



The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

April 2021



RHA Board & Committee News:

Upcoming Meetings:

Board	April 12 (tentative) April 26
ACC	April 6 (tentative) May 4
SA	April 7
REC	May 12
Parking	April 21

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:

Mar29-Apr5	FCPS Spring Break
Apr 1	Holy Thursday
Apr 2	Good Friday
Apr 4	Easter Sunday
Apr 12	Ramadan begins
Apr 15	Tax Day (traditional) Postponed to May 17!!
Apr 17	Annual Creek Cleanup
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 30	Arbor Day
May 1	Kentucky Derby

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Board:

by Willie Jimenez Elias, RHA Board President

Key items addressed this month by the RHA Board:

-The 3rd Amendment was successfully registered with the Fairfax County Clerk. **Thank You** to all who supported this initiative and to the Parking Committee for making sure the votes were collected, counted and registered.

- The Board approved to move forward with the RPPD for the Detached Homes near the Metro pedestrian path entrance. Look for volunteers knocking on some of the Detached Homes for signatures on the petition.

- The Townhome Light Project is progressing. The Board has signed with Ross Engineering to write the Request for Proposal. The current expectation is to have an electrical contractor hired by May 2021 to replace and add new lighting in the Townhome common areas.

- The Parking Committee is working to assign reserved parking (per 3rd Amendment) to Townhome owners. The labeling of the reserved spots will be done once the Board approves the parking assignment plan.

- The Street Ambassadors motioned Michael Hamiary to Chairperson for the Street Ambassador program. Please join me in welcoming Michael to his new role and volunteer for your street, we are still looking for volunteers. For details send email to ambassadors@rha-homes.org

- Home Inspections will start soon, please work on your exterior maintenance per the ACC Guidelines to avoid notifications and violations letters.

Architectural Control Committee:

by Georgette Nuss, ACC Chair

At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the ACC, the Committee acted on and approved one request for change. That request was for a TH roof. The Committee also changed the April meeting date to Tuesday, April 6.

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The Secret to Avoiding a "Nastygram" from your RHA

by Charles Marts, Board Treasurer

As the grass is greening and the bulbs are popping, the warmth and beauty of spring also brings with it the dreaded semi-annual ACC inspections in RHA.

Usually, twice a year, a diligent inspector from our management company, Legum & Norman, walks around your home looking at the exterior maintenance condition of your home. Using our Architectural Guidelines, they will note mold, algae, mildew, rust, oil stains, dingy roofs, cracked driveway/walkway, flaked or missing paint, broken fences, landscaping, and stains on decks, among other unsightly conditions around your home.



sure to receive "nastygram," giving you a short window of time to remediate their grievance, or you will be faced with further letters, fines and/or sanctions.

The horror doesn't end there: if you're thinking about selling, the RHA Sales Disclosure Package includes a final inspection and account status prior to a buyer signing off on the Sale Disclosure documents. This means the buyer will know the exterior issues and will likely ask you to correct them before buying your home. It will also make them take a closer look on the home inspection when done. Yikes!

Get ahead of the problem and look at your home from a buyer's perspective. Just because you have lived with a problem for 15 years, does not mean a prospective buyer would.

ACC (cont'd from page 1)

DID YOU KNOW... No vegetable or herb gardens of any type are permissible in the front yard of a Lot.

DID YOU KNOW... Owners in the detached homes must edge their turf grass alongside public sidewalks.

DID YOU KNOW... All Owners must keep their turf grass at no higher than 6 inches. Artificial plants/grass/shrubs/trees are prohibited. Invasive and noxious weed growths are prohibited from front yards of lots.

DID YOU KNOW... The next ACC meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY**, April 6, 7:00, via Zoom. Use this link, <https://zoom.us/join>, to join the meeting. The Meeting ID is 865 4474 6564, and the Passcode is RHAACC. To join the meeting by phone, please call 301 715 8592. The Meeting ID is 865 4474 6564, and the Passcode is 446550.

Recreation Committee:

by Lourdes Umana, Recreation Committee member

--Mark your calendars: The community **will** have an Earth Day creek clean up on April 17th. More information below.

--Watch for **pool packets** in the mail from Sequoia Management; the community will continue to use:

<https://swimmingpoolpasses.net/reflection-recreation> for pool passes.

-- The next Recreation Committee meeting will be May 12, 2021, at 7:00pm. A post card from Sequoia Management will be sent to all homeowners with instructions.

--Interested in joining or volunteering with our community swim team this summer? Go to: <https://reflectionriptides.swimtopia.com/> The Reflection Riptides Swim Team is a summer developmental swim team that promotes community and longtime friendships. Swimmers ages 5-18 have the opportunity to learn four competitive strokes and participate in swim meets during the summer season. We will begin practice on June 1st and our first competition (Herndon Swim League) is planned as June 19th.



-- With the high winds and rain last month we lost another tree in our park. Four legged Serena was one of the first to investigate:



RHA/LHA CREEK CLEANUP -- SATURDAY, April 17, 8-12

Photos from April 13, 2019 (event was cancelled in 2020)

Sponsored by Charlie Marts



YOU are needed to help clean up the Potomac Watershed

Come one, come all.
Pizza provided after the event.

Water and bathrooms available during event.

Students: can earn Community Service hours
Scouts: can earn Environmental Badge hours

Dress to get dirty & wear boots.
Gloves & bags & some rakes, etc will be provided.
Come when you can; leave when you need to.

Parking Committee

by Brenda Brown, Parking Committee Chair

Amendment #3 is official and has been filed with Fairfax County.

We Thank You all for your votes.

- The Parking Committee will be coming through the TH neighborhood pre-marking the Reserved Parking spaces. If you have special circumstances; please feel free to share these with us.

One example: You live on Main Street but your home location is closer to Park Avenue; we would then put forth every effort to indicate Park Avenue as your Reserved Parking space.

Have a little time on your hands?

The Parking Committee could use YOU! Submit your application to rhaboard@rha-homes.org

Tis the Season for ... Potholes!

by Patsy Velin, Blue Ridge Ct Street Ambassador

Water from melted ice and snow seep in the pavement. Pavement softens, cars drive over soft pavement, pavement cracks, more water seeps in, cycle continues and Voila: a pothole!

To report potholes on public roads, contact VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) via phone 1-800-367-7623 or use the following website: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

You will be welcomed with a "How can we help you?"

- Check box: "I need a road repaired"
- Dropdown box, check: "Fix a pothole"
- Check boxes: "Paved" and "in the Road"
- Enter address with nearest intersection of pothole
- Describe approximate size of pothole
- Add a picture (not required)
- Provide name and contact info
- Receive service request # (use the # for follow-up).

Peruse the other VDOT sites for services and other helpful info.

For residents living in townhomes on RHA property, please take pictures and email to L&N at pm@rha-homes.org

March Flowers in RHA Welcome Spring!



Status of RHA RPPD by Don Nuss, RHA Board Vice President, Mike Olson, RHA Board Member at Large

The RHA Board has requested that Fairfax County establish a residential permit parking district (RPPD) that includes the following public streets in our community: Farougi Court, Whisonant Court, Seaman Court, Herman Court, Veenendaal Court, and Maleady Drive from its end by Seaman Court to Hamer Court.

The purpose of the RPPD is to keep commuters from parking on the affected streets as they use the planned pedestrian access walkway from Farougi Court to get to the Innovation Metro station. The RPPD will prevent everyone but residents of these streets from parking in the RPPD between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Residents in the RPPD will be issued permits for vehicles registered to their address and will be issued one pass that a visitor can use to park there. Vehicles parked in the RPPD during these hours without a permit or visitor pass will be subject to a \$75 citation. However, contractors and others providing services to residents in the RPPD during the restricted hours would not need a visitor pass to park there and would not be in violation.

The RPPD will impose minimal inconvenience to residents of the affected streets. A resident planning on having an event that would require multiple guest vehicles to park in the RPPD during

restricted hours would need to request additional visitor passes for those guests from the County. Guests could park in a resident's driveway during restricted hours without a visitor pass.

The RPPD will keep commuters from parking on these streets during restricted hours. However, it will additionally keep both townhome and other detached home residents from parking there during restricted hours, but will allow them to park there any other time.

Residents of the RPPD will soon have an opportunity to sign a petition to establish the RPPD. If enough of these residents sign the petition, the Board will submit it to the County. The County will then schedule a public hearing so that community residents can express concerns over the RPPD or express support for it. After community residents have spoken, the County Board of Supervisors will vote whether to approve the RPPD.

The RHA Board believes that the RPPD is an effective way to keep Metro commuters from parking on our streets while having little negative impact on community residents. For more info on the County RPPD programs go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/parking/residential-permit-parking-district>

If you have questions or concerns about the RPPD, feel free to contact the RHA Board via email at rhaboard@rha-homes.org.

****NOTES****

Paving & Restriping VDOT Roads in RHA in 2021: The Virginia Department of Transportation recently opened its 2021 paving season and will resurface 14,051 lane miles of roads in the Northern Virginia District. Over half, 7,152 lane miles, are in Fairfax County. **The Fairfax County list includes all 7.8 lane miles of VDOT roads in RHA.** That means Springer Dr., Saunders Dr., Parcher Ave. and all roads in the detached homes will be scheduled for repaving between April and October. Exact work dates for RHA will be available 10 days before work begins. "No Parking" signs will be posted on affected streets at least three days prior to work starting.

VDOT has a very useful interactive map that shows the location and status of all paving projects statewide. Information on the paving program and map can be found here: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern_virginia/northern_virginia_paving_program.asp

For several years the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has partnered with VDOT to develop restriping options to improve safety and enhance on-road bicycle networks. During the March 25th Virtual Community Meeting VDOT and FCDOT proposed adding bike lanes along Parcher

Ave. from Centreville Rd. to Maleady Dr. in conjunction with the repaving. If you missed the Community Meeting a recording is available here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/2021-paving-and-restriping/dranesville>

Questions and comments can be sent to: ActiveFairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov



Woodpeckers!!: The page 1 photo shows a Flicker on a RHA chimney spark arrester who has found a lovely, flat "drum" to hammer on & announce his territory. He & other woodpeckers also hammer on hollow trees, downspouts and gutters. You'll hear them often around here. Sounds of Spring!

Be a Lifeguard for our Pool this Summer!! Help your community! High Sierra Pools is again hiring lifeguards & pool house attendants locally (instead of from overseas, due to Covid restrictions). Minimum age is 15. Testing for lifeguard certification will be conducted. (some requirements: swim 300 yards, tread water two minutes, dive in at least 8 feet of water & bring up a 5 lb brick) Positions will be available at various locations in addition to RHA, and training will be provided. Call 703-920-1750.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 (March) Lailatal Barat Palm Sunday	29 VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY Holi Festival of Colors	30 National Doctors' Day	31	1 Holy Thursday	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3 Diamond April Birthstone
4 Easter	5 SAG Awards	6 7:00-9:00pm ACC meeting online meeting Army Day (anniversary of US entry into WWI)	7 National Walking Day	8 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY	9	10
11 NATIONAL PET DAY	12 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting Ramadan	13	14 Cambodian New Year	15 Postponed to May 17	16	17 Creek Cleanup 8am-Noon
18	19	20	21 7:00-9:00pm Parking Committee online meeting Administrative Professional's Day	22 Earth Day since 1970	23	24
25 Academy Awards	26 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting National Pretzel Day	27	28 Denim Day	29	30 ARBOR DAY since 1872	1 (May) May Day put flowers on a friend's doorknob! Kentucky Derby

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