



# The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

July 2021



## RHA Board & Committee News:

### Upcoming Meetings:

Board	July 12 (tentative) July 26
ACC	July 6 (tentative) August 3
REC	July 19
Parking	July 21
SA	July 7

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](http://www.rha-homes.org)

### Important Dates:

July 1	Canada Day 
July 4	Independence Day  <i>Hemdon Fireworks 9:30pm</i>
July 5	<i>Independence Day holiday observed</i>
July 14	Bastille Day
Jul 13-16	TH Lot Restriping & Numbering
July 17	Community Yard Sale
July 18	First Day of Hajj
July 24	Riptides All-Star Meet
July 25	Parent's Day
July 28	WWI Anniversary

### RHA Board

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### Board:

by Willie Jimenez Elias, RHA Board President

Key items addressed in June by the RHA Board:

- TH streetlight proposals were due on June 29<sup>th</sup>, we have three electrical contractors who will be bidding. Looking forward to a Board decision and to start light replacement in July/August timeframe.

- Drainage and Erosion RFP document for TH common area has been agreed upon; and was to be sent out to contractors the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>.

- TH parking assignment comment period ended, thank you for your comments. Board should be sending final plan to Battlefield for reserved spaces to be labeled week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for signs, flyers and more information on the RHA website.

- Board amended the ACC Guidelines in Oct-2020 to clarify the location of the Trash Toters and Recycle Bins for TH. Avoid the notification letters

and take action now to find the best way to keep your toters/bins out of sight.

- 2022 RHA Budget plans are starting in July/Aug, please send suggestions to Board on any items that we need to consider for 2022 Budget

- Violation Letter notifications are being sent, monetary fees can be assessed if not addressed on time. Make sure to attend and/or request a Hearing with ACC if you do not agree with the violation letter

### Architectural Control Committee:

by Georgette Nuss, ACC Chair

At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the ACC, there were 3 applications for change. One application for siding was approved; one application for a new garage door was approved; and one application for a deck, windows, and a door was denied for lack of information. The homeowner was requested to resubmit the application and include the appropriate details. The Committee changed the July meeting date to Tuesday, July 6.

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## **FINALLY: Repaving Parcher Avenue Begins in Late July!!** (Plus All VDOT streets in our neighborhood...)

by Mike Olson, RHA Board Member at Large



on schedule. We can expect paving operations to start in approximately four weeks, according to Gegham Sahakyan, paving project manager for the northern Virginia District. **All public streets within RHA will be paved.**



The paving contractor will post 'No Parking' signs with precise date information at least three business days prior to starting where on-street parking will be prohibited during paving work.

The work will be done in phases, beginning with milling the existing pavement. Any

required sub surface repairs will then be done. The next step is paving. Finally, lane markings, to include bicycle lanes, will be applied to Parcher Ave. from Centreville Rd to Maleady Dr.



Work in residential areas is normally done from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parking will be permitted after 3 p.m., but vehicles must be moved before work begins the following day. VDOT recommends leaving a note with your phone number clearly visible on the dashboard of your vehicle.

Typically, the contractor starts in an area farthest from the main intersection, said Mr. Sahakyan. That means we can expect work to begin on Pocono Pl. and Sugarloaf Ct. and progress toward Centreville Rd.

**ACC** (cont'd from page 1)

**DID YOU KNOW...** Owners/residents need to heed the correction letters they received because the Board of Directors will be enforcing RHA's legal right to fine for uncorrected violations as authorized by the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment. If you have not yet corrected the violation, you have the right to request, in writing, a hearing with ACC.

**DID YOU KNOW...** The next ACC meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY**, July 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, Inc. (RCI):** by Lourdes Umana & Gene Harper, Recreation Committee members



Have you procrastinated getting your pool passes? Fear Not -- Pool pass applications are being quickly processed and passes mailed out. Request them online at

<https://swimmingpoolpasses.net/Reflection-recreation>.

If you prefer to mail your application, instructions are on that website, and are posted at the poolhouse.

The summer is getting along great at the pool; our management company was able to secure lifeguards for the season. Please make sure to listen to the lifeguards and follow the pool rules in order to have a safe summer.

Swim team season began June 1, and is in full swing, even though an important part is missing this year: Because of COVID-19 considerations during planning sessions earlier this year before restrictions eased up, the Herndon Swim League decided to have each team conduct its part of each competition socially distanced -- that is, at its home pool. The scores are combined from each swim team event, and the ranked times determine the winners. The starter's alerts, the splashes, the cheers and strokes are still for real, even though the opponents are miles and a pool away. See the calendar on page 4 for dates & times. The Riptides season's 10 scheduled meets will end July 24. For more info, email the team at [reflectionriptides@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionriptides@gmail.com).



RHA has a vacancy on the joint RHA/LHA Recreation Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to step into the spot, please contact the RHA board, or any RCI current member for information on how to apply.

Due to popular demand, a "Bring Your Own Table" Community Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, July 17, in the morning. Look for flyers & other announcements as to reserving spaces & any other requirements.



The cancelled June 22 meeting has been rescheduled for July 19 at 7pm. Postcards with details for the upcoming meeting were sent out at the end of June.



Bill Moore, utility locator for NOVEC, marks where current underground power cable is located.

**POWER PLAY** by Gene Harper, Recreation Committee member

Part of Reflection Homes gets a new lease on electric life this month. Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) is replacing its aging underground power cables in a section of RHA'S detached homes.

That farthest west RHA section was built in the early 1980s and, according to NOVEC's Bill Moore, was in need of cable upgrade after 40+ years of service.

The project started in late June and is expected to be completed by the end of July, according to NOVEC on-site subcontractor, JC Roman Construction Company. Work includes replacing existing underground power cables with new cables enclosed in new pipe-like conduits.

NOVEC's RHA service area covers only a small section of the community -- the detached homes on Parcher Ave. beyond Malcady Drive and on Pocono Place, and Pocono and Sugarloaf Courts. Nextdoor to RHA, NOVEC also covers

the adjacent Dulles Greene apartment complex, and nearby commercial properties on Rt 606.

NOVEC's service area has 175,000 customers and is mostly residences. It includes other Fairfax communities in the Centreville area and those in neighboring Loudoun and Prince William counties. NOVEC is among the largest U.S. not-for-profit electric companies. It routinely receives high customer satisfaction ratings. Investor-owned utility giant Dominion Energy powers the rest of RHA.



The "ground missile" (foreground) emerges after it has laid the underground pathway for new power cable along Parcher Ave.

Homes and businesses don't get to choose their electric utility. Power grids are set up long before construction takes place in residential and business communities.

**Parking Committee**

by Brenda Brown, Parking Committee Chair

**TH Lot Striping:** Information will be forthcoming on TH parking lot restriping.

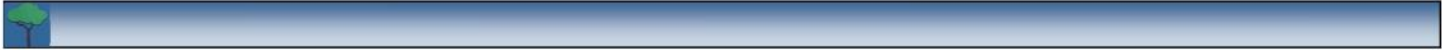
If you plan on being away during the week of July 12, please coordinate with a family member or neighbor who can be responsible for moving your car when that time

comes around, to avoid a tow.

More details & schedule to follow as finalization of all the striping & numbering is made.

**Assigned TH Parking Spaces.** Maps have been posted on the RHA website with each TH's assigned spot.

Send any questions/concerns to: [Parking@rha-homes.org](mailto:Parking@rha-homes.org)



to our 2021 RHA Graduates!

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**Property Manager Comments:**



by Karen Sine, L&N Community Association Manager

All town home parking stickers were mailed in May and any owner who has not received them must contact Legum & Norman by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July or they will be charged for the new set.

The follow-up Annual Architectural Inspection has taken place and letters will be mailed shortly, if not already.

Those who have not corrected their violation(s) will receive a letter stating their continued violation and giving

them the opportunity to request a Due Process Hearing within 14 days. Owners receiving this letter are those who have not responded to the original violation letter and corrected their violation by the specified date.

Anyone who receives a follow-up letter stating that their violation has not been corrected needs to make the corrections necessary, followed immediately with photographic evidence sent by email to: [covenants@legumnorman.com](mailto:covenants@legumnorman.com) and/or request a Hearing. Charges for uncorrected violations may be assessed at the rate of \$50 or \$10/day until the violation is corrected.

\*\*\*\*NOTES\*\*\*\*

**Sick Birds Warnings:** by Colleen Ward, RHA Secretary  
 The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has been receiving increasing reports of sick and dying birds in the area with eye swelling and neurological signs. They are working diligently to investigate; however, no definitive cause of death is identified at this time. It is possible a disease is causing the problem. Birds congregating at feeders and baths can transmit disease to one another. Therefore, the following recommendations are suggested:

- Cease feeding birds until this wildlife mortality event has concluded;
- Clean feeders and bird baths with a 10% bleach solution;
- Avoid handling birds, but wear disposable gloves if handling is necessary;
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a precaution;
- If you encounter sick or dead birds in Virginia, submit an event report online by going to [dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/](http://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/) and selecting "Bird Mortality Reporting Form";
- To remove dead birds, wear disposable gloves, double bag into sealable plastic bags, and place in trash.

**Herndon Swim League (HSL) 11th Annual Silent Auction:** Our Riptides are members of the HSL. 16 items being auctioned off including: Wine Tasting at Total Wine; \$50 Gift Certificate to Merrifield Garden Center; Signed Washington Nationals Baseball. Proceeds support the League Scholarship Program. Anyone can bid. Auction website: <https://www.32auctions.com/HSL2021>  
 Auction concludes 9:00pm Thursday, July 8.

**Town of Herndon Fireworks:**  
 9:30pm, July 4 (rain date July 5). Bready Park. But -- you can enjoy watching them from several (well-known to long-time residents) spots along Parcher Ave and other RHA locations.



**No Parking Within 10 feet of a Driveway:** Per Fairfax County Code 82-5-1(a)(2). Measure it first, and then residents may call the Fairfax County Police Non-emergency Number, 703-691-2131, to report a vehicle too close to their driveway. Be sure to quote the violation code number shown above.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 (June) BET AWARDS RHA Birthday 1972	28	29 National Camera Day	30 Swim Meet 4:30-8:30pm	1 HAPPY CANADA DAY! 1867	2 World UFO Day	3 Ruby July Birthstone
4 Independence Day (1776) AMERICA 4th JULY	5 Independence Day holiday observed	6 7:00-9:00pm ACC online meeting NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY	7 7:00-9:00pm SA online meeting WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY Swim Meet 4:30-8:30pm	8	9	10 REFLECTION RIPTIDES Swim Meet 7:30am-11:00am
11 ALL AMERICAN PET PHOTO DAY	12 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting	13 NATIONAL FRENCH FRY DAY	14 Bastille Day France 1789 Swim Meet 4:30-8:30pm	15	16	17 Community Yard Sale Poolhouse Lawn 7-11am National Ice Cream Day Swim Meet 7:30-11:00am
18 First day of Hajj	19 7:00-9:00pm Rec Committee online meeting Tisha B'Av	20 Eid al-Adha	21 7:00-9:00pm Parking Committee online meeting Swim Meet 4:30-8:30pm	22	23	24 All-Stars 2021 Swim Meet 7:30am-4:00pm
25 Parent's Day Riptides Party 4-10 pm	26 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting	27 Korean War ended (1953)	28 World War I started (1914)	29	30 International Friendship Day	31

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