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Neighborhood Watch Meeting...

The next quarterly Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 19th at 7:00pm** (date correction). The meeting will be held in the Art 1 classroom at Harper Park Middle School.

Please plan to attend to learn about recent activities in the County and the community.

Friendly Reminders from the Board...

- Portable basketball hoops are no longer allowed in the townhome community. Anyone having a hoop in their yard is subject to fines from the covenants committee.
- Single family residents must store portable basketball hoops inside garages during the winter or be subject to fines.
- Dog owners are asked not to allow dogs to bark while outside, especially early in the morning and in the evening.

Committee Meetings...

Communications Committee - Sunday, March 4th at 3:00pm

Open Space Committee - Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30pm

For information about committee meetings and locations, please contact the committee chair or ManagerSLHOA@aol.com

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Recent Board Activities...

- Contract signed with US Aquatics for 2007 pool management services.
- Electrician retained to move lights at both entrances off Ft. Evans Road.
- Analysis of investment rates being made to secure better rates of portion of operating fund and for reserve fund.

Keep up to date on activities in Spring Lakes by visiting our website at www.slhoa.org.

Resident Reminders...

- Pet waste must be cleaned up in all common areas. It should also be cleaned up on all personal property.
- No pets, including cats, should be allowed to roam in the community
- Trash and recycle bins must not be put out before 6:00pm the night before collection day. They must also be stored out of sight.

If you are not signed up to receive community emails, request a login on our website (www.slhoa.org).



Daylight Savings Time Starts Early This Year

Daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 11th this year and ends on Sunday, November 4th.
Be sure to set your clocks.

Real Estate Assessments

Sale prices of existing area homes in Loudoun County saw a moderate decline, consistent with the northern Virginia region. The 2007 real property assessment notices will reflect Virginia region. Assessment trends are based on a study comparing the 2005 sales inventory to the 2006 sales inventory. 2006 sales activity is the basis for the 2007 real property assessment. Based on this information, the county's real estate market has slightly declined.

The Assessor's Office will mail the 2007 assessment notices in mid-February. The assessment notice includes information about the assessment and taxation process. Information regarding the review and appeal process is also included. The notice also provides information on programs such as Land Use and Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled.

The Code of Virginia requires that reassessments be made at 100 percent of fair market value. The date of value is January 1 of each tax year. Real property tax bills are based on the real property assessment and the real property tax rate. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors sets the real property tax rate each year during the budget process.

More information, including 2007 Assessment Review Application forms and answers to frequently asked questions, is available on the Loudoun County Government Website at www.loudoun.gov/assessor.

Hazardous Waste Collection

The Loudoun County Office of Solid Waste Management announces the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event schedule for 2007. As in the past, all events are on a Saturday. This year, there are new hours; from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The events are free and for County residents only.

The first event will be held Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mill Road in Leesburg, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A complete list of dates and locations for 2007 HHW collections is available at www.loudoun.gov/oswm/hhw or by calling the Recycling Hotline at 703-771-5318.

Typical items are oil-based paint thinners; paints/stains/varnishes; old fuels including gas/oil mixes, kerosene, and diesel fuel; and cleaners such as oven and drain cleaners, bathroom cleaners, and all purpose cleaners. Other HHW items are scouring powders, mothballs, mildew removers, metal polishes, rust removers, wood preservatives, furniture polishes and waxes, and pool chemicals.

The first step to identifying HHW is to read the label and watch for the following warning words: Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison, Toxic, Flammable, Combustible, Explosive, Volatile or Corrosive. There may be handling warnings such as "Avoid Contact with Skin or Eyes," "Keep Away from Children" or "Strong Oxidizer."

The following items are NOT accepted at the HHW collection events: electronics, motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries and propane gas cylinders. Electronics will be collected for recycling on Saturday May 19, 2007, or can be dropped off at various locations in the county for recycling. For more information about electronics recycling please visit www.loudoun.gov/oswm/recycle/electronics.

Motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries and propane cans are accepted at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility, 20939 Evergreen Mills Road. They will not be accepted at any HHW collection event.

Also, latex or water-based paints are not a hazardous waste. Dry or solidify leftover paint for disposal with your household garbage. For more tips on proper paint disposal, as well as information about HHW, check our webpage at www.loudoun.gov/oswm/hhw.htm or call the Office of Solid Waste Management at 703-777-0187.

Community Activities...

Bunco being formed in the townhome community. For information contact Jackie Gillespie at 703-771-7544.