POINT OF WOODS

COMMUNITY NEWS LETTER

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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, Aug. 15 - 7pm

<u>Hang Tags</u> Saturday, Sept. 17 - 10-1pm

Annual Meeting
Monday, Oct. 24 - 7pm

NEW HANG TAGS COMING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

To ensure that dues are being paid and that there are no extra hang tags floating around causing parking issues for everyone, we are issuing new parking passes.

We have scheduled the day for pickup on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 17</u>, <u>2011</u>, <u>from 10am—</u> <u>12:45pm at Central Library</u>.

If you cannot make it on this day, you will need to make other arrangements prior to the pick up date.

Regardless of when you pick up your new hang tags, all old hang tags will be void as of Mon. Sept. 19, 2011 at 12am. Anyone parked with old

hang tags after this time will be towed.

To obtain new hang tags you must bring your old hang tags, photo ID, lease (if you rent), and payment for any assessment fees you owe.

If you are unsure if your dues are paid up to date, please contact Paul Hunter. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact the board.

Landlords— Please make sure you inform your tenants of this information.



Contact Information:

Aubinoe Management

Paul Hunter, Community Manager— Paul@ala-inc.com 540-349-3000 ext. 311

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

After Hours Emergency: 1-888-333-4252

Point of Woods Website www.pointofwoodshoa.com

Neighborhood Watch stopcrime@pointofwoodshoa.com

Manassas City Police (703) 257-8000

ANNUAL MEETING IS MON., OCTOBER 24TH

The annual meeting will be held on **Monday**, **October 24 at 7:00 pm** at Central Library.

We cannot hold our annual meeting without having 10 percent of all homes accounted for.

Therefore, it is very important for homeowners

to come to the meeting or fill out the proxy forms and send them in.

You will receive your proxy in the mail. If you don't receive one or need a new one, please call Paul and let him know.

We have 2 board positions

open, so feel free to put in an application.

We will also be reviewing the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

We hope to see you there!

Scoop your Dogs Poop!

It's your responsibility

Cleaning up your dogs waste and making sure they are on a leash is your responsibility and it's the law. Police officers can and will ticket you if they see you leaving dog waste behind or walking your dog off a leash.

We have 2 new pet waste stations. located at the playground behind Laurelwood Ct. and in the common area at Stonewall Rd./Shady Grove Cir. So please pick up after your dogs and dispose of it in a covered container

until trash day.
This includes
your back
yards.



LANDSCAPE CLEANING

Didlake Inc. is now our landscape cleaning company. If you are noticing an accumulation of trash in your common areas, please let us know.

That being said, sometimes there is a need to make a mess in the parking lots or common areas. Maybe you want to clean out your car or the kids made a visit to the ice cream man. What ever the reason, we all need to clean up after ourselves. Just because we have people that clean up trash for us, does not mean the parking lots are our personal trash cans. This goes for cigarette butts as well.

Please be courteous . . . pick up your trash and throw it away.

COMMUNITY MESSAGE BOARD

During 1 By Youth we obtained a new community message board. It is located at the corner of our 3-acre field at Stonewall Rd. and McKenzie Circle.

We will be posting news letters, announcements, event dates and other information in the board. If you have something you would like us to consider placing in the board, please email it to Nikki Ebert at nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com.

Please make sure to check the board out from time to time.



FALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP & YARD SALE

It's that time again! We are having a community cleanup and yard sale. Two dump trucks will be brought in for any trash that you might want to get rid of before, during, or after the yard sale.

We encourage all home owners to take this opportunity to get rid of junk from inside and outside of their homes. The dump trucks will arrive on Fri. September 9th and the yard sale will be Saturday Sept. 10th and Sunday Sept. 11th. The truck will remain onsite until Monday morning.

The yard sale will be located in the common area on Stonewall Rd, across from the 3-acre field. Every-

one is welcome to sell. You may set up and tear down on your own schedule.

Please check the website for truck locations and other info.





POINT OF WOODS FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH



The 3rd Annual Point of Woods Fall Festival is set for Sunday October 9th from 12pm-4pm. The rain date is Sunday October 16th.

We will need volunteers to help out the day of the event. We will need help with set up and clean up. We will also need help during the festival with kids activities such as pumpkin painting, sand art, etc.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Nikki Ebert at nikki@pointofwoodshoa.com or call (703) 533-4491. You

may leave a message with your name and number.

More info on activities, raffle prizes, food, and more will be in the next news letter.

Information will also be posted on our website and

community message board at the corner of Stonewall Rd. and McKenzie Circle.

We hope to see you there!

POW IS GETTING A Horseshoe Pit

We are pleased to announce that Point of Woods 1 & 2 will soon be getting a horseshoe pit.

A couple of homeowners were kind enough to donate the supplies and volunteer to build the pit.

It will be located in the common area at the far corner of Shady Grove Circle.

It will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Anyone that wants to play will need to bring their own horseshoes and make sure that they clean up after themselves.



COMMUNITY GARDEN



The garden is going great. While growing veggies, we are getting to know each other and we have all been watching out for one another.

Veggies & fruit grown belong to the gardeners that rent the plots. You may not pick out of the gardens without permission from the plot owner. We are watching and if you are caught stealing from the garden, the police will be informed.

Instead, talk to people, make friends. Perhaps you'll find that they offer some of their harvest to you.

Next year there will be plots open, so if you want a plot make sure to apply early. They will go fast.

E-mail the **Board**

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



We are excited to announce that starting in August, Point of Woods Neighborhood Watch will be holding Family Movie Nights.

Put on your pajamas, grab a blanket and head on over to the gazebo area on our 3-Acre field at Stonewall Rd. & McKenzie Cir.

Movies will start at dusk, so come a little early to get a good seat. Parents will be responsible for their children and should accompany them to the movie.

The movie schedule will be posted in the message board and we will be asking everyone what movies they would like to see in the future.

Our first movie night was held on National Night Out, August 2 and we had a great turn out. Weather permitting, regular movie nights will be held on Fridays.

There will be a neighborhood watch sign up sheet for any one that would like to join.

Playing Friday 8/12: "Rio"



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 \$448 and are payable quarterly at \$112. 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.

12 Tips to Improve Your Neighborhood Right Now! Improve Your Neighborhood - 12 Easy Things YOU Can Do

- 1. **Pick up the litter near your home, even if you didn't put it there.** You can help stop the growth of trash in your neighborhood by taking away the existing litter that attracts it. Get others involved through Community Cleanup Campaigns. It's a great way to get people working toward a common goal. Everyone feels good because they can see the results of their efforts litter-free common areas and a well-swept appearance. Even children can play a part.
- 2. **Turn your porch light on.** Crime tends to decline in neighborhoods that are well lit. Turning on porch lights is a simple way to start this process.
- 3. **Walk around the block.** It sounds simple enough, but neighbors benefit over time when more responsible citizens walk about more (particularly those who are comfortable doing it) at night, every night, around their block.
- 4. **Drive slowly on neighborhood streets.** You can take the lead in slowing down traffic in your neighborhood and those around you.
- 5. Report nuisances and other non-criminal problems promptly.
- 6. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of every neighbor on your block. Unless you know neighbors' names and numbers, you can't call them about a concern or let them know about a neighborhood problem.
- 7. **Meet the youth who live on your block and greet them by name.** This ensures that each adult is better able to help in an emergency and is better prepared to discuss problems immediately as they arise.
- 8. **Make a list of landlords in your area.** As owners of property in the community, landlords are responsible to the neighborhood and most are rightly concerned about the health of the community in which their properties stand.
- 9. **Take away the opportunity for crime.** Lock your car and never leave valuables, even for a few minutes, in the car where would-be thieves might see them. Trim bushes or trees on your property that offer too-convenient hiding places. Make your front porch visible and make sure your home looks like someone lives there.
- 10. **Report crime promptly.** Neighbors sometimes don't report criminal activity because they don't want to bother the police; they assume police are too short-staffed to respond, or they believe that there isn't much an officer can (or will) do about a given problem anyway. Whether the issue is graffiti, petty vandalism, or something much more serious, police cannot act without first hearing about the problem from citizens.
- 11. **Stay where you are.** Stable neighborhoods are built on the commitment of long-term residents who would rather live in a healthy community than move to a bigger house.
- 12. **Help your neighborhood association or similar groups**. If leadership isn't your desire, at least make sure someone in your household attends local neighborhood association meetings. You'll be kept better informed of the issues facing the neighborhood and how you can help and, perhaps more importantly, you'll have the chance to shape, guide, and participate in the future of your neighborhood.