



The Fernshire Crier

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JANUARY MEETINGS

Monday, January 26

Ridgeview Middle School

7:00 PM ACC Meeting

7:30 PM Board Meeting

ACC Agenda

- Discussion/Action: ACC Applications
- Inspection/Violation Notices

Board Meeting Agenda

- Announcements/Minutes
- Community Open Forum
- Discussion/Action Items
- Report/Action: Vanguard Management Co.
- From the Board

December ACC Meeting Highlights

- Not-Approved Application: 825 Flagler-window and trim replacement (6 over 6 style).
- Approved Application: 15 Polk-siding replacement (change in siding color) and French style sliding door.
- Approved Application: 1024 Bayridge Terr.-window replacement (6 over 6 style).

December Board Meeting Highlights

Community Open Forum:

1. Homeowner commented about squirrels tearing open trash bags. Suggested presented that spraying bags with ammonia will help deter them.
2. Board accepted offer of help from a homeowner in policing guest parking.
3. Homeowner asked for help with problem squirrels in her attic.

Vanguard Management Report:

1. Report on current violations and status. Decisions made on violations and/or fines for tree stumps, front light fixture, pole with no light, non-conforming fence.
2. Accepted placement of rear roof ventilation fan.
3. With regards to the lawsuit, attorney has advised that the tree at 905 Bayridge Terr. is in compliance

with the court order and has advised against pursuing another court order. Board voted to follow the counsel of our attorney.

4. Board discussed issue of newsletter delivery, since no volunteers from the community have come forward. Discussed whether they should be mailed or perhaps go to a quarterly publication.
5. Installation of three entrance signs of high density urethane has been proposed. Further planning on design is needed and will be brought to the Board.
6. Board denied request for reimbursement of legitimate tow charges.
7. Claim for damage to wrought iron fence has been submitted to State Farm and payment is expected. Repairs to turf and tree replacement will be done in the spring. This damage was caused by a car. There has been no further vandalism to the fence.
8. Waiver of late fees denied.
9. Board received draft resolution for Board consideration from auditor.
10. E-vote taken to approve changing CD ladder from four to five year maturities.

From the Board:

Discussed email from woman whose son's car was almost towed when it was stickered in July. It was confirmed that the car can be towed unless parked legally.

Holiday Decorations



The holidays are over and it's time to remove decorations (even though it's cold outside). In fact, Community documents require removal within thirty (30) days after the holidays. This includes Christmas wreaths on doors, lighted lawn figures, window displays, etc. Fines may be incurred.

BULK ITEM PICKUP



**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH**

ANNUAL MEETING

**Monday
February 23rd**



The Fernshire Farms HOA Annual Meeting is next month, Monday, February 23th. A quorum is required for this important meeting in order to conduct any business.

Community Phone Book

County Police Non-emergency	301-279-8000
County Fire Non-emergency	240-777-0744
City Police Dept (non-emergency) police@gaithersburgmd.gov RWagner@gaithersburgmd.gov	301-258-6400
Gaithersburg Police Tip Line	301-330-4471
County Poison Center	202-625-3333
Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM) http://www.socem.info/	1-866-559-8017 (sign up for alerts)
Emergency Preparedness & ALERT	301-258-6310
City Neighborhood Services neighborhoods@gaithersburgmd.gov	301-258-6340
City Crime Prevention	301-258-6400
County Landlord-Tenant Affairs	240-777-3609
City Animal Control lholland@gaithersburgmd.gov (after hours)	301-258-6343 240-773-5900
City Public Works publicworks@gaithersburgmd.gov	301-258-6370
City Code Enforcement Neighborhood Services	301-258-6340
County Housing Code Enforcement	240-777-3785
City Bulk Pickup	301-258-6370
County Environmental Protection	240-777-7770
MD Dept. of the Environment	410-631-3300
Weeds & Tall Grass on Private Property (County)	240-777-3785
Building Permits (County)	240-777-6210

SNOW! SNOW! SNOW!



Who does what? All streets in the community are maintained by Gaithersburg City. The Association is responsible for clearing the small off-street parking area on Bayridge Dr. The Association clears any handicapped parking spaces but does not clear other parking spaces except

by authorization of the Board. The Association clears

sidewalks, both public and private (with the private sidewalks having priority). Private sidewalks are those which run in front of the homes; the public sidewalks are everything else (including Sioux Lane). The Association does not clear the walks from the common sidewalk to the homes; these are for you.



YOU are responsible for the sidewalks to your house and your parking spaces. You can assist by NOT shoveling the snow from behind/around your cars into the roadway or back onto the sidewalks! This causes

icing which may require the contractor's return and cost you extra money. You should not interfere with the crews who are performing this service for the Association (other than maybe to offer them something warm to drink!).

Board of Directors & Committees

No non-emergency calls after 9:00pm, please.

PRESIDENT: Larry Seeger (term expires 2011)	301 990-9413 1015 Bayridge Terrace
VICE PRESIDENT: Robin Confino (term expires 2010)	855 Flagler Drive
TREASURER: Anil Srivastava (term ends 2009)	240-246-0677 42 Beacon Hill Court
SECRETARY Carole Carter (term ends 2010)	301-977-4657 1003 Bayridge Terrace
At-Large Henny van Gogh (term expires 2009)	301-947-5317 5 Bayridge Court
Welcome Committee:	Chair: Ferrah Pourahmadi
Landscape Committee:	Chair: Cindy Nelson
Newsletter Editor:	Bev Weidmann

Christmas Tree Pickup

The City will pickup discarded Christmas trees every Friday through the month of January. Place trees on curbs (not on islands).



New Monthly Assessments

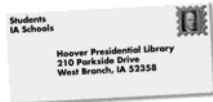
\$63 per month

Direct debit is now available. Application forms are available on the community website and from Vanguard.



Correspondence

Send all correspondence and ACC applications to:
Vanguard Management Associates, P.O. Box 39,
Germantown MD 20875-0039
Attn: Ms. Sandra Ewing. Her
phone number is 301-540-8600 Ext.
3319. E-mail her at
sandi@vanguardmgt.com. Only signed letters with name
and contact telephone number will be discussed and
addressed. ANONYMOUS letters will be discarded.



For Police Service in the City of Gaithersburg

Call 911 for life threatening emergencies and 301-279-8000 for all other police requests. The officers of the Gaithersburg Police Department are dispatched through the Montgomery County Police communications center, same as County Police officers. If a City officer is not available, a County officer is dispatched. In some cases, both are dispatched.

3 Ways to Contact the Police

There are three ways to call the police when you see suspicious activity.

1. **For best results, leave your name and number. You may ask for the officer to come see you or not.**

2. Reluctant. Ask that your information not be given the officer over the radio.
3. Anonymous. These calls have a lower priority because the officer has less to go on and they don't hold up in court.

Crime Report in Fernshire Farms

No crime was reported by the City of Gaithersburg for Fernshire Farms.

Classified Ad

Bev Weidmann is looking for someone to clean her townhouse one Saturday per month (about 4 hours). If interested, please call 301-990-9488. Cleaning experience required!



A Word from the City on SNOW

In a communication from the City of Gaithersburg, snow removal policy was explained. Interesting information found included:

1. The City is divided into 7 snow plow areas. Crews take about 7-8 hours to plow during an average snowfall (4-8"). Once snow begins to accumulate on roadways, crews will continuously plow, rotating each area. You can expect to see plows once every 7-8 hours during snowfall. Once the snow has stopped, you can expect to see roads in Fernshire Farms cleared within 8 hours of an average snow event.
2. Snow plows PUSH snow; they cannot remove it. As a plow pushes snow off the roadway, it mounds off the side of the cleared road. Unfortunately, this means snow may end up behind cars parked front in. There is no way to avoid this.
3. Wherever possible, the crews will plow curb to curb.

What you can do to help the City help us:

1. Please do not throw snow back onto the roadway.
2. If possible, clear the inlets for storm drains and clean out around fire hydrants.

Need help with snow removal? The Montgomery County Volunteer Center activates a matching system during snow emergencies for the elderly and disabled. To volunteer or be put on a list for assistance, call the Center at 240-777-2600.



Recycling Summary Friday Pickups

Before throwing out items, please consider other ways to donate, reuse, or recycle them.

Newspapers, Mixed Paper, Recyclable Cans, Glass Containers, and Plastic Containers - Collected by the City's recycling contractor in City provided bins, placed at the curb on your recycling day.

To prevent paper products from blowing out of the recycling bin please be sure to place mixed paper in brown paper bags. Newspaper may also be placed in brown paper bags or tied with string or twine.

Corrugated Cardboard - Collected by the City's recycling contractor when cut or flattened into 2x3 foot pieces and placed underneath your bin or in **brown paper grocery bags** and placed at the curb on your recycling day.

Brush and Branches - Collected by the City's recycling contractor when tied in bundles or placed in **biodegradable brown paper bags** and placed at the curb on your recycling day.

Grass Clippings and Other Yard Trimmings - Collected by the City's recycling contractor when placed in **biodegradable brown paper bags** and set at the curb on your recycling day.

Recycling Cans, Glass and Plastic Bottles - Cans, glass and plastics (commingled materials) will be collected weekly when placed in City provided recycling bins and set out at the curb. If you move, please leave the bin for the next resident. If you need a replacement bin, call **301-258-6370**. Recyclable items include:

CANS - Any aluminum or steel food beverage cans. *Examples: soft drink, beer and juice cans; tuna, bean, and vegetable cans; pet food cans, etc..*

DOs

Empty and rinse all cans.
Labels and attached lids are okay.
Push lids down into cans so they will not injure collectors.

DON'Ts

NO cans other than food or beverage containers.
NO automobile parts or household metal items, pots and pans, aluminum siding, furniture or propane tanks.
DON'T completely remove can lids.
DON'T crush cans.

Aluminum - Disposable aluminum foil products (*i.e., pie plates, foil, etc.*). Clean and wipe aluminum foil.

Glass Jars/Bottles - Any glass food or beverage jars or bottles; no lids. *Examples: soft drink, juice, beer and wine, spaghetti sauce, pickle, mayonnaise jars, etc..*

DOs

Empty and rinse all containers.
Discard all caps and lids.
Attached labels are okay.

DON'Ts

NO mirrors or window glass.
NO broken glass.
NO drinking glasses, cups, plates, cookware, pottery, ceramics, or crystal.
NO light bulbs.
NO caps or lids.



PLASTICS - We now accept the following materials:

Narrow-neck plastic bottles that contained food, drink and household products:

examples: milk, juice, water, syrup, vegetable oil, salad dressing, cleaning, detergent and shampoo/conditioner bottles

Plastic food-grade tubs and lids:

examples: margarine/butter tubs, cottage cheese, yogurt, sour cream, mayonnaise, whipped topping, peanut butter and deli containers, and prescription bottles

Plastic pails/buckets. *Examples: ice cream, detergent, pet food and kitty litter containers*

Plastic flower pots & plastic beverage cups

Not Acceptable:

Any plastic bottle or container that held hazardous automotive or garden products. *Examples: motor oil, antifreeze and pesticides*
Plastic wrap and bags
Polystyrene and Styrofoam products