



WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! We are starting 2021 with a new community newsletter. This publication will deliver key information to all our residents in hopes this will improve our community's well being. **For our first instalment, we are reviewing important Old Mill Community services, regulations and useful local resources.** Some of the services are provided by the Old Mill Community Association, and are financed by quarterly fees paid by the homeowner members of the Association.

But before all that, a special thanks to all our residents that are also essential workers. Thank you for keeping us safe during the pandemic.

TRASH DISPOSAL PROCEDURES

Trash disposal is a service provided by the Old Mill Community Association, and contracted to Republic Services (703-818-8222). **Trash pickup is Monday and Thursday, except on Thanksgiving and when Christmas or New Year's Day fall on a Monday or Thursday.** On the week of Thanksgiving, pickup day is Friday. For other holidays, pickup day is the next business day (Tuesday or Friday).

Recyclables are picked up on Thursday. The following are recycled by Republic Services at this moment: aluminum cans, plastics jugs and containers except plastic #6, cardboard, paperboard, phonebooks, magazines and paper except clear windows envelopes. While Republic Services also recycles glass bottles, it is not a good idea to put glass bottles in the general recycling, for safety and environmental reasons. It is safer to dispose of glass bottles at



the purple bin behind the West Springfield Governmental Center (6140 Rolling Rd).

Large household items may need a special pickup and may not incur a fee. However construction debris will incur a fee. For special pickups, call Republic Services.

Containers with bagged trash, recycling bins and other items for disposal must be put at the designated trash areas after dusk the day before pickup day. Tree and brush limbs or wood must be cut to 4 feet or less in length and tied in bundles.

After pickup, containers must be removed from the common area before midnight and must not be stored in the front or side of the house, or outside the privacy fence.

SHARING THE ROAD

As you already know, the Association has assigned two parking spaces for each dwelling. Please be considerate of your hard working neighbors. Probably we have all experienced that very unpleasant moment

when we are tired from extra work or special errands and come home to find our parking space taken. **Vehicles cannot be parked in spaces assigned to another owner without permission. Violators' vehicles can be removed at their expense.** Residents may authorize the towing from Association property only those vehicles which are parked in or blocking access to their assigned parking spaces without their permission.

Parking in the fire lanes (marked yellow at the curb) is prohibited. Designated visitor parking spaces shall not be used regularly to park any vehicle (no more than 48 hours per month).

Commercial vehicles are not permitted to be parked within the community for more than 24 hours. This includes vehicles with capacity of 1500 pounds ($\frac{3}{4}$ ton) or more, and vehicles, regardless of capacity, which displays advertising or contains visible commercial equipment, (tools, machinery, ladders, etc.).

The assigned spaces can only be used for the parking of motor vehicles. Only minor maintenance such as tire changes, engine tune-ups, washing and waxing, etc., are permitted and may be done only in the authorized parking spaces. Junk vehicles or vehicles leaking a large amount of fluids may not be parked in the community.



WE LOVE OUR PETS

We are blessed to live in a pet friendly community, with many friendly furry residents, happily sharing our common areas with their human companions and neighbors.

Please remember that all Fairfax County animal control laws apply inside our community. No dog or cat over six months in age which is not licensed and/or vaccinated as required by law are permitted in the common areas. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when in the common areas.

Please, please PLEASE, scoop the poop! Owners/ custodians of pets are responsible for picking up doggy doo immediately after



the pooch “goes to the bathroom”. Also please deposit the poop baggies in a trash container. **Disposing of individual poop bags in the common areas on trash pickup day is unsanitary and disrespectful to our essential disposal workers.**

COVID-19 UPDATE

Sadly, we are still in the middle of a very active COVID-19 pandemic, and a surge is expected after the holidays. As of this publication, there were 1,562 cases in our zip code. Based on population data there are probably about 29 cases in our community (assuming 4 residents/home). **Fairfax County recommends wearing a face covering, social distance (space of 6 feet between yourself and others), frequent hand washing with soap and water (lather for 20 seconds) and staying home whenever you can.** If you are sick, Fairfax county asks to please stay away from others and answer if the Health Department calls to help keep you, your family, and your community safe. Thankfully, several companies have developed safe vaccines. Currently the Nation is in phase 1A of vaccine distribution, which means health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities are being vaccinated. In the next phase, 1B, frontline essential workers and people 75 years or older will be vaccinated. Please go to the Fairfax County COVID-19 website for more information: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus>.



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