



The Fernshire Crier

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JUNE MEETINGS
Monday, June 22
Ridgeview Middle School
 7:15 PM ACC Meeting
 7:30 PM Board Meeting

ACC Agenda

- Discussion/Action: ACC Applications
- Inspections/Violations Notices

Board Meeting Agenda

- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Meeting with Officer Diane Tillery: MCPD
- ❖ Discussion/Action: Violations Hearings
 - 1 Beacon Hill Way
 - 861 Flagler Drive
- ❖ Community Open Forum
- ❖ Discussion/Action: Community Newsletter
- ❖ Discussion/Action: Guest Parking
- ❖ Report/Action: Vanguard Management
- ❖ Discussion/Action: Fernshire website
- ❖ Report/Action: Committees
- ❖ From the Board

May ACC Meeting Highlights

Architectural Applications:

- Approved relocation of front post light.
- Denied request for rear deck privacy fence.
- Approved request to install Tiffany style lamp.

Some maintenance inspection responses have been received.

Open Forum:

Homeowner commented that she received a violation notice for trash and that she had reported various egregious violations in the community which she felt were being overlooked. She recognized there were financial hardships but felt that some violations have lingered for years. Board responded that it is acting in

the capacity of ACC committee because no homeowners had stepped forward to serve. The committee has worked diligently and has taken many steps to get violations corrected, including going to court. Much is not reported to the community. The Board has addressed violations noted by the homeowner and encourages her to continue sending emails.

BULK ITEM PICKUP DATE
 Please do not put items out until the night before and not after this date.
 (July 4th will not change date.)

May Board Meeting Highlights

Smith Barney – Steve Wollins

Steve Wollins attended to discuss his role as an agent of Smith Barney and his efforts to maximize investments for the community while keeping within the requirements outlined in the community legal documents. Discussion ensued regarding: A) balance in money market account note FDIC insured which needs to be securely invested, B) best rates are achieved through investments up to 5-year terms, C) reserve study will be conducted this year, which will help in future planning.

Several hearings were approved for June 22 schedule.

Community Open Forum:

1. Homeowner asked if Board had approved request to revert 5 guest spaces and submitted petition signed by 15 out of 19 residents (Note that only signatures of homeowners are valid signatures).
2. Homeowner reported that someone has been impersonating a police officer and putting tickets on vehicles parked across sidewalks. This has been reported to the police and is under investigation. (See article elsewhere)
3. Another homeowner reported notes taped to her car.
4. Discussion followed with the Board reporting that the tow company works off a list and is not paid by the

Association. There is an agency agreement with the police giving them authority to ticket cars parked over sidewalks.

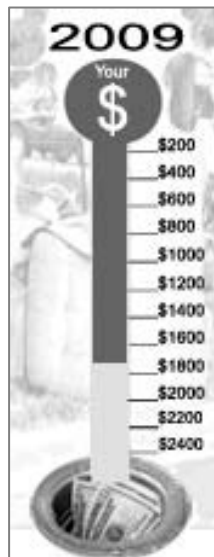
5. Homeowner asked that the Board at least consider making the requested guest spots available during the winter months when it is difficult to walk to cars parked on Sioux Lane.
6. It was requested that the Board make a decision about the Beacon Hill Way and Beacon Hill Terrace parking within the next 30 days.

Vanguard Management Report:

- ❖ Discussed various properties needing attention and others that have been corrected.
- ❖ **ACTION:** Homeowner from 415 Beacon Hill Terrace has corrected violation and should come to the June meeting to discuss fines.
- ❖ Community Picnic was tabled until more Board members are present.
- ❖ **MOTION:** Approved 1-year contract with Ron Betson for \$150 per pickup.
- ❖ Newsletter Delivery: Community attorney and insurance carrier both nixed idea of having young people deliver newsletter without additional insurance coverage for \$250. (See article elsewhere.)
- ❖ **MOTION:** Waiver for \$35 returned check charges denied but approved rescinding \$15 late fee.
- ❖ **MOTION:** Approved moving \$40,000 from money market account into 6 CDs.

From the Board:

- ❖ Board member will send a list of violations she has observed.
- ❖ Reported that homeowner is taking pictures of vehicles in the community. He is not doing this in an official capacity.
- ❖ Home Services LLC took pictures on Flagler Drive.
- ❖ Delinquencies now exceed \$40,000. Even if the Board decided to utilize self help as a solution to maintenance violations, there wouldn't be enough money available to make many repairs.
- ❖ Dead grass near 801 Bayridge Drive as the area is shaded by pine trees.
- ❖ Car alarm reported going off in the middle of the night. Board members can do nothing. Call the police non-emergency number.



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

June Meeting: Special Guest

Officer Diane Tiller of the Montgomery County Police Department will attend the June meeting to discuss the issue of an unauthorized person putting tickets on vehicles parked across sidewalks.

Fernshire Crier Newsletter

In an email message to the Board, a homeowner suggested that the Community discontinue printing and delivering copies of the Fernshire Crier newsletter. The suggestion was made to help the Community reduce its "carbon footprint." The email suggested that discontinuing the printed copy would save money in the cost of printing, paper, plastic bags; save time in copying, folding, stuffing bags, and walking the community to deliver; decrease waste/trash and improve neighborhood appearance when many of the copies remain for weeks on railings or blow around the neighborhood; and decrease the need for repetition of information.

As an alternative, the email suggested that the newsletter be posted on the new Community website and ads could be solicited for the website.

Editor's Note: I concur with the suggestion. Most people probably have Internet connectivity and computers, either at home or at work. Meeting dates can be posted on mailboxes. Important information can be made available permanently on the website. Special articles can also be posted. The Board can publish and deliver special editions, when needed. There are many advantages in moving newsletter information to the website, especially since the Board is planning a more community-friendly website.

Independence Day



Gaithersburg's Big Bang Weekend Celebration

Stay in town for July 4th weekend and you'll be whisked from Madagascar to England and back. It's all part of the City of Gaithersburg **Big Bang Weekend** Celebration taking place Thursday, July 2 through Monday, July 6.

Board of Directors & Committees

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

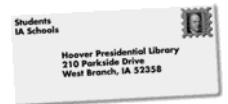
PRESIDENT: Larry Seeger (term expires 2011)	301 990-9413 1015 Bayridge Terrace
VICE PRESIDENT: Robin Confino (term expires 2010)	855 Flagler Drive
TREASURER: Anil Srivastava (term ends 2009)	240-246-0677 42 Beacon Hill Court
SECRETARY Carole Carter (term ends 2010)	301-977-4657 1003 Bayridge Terrace
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

- ❖ **Children's concert featuring Arianna Ross --**
Thursday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. at the City Hall Concert Pavilion
- ❖ **City's Thursday Night at the Movies series presents a family-friendly screening of MADAGASCAR (PG) --**
July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Robertson Park
- ❖ **National Institute of Health Community Orchestra presents an evening of symphonic sounds under the stars --** Friday, July 3 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Concert Pavilion
- ❖ **Gaithersburg's Fourth of July Fireworks and Concert at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds --** Saturday, July 4; gates open at 5 p.m. with fun and games beginning at 6 p.m. Concert at 7 p.m. **Fireworks about 9:25 p.m.**

There's more information on the City's website at <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/>

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.



New Community Members



New homeowners have moved into Fernshire Farms. We welcome you to the Community and invite you to attend the Board of Directors meetings to learn about the functioning of your new community.

Proctor/Holland
Sharma
Bonilla
Wilson/Tingle

Flagler Drive
Bayridge Terrace
Bayridge Terrace
Bayridge Terrace

Crime Report in Fernshire Farms

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



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