Her prior experience included real estate, financial planning/insurance sales and emergency response and restoration. All these positions along with her life experience has given her a well-rounded and balanced approach as an Association Manager.

During her time as a Community Manager, Karen has served in over 21 communities throughout Northern Virginia and Washington DC. These communities have ranged from 450 various style condominiums, 278 upscale townhomes and to a large community of 1.5+ million-dollar homes. Her experience has made her well versed in the diverse concerns of both newer and older community infrastructures along with the unique challenges that can exist.

A native Washingtonian, Karen was born and raised in Maryland, just south of DC. She and her family moved to Northern Virginia 14 years ago. They love calling this area "HOME". She looks forward to partnering with you in service, ensuring a bright future for the RHA community.



ACC (cont'd from page 1)

The Committee also changed the January meeting date from Monday, January 4, to Tuesday, January 5.

DID YOU KNOW...Holiday decorations, including but not limited to, lights, flags and banners that commemorate a specific holiday do not need approval, but are permitted to remain on the exterior of the townhome and the Lot for only thirty (30) days prior to and thirty (30) days after the commemorated holiday.

DID YOU KNOW...No exterior plastic covering is allowed on doors or windows.

DID YOU KNOW...Snow must be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours from end of snowfall.

DID YOU KNOW...The next ACC meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, January 5, 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Use this link, <https://zoom.us/join>, to join the meeting.

The Meeting ID is 841-9871-0232, and the Passcode is 487012.

To join the meeting by phone, please call 301-715-8592.

Recreation Committee:

by Lourdes Umana, Recreation Committee member

All homeowners should have recently received the Recreation quarterly dues payment coupons in a mailing from Sequoia

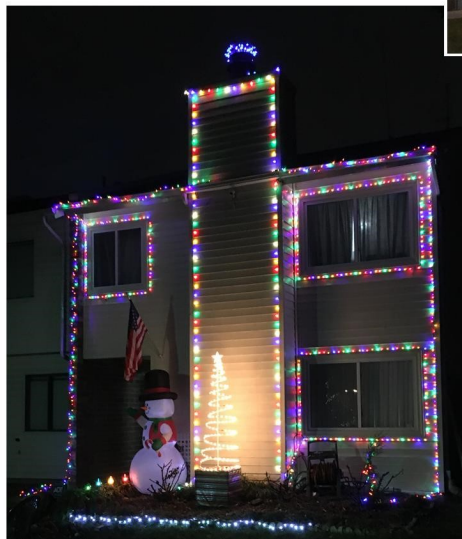
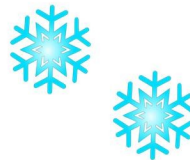
Management. Contact Dale Edwards at Sequoia if you have not received yours: 703-803-9641.

The RHA Board will vote this month to select their 6th representative to the Recreation Committee.

The next RCI meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 10, 2021. Post cards will be sent with information closer to the date.



Pranab and Rocky crossing one of the park bridges during the December 16th snowfall.



RHA's Street Ambassadors

by Lois Olson, RHA Newsletter Team

Introducing your wonderful neighbors who have volunteered to be Street Ambassadors and the streets they have volunteered to be responsible for:

- Brenda Brown, Oram/Berger
- Patsy Velin, Blue Ridge Court
- Derek Briggs, Schwenger Place
- Arif Ali, Shea Place and Aiken Place
- Gina Cobb, Maleady Drive (from Parcher to Seaman)
- Dan Callahan, Christy Place
- Rosanna West, Herman Ct

Contact the SAs at: ambassadors@rha-homes.org or rhaboard@rha-homes.org.

Some of the responsibilities drafted for the group are:

- Define the main challenges for their street and provide possible solutions to Board
- Distribute the monthly newsletter to houses on their streets
- Coordinate and encourage residents to register in TownSq for email notifications and other electronic notifications
- Issue courtesy tags and/or report ACC violations to L&N
- Monitor street lights and report damaged lights to L&N
- Assist the Board in securing signatures/opinions from homeowners as required for amendments, special assessments, polls, etc.

Please plan to attend the first SA meeting, (Zoom online meeting) on Wednesday, January 6, at 7pm, where these responsibilities plus goals for the group will be discussed.

Parking Committee

by Brenda Brown, Parking Committee Chair

The January Zoom meeting date is changed from Wednesday, January 20 (Inauguration Day), to Wednesday, January 13.

Parking Decals: Parking decals have been sent out to RHA Townhome Owners. Owners, expedite these decals to your renters as US Mail service has its issues this time of year. - In addition, the decals must be placed on clear glass on your vehicle; and NOT on tinted or stained glass or windows. - Note: Oram/Berger Pl. are 24-hr towing streets. An expired decal will get you towed. - Please contact L&N (703-600-6000) if you have not received your decals. If you are a renter, call your landlord right away.

Littering is Illegal! Most people are unaware of littering fines. Section § 33.2-802. of the Code of Virginia makes littering or dumping trash a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by up to 12 months in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500.

Residents: Junk mail is a nuisance. There are two ways to handle it. The right way & the wrong way.

The Wrong Way: taking your junk mail and leaving it on top of or on the ground below the TH cluster mail boxes. The wind and rain blows the mail around the common area and onto other home owners property which is then labeled LITTERING.

The Right Way: Put it in the beautiful blue totes we have and place it out for recyclables or trash. Another option is to obtain from the junk mail the name and address of the issuer/distributor of this mail and have them remove your name from the mailing list -- I would definitely choose the Right Way; \$2,500 is a lot of money because I'm lazy!



Pandemic Paws!

by Gene Harper, Recreation Committee member

OK, I like dogs, so I've been noticing them – a lot of them – during our long lockdown. We're in a doggone explosion!



They're everywhere. All hours of the day and night along our main thoroughfare Parcher Ave and other streets. In backyards. At front doors. On the paths along the creek. In parking lots.

Of course, there are plenty of other animals around us as pets and in nature – cats, squirrels,

foxes, deer, skunks and more. But RHA residents seem to have taken a keen interest in "man's best friend." These pandemic paws give us pause from the pandemic.

For starters, there's the household next door, which added a 6-week old cuddly pup early on in the pandemic. I've watched him morph from his sweet puppy whine in the spring to a big-dog bark this month.

Then there's the family around the

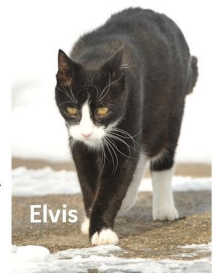


corner who took in in a foster rescue early in the pandemic until a permanent home was found for her a few months later. But it didn't stop there: That same family now boasts its own permanent months-old mutt.

Another nearby couple decided to get a puppy companion for their adult dog last summer. The other day I witnessed the now much bigger puppy pinning his fully-grown dogmate to the ground during yard play.

And during an early summer walk I stared as a familiar family filled the sidewalk with mama dog and at least four pups in tow – all on individual leashes -- what a sight!

RHA residents surely have noticed similar scenes with canines, felines, birds and other animals attached to and cared for by their neighbors. These furry companions contribute to our quality of life in a vibrant community. And they'll be with us as we put 2020's pandemic in our rearview mirror of life – 2021 and beyond.



Happy Holidays from the Board & Committees of RHA, ...but

by Charles Marts, Board Treasurer

It is not every year that RHA sends everyone Holiday wishes for a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, a Happy



Kwanzaa, & a Happy New Year, but then follows it up with a caution. 2020 is definitely different.

We encourage following the CDC

cautions of short celebrations in small groups, in outdoor or well-ventilated locations, practicing social distancing,

wearing masks, and frequent washing of hands. You've all heard these cautions many times since March.

The RHA Board and committees hold all meetings by a virtual connection (usually on Zoom), so residents can participate and see what all our volunteers are accomplishing, in spite of the pandemic. Visit <https://rha-homes.org/calendar> for dates, and click on the meeting that interests you to find the virtual link to connect to the meeting on the day & time specified.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for 2021!



****NOTES****

HOA Assessment Coupon Books: were sent out in December by RHA's management company, Legum and Norman. The first 2021 TH monthly payment is due Jan 1st. Likewise, the DH single annual payment is also due Jan 1st. Both are late after Jan 15th.

Christmas Tree Pickups: In THs will be the first two Mondays in January; in DHs the first two Wednesdays. Do not put the trees in plastic bags, and please remove all tinsel, lights and decorations.

An Important Message from Your Reston District Community Liaison Officer
Phones Down. It's the Law.
New Virginia Law Effective January 1, 2021

It will soon be illegal to hold your phone while driving a motor vehicle on Virginia roadways.




NO

- Dialing a phone number
- Texting
- Social media
- Video conferencing
- Shopping online
- Watching movies
- Checking the weather
- Playing games

Virginia.gov Let's work together to make safer roadways in Virginia!

Metro to Resume Collecting Bus Fares: on Jan 3rd as part of its pandemic recovery plan, per WMATA. Bus fares were temporarily suspended in March, and passengers were required to board busses from the rear doors. Bus riders should now enter the bus from the front, where the farebox and SmarTrip equipment are located. Mask wearing is required.

All Volunteer Board serving your community and focusing on what matters most.
Here for You!



Happy Holidays



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 December 2020)	28 GOOD RIDDANCE DAY SHRED-IT AND FORGET IT	29	30	31 New Year's Eve <i>Happy New Year!</i>	1 (2021) New Year's Day (*2021 TH parking stickers required*)	2
3	4 <i>FCPS back to School!</i>	5 7:00-9:00pm ACC meeting <i>online meeting</i>	6 7:00-9:00pm Street Ambassadors Meeting <i>(online)</i> Epiphany	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
10	11 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board <i>online meeting</i> National MILK DAY	12	13 7:00-9:00pm Parking Committee	14 Orthodox New Year	15	16 Religious Freedom Day
17 Persian Gulf War began (1991)	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>(FCPS holiday)</i> <i>(Nat'l Parks Free Day)</i> 1929-1968	19 National Popcorn Day	20 <i>(FCPS holiday)</i> Inauguration Day	21	22 <i>FCPS end-of-quarter, 2 hour early release</i>	23
24	25 7:00-9:00pm <i>tentative</i> RHA Board <i>online meeting</i> <i>(FCPS holiday)</i>	26 NATIONAL SPOUSES DAY	27 (New Year for Trees) Tu Bishvat	28	29	30
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