



The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

April 2024



RHA Board & Committee News:

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board April 8
- ACC April 1
- Recreation (hybrid) April 16
- SA April 24

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

The RHA website has instructions on attending online meetings.

www.rha-homes.org

Important Dates:

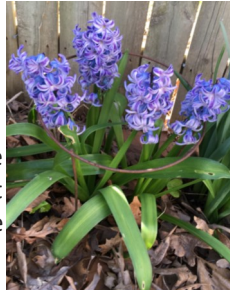
- Apr 1 April Fool's Day
- Apr 10 Eid-al-Fitr (*fcps holiday*)
- Apr 15 Federal Taxes due 
- Apr 21 Earth Day
- Apr 22 Passover begins
- Apr 24 Admin Professionals Day
- Apr 26 Arbor Day 
- May 1 Virginia Taxes due 
- May 4 Kentucky Derby
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo

Board of Directors:

by John Hanchulak, Board President

Spring has sprung! Birds are chirping, flowers are blooming, and the sounds of mowers and weed whackers are all around.

You may see (or hear) some construction occurring on Farougi Ct. A new home has started construction! See the transition from a long-vacant lot to a wonderful new home - but from a safe distance outside their property line, please. The ACC has approved the application for the foundation and framing and plan to receive the application for the facade after the ACC Standards have been agreed to and updated.



Speaking of construction, we're expecting additional activity on the Metro Walkway in the greenspace (the "park"). The walkway will connect the paths through the greenspace over a lit two-lane bridge, wind behind Farougi Ct, then make its way down to the Innovation Station Metro station. It's expected to be a multi-year project ending next year.

Spring ACC Inspections Using the New RHA Guidelines!

It's time for Spring Covenant Inspections throughout the Reflection Homes Community! These inspections will begin in mid-May and continue into June. Townhomes will be completed first, followed by the detached homes. Our inspector will be making his rounds, noting any maintenance concerns that need to be addressed. Items they will look for include, but are not limited to:

1. Lawn and landscape maintenance (including landscaping beds) to ensure that there is grass coverage throughout the yard, that grass is being mowed, and that weeds are being controlled.
2. Storage of items in view—this includes toys, bicycles, landscaping tools, and trash totes on days that are not trash collection days.
3. Maintenance of home—do the shutters or door need painting, is there rotten wood trim, does the

As we prepare for pool season, please check the Recreation Association's page on how to sign up.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC):

by Leron Culbreath, ACC Chair

At the March ACC Meeting, 3 applications: roof replacement, soffit/architectural trim replacement, and a partial new home build were approved.

The next two ACC meetings will occur at 7pm on May 6 and June 3, 2024 at the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88050150929?pwd=ODdXaFhGRXFyK3g5YXA5bnhhMWh4dz09>

Did you know... FirstService should be resuming inspections soon. This is a great time to refamiliarize yourself with the architectural standards and ensure that your home and lot are in compliance and not at risk of receiving a violation

Did you know... Homeowners are responsible for cleaning lawn clippings off sidewalk when doing yard maintenance

Did you know... All branches of trees overhanging public sidewalks must be trimmed to a height of not less than seven (7) feet.

Did you know... Trash totes should only be out at the curb on collection days

Did you know... No dumping is allowed at dumpsters. You can be fined by Fairfax County if found in violation

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siding need to be power washed, etc

4. Are any additions (decks, sheds, fences, etc) in compliance with the ACC Guidelines?

5. Are window screens in disrepair, detached, etc.?

6. Are house #s visible from the street or parking lot?

7. Are gutters and downspouts in good repair and secured to the home?

We ask that each of you take a look at your home and prepare for our upcoming inspections.

The goal of these inspections is not to be punitive. It is to achieve compliance with the guidelines and rules, improve property values and enhance the curb appeal of the community. If you do receive a notice, we ask that you communicate with us about the status of the repairs.



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Recreation Committee, Inc. (Rec): by Georgette Nuss, Rec member

At the monthly meeting of the Recreation Association on March 19, 2024, pool passes for the upcoming pool season were discussed. Pool passes will be handled again by Access Granted, but this year there is a slight difference. You will have two options for your pool pass. You can choose an Electronic Pass, or a paper Classic Pass. The lifeguards will have a scanner at the desk and will scan either your smartphone or your paper pass. To apply for your pool passes, follow this link:

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

The Reflection Riptides had a bake sale on March 30 during the Easter Egg Hunt in the clubhouse parking lot. Lots of smiling "Egg Hunters" came over and supported these hardworking kids.

RCI is getting ready for the opening of the pool season. There are a few repair issues for the clubhouse that are scheduled, but everything should be ready for opening day.

It was voted to hire Reserve Advisors to complete a reserve study this year. Reserve studies are done every 3-5 years and are important tools to ensure that there is enough capital set aside to replace/repair assets when they need to be.

Bids are being obtained to replace slats on 2 benches on RCI land.

Since it's not always possible to wait for a check to be cut for a purchase, it was voted to obtain a Purchasing Card (credit card) to help with day-to-day and emergency expenses. The managing agent will maintain the card.

There's a new "sheriff" in town: Battlefield Towing & Storage, Inc. has taken over parking enforcement of the pool house lot, especially during overnight hours and the Tuesday 8am-10am lot maintenance period. Vehicles are towed to the company's Chantilly lot at 13925 Willard Rd. Call 703-378-0059 for details.

New signs will be purchased to let homeowners and tenants know that Fairfax County police have been given the authority to enter the property and arrest anyone who is breaking a Fairfax County law. The signs will also indicate that it is against RCI

regulations to perform car repairs on RCI property. The following photo is the reason it is not permissible to repair your car. Not only did someone leave the parking space full of trash, but they also left it full of oil. If caught, the homeowner or tenant could be billed for cleanup among other things.



Riptides Swim Team 2024 by Lourdes Umana, Rec member

Dive into Summer Fun: Join Our Community Swim Team!

As the sun shines brighter and the temperatures rise, it's time to make a splash this summer with our community swim team! Whether your child is a seasoned swimmer or just dipping their toes into the water, we welcome swimmers of all skill levels, aged 5 to 18, to join us for an unforgettable season of aquatic adventures.



We are thrilled to announce that registration is open until Memorial Day, May 27th, 2024. This extended registration period ensures that every eager swimmer has the opportunity to dive in and join the excitement.



How to Register: Ready to join the swim team? Registering is easy! Simply visit:

www.reflectionriptides.Swimtopia.com or stop by the pool house April 27, 2024, 11am to 1pm to sign up.

Have questions or need more information? Don't hesitate to reach out to our team at reflectionriptides@gmail.com

Mark your calendars - May 11th our swim team will have a Tag Day and walk around the community to discuss our swim team and ask for donations.



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

by Jonathan Stamps, FirstService Res.

to Townhome residents whose home is not adjacent to a parking lot

The Association is currently in the process of communicating trash and recycling collection locations with their contracted vendor.

During these discussions with the vendor, please **temporarily** place your items for collection close to the curb, in Association common area, so your items can be collected, until further notice.

As soon as this issue is resolved, affected residents will be notified when they should begin placing their items out for collection directly in front of the home.

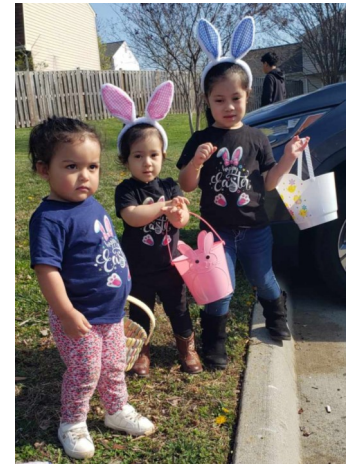
Trash and recycling receptacles should be removed from the common areas on non-trash/recycling pickup days.

Street Ambassadors (SA): by Charlie Marts, Street Ambassador Chair
Join us on April 24 at 7pm for our next Zoom meeting (see RHA web site calendar for sign-in details) and to discuss our next "free coffee & donuts" event.

Interested in becoming an RHA Street Ambassador? First check out the SA pages on the RHA website, then send an email to Ambassadors@RHA-Homes.org We Need You!



Enthusiastic Crowd for March 30, 2024 Annual Easter Egg Hunt quickly snatches up 4,000 colorful eggs filled with candy!



****NOTES****

Annual Creek Cleanup: will be held in May this year -- watch for notices & get your boots, gloves & shovels ready!

Annual Bulk Item Pickup: is not yet scheduled -- watch for notices.

Be a Lifeguard! High Sierra Pools is hiring lifeguards for Summer 2024! Great pay, flexible schedules & referral bonuses, plus the chance to make a difference in your community. Apply online today: <https://bit.ly/3oCLXzG>



Shredding & Recycling Day Apr 17: 10am-6pm. Bring papers & documents for shredding at **Reston Town Center's "R4(Reduce-Reuse-Recycle-Reston) Collection Day**. Drop off items to shred or recycle, including home electronics, toner cartridges & paint. Freedom Plaza, between 11951 & 11955 Freedom Drive.

Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Summer Intern Program. Open to high school & college students & graduates. Visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/internships-opportunities>

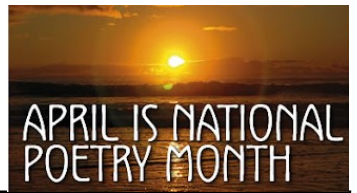
Electronic Vehicle (EV) Charging in RHA. The Board approved its 2nd EV charging application. Also, Board members met with representatives from the Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination about the "Charge Up Fairfax" program and learned about applying for engineering support and a grant to help pay for a Community EV Charging Station. Look for a survey in the coming weeks. For more info, go to: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/charge-up-fairfax>



RHA Newsletter submissions: Inputs/comments/suggestions for the May 2024 RHA newsletter are due by April 20. Send inputs to newsletter@rha-homes.org



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 (March) Easter	1 7:00-9:00pm ★ ACC online meeting April Fool's Day	2 Cesar Chavez Day	3 National Walking Day	4 National HUG A NEWSPERSON Day	5 Lailatul Qadr	6 National Tartan Day
7 CMT AWARDS	8 7:00-9:00pm ★ Board online meeting	9 (Anti-Bullying Day) INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK	10 feps holiday Eid-al-Fitr	11 NATIONAL PET DAY	12 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT	13 Cambodian New Year
14 JACKIE ROBINSON DAY	15 TAX DAY	16 7:00-9:00pm ★ RCI online meeting (hybrid)	17 NATIONAL HAIKU POETRY DAY	18	19	20 RECORD STORE DAY
21 Earth Day	22 begins at sunset Passover	23 SPANISH LANGUAGE DAY	24 7:00-9:00pm ★ SA online meeting Administrative Professionals Day	25 INTERNATIONAL GIRLS IN ICT DAY	26 Arbor Day	27 Independent Bookstore Day
28	29 Duke Ellington	30 International Jazz Day	1 (May) May Day TAX DAY	2 National Day of Prayer	3 feps teacher workday (student holiday)	4 Kentucky Derby

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