

# Spring Ridge Review

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## Board Corner

*Next Meeting: May 20th—7pm @ VC*

1. There are less than 25 days until the pools open at Spring Ride. **To gain entry to the pool facility, you must have a photo pool pass and owners must be current-to-date with the monthly HOA dues assessment in order for you or your tenants to have pool privileges.** If you do not have a photo pool pass or for an updated pool pass, please see the article below. A General Pool Calendar with hours and the current pool rules are available at [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com).
2. WiFi service will again be available at the pool area for patrons to use during the pool season. Please see the article in this newsletter for details.
3. Residents are reminded to pick up after your dogs. Scoop the Poop AND the dogs must be on a leash. Pet owners are reminded to keep their pets rabies shots current.
4. There has been a rash of vandalism within the Spring Ridge Community during the past months. Not only is this unsightly, but it is costly to remove. We spent \$400.00 recently to have the graffiti removed off the bridge. The Board is delaying resurfacing the tennis courts at a cost of \$3,300.00, due to graffiti, until the surveillance cameras are installed.
5. Installation of the security cameras will be completed prior to the opening of Pool Season on Memorial Day Weekend.

## 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 un contaminated 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

- May 5 ~ 7:30pm - Recreation Committee Meeting @ VC
- May 9 ~ 4pm - ACC Application Submission Deadline
- May 14 ~ 7pm - ACC Meeting @ VC
- May 15 ~ 7pm - Hampton Court II Condo Annual Meeting @ VC
- May 17 ~ 8am to 2pm - Yard Sale (**RAIN DATE: May 18th, same time**)
- May 20 ~ 7pm - Conservancy Board of Director’s Meeting @ VC
- May 21 ~ 7pm - Friends & Neighbors (FAN) Club Social @ VC
- May 23 ~ 4pm - Pools Open For Season
- May 24-26 ~ **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - Visitor Center Closed**

# Pool Hours

While Public School is “In Session”

**Memorial Day (May 26th), 10:30am-8pm**

Monday-Thursday, 4pm-8pm

Friday, 4pm-9pm

\*Please see [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com) for General Pool Calendar.

Saturday, 10:30am-9pm

Sunday, 10:30am-8pm

# WiFi To Be Available At Pool Area

Again this year, WiFi will be available at the Pool Facility during pool season for patrons who wish to utilize it. The WiFi will be available each day of pool season from 8am-9pm. Keep in mind that the WiFi is password protected, so please contact Management at the Visitor Center at 301-620-0782 for the password. Additionally, parental controls have been put in place that will block adult content sites and other inappropriate activities.

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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)***

## Recreation Committee News

### May 17th - Spring Yard Sale (Rain Date May 18th)

**Save the Date for August 15th for a kid's concert at the pool. More information to follow.**

**Spring Festival/Easter Egg Hunt-** Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the spring festival. Thank you to Kristina and Bryan Ray, Lesley and Tom Giancoli, Jenny Lazarus, Lauren Stanczyk for organizing the event. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped that day: Dee Kramer, Christina Poole, Kylie Schade, Megan Thomas, Julie Dobratz, Jada Maultsby, and Madi Borchardt and to our vendors D & D pony rides, Mr. D Entertainment, Balloon Affairs, Cryin' Johnnies, and security provided by Dina Blundell.

**Tickets:** Thanks to Kristina Ray for organizing the discount tickets to Hershey Park and Dutch Wonderland. Those who purchased tickets will be notified when they come in and will need to pick them up at the Visitor Center.

**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!

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.

**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.)

**4th of July Bike Parade:** 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 for our **May meeting at the Visitor Center on Monday, May 5th at 7:30pm** to see what we're all about.

## Classifieds

**Moving to a Retirement Community Sale!** Maple bedroom set-single bed w/ lightly used (occasional guest only) box spring & mattress, dresser, bureau w/ mirror, desk/hutch, \$300.00. Various other furniture including white IKEA table & chairs, Ethan Allen recliner/tables/lamps, etc. Contact 301-668-0761 for details.

## Friends & Neighbors (FAN) Club News



Claudia Floyd, a former professor of history at Stevenson University and author of *Maryland Women in the Civil War: Unionists, Rebels, Slaves and Spies*, spoke about the Battle of Monocacy at the April Friends & Neighbors (FAN) monthly social.

Ms. Floyd mapped out the logistics of the encounter that is also known as “the Battle that saved Washington.” Monocacy National Battlefield is located just south of Frederick, and a number of events are planned this summer to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that historic battle: <http://www.visitfrederick.org/civil-war-150th>. Guests are always welcome, and we were happy that a number of Spring Ridge residents attended!

**Aromatherapist to Speak at May FAN Club Social** - Kristine Southworth, a certified aromatherapist, will introduce us to the world of aromatherapy at the FAN Club on Social on Wednesday, May 21st at the Visitor Center. Kristin, who was originally scheduled to speak to us in March, will talk about how essential oils can do everything from clearing a bad cough, to making chemotherapy more bearable, to helping with hormone imbalances.

The doors open at 7 p.m. for refreshments and socializing, and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. All adult residents of Spring Ridge are invited to attend! Please join us for our final social of the year! For questions, call Diane DeMarco, 301-696-8886.

**FAN Club to Present “2 4 U” Scholarship** - The Spring Ridge FAN Club Community Outreach is excited to award a college-bound graduating high school senior who is a resident of Spring Ridge a scholarship of up to \$200 to help defray college costs. To apply, submit a one-page essay that explains how your involvement in the community exemplifies the spirit of the Spring Ridge. Submit your essay **no later than May 12<sup>th</sup>** to [sr.fanclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:sr.fanclub.membership@gmail.com). Please include:

1. Your name & the name of your high school;
2. Your physical address;
3. A name of a parent or guardian;
4. The best way to reach you;
5. The name of the college or university you plan to attend.

The FAN Club Board will review the essays, and the winner will be notified by May 16. The award will be presented on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the 7 p.m. FAN Club meeting at the Visitors Center. Please send inquiries to [sr.fanclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:sr.fanclub.membership@gmail.com). If you'd like to contribute to the scholarship fund, send your **non-tax** deductible gift in the form of a check payable to the Spring Ridge FAN Club, to: Rita O'Neill, Treasurer, 8816 Briarcliff Lane, Frederick, MD 21701.

## 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).

## Single Family/Townhouse Bulk Trash Pick-Up

The spring Bulk Trash Pick-Up for single family/townhouses will be held **Saturday, June 21st starting at 7am**. This service is now part of the contract with Ecology Services, the hauler hired by Spring Ridge Conservancy. Bulk Trash means furniture, appliances, electronic equipment (computers, monitors, televisions, radios, etc.), old carpet, small pieces of drywall, etc. **The following items are NOT ALLOWED: no chemicals, no mattresses, no gasoline powered devices, no batteries, no motors, no toxins/pesticides, no paint, etc.** Contact 301-620-0782 or [richard.ag@pmpbiz.com](mailto:richard.ag@pmpbiz.com) with questions.

## Sharks Swim Team News



Spring Ridge Sharks Registration is currently open. Early Registration will be open until May 3rd at midnight at [www.springridgesharks.org](http://www.springridgesharks.org). If you register by this date, you will save \$10.00 per swimmer. Registration Fee increases after May 3rd. Register early and save a few bucks! Registration for the Sharks will remain open until June 12th. Check out our Facebook page or online at [www.springridgesharks.org](http://www.springridgesharks.org) for all pertinent information or email us at [springridgesharks@comcast.net](mailto:springridgesharks@comcast.net) with questions. Come join us for a fun filled summer!

**Why should my child be a swimmer?** Swimming is an outstanding activity for people of all ages. It promotes fitness and teaches a child to strive for physical achievement. Swimming is an exciting individual and team sport. It's a technical and specialized activity involving extensive skill development. Swimming is a healthy "lifetime" activity and is relatively injury free in comparison to other youth sports. It teaches the life lessons of sport and sportsmanship which include learning to deal with winning and losing, as well as working with officials, teammates and coaches. Swimming motivates participants to strive for self improvement and teaches goal orientation and cultivates positive mental attitude and high self-esteem. And finally, swimming can prevent drowning.

## Girl Scout Registration

New Girl Scout troops are forming for all school age girls in the Spring Ridge area! Exciting new levels and age appropriate programs! Camping, travel, multiple local & council sponsored events! Daisy Girl Scouts (Grades K-1), Brownie Girl Scouts (Grades 2-3), Junior Girl Scouts (Grades 4-5) and Teen Girl Scouts (Grades 6-12). It's easier than ever to register your daughter(s)! For more information, contact Troop Organizers for the Spring Ridge and Oakdale feeders: Beth Case 301-514-7765/[troop81626@gmail.com](mailto:troop81626@gmail.com) OR Tara Hiltke 301-305-1333/[thiltke@comcast.net](mailto:thiltke@comcast.net). The annual registration fee is \$15.00. Dues are set by each individual troop. Financial assistance is available. Troop placements will be made on a first come basis. If you we are unable to place your daughter in a troop, your registration fee will be returned. Quality Adult Volunteers are always needed. Take the time to be included in your daughter's Girl Scout experience.

## Join Tabata Bootcamp™

Tired of the same old workouts, with no results? Join Tabata Bootcamp™. Tabata Bootcamp™ is Bootcamp that will get you in the best shape of your life and is formulated to fit every fitness level, from beginner to advanced. It combines the effectiveness of bootcamp with the hottest trend today-High Intensity Interval Training. Lose inches and get the body you want. Classes start May 5th and are \$125.00 for a 6-week session. Classes are held in my home on Monday & Wednesday from 6-6:45pm. Class size is limited, so sign-up now. Contact me, Kathy McArthur at 301-518-7105 or [kemcarthur@yahoo.com](mailto:kemcarthur@yahoo.com). For a flyer about the class, visit [www.springridgeonline.com](http://www.springridgeonline.com).

## Worn American Flag Collection

Did you know that the Boy Scouts of America are one of the few groups that are authorized to retire worn out American Flags? According to the United States Flag Code, *"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."*

Cub Scout Pack 287 is collecting old/worn American Flags for a respectful flag retirement ceremony on May 3rd. If you have any that need to be properly disposed of, you can drop them off at the Visitor Center by Friday, May 2nd. If you can't get to the Visitor Center during business hours, please contact me at [mmrobyns@hotmail.com](mailto:mmrobyns@hotmail.com), and I will arrange to pick any flags up from your porch.

## Fun With A Purpose-Join Cub Scouting Pack 287

If you have a son who is entering 1st through 5th grade in fall 2014, you are eligible to join Cub Scouting! Pack 287 is a very active pack that operates out of Spring Ridge Elementary School. Our Scouts camp at least twice a year, participate in several community service projects, as well as the Kris Kringle Parade, Pinewood Derby, Summer Camp, Hiking and more! We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the SRES Cafeteria. If you'd like more information about Scouting, please contact Monica Robyns at [mmrobyns@hotmail.com](mailto:mmrobyns@hotmail.com), or go to [www.beascout.com](http://www.beascout.com). We will also be at the SRES Spring Fling on May 16th, from 5:30-7:30pm with games, prizes and information.

## Spring Ridge & Oakdale Elementary Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten at Spring Ridge & Oakdale Elementary Schools are now open. If you have questions regarding Pre-K or Kindergarten registration, please call Spring Ridge Elementary at 240-236-1600 OR Oakdale Elementary at 240-236-3300. Staffing for next year is based on enrollment numbers, so it is very helpful to have an accurate count of all Kindergarten students early on.

If you have a child who turns five on or before September 1st, 2014, please register him/her for Kindergarten. Please bring a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency (property tax bill, rental bill, utility bill) to the school at the time of registering.

If you have a child who will be four on or before September 1st, 2014, you may qualify to enroll him/her for Pre-K. It is a half-day program. FCPS Pre-K programs accept students on a priority need basis and not on a first come, first serve basis. Students who automatically qualify would be families who are eligible for the free and reduced meals program. Other children may also qualify for other priority reasons. Please don't wait, register now.

## Spring Ridge Elementary Spring Fling-Carnival

Spring Ridge Elementary will host a Spring Fling-Carnival on Friday, May 16th from 5:30-7:30pm. Parents and children under age three (3) get in for FREE. The cost is \$4.00 at the door for the older children. And the cost at the door for a family of four (4) children is \$15.00. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun, food, games and prizes!