

Board Corner

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Next Meeting: October 19th—7pm @ Visitor Center



1. The Board has approved the Charter for the Sustainability Committee, which will make suggestions about recycling, renewable energy and other “green” ideas. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the Visitor Center at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com.
2. The Architectural Change Committee (ACC) and Finance Committees are looking for volunteers to serve on these vital committees. Please contact the Visitor Center at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com if you are interested.
3. Fall officially begins September 23rd and the leaves will soon fall from trees. Yard Waste Recycling continues only until November 24th. Leaves will not be accepted on household trash pick-up days or standard recycling (blue bin for glass, plastic, etc.) pick-up days.
4. There will incidents of vandalism at the Spring Ridge Pool Facility. The Board will be exploring means to keep this area under surveillance. We will do what is necessary to protect Spring Ridge Conservancy property, but it will come at a high cost to homeowners.
5. Residents should have already received the Call for Nomination letter in September and will soon receive the Annual Meeting letter (with proxies and ballots, etc.) . The Spring Ridge Conservancy Annual Meeting will be held November 4th. Please do your part as a homeowner and turn in your completed proxy and ballot to the Visitor Center.
6. The complete report from Patriot Wildlife Management Company is posted on the Spring Ridge website at www.springridgeonline.com for your information. Please see the “Deer Population Problem” article on page 2 of this Newsletter to review the Board’s decision on this matter.

Conservancy Annual Meeting with Election

The **Spring Ridge Conservancy Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4th at 7pm at the Visitor Center.** At that time, there will be an election for one (1) position opening on the Board of Directors. A “Call For Nomination” Letter and Form was postmarked to all owners by September 3rd.



An Annual Meeting Agenda, Proxy, Ballot and Candidate Biographies for any candidate who was nominated to serve on the Board will be postmarked to owners by October 5th.

Owners should read over the proxy and ballot, then turn in a proxy and ballot to the Visitor Center. **NOTE: For your vote to count, your proxy must be signed over to a homeowner or Board Member attending the Annual Meeting.**

Please contact Richard Gemmell at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com with questions about the Annual Meeting or the Board Election.

Deer Population Problem

After several “open session” protracted meetings, the Spring Ridge Conservancy Board of Directors has made a decision regarding the deer over-population problem in Spring Ridge. During the Regular Board Meeting held on September 14, 2010, the Board voted four to one to proceed with the plan submitted by Patriot Land and Wildlife Management Services, Inc. to cull the Spring Ridge deer herd using highly skilled archers shooting from tree stands over previously cleared and prepared areas. Details will be forthcoming on the Spring Ridge website (www.springridgeonline.com) and individual property owners will be contacted as needed.

Calendar of Events

October 8 ~ 4pm—ACC Application Submission Deadline

October 9 ~ 8am to 1pm—Teen Consignment Sale @ VC

October 11 ~ 7:30pm—Recreation Committee Meeting @ VC

October 13 ~ 7pm—ACC Meeting @ VC

October 19 ~ 7pm—Conservancy Board of Directors Meeting @ VC

October 20 ~ 7pm—Friends and Neighbors (FAN) Club Social @ VC

October 28 ~ 7pm—Hampton Court Condo Annual Meeting @ VC

October 30 ~ 10am to Noon—Children’s Halloween Party @ VC

October 31 ~ 6pm to 8pm—Trick-Or-Treat

Spring Ridge Trick-Or-Treat



Spring Ridge Trick-Or-Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31st from 6pm-8pm. Management reminds drivers to use caution during Trick-Or-Treat hours. **PARENTS: Please go through the candy your children receive and remove any suspicious looking candy or unwrapped candy. Happy Halloween!**

Finance Committee Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Finance Committee. Volunteers do not need a finance degree and no previous financial experience needed. Volunteers should be interested to learn the functions of the committee, should attend the monthly Finance Committee Meetings and have an aptitude for working with numbers.

The Finance Committee reviews the monthly financial statements and presents findings to the Spring Ridge Conservancy Board of Directors and prepares the yearly budget, amongst other duties. To volunteer, please contact 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com.

Landscape Committee News

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Landscape Committee. Volunteers do not need to have a “green thumb” or landscaping experience. If you enjoy being part of a team, being creative and helping out your community, we need you. To volunteer to serve on the Landscape Committee, contact the Visitor Center at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Curbside Recycling (Blue Bin) Information

Single Family/Townhouses: The curbside recycling program to recycle plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, etc. is a service provided by Frederick County via their hired contractor, Allied Waste. Please contact Allied Waste directly with questions about your pick-up schedule, what can be recycled, etc. at 301-694-6498 or frederickrecycles@republicservices.com. For holiday schedules, please either contact Allied Waste or visit the Frederick County website at www.frederickcountymd.gov and chose the following links: departments, water, sewer & trash, utilities & waste mgmt., waste mgmt. recycling, recycling information.

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, Victor and Collin 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 make the ACC more current, increase your property values, and in general, make your community a better place to live. Thank you for your cooperation.

Salvation Army Holiday Food Drive

The Spring Ridge Community is working with the Salvation Army for the 2010 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 Wednesday, December 1st.** Those who are less fortunate truly need your help this holiday season!

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

Yard Waste Recycling Reminder



For Single Family/Townhouses: Yard Waste Recycling will take place every Wednesday beginning April 7th through November 24th 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 standard recycling. Yard Waste in plastic bags will not be accepted! Contact the Visitor Center with any questions at 301-620-0782 or richard.ag@pmpbiz.com.

Recreation Committee News

The Recreation Committee is looking for some volunteers to step up and help! We will be looking for a *secretary* and a *treasurer*, as well as more committee members! If you have always thought about getting involved, this is your chance!! Come to our next meeting, on Monday, October 11th at 7:30 pm at the Visitor Center. Hope to see you there!!

Children's Gently Used Clothing Sale: Another successful event! Thanks to all who registered and those who purchased items. Look for information in future newsletters regarding our spring sales!

Fall Community Yard Sale: The community-wide yard sale held Saturday, September 25th, went without a hitch and with perfect fall weather. A big thank you to Tina Gamble and Julie Townshend for helping put it all together, and to Goodwill Industries for arranging a pick-up of unsold items from the Visitor Center.

Screen on the Green: Children and parents enjoyed the animated movie, "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs", at the community park on Saturday, September 25th. A special thanks to Kim Trischman for chairing this event.

Spring Ridge Youth Soccer: The community fall sports league is going strong with half the season still to play. Special thanks goes out to our team sponsors: **All State Insurance – Musser Agency, Celebree Learning Centers, Clagett Enterprises, Inc., Edward Jones, Frederick Dental, Hassanein Law Group, M&T Bank – Spring Ridge, Mom's Pizza – New Market, and New York J&P Pizza;** and to the chairpersons, Scott Mogar and April Hunter and all of our coaches!

Below are the events scheduled for October:

Teen/Tween Gently Used Clothing Sale: This new event will be held at the Visitor Center on Saturday, October 9th, from 8am-Noon. Join us for some bargains on Back-To-School clothing, and fall/winter fashions for sizes 7 and up. Consignor space is available for \$10.00 per participant. Spots are still available! If interested, please contact Karen Ritter at ritterfive@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

Children's Halloween Party: Join us at the Visitor Center, from 10am-Noon, for some Halloween fun! Children can wear their costumes, and make some Halloween crafts and participate in other activities. We are still looking for some volunteers to help with this event. If you can spare an hour or two of your time that day, please contact Neepa Kantawala, at neepak@gmail.com.

Adult Halloween Party: Spring Ridge's premiere adult event, the Spring Ridge Adult Halloween Party, will be held at the Whiskey Creek Clubhouse, Saturday, October 23rd, 2010. Tickets, starting at \$35 per person, went on sale September 15th, and will increase to \$40.00 per person after October 1st. Tickets include light refreshments and open bar (beer and wine), as well as, transportation to and from the event from various points within Spring Ridge.

More Exciting Events to Come:

New York City Bus Trip: Back by popular demand! The bus trip to NYC is scheduled for **Saturday, December 4th**. The price is \$50 per person (non-refundable); see the Spring Ridge website for the registration form and payment information. Please note that the trip will be open to Spring Ridge Residents only until November 1st. At that time, if the event is not yet full, it will be opened up to people outside the community, on a first-come, first-serve basis, to ensure the trip does not get cancelled due to lack of participation.

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Recreation Committee News Continued...

The Polar Express: The Community will host a winter themed showing of the holiday movie, “*The Polar Express*”. This event was canceled last year due to the winter weather. We need someone to volunteer to help with this event, similar to the ‘Screen on the Green’ but held inside at the Visitor’s Center.

Please remember, there are always many opportunities to get involved with the Recreation Committee.

Your efforts will help to ensure that we can continue to offer fun and engaging activities for all community members. If your time is limited and you prefer to help with a few smaller details related to a particular activity, please contact Nancy Moreau at nmoreau2@comcast.net or Kim Winkler at wink67@yahoo.com. Any help is always appreciated!!

Friends and Neighbors (FAN) Club News



The Spring Friends and Neighbors’ (FAN) Club invites you to join us for an evening of fun and fashion when we welcome two local entrepreneurs for this month’s general meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, October 20th at the Visitor Center.

Jackie Lamothe, owner of Neccessories, known as the store for stylish women and those who love them, will give us a presentation on how to accessorize with scarves and shawls, and demonstrate some creative ways to wrap gifts with fabric. Jackie will be joined by Ellen Didion, owner of Chic To Chic, a premier, top designer consignment boutique, who will showcase her fall and winter designer apparel, now available at her Frederick and Gaithersburg store locations.

The FAN Club began in our community in 1994 and has grown over the years to include organized volunteer committees for Community Outreach to help families in and around our Spring Ridge community, and Adopt-A-Road where we sponsor and clean up Spring Ridge Parkway under the County’s Adopt-A-Road Program. Our Interest Groups include the Book Club, FANfare Dinner Group, Ladies’ Morning Brunch, Lunch Bunch, Ladies’ Night Out, Chick Flick Friday, Beer FANatics, Winetasters, Monday Night Bunco and Thursday Night Bunco. We also publish our own FAN monthly newsletter, “The Friendship Line,” to keep our club members informed of the latest news and events.

Join your friends and neighbors at one of our monthly general meetings for interesting speakers and presentations, and enjoy some light refreshments, too! Call or email Membership Chair Julie Biglari at 301-668-1989 or jabiglari@comcast.net for more information.

Attention Spring Ridge Home Schoolers

CALLING ALL HOME SCHOOLERS! If you live in Spring Ridge and home school your children, join the Google Group "Spring Ridge Homeschoolers". This will be a way for us all to get to know each other, and will hopefully result in get-togethers on the playground, play dates and mutual support. Just go to Google Groups to join--our homepage is <http://groups.google.com/group/spring-ridge-homeschoolers> or you can email me, Mindy Pierce, at mindy@pierceland.net and I will add you to the group. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Classifieds

For Sale: Dining Table with Chairs. Solid Oak table, Includes 6 chairs, Custom crafted, Purchased at Wolf Furniture, Rarely Used, Original Price was \$2,795.00, Asking for \$900.00 OBO. **Futon.** Solid ash frame, Includes firm mattress that is covered with hypoallergenic cover, Includes 2 blue covers, Rarely used, Original price was \$800.00, Asking for \$150.00. If interested in any of the above, contact 301-663-5506 after 4pm.

For Sale: Pool Table. Contender by Brunswick, Great condition, 4x8 ft. wood, Drop pocket top, 2 sets of balls, 10 pool sticks, stick holder that holds 8 sticks, wood rack, 2 stick cases, 1 pool glove, pool ball polish. Original price \$2,500.00. Asking for \$1,500.00 OBO. **Bicycle.** Ladies, 26 inch, 21 speed, Great condition, Asking \$75.00 OBO. For pool table or bicycle, contact Sam at 410-207-7060.

For Sale: Kitchen Table & chairs. Oak, Table 60" x 36", 4 chairs, \$250.00. **Exercycle.** \$75.00. **Sofa Bed.** Double, includes mattress, \$100.00. **Micarta Top Table.** 72" x 24" w/ folding steel legs, \$25.00. **Desk.** 60" x 30", \$50.00. **2 Twin Beds.** Includes mattress & box springs, \$25.00 each. Contact Charles at 301-668-8829.

Wanted: Car Pool to Baltimore, Near UMMS. Leave Spring Ridge at 6:30am and depart Baltimore between 4-4:30pm, Work very close to UMMS and Convention Center, You would be 4th person and would only drive every 4 weeks. If interested, contact Nancy at 301-662-2011.

Neighborhood Watch News

The following are tips are home security tips from the Frederick County Sheriff's Department:

- Make sure all doors and windows are secured and locked properly (including the door from the garage to your home).
- Make sure shrubbery and landscaping does not block view of your doors and windows. Keep it manicured so that a burglar can't use it to hide behind or conceal themselves while they make entry into your home.
- Consider installing motion detector lighting to the exterior of your home.
- Never leave valuable items unattended outside: bikes, scooters, tools, valuables in car.
- Never leave boxes or newly purchased items out by the trash can or recycling bin.
- Create the illusion that someone is home. In many cases, burglaries occur during the day while no one is at home, so consider leaving on a radio or television.
- Don't leave a spare key by the front door. Spare keys hidden near the entryway are easy to find and give burglars easy entry to your home.
- When away, stop mail and paper delivery and ask a neighbor/friend to park a vehicle in your driveway.
- When you're away, have someone check on your house periodically and ask them to leave lamps on in different rooms each time they stop by. Using light timers in different areas of the house will also create the illusion that someone is home.
- Keep a look out for suspicious people and vehicles in your neighborhood and report the information immediately to law enforcement. The quicker law enforcement can respond to the area, the more likely they are to locate the individual or vehicle.

Join Neighborhood Watch - Contact Tom Winebrenner at springridgenw@yahoo.com.

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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. Meets 4th Tuesday of every month. Please call Monica at 301-305-2756 for more information.

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

2011 DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM

Please Print Clearly!

Return Completed Form to Visitor Center by Friday, December 10, 2010.

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 (WE NO LONGER LIST BIRT DATES):

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

INDICATE DESIRE TO BE INCLUDED IN COMMUNITY HELPER SECTION:

(You Must Have A Listed Telephone Number)

Name: _____ **Service(s):** _____