



# The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

October 2021



## RHA Board

### Upcoming Meetings:

Board	Oct 4, 5pm Special Meeting
	Oct 11
	Oct 25
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 9</b>
ACC	Oct 5 (tentative) Nov 1
Recreation	Oct 13
Parking	Oct 20
SA	Oct 6

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:

Sept 18-Oct 3	Octoberfest
Oct 11	Columbus Day
Oct 29	FCPS end-of-quarter, 2hour early release
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1-2	FCPS holidays
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	<b>Election Day</b> 
Nov 7	Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 9	RHA Annual Meeting

## RHA Board

*President:*

Willie Jimenez Elias

*Vice President:*

Don Nuss

*Treasurer:*

Charlie Marts

*At Large:*

Mike Olson

*Secretary:*

Colleen Ward

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

## & Committee News:

### Board:

by Willie Jimenez Elias, RHA Board President

Key items addressed in Sept. by the RHA Board:

- **New TH Parking Rules** -- The newly approved Policy Resolution 2021-06 "Townhome Parking Regulations" became effective on September 13, 2021 and is being enforced. For example: anybody not authorized to park in your parking spot can be towed by calling Battlefield (see rule #16 in Section I of the regulation). The policy resolution was mailed to all TH owners, and can be found on the RHA website (with a bit of "clicking"), under Residents, Governing Laws and Documents, Resolutions, Policy Resolutions, 2021-06 Town Home Parking Regulations.

- **Town Hall meeting** -- The online meeting was held Sept 22, 2021, and discussed the May 24, 2021 memorandum received from Legal Counsel regarding: Concerns with Splitting the Association into Two Associations.

### Architectural Control Committee:

by Georgette Nuss, ACC Chair

At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the ACC, there was 1 application for a new fence in the detached homes. It was approved. The Committee set the October meeting date to **TUESDAY**, October 5 at 7:00.

**DID YOU KNOW...**In paragraph G.2.b of the Guidelines for townhome (TH) and detached home (DH), it states:

"Vegetable and herb gardens must only be planted in the rear (TH)/rear or side (DH) yard of a Lot. No vegetable or herb gardens of any type are permissible in the front yard of a Lot."

If you are planning on planting a fall vegetable garden or planning on planting next spring, do not plan on planting vegetables in the front yard. Vegetable gardens may be planted in the **REAR** or **REAR OR SIDE** (as explained previously) yard only.

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**2021 Annual Meeting is Virtual on Zoom!**  
**November 9, 2021** 7:00 pm Sign In 7:30 pm Meeting Starts  
 (info on TownSq.io, on RHA-Homes.org, and in L&N mailing to homeowners)

## RHA Board 2021 Election

The five members of the RHA Board of Directors each serve terms of three years, which are timed so that there is overlap among the members. Every year at the annual meeting (November 9, 2021 this year) our community elects either one or two new members. This year one board member's term expires, Willie Jimenez Elias, so we will thank him for his three years of service to the community, and proceed to elect his replacement. There are two individuals who have come forward and announced they are running for this position and have provided the following statements for the community to consider:

**John Hanchulak:** Since moving into RHA 7 years ago, my wife and I have grown to love the neighborhood - the location, the wonderful green-space, and the welcoming neighbors that have made us feel like we're part of a community.

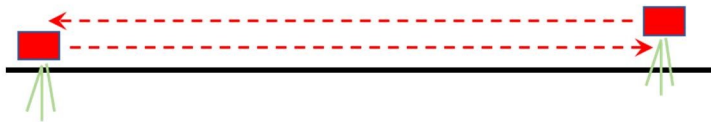
I'd like to serve that community in the capacity of a member of the board to ensure that all residents - townhomes and detached homes, homeowners and renters alike have their voice heard. I will make sure that RHA continues to be financially stable and work with my fellow board members to consider policies that will make sure that this neighborhood is a place we are all pleased to call home.

**Michael Hamiary:** I have been relentlessly working for RHA to better the community in improving our lives. I have contributed my time to make it a cleaner, safer, revitalized community in regards to residents' property values. While not on the Board for a year, I have helped to assist the Board for the Community in areas where I was needed in projects such as drainage, erosion, and pathways for the homes, safety, and security of residents, with more lights for our community. With other RHA matters, I would like to help finish these projects by assisting in bringing value to our community with my service to RHA.



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

**DID YOU KNOW...**When you have mowed your yard and you think you are done, you are not. You need to make sure the sidewalks are clean. You can sweep the grass clippings off the sidewalks, or you can "mow" the sidewalks. Make one pass pulling the mower, move the mower to the other side and make one pass pushing the mower. That should clean the sidewalk. Think of it as using your mower as a 4-wheeled leaf blower! It looks better and you're not dragging grass clippings into the house.



**DID YOU KNOW...**In the townhomes, bulk items to be placed out for pickup cannot go out before Thursday evening. Currently, bulk items are scheduled to be picked up on Fridays, after the resident calls Bates no later than Thursday to schedule the bulk item pickup for that week. Also, it cannot be more than 3 items. **These photos were taken on a Monday.** This should only



look like this if the photos were taken LATE on a Thursday or EARLY on a Friday, and it should never look like the last photo; there are more than 3 items. Please be respectful of your neighbors and the community. Remember...we now have the ability to fine you for not following the rules. Neighbors are starting to

become very upset by things like this. Additionally, if the Board needs to hire an outside company to come in and remove the trash, they may consider passing the cost onto all townhome owners in the form of higher townhome owner assessments.

**DID YOU KNOW...**The next ACC meeting is scheduled for **TUESDAY**, October 5, 7:00, via Zoom. Use this link, <https://zoom.us/join>, to join the meeting. The Meeting ID is 837 6661 7357, and the Passcode is RHAACC. To join the meeting by phone, please call 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 837 6661 7357, and the Passcode is 472782.

**Recreation Committee, Inc. (RCI):**

by Georgette Nuss, Recreation Committee member

The Recreation Committee met on September 15; These were some of the major points:

- The **no firearms sign** warning that firearms are not permitted on the premises was installed on the poolhouse wall.
- **Attic exhaust fans** were installed at the poolhouse, and electrical problems were repaired. A **grate** in the parking lot still needs repair/replacement. A few **fencing issues** at the pool were also repaired, and a pest company came out twice and treated the building.
- Need to be more strict on **dress code for pool**, regarding what is a "swimsuit" versus "street clothes".
- There were 2 **lifeguards** in August. No lifeguard at desk since they were both on duty. Consider 3<sup>rd</sup> lifeguard for next season
- Need to order **new pool deck furniture** for next season.
- **Security Cameras** cannot be upgraded, and must be replaced. Will talk with Four Seasons about their security cameras.



The **next RCI meeting** will be October 13, 2021 at 7:00pm, via Zoom. Postcards have been sent to all homeowners. Meeting ID is: 852 0619 1512. Passcode is: 082987. Ph # 301-715-8592

**Exuberant Late Summer Blooms in RHA**





**Parking Committee**

by Brenda Brown, Parking Committee Chair

- The **new RHA Townhome Parking Resolution** has been finalized. RESIDENTS: Please review this resolution (*see reference in Board President's comments on page 1*) so you will be knowledgeable on the TH Parking Procedures here at RHA.

- RHA/LHA are currently working together to help the parking situations here within RHA and LHA for us all. Please read and respond to articles that are in the news-

letter and correspondence which is mailed to you from the Associations.

- **Parking space assignments** within the RHA Townhomes have been completed. Reserved spaces with a painted lot number are assigned as "resident only"-- if you park there, you can be towed!
- In addition, all parking on Oram Place / Berger Place requires a valid RHA Decal 24hours a day.

**Lane Striping Finishes Our  Road Paving Project**

by Gene Harper, RCI Treasurer

"Lions and tigers and bears, oh my," warns Dorothy and friends in the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz*. And right here in RHA we have our very own danger mantra: **"Bikers and pedestrians and cars, oh my!"** For all, moving along newly paved and painted Parcher Ave. offers new opportunities and challenges as it curves its way through RHA.

First, for our many pedestrians -- shoppers, school walkers, workers, playmates -- who navigate "P-Avenue": There are now more **marked crosswalks** than ever before -- to go along with the two in front of Hutchison Elementary are new ones at Saunders Dr. and near the pool, and three at Maleady Dr. Virginia law says anything on wheels must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.



Secondly, let's look at the many motorized vehicles using Parcher -- cars, trucks, vans, buses, motorcycles. Gone is all that extra wide space on Parcher between the pool and Saunders in RHA, thanks to those new bike lanes. Virginia transportation officials said it right: The tighter spaces likely cause drivers to go slower. But there are exceptions, like the impatient driver observed recently roaring across the double yellow lines past a car doing the 25mph speed limit near the school headed toward Centreville Rd.

And then there are **those sparkling new bike lanes**. They're springing up all over the DMV to encourage more cycling and less driving. Just like pedestrian traffic, cyclists have pedaled up and down Parcher for decades, headed to

work, school and play. And now RHA's cyclists have dedicated lanes to more safely do so. Some tips:

- Bike lanes are for bicycles only, not pedestrians, other two-wheelers or vehicles.
- Always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as the traffic flow.
- Obey all stop light and traffic signs, and yield to pedestrians.
- Signal when making turns.
- Pass other bikers with extreme caution.
- Always watch out for motorists and other cyclists, especially near the dashed lines in bike lanes, where vehicles can turn right into cyclists' pathways.
- Watch out for **"door-ers,"** when drivers open their car doors into cyclists' path.

And there's one spot that calls for special caution: **Bikes, walkers and cars must share the road space in the short span between the school crosswalk island and Saunders Dr.** (*Virginia law requires a 3-foot clearance for a car to safely pass a bicycle -- if you can't manage 3 feet between you & the bike -- change lanes, or, slow down and stay behind the bike until the road widens.*)



It's going to take some time and effort. But before long, the new RHA mantra is destined to become: "Bikers and pedestrians and cars, how wonderful!"

**Update: RPPD in Detached Homes**

by Don Nuss, RHA Board Vice President

As of August 31, the Board of Directors completed its effort to collect signatures for the Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD). As of that date, residents from 52 of the 60 homes in the RPPD signed the petition, which was sent to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The county will determine whether the petition meets their requirement for

an RPPD. If they determine it's OK, they will schedule a hearing to allow residents the chance to voice their opinions, negative or positive, of the proposed RPPD. Following the public hearing, the County's Board of Supervisors will vote to approve or deny the petition.

Stay tuned.





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

**No Parking in Bus Stops & Bike Lanes:** Fairfax Co. Code 82-1-6 prohibits parking in **Bike Lanes**, 82-5-28 prohibits parking in **Bus Stops**, and 82-5-1(4) prohibits parking within 15 feet of a **Fire Hydrant**. Our neighborhood's new street markings have clearly marked such locations. If you see violations, please report them to the Ffx Police non-emergency # 703-691-2131.

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**Fairfax Co. Police Reston District Monthly Community Info Forum:**

**When:** Thu, October 7, 7pm – 8pm

**Where:** via Zoom: <https://fairfaxcounty.zoom.us/j/88274556070> or Telephone: 215 446 3657 Conference code: 990007

**Description:** Please join us for a virtual meeting to hear info about the crime trends, statistics, officers, cases and upcoming events in the community.

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**Progress on New Streetlight Locations:** Residents along Farougi Ct and Maleady Dr (from Farougi to Parcher) are watching as 13 locations are being excavated for their



new street lights. These will soon be installed as part of a project to provide safe access to Metrorail, as promised by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust. The lights will lead to the pedestrian and bicycle path, currently in the design phase, that will connect RHA to the Innovation Station Metrorail entrance. Maybe new lights by "Time Change" in early November??

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**Good Neighbor of the Year:**

Candidate nominations for the annual Good Neighbor of the Year Award are requested by October 20th. The person (or persons) selected will be presented with a plaque at the annual meeting.

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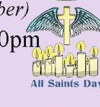





**It's National Book Month...Use Our Free Libraries!:** Take a book, & leave a book. Our two shared RHA/LHA "Little Free Libraries" located on Parcher Avenue are a wonderful resource -- check out the locations... and a book!

National Book Month



# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 (September)  Gold Star Mothers Day	27 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting	28  National Voter Registration Day	29  NATIONAL COFFEE DAY	30  INTERNATIONAL PODCAST DAY	1  International Coffee Day	2  Opal Oct Birthstone
3 Last Day of Oktoberfest 	4  NATIONAL TACO DAY	5 7:00-9:00pm ACC online meeting  WORLD TEACHERS DAY	6 7:00-9:00pm SA online meeting  WALK TO SCHOOL DAY	7  1983 German-American Day	8	9
10	11 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting  fcps holiday Columbus Day	12	13 7:00-9:00pm Recreation Committee online meeting	14	15  LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY LIGHT THE NIGHT	16  GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY
17	18  Mawlid Un Nabi	19	20 7:00-9:00pm Parking Committee online meeting	21	22	23
24  United Nations Day	25 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting	26  National Pumpkin Day	27	28  National Chocolate Day	29 FCPS end-of-quarter 2 hour early release	30
31  HALLOWEEN  REFORMATION 1517	1 (November) 7:00-9:00pm ACC online meeting  All Saints Day fcps holiday	2  Election Day fcps holiday	3 7:00-9:00pm SA online meeting	4  दिवाली	5  GUY FAWKES DAY Remember Remember The fifth of November Gunpowder, Treason and Plot	6

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