



The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

November 2021



RHA Board & Committee News:

Upcoming Meetings:

Board	
Annual Meeting	Nov 9
online & in-person	
	Nov 22
ACC	Nov 1
Recreation	Nov 10
Parking	Nov 17
SA	Nov 3

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:

Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 1-2	FCPS holidays
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	Election Day 
Nov 4	Diwali/Festival of Lights
Nov 7	Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov 9	RHA Annual Meeting
Nov 11	Veterans' Day 
Nov 24-26	FCPS holidays
Nov 25	Thanksgiving Day
Nov 28	Hanukkah begins
Nov 28	1st Sunday of Advent

RHA Board

President:

Willie Jimenez Elias

Vice President:

Don Nuss

Treasurer:

Charlie Marts

At Large:

Mike Olson

Secretary:

Colleen Ward

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

Board:

by Don Nuss, RHA Board Vice President

The Board is currently working on or has completed a number of projects:

- **Townhome drainage & erosion.** The Board is currently reassessing what needs to be done and the best way to handle the problem.
- **The Street Ambassadors resolution** was approved thus making the Street Ambassadors a formal committee.
- **RPPD.** The county has scheduled the public hearing for January 25, 2022. More info to come.
- **Street lights in the detached homes.** The county's installation of street lights in the detached homes was completed along the walkway from the planned pedestrian path entrance on Farougi Court to Parcher Avenue.
- The Board agreed to establish an ad hoc committee to determine the feasibility of separating the Association into two voting categories, town-

homes and detached homes, for the purpose of being able to vote on issues that pertain to only one set of homeowners.

The County's paving of the streets in RHA is complete. You may no longer park your car on your lawn. By doing so, you are inviting a ticket from Fairfax County and/or a violation from L&N.

With November comes the Annual Meeting. There is one seat that needs to be filled. The seat occupied by Willie Jimenez Elias will be vacated. We want to thank Willie for his work on the Board, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors. We are sure we will see Willie again, just not on the Board next year. We hope everyone will exercise their right to vote for one of the two people running—Michael Hamiary or John Hanchulak.

Architectural Control Committee:

by Georgette Nuss, ACC Chair

At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the ACC, there were 3 applications for new roofs in the townhomes. They were all approved. The Committee set the November meeting date to **MONDAY**, November 1 at 7:00 PM.

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2021 Annual Meeting is Online & at the Poolhouse
November 9, 2021 6:30 pm Sign-in 7:00 pm Meeting Starts
(info on TownSq.io, on RHA-Homes.org, and in L&N mailing to homeowners)

2021 RHA Board 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, and we are proceeding to elect a replacement. The two individuals who have come forward and announced they are running for this position, **John Hanchulak** and **Michael Hamiary**, both participated in an online "Meet the Candidates" forum during the Oct. 25 board meeting, which was attended by approximately 15 people (including 4 board members and the 2 candidates).

L&N mailed the "Annual Meeting Packet" to all homeowners in mid October which contained the application forms submitted by the 2 candidates, and a "**PROXY - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**" form (with instructions) for homeowners use to vote for their preferred candidate. In addition, the candidates and various volunteers are walking the neighborhood, knocking on doors, as well as phoning non-resident owners, and asking homeowners to sign a proxy vote form if they will not be attending the Annual Meeting. **Note call/email L&N if you will attend in-person.**

If you are someone who cannot attend the meeting on Tuesday, November 9, please note that we **NEED** your proxy. We must have participation from at least ten percent (10%) of the 586 Lot owners in order to hold an election. If we do not have a quorum, your current Board of Directors will remain in office until an election can be held at a membership meeting. Please Vote!

ACC (cont'd from page 1)

DID YOU KNOW...If you wish to make a change to your house and you're not sure how to make that happen, continue reading. Some people are posting questions on TownSq. That will not guarantee that you get an answer to your question. You must post your question in the "REQUEST" folder. The other way to get an answer to "I want to put in a new fence; what are the procedures?" is to send an email to Karen Sine, ksine@legumnorman.com or to the ACC, ACC@rha-homes.org. If you have specific "what's allowed" questions, send your email to the ACC, ACC@rha-homes.org. The website Nextdoor is NOT an official vehicle to send and receive answers to questions. It is not officially monitored by L&N, the ACC, or the RHA Board.

DID YOU KNOW...All branches of trees overhanging public sidewalks must be trimmed to a height of not less than seven (7) feet. This is the time of year when most trees can be trimmed. It's also the time of year when people like to take walks in the cool, fall weather. That's not a pleasant experience when you keep getting hit in the head with branches. Time to trim your trees.



DID YOU KNOW...When you get ready to prepare your change request, check the requirements for your change in the appropriate Guidelines (townhome or detached home). That means that if you are putting on a new roof and you live in the townhomes, go to paragraph J, page 13 to find out what information needs to be in the change request. You'll see that you need to indicate what the color will be, and you will have to supply a photo of that color from the roofing company's website. You will also need to supply the kind of roof. Is it 3-tab/5-tab, asphalt architectural, slate, etc. All of that information needs to be in the change request or it cannot be approved. As you can see, you can't just say that you are putting on a new black or brown roof.

DID YOU KNOW...Owners may display political signs of not more than four (4) square feet in preparation of a particular election, but the signs must not be displayed any more than 15 days before and 15 days after the event.

DID YOU KNOW...At no time may any wheeled motorized vehicle, trailer or boat be parked on any portion of grass of any Lot

or any common area, as provided in Article IX of the CC&Rs. Parking on your lawn is also against Fairfax County code. While paving was going on, the Association and Fairfax County were both "looking the other way." However, paving is complete. It's time to move your car back onto the street to avoid a violation or a ticket.

DID YOU KNOW...The next ACC meeting is scheduled for **MONDAY**, November 1, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Use this link, <https://zoom.us/join>, to join the meeting. The Meeting ID is 490 607 8744, and the Passcode is RHAACC. To join the meeting by phone, please call 301 715-8592. The Meeting ID is 490 607 8744, and the Passcode is 698963.

Recreation Committee, Inc. (RCI):

by Gene Harper, RCI Treasurer

RCI met virtually on October 13 with a quorum of five out of eight members to conduct committee business. However, one member needed to exit the meeting early, so some issues could not be voted on until a quorum exists in a future meeting.

Areas addressed included:

- approving a **Policy for Access, Viewing and Liability Limitations of Security Camera Footage** within RCI's area of responsibility; language for signage on this policy needs further review;
- approving a motion to apply all or part of year-end excess assessment income to the following year's assessment, with a proviso that the final amount will be at the RCI's discretion;
- **working on a parking policy resolution** and set of rules for a trial period to allow more parking in the pool lot; without a quorum for a vote, further discussion was deferred until the next RCI meeting; and
- reviewing the **2022 RCI draft budget**; after lengthy discussion, members were directed to do more review and comment before the next meeting, when a final budget vote is anticipated.

RCI welcomed RHA residents Michael Hamiary and Derek Briggs in October to fill RHA vacancies on the committee. LHA and RHA, the two homeowners' groups that comprise our neighborhood, appoint RCI members. LHA with 178 residents has two delegates, RHA with 586 owners can appoint up to six members.

Anyone interested in applying in the future should go to the RHA website at <https://rha-homes.org/recreation-committee> to get an application, or email rhaboard@rha-homes.org or recommittee@sequoiamgmt.info for more information.

The next RCI meeting is set for 7pm on Nov. 10. Property owners will receive more details in the mail.

RHA Decorates for Halloween!



Parking and Street Ambassador Committees

by Brenda Brown, Parking Committee Chair

- The **new RHA Townhome Parking Regulation** (Policy Resolution 2021-06) as well as the resolution creating the **new Street Ambassador Committee** (Administrative Resolution 2021-03) have been posted on the RHA website.

- Also, more Street Ambassadors are needed

... Love helping out your community, welcoming new residents, and directing residents to the correct person, place or thing? We need you!



Texas Plates Tagged

by Gene Harper, RCI Treasurer

Take a hard look at those paper Texas temporary tags on vehicles around our neighborhood, because **they could be fake and fraudulent**, according to an October 22, 2021 *Fairfax County Times* article.

Despite a rash of arrests and charges earlier this year, a Fairfax police spokesman told the *Times* that the department still sees fake temporary tags in the county. “We want to inform community members that this is illegal,” said 2nd Lt. James Curry. “We want to educate the community that these Texas temporary tags are not legal and that if you wish to get your car registered, you must go through a dealership or the DMV.”

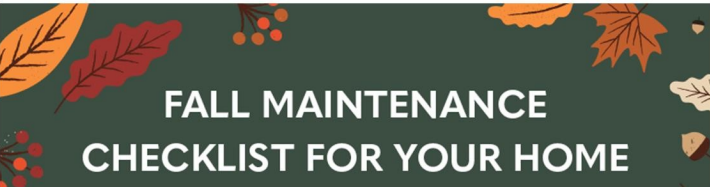


People who buy these fake tags “pose a danger to the public and law enforcement because purchasers use them to avoid obtaining registration, safety inspections and liability insurance,” according to the article.

“Individuals pretending to represent themselves as dealers online can be fraudulently leaving drivers on the hook for additional costs and possibly face charges,” Curry said.

“Our detectives continue to investigate those who are illegally distributing the fraudulent license plates both online and through other means,” Curry told the *Times*. “If you have information about the illegal distribution of these plates, please contact our officers or submit a tip through Crime Solvers.”

The article ended by asking county residents to call the police non-emergency 703-691-2131 number if they have any information about these illegal tags. But it did point out that just because you see a vehicle with temporary Texas tags doesn’t mean that they’re illegal. ...Even so, after reading the whole article, one RHA observer noted that police checking out any tag verifies the tag’s legal status.



Property Manager Corner: Excerpts from L&N’s October Associa “Coming Home” Newsletter

The changing leaves, the cool weather, and the warm comforts of home make fall one of our favorite seasons. The pleasant temperatures also makes it an ideal time for parts of the country to prepare for the cold winter months. Tackle these small to-dos to ensure your home is all set and ready for the elements November, December, and January have in store:

- **Stock up on winter supplies.** Snow and ice can make the outside of your home a danger zone. Keep driveways, walkways and other areas clear of hazards with essential item(s) like: snow shovel, salt, ice scraper, blankets, plant covers, de-icing agent
- **Check you safety and security equipment.** A lit fireplace and seasonal baking typically enhance that warm and cozy feeling. Play it safe by confirming this equipment works properly: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, outside security cameras, lights, locks.
- **Maintain your heating system.** Don’t get stuck in the cold during the chilliest time of year: Schedule and HVAC checkup of

your heater, clean out your chimney, replace the furnace filter.

- **Secure walkways, stairs and railings:** Pay special attention to areas that are slippery when wet, make sure railings are sturdy, fix cracks in walkways & driveways, look for broken paving stones that shift, secure loose steps.
- **Weatherproof outdoor pipes and faucets.** Purchase weatherproof faucet covers. Add insulation to exposed pipes.
- **Make any needed foundation repairs.** Make sure downspouts are aimed away from the house. Repair damaged foundation vents. Patch small cracks around the foundation.
- **Clear dead branches and fallen leaves.** Don’t wait ‘til the end of the season when the job is unmanageable. Remove dead or dying branches from trees or hire a specialist to do it. Rake out lawns & gardens. Clean gutters of leaves & debris.
- **Replace caulking and weatherstripping.** Keep the warm air in and the cold air out: check doors/windows for missing or broken caulking or weatherstripping, use caulk rated for outdoor use that can expand and contract with the home, seal holes around doors, windows, or exhaust pipes where rodents or bugs can get in.
- **Check your roof.** Look for missing or loose shingles. If it is several years old get a roof inspection. Hire roofers to replace and fix any roof issues.



****NOTES****

one's favorite non-profit clothing resale/thrift shop (845 Station St) receives day-old bread from several local grocery stores & offers it for free to customers?

November 7
FALL BACK
End of Daylight Saving Time
Turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.

Nov 7th: Turn clocks BACK one hour

Change your clock,
CHANGE your batteries

November Fruits & Flowers:
Apples, Cranberries & Chrysanthemums:



Town of Herndon Veterans' Day Observance. 11:00 am, Nov 11, on the Town Green (... where the Friday Night Live concerts are held). "The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" marks the anniversary of the end of WWI in 1918.

The Closet's annual "Everything Christmas" event will be Friday, Nov 5, 3-7pm and Saturday Nov 6, 8:30am-12:30pm at the Herndon Moose Lodge, 779 Center St. And did you know that every-



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NOVEMBER IS National **DIABETES** Awareness Month
FINDING THE CURE STARTS WITH AWARENESS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 (October) REFORMATION 1517 HALLOWEEN	1 7:00-9:00pm ACC online meeting feps holiday All Saints Day	2 Election Day feps holiday	3 7:00-9:00pm SA online meeting	4 Diwali / Festival of Lights	5 GISEY FAWKES DAY Remember Remember The fifth of November Gunpowder, Treason and Plot.	6 Topaz Nova Birthstone
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 National STEM Day	9 7:00-9:00pm RHA Annual Meeting online + live meeting	10 7:00-9:00pm Recreation Committee online meeting	11 VETERANS' DAY	12 Guanggun Jie/ Singles Day	13
14	15 AMERICA RECYCLES DAY	16	17 7:00-9:00pm Parking Committee online meeting	18 Great American Smokeout (since 1977)	19 INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY	20 universal children's day (since 1954)
21 Guten Tag HELLO! Shalom Bonjour (HOLA) 你好 World HELLO Day	22 7:00-9:00pm RHA Board online meeting	23	24 feps holiday	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 feps holiday BLACK FRIDAY	27 Small Business Saturday
28 Hanukkah begins Advent begins	29 CYBER MONDAY	30 Giving Tuesday	1 (December) World AIDS Day	2	3	4 NATIONAL COOKIE DAY

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