

# THE FERNSHIRE CRIER

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## APRIL 2010 MEETINGS

Thursday, April 8  
Ridgeview Middle School  
7:00pm ACC meeting  
7:30pm Annual meeting  
Monthly board meeting  
at conclusion of annual meeting

Annual meeting was cancelled due to bad weather in February. It was rescheduled for March and there was not a quorum. Therefore, the meeting April 8 will be binding with residents in attendance or proxies previously submitted.

## ACC & BOARD MEETING DATES

Board and ACC meetings will be held on the following dates for the remainder of the year. Except as note, all meetings will be held at Ridgeview Middle School, starting at 7pm for the ACC Meeting and 7:30pm for the Board meetings.

- Thursday, April 8
- Thursday, May 13
- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, July 8 (location TBD)
- Thursday, August 12 (location TBD)
- Thursday, September 9
- Thursday, October 14
- Thursday, November 11
- Thursday, December 9

## PARKING

A reminder to all residents of Fernshire Farms each townhome unit is entitled to two reserved parking spaces. (The garage townhome spaces are their garage and their driveway.) If your unit has more than two cars associated with it, you MUST make alternate arrangements for parking additional cars. Guest spaces are not to be used for resident parking. Vehicles found to be abusing this policy will be warned, ticketed and towed. Official tow notices are placed on cars. Handwritten notes left on cars are not sanctioned by the homeowners association or the management company.

## TRASH COLLECTION

Trash is picked up every Monday and Thursday except when the Montgomery County landfills are closed due to holiday. Do not put out prior to 7:00am the morning of pickup. As most are aware, we have a major crow problem and when the bags are left out, the crows and squirrels tear into the bags and trash is left all over the neighborhood. Rolling trash containers can be used, but they cannot be stored in front or side yards of townhome units. Also, they must be removed from the sidewalk area by the evening of trash pickup day. On the following holidays, trash pickup will be moved to the following dates:

Monday, May 31 place trash out on Tuesday, June 1  
Monday, July 5 place trash out on Tuesday, July 6  
Monday, Sept 6 place trash out on Tuesday, Sept 7  
Thursday, Nov 25 place trash out on Friday, Nov 26

Our trash company is not responsible for picking up trash on Sioux Lane, so trash should be placed in front of your unit for proper pickup.

## BULK PICK UP COLLECTION

Bulk pick up is provided by the City of Gaithersburg, and occurs on the first Friday of each month. Items should be placed out on the curb near your townhome no earlier than 7:00pm the night before. Avoid placing items on the grass because if the lawn service is mowing that day, they will not move the items and the grass could die. Residents who put out items at the wrong time should be reported to the management company and fines can be levied by the City of Gaithersburg. Respect your neighbors and community by placing bulk pick up items out at the appropriate time and place.

**(see reverse for more information)**

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## RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycling is provided by the City of Gaithersburg every Friday. Items should be placed in the green recycle bins in front of your unit by 7:00am. Items that can be co-mingled include paper, newspaper, magazines, plastic, glass, aluminum. Yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, weeds) should be kept separate from recycling and put out in paper bags only. No plastic bags. Tree or bush branches are to be cut to maximum 3' length and bundled together with string or twine. Put out curbside.

## WEBSITE ~ NEWSLETTER

Fernshire Farms has a website that has information needed for the community. Log on to [www.FernshireFarms.org](http://www.FernshireFarms.org) for forms, documents, notices, contacts, etc. Until a volunteer steps forward from the community, the monthly newsletter that has been delivered will only be published twice a year. Updates and notices will be published on the website as needed. Volunteer to publish the newsletter...contact Vanguard Management.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 24 has been deemed **FERNSHIRE FARMS COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY**. On this day, all residents should get out and look at their yards and the common area near their home and clean up. Trim your bushes, paint those shutters, fix broken downspouts, and plant some flowers. Our community is our home and we should be proud of it. By this date the spring inspection maintenance report should be mailed. Do your part to make our community shine. Toys, bikes, recycle bins or trash cans should not be stored in the front or side yards. Place these items in your backyard.

## PETS

It is a city, county and state law that all animals should be kept on leashes when outside of your townhome, and they should be cleaned up after

they defecate on the property. It is not only unhealthy for kids who play, but it is a health hazard to residents. Should you need to contact Animal Control regarding an issue call during business hours (301) 258-6343.

## ACC APPLICATIONS

Should you want/need to make modifications to the exterior of your unit, it is necessary to file an ACC application. The applications can be downloaded from the website and should be filed in triplicate to Vanguard Management. ACC applications are discussed once a month at the monthly board meeting and must be received at least 10 days prior to the meeting for consideration.

## SNOW REMOVAL

To alert the community, the snow that piled up in December and February cost the community \$58,000.00 plus to remove. That way exceeded our budget. The City of Gaithersburg should be commended on their attention to helping us dig out and remove the snow piled up on street corners. Our snow removal company was quick to respond and deserves kudos for a job well done.

## WHO TO CONTACT

In case of life threatening emergencies, call 911. For all other police requests dial 301 279-8000. Either a city or county offer will be dispatched. If you see suspicious activity in the community, don't hesitate to call the police. For community issues contact Vanguard Management during business hours at (301) 540-8600, or Sandi Ewing at [sewing@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:sewing@vanguardmgt.com). You can also contact Vanguard through the website, which will be forwarded to all board members.

Board Members:

- Larry Seeger, President
- Robin Confino, Vice President
- Carole Carter, Secretary
- Henny Van Gogh, Member at Large
- Treasurer seat is vacant