

Board Corner

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Next Board Meeting: December 16th—7pm at Visitor Center

1. The Board thanks those who attended the Annual Meeting on November 6th. We hope the Committee Reports and the report by the Board President gave you an insight into the workings of the Association.
2. The Board welcomes Paul Flynn as the newest member to the Board of Directors. The Board also welcomes back Fred Schumacher, who was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Both will serve a three year term. The officer positions will be determined at the December Regular Meeting. Note that a total of 11.92% of the owners in the community participated in this Board Election.
3. Board Member Scott Kubic's term expired at the November 6th Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors would like thank Scott for his years of service on the Board and in the community. We wish Scott and his family all the best in the future.
4. The Board has approved the 2009 Budget. There will be an increase in the homeowner dues to maintain the level of services and continue the contribution to the Association Reserves (Note: The 2009 Board Approved Budget is found in this newsletter.).
5. The Board has received a proposed change for the 2009 Frederick Marathon, again going through sections of Spring Ridge. This revision will be studied and reviewed by both Frederick City and Frederick County traffic authorities.

Board Approved 2009 Budget

The Board Approved 2009 Spring Ridge Conservancy Budget is included in this newsletter.

Happy Holidays!



The Spring Ridge Visitor Center and PMP, Inc. offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas Day.

The Spring Ridge Conservancy Board of Director's and PMP, Inc. wish all a safe and happy holiday season.

The Visitor Center and PMP, Inc. offices will re-open for normal business on Friday, December 26th.



Calendar of Events

Dec. 5 ~ 4pm—ACC Application Submission Deadline

Dec. 6 ~ 10am to 2pm—Holiday Shopping Bazaar @ VC

Dec. 8 ~ 7:30pm—Recreation Committee Meeting @ VC

Dec. 10 ~ 7pm—ACC Meeting @ VC

Dec. 16 ~ 7pm—Conservancy BOD Meeting @ VC

Dec. 20 ~ 10am to Noon—Santa's Workshop @ VC

Dec. 25 ~ **Christmas Day**—Visitor Center Closed

Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive

The Spring Ridge Community is working with the Salvation Army for the 2008 holiday season to provide non-perishable food items for the hungry and needy in the Frederick area. **Please drop off your non-perishable items to the Salvation Army Barrel located in the lobby of the Spring Ridge Visitor Center Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm by Monday, December 1st.** Those who are less fortunate truly need your help this holiday season!

REMINDER: FINAL PICK-UP IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST!

Holiday Trash Collection

Please note there is NO TRASH COLLECTION on December 25th (Christmas Day) OR January 1st (New Year's Day). Trash will be collected only on Monday each of those weeks.

Christmas Tree Removal

Single Family & Townhomes Only



During the month of January 2009 all you need to do is take your Christmas Tree out to the curbside Tuesday evenings. On each Wednesday during January, the Christmas Trees will be picked up at curbside and taken to the Recycling Center. The trees must be stripped of all ornaments, Stands must not be attached—Just the natural tree. No tree bags or plastic bags will be accepted.

CONDO'S WILL HAVE THEIR OWN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Snow Will Soon Be Here

Single Family Homes: All streets are maintained and plowed by Frederick County, including Spring Ridge Parkway, and Ridgefield Drive. All sidewalks in the single family neighborhoods are to be shoveled by the homeowner.



Town Homes and Condos: Here are some of the snow removal guidelines for the 2008-2009 season. In a snow/sleet storm, if accumulation is under 2", the contractor is to apply chemicals to the common sidewalks and roads. If total snow/sleet accumulation is 2-4", the contractor is to begin plowing only after 2" has actually accumulated on the roadways. Chemical application will begin with the parking areas and private roads, followed by common sidewalks. In a big snowstorm, the contractor will plow to open up the private roads. However, most of the detailed snow removal work will not take place until after the snow has finished falling. The asphalt walking path will be shoveled to the school. However at the corner of Ridgefield Drive, only one side of the street will be shoveled to the school. The side that seems better to shovel is the Visitor Center side since the school itself doesn't shovel their own path on Ridgefield Drive. There are safe cross-overs in front of the school. (Management will remain flexible on these issues as the needs change in the community.) **Town Homes:** One or two parking spots in the overflow lots should be used for snow piles. **CONTRACTORS ARE NOT TO CLEAR OUT INDIVIDUAL PARKING SPOTS FOR RESIDENTS WHO MOVE THEIR VEHICLES FOR SUCH SERVICE.** If multiple spots are empty at the time the plows are there, the Contractor may clear them. Please don't shovel snow from around your vehicle and throw it back into the street. The snow should be placed in your yard, out of the way, not in the street and not on the sidewalks. If snow accumulation is over 4", the same treatment will be applied as described above, and careful attention will be kept to the location of snow piles. Areas to be specifically avoided are mailboxes, fire hydrants, and bus stops. Once accumulation reaches 4" or more, walking paths are to be cleared (one snow blower path) near the end of the storm. As always, residents should use caution at all times. The contractor can't be everywhere for every weather event. Please remember to NEVER use rock salt on any sidewalk or concrete surface. Rock salt severely damages concrete. Please do not use it.

Annual ACC Inspection

Management will soon be conducting the Annual ACC Inspection. The Covenants allow Management or the Board to perform on site property inspections. Richard and/or Victor will be out on the property noting any changes homeowners have made to their property, both in front and rear yards. Afterwards, we will be verifying that applications were submitted and structures were built as applied for. The only exception to this is in the case of storm doors that meet the requirements set forth in your documents. The Board has given Management the authority to approve applications for storm doors that comply with architectural guidelines. However, if a storm door has already been installed without having been previously applied for, it will be "grandfathered in" as long as it complies with the architectural guidelines. If you have any other changes that have been made, but forgot to submit an application, please take the time to do so now. We will be requesting applications for any changes that currently do not have one. Visit the Spring Ridge website at www.springridgeonline.com or stop by the Visitor Center for an application. Please see the newsletters for ACC Application Due Dates and ACC monthly meeting dates. If you see one of us on your property, please keep in mind that we are there to perform this inspection. This walk through will bring the ACC up to snuff, increase your property values, and in general, make your community a better place to live. Thank you for your cooperation.

2009 Directory Is Under Way

The 2009 Spring Ridge Community Directory is under way. Any residents who are NEW RESIDENTS OR EXISTING RESIDENTS WITH CHANGES FOR THE DIRECTORY should fill out the Directory Update Form that is included in this newsletter.

ALL DIRECTORY UPDATE FORMS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE VISITOR CENTER BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008.

**Residents/Businesses interested in advertising in the 2009 Spring Ridge Community Directory should contact the Spring Ridge Visitor Center at 301-620-0782.

Wanted: Photos of Spring Ridge

Pictures of the Spring Ridge Community are needed to use on the newly designed Spring Ridge Website that will be unveiled soon. Specifically, we are looking for DIGITAL pictures of Spring Ridge from “spring” when all the trees are in bloom. If you have any DIGITAL pictures, please email them to Mark Perry at info@cm3solutions.com.

Pet Reminders

FROM A CONCERNED RESIDENT:

We all need reminders from time to time. Now is the time to remind some of the many pet owners that pets must be under your control at all times and/or on a leash. You may know this, but does the person who ends up walking your pet also know? Please make a conscious effort to spread the word about this.

Now to the topic of dog waste:

It is nearly incomprehensible that so many pet owners allow their pet's waste to remain on the ground, in the grass and even on the sidewalks. It does seem very obvious that pet owners/pet walkers should always make the effort to remove their pet's waste. Imagine some of your neighbors routinely allowing their dogs to defecate in your front yard. How would you feel about that? You would be on alert to put an end to it, undoubtedly. Not picking up after your pets who do their business on common area is the very same thing. The common area is the front yard of the whole community. We don't want our children stepping in it at the school bus stops or just walking through this fine community. It is very easy to solve this problem, always take a bag with you or instruct your pet walkers to take a bag, when the pet does its business, simply pick it up and discard it in a trash can.

Recreation Committee News

Well, the year is starting to wind down, and once again the **Recreation Committee** is thinking toward next year already! We have had some wonderful new volunteers on the Committee this year, but we always need more! The current officers are ready to take a step back, and “take a breather”. So please, if you have been thinking about getting involved in your community, if you enjoy the activities that are organized by the Recreation Committee. **NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED!!!!** The current committee is willing to stay on and help as a “transition year”, if needed. We would love to have someone either step up and acquire the Chairperson responsibilities, or share the responsibilities with a friend! We also need a Secretary, whose main duties would be to take minutes at our monthly meetings and write newsletter articles each month. We could also use a Treasurer. Our files are up-to-date and very well-organized, all you need to do is step into the position! If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Nancy Moreau at 301-682-6499 OR Kim Winkler at 301-698-1044.

Come enjoy an afternoon of snacking, socializing and shopping at our **Spring Ridge Holiday Shopping Bazaar**. This event will be held on **Saturday, December 6th from 10am-2pm at the Visitor Center**.

Join us for **“Bring Your Own Craft Night”** on **Friday, December 19th from 7:30pm-Midnight at the Visitor Center**. If you need to get some crafts made, but don’t have time to work on them at home, join us for Craft Night and bring your own crafting supplies. A fee of \$5.00 per person will cover the cost of drinks and snacks (*Make checks payable to Spring Ridge Recreation Committee*). Contact Heidi Hambrecht at hhambrecht@yahoo.com to sign up.

The final Recreation Committee event of 2008 will be **Santa’s Workshop**. This will be held at the **Visitor Center on Saturday, December 20th from 10am-Noon**. Come ready to make some fun projects and have your picture taken with Santa Clause!!

Our annual Kick-Off Meeting for 2009 will take place at 7:30pm on Monday, January 12th at the Visitor Center. Please join us for a brief organizational meeting for the upcoming year and food and drinks as well.

Another **“All Day Scrapbooking Event”** is scheduled for **Saturday, January 10th from 9am-Midnight at the Visitor Center**. This event has been popular in the past and spots do fill up quickly. A fee of \$20.00 per person reserves your spot at this event if you choose from 9am-5pm and includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages and door prizes. OR, if you choose to stay from 9am-Midnight a fee of \$35.00 per person includes a light breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages and door prizes (*Make checks payable to Spring Ridge Recreation Committee*). So, please join us, and get a start on those past memories! Please email Heidi Hambrecht at hhambrecht@yahoo.com to reserve your spot for this event.

Classifieds

For Sale: Frederick Artist—Barry Richardson Print. 1984 Print entitled “Fredericktown Flurries”, Signed/dated/numbered by artist, 22” x 28”, Excellent condition, Double matted (Beige & Blue), Solid light oak frame, Museum quality glass. Asking for \$375.00. Contact 301-694-2823 if interested.

For Sale: Pool Table. 8 ft., Excellent condition, Heavy-duty cover included, Wall rack for cue sticks and accessories included, 8 cue sticks included, Located in Spring Ridge. \$800.00. Contact 301-639-7046 if interested.

MOMS Club of Frederick-East

**SPRING RIDGE CONSERVANCY, INC.
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The MOMS Club® of Frederick-East is a support group for stay-at-home mothers, offering support and activities for mothers and their children. Meets 4th Tuesday of every month. Please call Monica at 301-305-2756 for more information.

**We're on the web!
www.springridgeonline.com**

2009 DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

Please Print Clearly!

Return Completed Form to Visitor Center by Friday, December 12, 2008.

Note: Residents are not automatically entered into the Directory. To be included in the Directory or to update your information, please complete this form.

Address: _____ Phone: _____

RESIDENT(S):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

CHILDREN: (Listing of Children and/or Dates of Birth is Optional)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

INDICATE DESIRE TO BE INCLUDED IN COMMUNITY HELPER SECTION:

(You Must Have A Listed Telephone Number)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Service(s): _____