

# POINT OF WOODS



COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER

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Monday, Jan. 24 - 7:00pm Monday, Feb. 27 - 7:00pm Monday, March 19 - 7:00pm

# SNOW REMOVAL AND WHAT YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR



Blade Runners, our landscaping company, also does our snow removal for us. They plow our lots and clear the public sidewalks along Stonewall Rd. If your lot has been missed or you have any other issues. please email Nikki at nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com. She is the contact for Blade Runners. If you do not have email, you can call the emergency line and they will get in contact with her.

Please note the HOA is not responsible for removing snow from parking spots or the sidewalks surrounding your homes.

Homeowners must shovel the sidewalks surrounding their homes. This is City Code. You can be sited for not doing so and if someone falls in front of your home because you failed to clear your sidewalk, you will be held liable.

Parking spaces should also be cleared by the homeowner. When shoveling parking spots or sidewalks, please pile the snow into your yard or common areas. Do not pile it in the parking lot or sidewalks.

We're neighbors. If you know someone that can't shovel, help them out.

If you need any other assistance, please let us know and we will do what we can to help.

### **Contact Information:**

### **Aubinoe Management**

Paul Hunter, Community Manager— Paul@ala-inc.com 540-349-0108 ext. 311

Mailing Address: Aubinoe Management PO BOX 596 Warrenton, VA 20188

After Hours Emergency: 1-888-333-4252

Neighborhood Watch stopcrime@pointofwoodshoa.com

Manassas City Police (703) 257-8000

Please see board member email addresses on page 2

# LITTER AND DISPOSING OF TRASH — YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE FED UP

Lately trash and yard waste has been put out at any given time and left unsecured to blow around.

Items that the trash men will not pick up are being left out on the curbs. Some residents are even using their yards and common areas as trash cans. This must stop. Homeowners are fed up and rightfully so. This is our neighborhood, our home and we should all take pride in it — whether we rent or own.

We've been working with the city to crack down on this. Notices and fines will be sent out and <u>parking</u> <u>privileges will be taken</u> from repeat offenders.

If you know any offenders please contact Sue Lhotka, at 703-257-8252 or slhotka@ci.manassas.va.us. You can also email Nikki Ebert at nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com

# POW 1 & 2 WINS ANOTHER AWARD

In November the city held it's 5th annual neighborhood conference.

We are pleased to announce that for the third year in a row, Point of Woods 1 & 2 has won a Neighborhood of the Year Award.

This year we won for best neighborhood participation for events like our egg hunts, yard sales, fall festival, and 1 By Youth.

Congratulations to everyone that participated throughout the year.

# SIGN UP FOR SNOW ALERTS



Blade Runners is excited to release a new snow email notification site and utility.

We developed a site where you can join the email list for your HOA, select emails and /or text alerts, and find information about our service and the most common questions.

To check out the site and/or to sign up for alerts, please visit us at www.blade-runners.com/snow

It is my hope you will find this is yet another whistle that separates Blade Runners from our competitors. ~ Eric Stork

# UN-NUMBERED

### RESERVED PARKING

We would like to remind everyone that all un-numbered spots are here for homeowners on a first come first serve basis. Nobody "owns" any unnumbered spot. Every home is entitled to 1 un-numbered spot only.

Also, regardless if you shovel a spot when it snows, your neighbors are still entitled to park there if you leave. If you see an object in a parking space, move it and let us know about it.

So please, respect each other and do not try to "own" parking spaces that do not belong to you.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – WANT TO BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN?

We are working with the city's new crime prevention specialist, Adrienne Helms, on getting neighborhood watch organized.

We are looking for block captains. If you want to be a block captain or just sign up, please send your name, street address, and email address and/or phone number to us at stopcrime@pointofwoodshoa.com.

The few members we have now are doing a great job, but they can only do so much.

The warm weather will be here before we know it. If we can get enough people together before then, we can prevent trouble from coming our way.

# BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are losing one of our board members. Tom Zeppa, our secretary, is moving. Feb. 27 will be his last meeting. That will make us a 6 member board, so we really need your help.

If you are interested in joining the board, please email us or come to a meeting. You can find the board member application online at www.pointofwoodshoa.com.

# **COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS**

Attention all gardeners! The 2012 growing season is just around the corner and community garden plots will go fast.

Gardeners that had a plot last year will have first dibs on their plots from last year. They have until March 1, 2012 to claim their plot. After that its first come first serve. If you are interested in a plot, go to

www.pointofwoodshoa.com and click the link for the community garden page. There you will find the 2012 application and rental agreement. The fee is \$25 for POW 1 & 2 residents.

Have any questions? Please email nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com or call Paul Hunter and leave your name and number. Nikki will call you.

# **MOTION LIGHTS**

In order to promote safety in the neighborhood, the HOA is offering free solar powered motion lights.

We will install the light free of charge and there will no cost to you at all. We must have the homeowners permission to install.

If you are interested please call Paul Hunter at (540) 349-3000 ext. 311

# 2011 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS



1st Place Winner 8406 Piney Point Ct.



2nd Place Winner 8471 Stonewall Rd.



3rd Place Winner 8408 Piney Point Ct.

### TRASH PICKUP

Trash pickup is on Tuesdays and Fridays. Trash should be placed out no earlier than 4:30 pm on Monday and Thursday.

Recycling is also collected on Tuesdays and may also be put out Mondays no earlier than 4:30 pm.

# **ASSESSMENT FEES**

Annual assessment fees are \$464 and are payable quarterly at \$116.00. Payment due dates are Jan 1, Apr 1, Jul 1 and Oct 1. Payments are considered late if not received by the 30th of the month due.

Past due balances are subject to a late fee of \$25.00 and interest of 6% APR, both applied quarterly.

# **PARKING & TOWING**

Any vehicle parked in a lot without a hang tag will be subject to towing. If you are delinquent on your assessment fees, your parking privileges will be suspended until any amount owed is paid in full.

If you have a vehicle that has been towed, please contact Dominion Towing at (703) 330-6600.

#### **Curbside Trash**

#### **Overview**

If you experience problems with trash, recycling, or yard waste services, please contact the Manassas Trash Line at 703-257-8252.

Once a week collection for single family homes either on Wednesday or Thursday depending upon location. Recycle is collected same day. Yard waste collection on Mondays, all year.

Twice a week collection on Tuesday and Friday for townhouse communities. Recycle is collected on Tuesday, bulk items are collected on Fridays only. Yard waste collection on Mondays, all year.

HINT: Any material longer than 4 ft. should be cut to 4 ft or less and tied into bundles

#### **Bulk Items**

Common household appliances: stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers and furniture may be set out for regular trash collection. Townhouses must set bulk items out on Friday for collection. Please contact the Trash Line 703-257-8252 to schedule when you need to set out a:

- Refrigerator
- Freezer
- Dehumidifier
- Air conditioner

They need special handling due to the freon EPA regulations. Due to City code and safety issues doors must be taken off. A fine may occur if they are not.

#### Items Not Accepted for Curbside Trash Collection

- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Automobile parts
- Car Batteries
- · Cement, concrete materials
- Chemicals
- Computer monitors
- Dead animals
- Dirt
- Engines
- Fire extinguishers

- Large amounts of construction debris
- Motor oil
- Paint cans with paint in them
- Propane or helium tanks
- · Rocks, stones
- Riding lawn mowers
- Tires
- Tree stumps
- TV's
- Whole decks or whole sections of fencing

#### **Construction Materials**

Residents are limited to one cubic yard (3ftX3ftX3ft) per set out. Small amounts less than one cubic yard may be set out, but large amounts should be taken to the Manassas Transfer Station or residents may rent the City's Courtesy truck for \$75.

#### **Curbside Yard Waste**

Yard waste is collected every Monday throughout the year. Includes grass, leaves, branches (4ft or less and 3 " or less in diameter) brush, and garden trimmings.

- Plastic bags are NOT acceptable
- Buy biodegradable paper bags OR Use a regular trash can (DO NOT USE the Recycle Cart)
- Must use a garden twine or heavier rope to bundle branches
- Bags limited to 50 pounds each

#### **Items Not Taken**

- Non-organic items such as lawn furniture, bird baths, buckets, plant containers, plastic plant flats
- Stones, rocks, or dirt
- · Any brick or cement pavers
- Stumps, large branches (more than 3 " in diameter) or large trees

This program is NOT intended for removal of large trees or for large tree storm damage, just for the occasional trimming of branches