

# Spring Ridge Review

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## Board Corner

**Next Meeting: April 15th—7pm @ VC**

1. Spring has arrived and the Recreation Committee needs your assistance with the large number of events they offer. Sadly, the T-Ball program was canceled due to lack of adult volunteers. If volunteers do not step forward, the many fun activities planned will be canceled. So please volunteer if you can. If you can help, please contact the Recreation Committee at [springridgerecccommittee@gmail.com](mailto:springridgerecccommittee@gmail.com).
2. Pool Season will soon be upon us. Owners are reminded that you must be current-to-date with your monthly Homeowner's dues in order for you or your tenants to have access to the pool. If you do not have a pool pass or for an updated pool pass, see the article below.
3. The Sharks Swim Team will hold registration for the 2014. See this newsletter for details on the dates and times.
4. ValleyCrest has done an extensive survey of the Cherry Trees on the property. Photos of some of the damaged trees can be found on the Spring Ridge website.
5. **SAVE THE DATE:** The spring 2014 Bulk Trash Pick-Up for Single Family/Townhouses will be held Saturday, June 21st. Details to follow in the May and June newsletters.
6. Yard Waste Collection starts Wed., April 2nd. See article on this page for details.
7. Finally, we think we've seen the last of the snow. This has been a very long and costly winter, with snow removal costs exceeding \$110,000.00

## Get This Newsletter Via Email & Help Save Association Funds

The Spring Ridge Review newsletter is available to owners/residents via email. If you choose to get the newsletter via email, you will not receive a hard copy in the U.S. mail. Instead, you will receive an email with the newsletter attached. Receiving the newsletter via email benefits the owners of the community because it saves money that would need to be used to mail it via U.S. mail. We encourage all owners/residents to get the newsletter via email, and to do so, email [nadena.mg@pmpbiz.com](mailto:nadena.mg@pmpbiz.com) with your name, property address and email address.

## Pool Passes

**If you already have a photo pool pass that is up to date, you don't need a new one. But if you do not have a pool pass OR if you or your children need an updated or replacement pool pass, now is a good time to get it. There will be a \$5.00 charge to replace each lost pool pass. REMINDER TO RENTERS: You must have a pool privilege letter each pool season from the owner of your unit in order for your pool pass to work.** The Visitor Center is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm for pool pass services. You can also email photos (*a clear headshot*) to [springridgepool@pmpbiz.com](mailto:springridgepool@pmpbiz.com). If you email a photo, you still need to pick up your pool pass at the Visitor Center. **Guest Pool Passes are available at the Visitor Center.** New Pool Pass/Replacement Pool Pass Applications are available at [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com) or at the Visitor Center.

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## Yard Waste Recycling Reminder



### Single Family/ Townhouses: Yard Waste

Recycling will take place each Wednesday beginning April 2nd through December 10th, 2014. Grass and other yard clippings must be placed in paper bags, kraft bags or in a clean uncontaminated container separate from household trash or the standard co-mingled recycling. Yard Waste in plastic bags will not be accepted! Contact the Visitor Center with questions.

## Calendar of Events

**April 4** ~ 4pm - ACC Application Submission Deadline

**April 5** ~ 1pm to 3pm - Spring Festival @ Soccer Field (**For Spring Ridge Residents Only**) (Rain Date: **April 6th**)

**April 7** ~ 7:30pm - Recreation Committee Meeting @ VC

**April 8** ~ 7pm - Hampton Court Condo Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

**April 9** ~ 7pm - ACC Meeting @ VC

**April 15** ~ 7pm - Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

**April 16** ~ 7pm - Friends & Neighbors (FAN) Club Social @ VC

**April 24** ~ 7pm - Spring Ridge Condo Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

**April 26** ~ 10am to 2pm - Sharks Swim Team Registration @ VC

## Friends & Neighbors (FAN) Club News



**Civil War Author Claudia Floyd to Speak at April 16th FAN Club Social** - Come listen to author Claudia Floyd, a former professor of history at Stevenson University, who will speak about her book: *Maryland Women in the Civil War: Unionists, Rebels, Slaves and Spies* on **Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm at the Visitor Center**. This event is open to all adult residents of Spring Ridge. Refreshments will be served.

At Stevenson, Floyd taught courses on the Civil War and on the role of women in American history. "Women's contribution to the Civil War has been neglected, they did so many things," said Floyd. "So many really important women in the Civil War had a connection to Maryland."

For example: On July 9, 1864, young Mamie Tyler crouched in a cellar as Union sharpshooters above traded volleys with Confederate forces. After six excruciating hours, she emerged to nurse the wounded from the Battle of Monocacy.

This was life in a border state and the terrifying reality for the women of Maryland. Western Maryland experienced some of the worst carnage of the war, and women turned their homes into hospitals for the wounded of Antietam, South Mountain and Gettysburg.

Ms. Floyd drew on letters and memoirs to chronicle their stories and present a fascinating and nuanced portrait of Maryland women in the Civil War.

## Sharks Swim Team News



Registration for the Spring Ridge Sharks begins on Saturday, April 26th from 10am-2pm at the Spring Ridge Visitor Center. You can also register online at [www.springridgesharks.org](http://www.springridgesharks.org). Registration will remain open until May 3rd. This year if you register early, the Sharks will be offering a discounted registration fee. If you register either in-person on April 26th or online through May 3rd, your registration fee will be \$105.00 per swimmer. Anyone registering after May 3rd, the registration fee will be \$115.00. If you will be younger than 19, as of June 1, 2014 we want you to be a part of our neighborhood swim team! For more information or to register for the team, visit [www.springridgesharks.org](http://www.springridgesharks.org), send an e-mail to [SpringRidgeSharks@comcast.net](mailto:SpringRidgeSharks@comcast.net) or "like" our Facebook Page – Spring Ridge Sharks.

## Recreation Committee News

### Upcoming Events

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Festival

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Rec. Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

May 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Yard Sale

**Children's Gently Used Clothing Sale:** Although this event was canceled due to lack of participation, we want to send a big thank you to Kim Winkler for the time she spent organizing this event. Kim did a great job organizing it and trying to find sellers.

**LAST CHANCE - Discount Hershey Park/Dutch Wonderland Tickets:** This event is open to all Spring Ridge residents, their families and friends. If you are interested, **please fill out an application for the desired park(s) and return your application(s), along with your check made payable to the "Spring Ridge Recreation Committee" to the Visitor Center by 4pm Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.** Applications are available at [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com) or at the Visitor Center. **Checks Only, NO CASH.**

**Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us for the annual Spring Ridge Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at the Spring Ridge Soccer Field (**Rain Date: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm**). The event is **free** and for **Spring Ridge Residents only!** This event will include an egg hunt, scavenger hunt, pony rides, moon bounce, face painting, music, dancing, and more! Hot dogs and snacks will also be available for purchase. The Egg Hunt will start promptly at 1:05pm, so please arrive on time! Also, bring your own basket/bucket/bag since these will not be provided. After the children gather their eggs, they will be able to turn in their eggs for a prize!

**Spring Yard Sale:** Our annual Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th, from 8am-2pm (**RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 18th, from 8am-2pm**). Thank you to Kristen Weinstein for agreeing to plan this event! So, start gathering up those treasures you no longer want or need and get ready to sell them!! The Recreation Committee does collect a \$2.00 fee from each household participating, to help with the cost of advertising. Please fill out the form online at [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com) or in this newsletter, and drop it off at the Visitor Center with your \$2.00, to register and be added to our Yard Sale map and list of items for sale! **Attention Townhouse & Condo residents:** If you live in a townhouse or condo and wish to set up your sale in the Visitor Center parking lot, we are making parking spots at the Visitor Center available to you. There will be 30 spots available, \$5.00 per spot. Please stop in the Visitor Center to sign up and grab your spot! (**NOTE: YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN SALE TABLES.**)

There will be a neighborhood wide Goodwill Pick up at the Visitor Center parking lot, right in front of the Visitor Center between 2-4pm on the day of the sale. Come drop off your usable items after the Yard Sale and it will be taken to Goodwill.

**4th of July Bike Parade:** We are currently in need of a chairperson for the Fourth of July Bike Parade. If you are interested, please contact the Recreation Committee at [springridgerecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:springridgerecommittee@gmail.com). If we do not find a chairperson for this event by May 17th, this event will be cancelled. Please consider volunteering your time for this event, it's a small event and doesn't require a lot of time. We would hate to cancel this event... the children really enjoy it!

**Recreation Committee Meeting** - Do you like planning events? Do you think you have some new ideas? If so, please come join the Recreation Committee! It is not a huge time commitment, you can choose which events (if any) you'd like to help plan, and it's a great way to meet new neighbors. We meet the first Monday of every month. Join us at our next meeting on **Monday, April 7th at 7:30pm at the Visitor Center.**

## A Plea To Spring Ridge Residents - This May Apply To You

Spring Ridge is a well-planned, beautifully landscaped community, and we are proud to call it our home. Unfortunately, there are those among us who evidently do not feel the same. Despite repeated appeals in this newsletter and signs along our walkways, our common areas are being littered with dog waste.

With the warmer weather coming soon, this situation has historically escalated to the point where one cannot take a walk without one's senses being assailed.

We realize that it is more difficult to pick up after your pet when you are freezing or being pelted by rain or snow, but it only takes a few seconds to pick up your pet's waste. You don't need any fancy equipment. Just a plastic bag will do the job nicely. Put your hand inside the bag, grasp your dog's "contribution," turn the bag inside out, and fasten. Put it inside a second bag, and carry it to the nearest waste bin.

Although aesthetics are important, they are not the only reason for keeping our community clean. Dog waste is a definite hazard. It contains parasites and E. Coli bacteria, among other things. Our children step in it and bring it into our homes and schools. Round and hook worms seep into the soil, where they can remain for 15 years! When the weather turns warmer, flies will lay their eggs in it and produce more flies. No, it won't disappear on its own, and the birds don't eat it.

An average dog deposits about a pound of waste a day. That's seven pounds a week. 365 pounds a year! Multiply that by the number of dogs in Spring Ridge, and try to visualize the scene if nobody bothered to pick up after their dogs. Of course, we can hire someone (at great expense to you, the homeowner) to clean up the mess, but what good will it do if you continue to neglect your responsibility as pet owners? Let's all work together to keep Spring Ridge a healthy and pleasant place in which to live.

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### Community Yard Sale (spring)

***Return Registration Form with \$2.00 per household to Visitor Center by Friday, May 9th.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief List of Items Being Sold: \_\_\_\_\_

\$2.00 Fee Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Condo/Townhouse Residents Only - Purchase of Visitor Center Parking Spot (Y/N) and \$5.00 Fee Per Spot Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_**

***Yard Sale Date is Saturday, May 17th from 8am-2pm (RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 18th, same time)***

## Cub Scout Pack 371 Registration

Attention Kindergarteners through 4th graders – Cub Scout Pack 371 is looking for new Scouts to join our Pack! Cub Scouts learn life skills and values, such as honesty, respect, and courage. We also plan camping trips, hikes, and are actively involved in supporting the Frederick community through service opportunities. Cub Scout Pack 371 will be hosting a Join Scouting Night at Oakdale Elementary on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:45pm. The Scouts will be launching homemade water rockets outside near the playground behind the cafeteria. We will also have our Leaders on hand to answer questions. For more information or to register please contact [cubmaster@cubscoutpack371.org](mailto:cubmaster@cubscoutpack371.org). The rain date will be April 30th.

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** Child's 5 piece bedroom set--like new condition, grade school student desk w/ chair, teak wall unit, teak dining room table w/ matching chairs and hutch, sea-foam green upholstered swivel chair, traditional desk, oak 5 piece bedroom suite, cream color leather sofa, 2 walnut bookcases, lamps, rowing machine and treadmill. Priced to sell. All items in excellent condition. Call 301-663-1544.

**For Sale:** Queen sized brass headboard, frame, box spring & mattress. Like new. \$199.00 OBO. Contact 301-696-5997.

## 2014 Spring Ridge Golf League

Registrations are being accepted for the 2014 Golf League to be held April 30th-August 1st at Hollow Creek Golf Club in Middletown. The cost is \$400.00 for weekly members payable to Spring Ridge Golf League. The deadline to register is April 16th. NOTE: Substitutions are needed for the League at a cost of \$20.00 to play. The Registration Form is available at [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com). For additional information or if you have questions, please contact [springridgegolf@comcast.net](mailto:springridgegolf@comcast.net).

## Spring Ridge Elementary 2nd Annual Roo Run

The Spring Ridge Elementary School PTA is proud to announce that we will be hosting a 5k race and 1 mile Fun Run in our neighborhood on Saturday, June 7th at 8:30am. The race course has been certified by the Frederick Steeplechasers. Live entertainment, post-race Bondi Beach Party catered by The Outback, drinks, and a T-shirt are all included in the registration price. \$100 for a family sponsorship, \$20 for adults, and \$10 for students 12 and under. There are also many sponsorship opportunities available for businesses! For more race details, please visit [www.roorun5k.com](http://www.roorun5k.com), or contact Monica Robyns at [mmrobyns@hotmail.com](mailto:mmrobyns@hotmail.com).

## New Market Elementary 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

New Market Elementary School is hosting its 10th Annual "On the Road Again" 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 26th. The 5K begins at 9am, followed by the 1 Mile race at 10am. Register at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or print the registration forms from the NMES webpage at <http://education.fcps.org/nmes/node/1420> and mail them to the school directly. For additional information, contact Kate Flynn at [kateflynn75@comcast.net](mailto:kateflynn75@comcast.net).