

Board Corner

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Next Meeting: August 16th—7pm @ Visitor Center



1. Thanks to the Recreation Committee and volunteers who made the 4th of July Bike Parade a success!
2. The Board is pleased to announce that residents have stepped forward to form a Pool Committee. Please see this newsletter for two upcoming Pool Committee events at the pool.
3. The Board has made changes to the Pool Rules, effective August 1st. The guest fee at the pool entry gate will now be \$5.00 per guest per day. Guest Passes will still remain at \$20.00 for a pass good for up to 10 guests. The Pool Rules will be posted on www.springridgeonline.com.
4. The Board has approved a request by “Cryin Johnnies” to provide food and beverages at the pool. This service will begin when Frederick County health permits are obtained.
5. ValleyCrest Landscape has indicated that the recent high temperatures and low rain levels have caused many of the common area white pine trees to die. These dead trees will be removed at the end of summer.
6. The Board has approved the repaving of some of the community owned roads and parking lots. Residents in these areas will be notified of the paving operations by Management.
7. Frederick County Public Schools will be back in session on August 29th. Residents are reminded to caution when driving, especially at crosswalks and bus stops.

Calendar of Events

August 2 ~ 7:30pm—Recreation Committee Meeting @ VC

August 5 ~ 4pm—ACC Application Submission Deadline

August 10 ~ 7pm—ACC Meeting @ VC

August 13 ~ 6pm to 8:30pm—Concert at Pool (Band: Redline)

August 13 ~ 9pm to Midnight—Adult Pool Party (Must Be Age 21 or older with ID)

August 16 ~ 7pm—Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

August 18 ~ 7pm—Hampton Court II Condo Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

August 25 ~ 7pm—Spring Ridge Condo Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

Yard Waste Recycling Reminder



For Single Family/Townhouses: Yard Waste Recycling will take place every Wednesday beginning April 6th through December 14th ONLY. 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 recycling. Yard Waste in plastic bags will not be accepted!

Contact Visitor Center with any questions at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com.

Deer Population

The Spring Ridge Conservancy Board of Directors will be discussing the deer population at their next Board of Directors Meeting to be held on August 16th at 7pm at the Visitor Center. The 2010-2011 deer hunting season harvested 40 doe, which translates to approximately 115 fewer deer this year. The Board of Directors are sensitive to the varying opinions regarding a deer management plan, but are also aware of the need to control the deer population. Phase II of the Deer Management Plan will be discussed at the August 16th meeting. Hunting season is September 15, 2011—January 31, 2012.

Sustainability Committee News

Greetings from the Sustainability Committee! It is our mission to create value for the community; so think of us as the SAVINGS Committee. In that vein, the committee has been busy working with the board to save money in our daily operations. One initiative of the committee is a tip of the month (or more) for residents to implement and share with others:

SOLAR LEASING CONTRACTS

As we write this month's article (July 21), we're experiencing a major heat wave from coast to coast. Temperatures are predicted to exceed 100 degrees for the next three days and remain in the 90's and high 80's for at least another week. The demand for air conditioning and electronic home entertainment will stress the nation's electric grid—especially in the late afternoons when people get off work and head home to relax.

Wouldn't it be nice to have an alternative energy source in case of "brown-outs" due to an over-stressed grid... or black-outs from downed power lines (which can occur at any time)? Solar power may be what you're looking for. Solar panel installations, however, can be expensive. Despite the projected long-term savings and the many government and industry incentives, initial outlays can be prohibitive, amounting to tens of thousands of dollars in most cases. And, the buyer may face additional maintenance and repair costs if anything goes wrong. So, what if you could get your own personal electric power system for a small down-payment (like a car lease), fixed energy bills for a couple decades, and, well, that's it?

Enter: **Solar leasing**--the growing trend among homeowners who want the advantages of solar power, without the upfront costs and longer-term worries of owning. Homeowners, who purchase and install solar panels, can save 5% - 25% on their monthly electric bills. With a solar leasing contract, the average homeowner makes a deposit and pays \$50 a month for the term, usually 10-20 years. (Imagine how much electricity fifty bucks will buy in 2031!)

Your Committee has found several national and local companies that can provide an individualized analysis of your power needs. Using satellite imagery and proprietary, customized software, they can determine the feasibility of installing solar panels on your home and submit a written estimate **within a few hours**. Watch this space for more details! **As a reminder: ACC Approval is required for solar or alternative installation.**

Our job is to ensure that the Spring Ridge Community is beautiful and desirable for generations to come. If you're interested in sustainability for the neighborhood, please join us at our committee meetings—Please check the marquee for the meeting date and time. We hope you enjoy the savings!

Pool Committee News

We have a new pool committee! Jill Kampes, Chuck Robell, and Kristin Whyte have come together to set up a couple pool events for the community! We know summer's half over, but we're hoping to have something for everyone.

Attention Adults (Age 21 or older with ID): On Saturday, August 13th, bring your singing voices and your swim suits to the Adult Karaoke Pool Party from 9pm-Midnight. Spring Ridge Residents are free with their pool pass and/or photo ID showing age and a Spring Ridge address. Guests will be charged \$3.00 each with proof of age photo ID. **No more than two guests per resident.** BYOB, NO GLASS!

On Saturday, September 3rd, make sure your children know about the "End of Summer/Back to School" Pool Party from 11am-2pm with entertainment, food, and great music for the kids! We hope everyone can attend and show your support! If you would like to volunteer to help with these events, please contact Kristin at krisccraig1@comcast.net.

Spring Ridge Triathlon

Spring Ridge Triathlon - Sunday, August 28, 2011...don't miss it!

The 3rd Annual Triathlon presented by *Tri It Now* is about to happen! This is a USA Triathlon sanctioned event swimming 250 yards, biking 4.5 miles and running 1.5 miles; find out what a triathlon is all about! Go to www.triitnow.com and click on the race name for more info, online registration and volunteer sign-up. This will be a "Green Event" and a great way for the whole family to participate (competing or volunteering); contact Lise O'Connell here in Spring Ridge for more info (301) 698-1252 or email loc8913@yahoo.com.

Spring Ridge Golf League-Fall 2011

The Spring Ridge Golf League will host it's Fall Golf Tournament on Friday, September 30th at Hollow Creek Golf Club in Middletown. The cost is \$90.00 per person and you can sign up individually or as a foursome. Payment via check should be made payable to Spring Ridge Golf League. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 28th.

For additional information and to download the Registration Form, visit www.springridgeonline.com.

Pool Hours

From June 16th-August 28th

Sunday-Thursday: 11am-8pm

Friday & Saturday: 11am-9pm

From August 29th-September 5th

Monday-Thursday: 4pm-8pm

Friday: 4pm-9pm

Saturday: 11am-9pm

Sunday: 11am-8pm

Labor Day-Last Day of Pool Season (September 5th): 11am-8pm, Open to All

Recreation Committee News

Mark Your Calendars:

August 13th: Summer Concert Series – Redline
September 17th: Screen on the Green
September 17th: Fall Yard Sale
September 24th: Fall Children’s Clothing Sale
October 22nd: Fall Festival
October 29th: Adult Halloween Party

The annual 4th of July Bike Parade was held on July 4th, and was a hit, as usual! Everyone who attended the event had a fun morning filled with neighbors and fun! Thank you to Amy Carter for organizing the event and Brooke Robinson for helping with the event. Thank you to Beef N Buns N Paradise and Rita’s Ice for the donations of prizes. Thank you to the Spring Ridge Fire Department for helping to direct traffic and having fire trucks for the kids to explore at the end of the parade.

Summer Concert Series: This year’s concerts will be held at the Pool from 6pm-8:30pm.

August 13th Redline

Thank you to Kim Trischman for organizing the July concert at the pool.

Fall Soccer – Thank you for your soccer registrations. Team assignments will be completed in the next few weeks. Soccer will run once per week on Sundays for the clinic and the games. The 3v3 teams will also practice one night per week as indicated on your registration forms. We are still in need of coaches. If you can assist the program, please contact Scott at realestate@mogar.com

Fall Children’s Clothing Sale: Back again by popular demand! The Children’s Gently Used Clothing Sale will be held at the Visitor Center, from 8am-Noon on Saturday, September 24th, at the Spring Ridge Visitor Center. Join us for some bargains on Back-To-School clothing, and fall/winter fashions! Consignor space is still available for \$10.00 per participant. If you are interested in consigning your children’s gently used clothing, please contact Kim Winkler at wink67@yahoo.com to reserve your spot.

Spring Ridge Fall Festival: Mark your calendars! Spring Ridge will celebrate its first annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 22nd from 1pm-3pm at the Spring Ridge Soccer Field (Rain Date: Sunday, October 23rd). Join us for a kids Halloween costume parade and many other fun fall activities! This event is for Spring Ridge residents only. Register early through the Spring Ridge Visitor Center between September 1st thru October 7th for a discounted price of \$3.00 per child. After the October 7th deadline, the cost is \$5.00 per child. Attention Community Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and teens: We need volunteers! This would be a great opportunity to earn community service hours! If you are a community based business interested in supporting and/or making donations (candy, prizes and goodies), this is a great opportunity to advertise! If interested, contact April Hunter (hunter_april@yahoo.com) and Tara Perry (tarawperry@gmail.com) for more information. Come out and join your neighbors for some fall fun!

Spring Ridge Adult Halloween Party: Mark your calendars! This year’s Adult Halloween Party will be held Saturday, October 29th from 8pm-Midnight at Whiskey Creek Golf Club. Register early for discount tickets, \$10.00 per person from September 1st-September 30th. After September 30th, the cost is \$15.00 per person. Register at www.springridgeonline.com. Tickets are first come first serve and include bus transportation to and from the venue, appetizers and music. This will be a cash bar event. Come dressed in your scariest costume for a night out with your neighbors. Points of Contact: Tara Perry (tarawperry@gmail.com), Mark Perry (mark_jperry@hotmail.com) and April Hunter (hunter_april@yahoo.com).

Next Recreation Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:30pm at Visitor Center.

Friends and Neighbors Club Backpack Project

The Spring Ridge FAN (Friends and Neighbors) Club is once again working to provide backpacks and school supplies for local children who don't have the necessary resources to obtain these items. This year we are providing the supplies to two locations: The children at Lincoln Elementary located at 250 Madison Street in Frederick and the children at Hope Alive in Sabillasville.

Hope Alive, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that assists homeless women and their children by providing housing, childcare, employment support, skills and daily essentials while empowering them to live self-sustaining lives. (<http://www.hopealiveministries.org>) There are currently only a few children at Hope Alive in need of supplies. If you plan to purchase these supplies, please call Jennifer Knoll at 301-788-7022 to let her know of these purchases so that others do not purchase the same things.

HOPE ALIVE School Backpacks & Supplies:

- 2 boy-oriented backpacks (one boy is older so only one with characters on it)
- 4 little girl-oriented backpacks –Princess, Fairy, Disney Characters, etc.
- 3 Older girls back packs - No characters but girl colors, plaid polka dots, larger size etc.
- 4 woman-oriented totes or back packs for women going to college
- 3- 3 ring binders/notebook—Zipper shut required- 2 girl oriented and one boy
- Gift cards to Walmart/office supply stores for 2 women to purchase a required calculator (TI-83 or TI-84 – Texas Instrument) Cost is approx \$100 each.

Lincoln Elementary School Supplies, only (no backpacks):

In general, there are 60-80 children per grade at Lincoln and many need assistance. If we provided ¼ of the supplies needed by the students at Lincoln we would provide: 160 Large Glue Sticks, 110 Small Glue Sticks, 20 Boxes of Jumbo Crayons (8/box), 55 Boxes of Crayons (16/box), 20 Boxes of Crayons (8/box), 440 Pocket Folders, 20 Pairs of Safety Scissors with Metal blades, 40 Pairs of Scissors for use by older students, 700 Pencils, 40 Composition Books, 280 Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks, 280 Packs of Wide-Ruled Loose leaf Notebook Paper, 20 Pens, 20 Highlighters, 30 Boxes of Tissues, 20 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

We are asking all Spring Ridge residents to help us in supplying these students with the essentials they need to have a great school year! School supply items may be placed in drop boxes of two neighborhood homes **by Sunday, August 14:**

The Knoll residence – 6123 Fieldcrest Drive – *Front porch*

The Knaub residence – 6442 Spring Forest Road – *Back Deck*

Monetary Donations are welcomed and will be used to purchase whatever supplies are not collected. We need monetary donations turned in by Friday, August 12 in order to have time to purchase needed items.

Backpacks and Monetary Donations can be taken to: **The Wright residence - 6107 Cool Spring Terrace South (front porch – backpacks; hand deliver monetary donations – cash preferred)**

Attention Condo Residents!

Please be reminded that there is to be **no bulk trash dumping** in or around the trash enclosures at any of the condo associations within Spring Ridge. The trash removal contract is priced for regular household trash only. The landfill is only 3 miles away on Reichs Ford Road. Please use this facility. Thank you.

From ValleyCrest Landscape: Tree Stress

Have you ever had a white pine that died for no apparent reason? If so, the tree may have suffered white pine decline. This disorder has been a problem for many landscapes in Pennsylvania. Affected white pines show various symptoms of decline or dieback. Sometimes trees appear healthy for a decade or more before decline symptoms are noticed. Other pine species don't appear affected by the disorder.

Environmental and Site-Related Factors: Pine species differ in their adaptation to various locations. Eastern white pines grow best on deep, light, well-drained, and slightly acidic soils and are intolerant of both drought and water retentive soils ("wet feet"). Most of the soils in Spring Ridge fall outside this optimum, being very shallow and dry. This means these pines are subjected from the moment they are planted to low levels of site-related stress. White pine tends to be chlorotic (yellowed) on alkaline or compacted soils, or when planted where root growth is restricted. Many other factors besides soil type can contribute to overall stress experienced by a tree, such as genetic differences in ability to withstand stress; weather conditions including excess rainfall, early fall or late spring freezes, and drought; injury from de-icing salt; planting pines in shade or too close together so self-shading occurs; mechanical injury from construction, lawn mowers, motorized string weeders, or animal feeding; raising or lowering of soil levels due to grading; and insects and disease.

Disease and Insect Factors: Trees under stress from environmental factors are more susceptible to attack from insects and diseases. These agents are not the principal cause for decline but occur on the scene only after stress has occurred. White pine root decline, caused by the fungus *Leptographium procerum* (*Verticicladiella procera*) attacks pines under stress from wounds or site factors.

Recommendations: Remove and destroy dead white pines since dead trees are attractive to bark-inhabiting insects that may affect surrounding trees. Try to determine the cause of decline or death and correct the problem before planting another white pine in the same spot. If your site is unsuitable for a white pine, consider another species.

Symptoms: With severe or compounding stress factors, the tree may gradually decline and eventually die. Decline may be gradual or rapid, depending on the number and severity of stress factors. Trees less severely affected but under additional stresses may gradually decline and eventually die. Decline may be gradual or rapid, depending on the number and severity of stress factors.

White Pine Decline: Decline is a very common ailment of Eastern white pines (*Pinus strobus*) in Maryland. Trees that are affected will first appear off-color (pale yellow-green) compared to healthy white pine trees. Later, the bark on the branches can appear wrinkled and the foliage browns. Symptoms of decline commonly develop after a tree has been in a site for 8 to 20 years.

The problem is related to root stress. White pines grow best in slightly acidic, well-drained soils high in organic matter. The poor, shallow, rocky soils found throughout Spring Ridge are not suited for optimum white pine growth. Drought and soil compaction are additional stress factors that can contribute to decline. Declining pines can attract insect borers, which will damage the inner bark tissues, accelerating the tree's demise. In some instances, opportunistic fungal pathogens may infect the roots or lower trunk of declining trees as well.

Once it is apparent by the needles that something is wrong, the roots of the tree have already been damaged and there is little that can be done to reverse the decline process. Dead trees eventually need removed since these can attract borers that may invade adjacent trees and are unsightly. The best management practice for Spring Ridge is to replace the pines as they decline with species better suited for site conditions.

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MOMS Club of Frederick-East

The MOMS Club® of Frederick-East is a support group for stay-at-home mothers, offering support and activities for mothers and their children. Please contact fredeastmomsinfo@yahoo.com for more information.

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Classifieds

Babysitting Available: Recent graduate of Salisbury University in Early Childhood Education looking for babysitting hours (day or night), Very experienced with children, Resume available upon request. Contact Lauren at 301-788-8712 or laurenb003@aim.com.

For Sale: Jogging Stroller. Expedition, With front swivel wheel, Accommodates up to 50 lb. child, Gently used, \$45.00. Contact Susan at 301-698-9834.

For Sale: Rower, Body by Jake , \$50.00. **Lateral Thigh Trainer,** Never used, \$30.00. **Games:** monopoly, trivial pursuit, backgammon set with leather case, \$45.00 for all games. **Small TV,** \$15.00. **Two King Comforter Sets.** Includes shames, Decorative pillows and curtains, \$50.00 each. **Cassettes,** Mostly country music, \$20.00. **Paintings.** Some large, some small, \$40.00 for all. **Two wood tray tables.** \$15.00. **Bracelet.** Gold and silver, Caribbean hook bracelet, \$50.00. Contact: 301-452-2506.

For Sale: Bedroom Set. Oak, Includes two dressers, Nightstand and 3-way mirror. **46" computer desk.** **College bedding:** XL twin sheets, Blanket and mattress (never used). **Wedding gown (size 7/8).** **Krups Food Grinder.** Contact 301-524-9994.

For Rent: Condo. Located on 2nd floor, Building with elevator, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 3rd bedroom/den optional, Includes appliances, Community amenities included (Pools, walking path, playgrounds, tennis courts, soccer field), Walking distance to Spring Ridge Elementary, Bus stops for middle school and high school outside door. By appointment. Contact 301-524-9994.

Found: Bicycle. 20 inch, Schwinn. Contact the Visitor Center at 301-620-0782 to claim. Be prepared to provide detailed description to claim.

For Sale: TV. 52", 22x46x54, GE, Very good condition, Will take best offer. Contact 240-626-9205.