

NEWBERRY NEWS

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“Whew,” what an unexpected mild Winter!

After last year’s stunning 3-foot blizzard, and the previous year’s bone chilling cold, enjoying a break from the arctic cold has been a deserved change everyone can appreciate. With only one major icing event and only a couple of minor nuisance snows, this year’s snow budget might actually stay in the black for a change. March isn’t quite over yet and could still pack an unexpected punch, but if things stay on track as they’ve been, this winter may go down as more of a lamb than a lion.

Pet Policy Meeting March 28th, 7pm at Clubhouse

Anyone interested in providing input on a proposed pet policy change is encouraged to attend an informal “town-hall” meeting at the clubhouse. The goal for the meeting is to involve as many folks as possible in the process so that everyone has a chance to chime in on this important topic. “One dog or one cat, 15lbs or less” can no longer be ignored and will need to be changed by a 2/3rds majority or enforced “as is.”

Trash/Recycle Reminder

Too many folks are still putting recycling boxes, bottles and cans out on Thursday’s that **don’t get picked-up** by the trash company. Recycling is the law and everyone needs to comply, but it’s only picked-up on Monday’s, **NOT Thursday’s**. Recycling may not be placed in open containers that allow the wind to blow it all over creation. Trash must be stored in containers with lids (especially with left-over food), or vultures, skunks, dogs and cats will tear it open and leave a nasty mess!

The science of Fire

Fire is a result of a chemical reaction between heat, fuel and oxygen. The key to preventing fires is to understand what fire is and how it starts. As long as all three components are readily available, a fire can continue to burn and potentially grow. Remove any one of the components or stop the chemical reaction and the fire will go out. Fire safety at the most basic level is ensuring these three components never have the opportunity to come together to create a fire hazard. Be sure to have working smoke detectors in all areas of your home and for a more detailed look at each fire component, please read on the next page.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday /Closed 12-1 Phone: 703 430-3099/ E-mail ncaass@aol
Emergency pager: 703 282-8859 /Newberrycondominium.com Road Runner Towing: 703 450-7555

Preventing Fires “101”

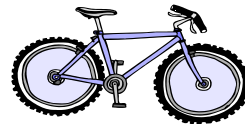
Heat can come from many items around the home. Stove tops, fireplaces, and candles are some obvious sources, but cigarette butts, electrical chargers and electric motors can also generate enough heat to start a fire. Although most think of gasoline as fuel, anything that burns such as soil, mulch and plastics can also burn. Protect yourself by keeping these combustible items a safe distance away from heat sources. Oxygen is the last component needed for a fire to burn. While oxygen may be readily around us and hard to control, we should know that by removing it we can also extinguish a fire. A good example of this is sliding a lid on a stove top grease fire can remove the oxygen and extinguish the fire. Consider purchasing several fire extinguishers and make sure they're conveniently located where you'll have quick and easy access to them. Loudoun County offers free home smoke alarm assessments for Loudoun residents. For more info on this, visit www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms or contact a public education manager at 703 737-8093.

Pool Registration forms attached

Please review and complete the attached pool registration form for the 2017 pool season. The clubhouse office will be open daily from 8-4 for pool pass renewals and Tuesday evening before and after Memorial day until 7 pm. Everyone is required to renew pool passes each year and there's a \$5 dollars fee for replacement passes. You must provide proof of residence to obtain passes. Anyone who does not have a current valid pass, will not be permitted to enter the pool area. Pool hours are M-F 4-8 pm during school, 2-8 after school and 12-8 weekends and holidays.

Yard Sale, Saturday May 6th

The annual community yard sale will be held Saturday, May 6th from 7-12:00 at the clubhouse parking lot. Anyone interested in reserving a table should call the office on a first-come first-served basis.



Bikes May Not Be Chained Or Stored In Front Yards or Common Areas

Flower Bed Tips

With Spring just around the corner, expect landscapers to start edging, weeding and mulching flower beds. If you prefer to tackle this chore on your own, be sure to install reflectors where their crew can easily spot them to skip the service. We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind folks to **plant things sensibly**. Consider how large plants and trees will grow over their lifetime before planting near buildings, foundations, fences and utilities. Remember the amount of canopy you see above is a good indication of the roots that will form below. Tree roots can also be a big issue with sewer lines if they find their way in and create an obstruction. With so many mature trees, the association does not have resources allocated for routine pruning of personal trees, so keep that in mind when making your selections. Lastly, be sure to always get prior Board approval before planting anything in the ground.

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You've got questions and we have answers-anytime! Be sure to log onto our site for frequently asked questions, helpful tips and important information.

Deck replacements are Ramping-up!

Thanks to the mild winter, crews have been pressing forward with Villa deck replacements at an increased pace. Please remember that if you have a satellite dish mounted on a deck or handrail, now is the time to get it moved. It will not be possible to install any dishes directly onto the new decks, so contact your providers and have them talk to our office about possible alternative mounting locations. Units with decks above will need to remove items stored in lower level sheds. Upper units will need to remove items stored on top of decks. At the current pace and weather permitting decks are being completed in less than a weeks time, so hopefully the inconvenience will be brief!

No Satellite Dishes on Roofs, Brick or Siding



Please remind residents and guests to discard TRASH responsibly!



Save Water , Save \$\$\$

Water saving incentives still in effect, so replace your old toilet or washer with a water saving model and earn a \$ 25 dollar credit for each. Always use a nozzle when hosing off your car and be sure to report outside faucet leaks as soon as you see them.

Grills Not Permitted On Balconies

Please remember that the Loudoun County's fire prevention code does not allow the use of open flame grills on balconies or within (15) feet of any combustible construction.

Do not pour oil or construction debris in your Drain!

Play Ball-But Only In Appropriate Areas

Please remind kids that playing ball can be lots of fun as long as it's not in the streets, parking lots, front yards, or closer than 30 feet from any building. This common sense rule was adopted to help insure the safety of kids and to protect vehicles and buildings from accidental damage. It's also important to help minimize bare spots from developing in places that routinely get trampled under.

Board Meetings, Third Tuesday's in the Clubhouse @7pm