



# The Fernshire Crier

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## MAY MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 26  
Ridgeview Middle School  
7:00 PM ACC Meeting  
7:30 PM Board Meeting

**NOTE:** Meeting Date & Date Change

## BULK ITEM PICKUP DATE

Please do not put items out until the night before and not after this date.



## Community Phone Book

### ACC Agenda

#### Discussion/Action: ACC Applications

- 516 Beacon Hill Terr. – Relocate front pole light & add privacy screen on deck
- 825 Flagler Dr. – Replace front porch light

#### Inspection/Violation Notices

### Board Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- Violation Hearings: 3
- Community Open Forum
- Report/Action: Vanguard Management
- Discussion/Action: Fernshire Farms Website
- Report/Action: Committees
- From the Board

County Police Non-emergency	301-279-8000
County Fire Non-emergency	240-777-0744
City Police Dept (non-emergency) police@gaitthersburgmd.gov RWagner@gaitthersburgmd.gov	301-258-6400
Gaitthersburg Police Tip Line	301-330-4471
County Poison Center	202-625-3333
Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM) <a href="http://www.socem.info/">http://www.socem.info/</a>	1-866-559-8017 (sign up for alerts)
Emergency Preparedness & ALERT	301-258-6310
City Neighborhood Services neighborhoods@gaitthersburgmd.gov	301-258-6340
City Crime Prevention	301-258-6400
County Landlord-Tenant Affairs	240-777-3609
City Animal Control lholland@gaitthersburgmd.gov (after hours)	301-258-6343 240-773-5900
City Public Works publicworks@gaitthersburgmd.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

The April meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum of directors. The Board cannot meet without a quorum of 3 officers. Board meeting was rescheduled to May 11.

### Spring is in the Air



And it's time to take a good look at the outside of our homes. Is the paint peeling? Has the paint on the railing faded or are there signs of rust? Are the hoses neatly put away? Are there fresh flowers in the flowerpots or flower beds? Take a

good look. Are you proud of how your home looks?

### Mowing Etiquette

Mainscapes is mowing our lawns and common areas regularly, so it's important that we keep our lawns clear of toys, trashcans, hoses, and debris.



## Highlights from April ACC Meeting

### Applications:

- **4 Bayshore Court**- install replacement windows in rear  
Approved, provided grids match existing windows
- **25 Beacon Hill Way**- paint front door, shutters and garage door in black  
Approved

## Highlights from April Board Meeting

### Hearings to be Scheduled

- 1 Beacon Hill Way- new portion of fence was installed but doesn't match; Board member will examine and make a recommendation to the Board.
- 861 Flagler Drive- light was not corrected (hearing)
- 892 Bayridge Drive- light was corrected (no hearing)

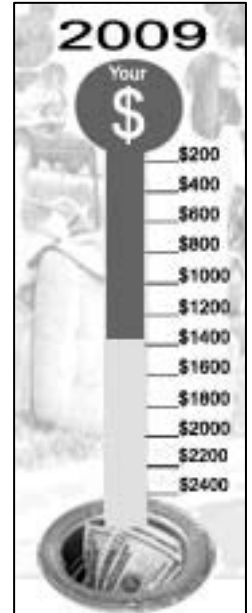
### Vanguard Management Report

The statuses of many uncorrected violations were discussed during Vanguard's report. Such items as tree stump removal, light replacement, rotting trim, mold on siding, fence gates were discussed, as well as fines, requested waivers, and payment plans.

- **Discussion/Action:** Approved hearings.
- **Discussion/Action:** Approved request for payment plan to pay off fines.
- **Discussion/Action:** Board members will check for compliance on several homes.
- **Discussion:** Tabled further discussion concerning parking on Beacon Hill Way until all Board members are present.
- **Discussion:** Source for mailbox holders has been located. Some communities use changeable signs or place signs on sticks that are placed in the ground. Tabled decision on plexi-glass holder for mailboxes and signs until all Board members are present.
- **Discussion:** Homeowner wrote to Vanguard requesting that residents be required to use trash containers and that areas for placing containers be marked. Also asked that the Board install small containers on Sioux Lane and within the community to help with the problem of litter on the grass. No decision reached.
- **Discussion/Action:** Two proposals were received for trimming tree branches obstructing streetlights, parking spaces and sidewalks. Complaint was received because squirrels are getting in a home because of branches hitting the houses and fences. Discussed quality of Mainscapes contract work.

Motion carried 2-1 to accept Mainscapes proposal to prune trees at a cost of \$575.

- **Discussion:** Proposals for signage were provided.
- **Discussion:** Storm water management documents have been forwarded to the City.
- **Discussion:** Information for the website will be forwarded to Vanguard. Suggested that 6 months of newsletters be posted.
- **Discussion/Action:** Mainscapes sent proposal for Japanese Beetle Grub treatment. Motion carried.
- **Discussion/Action:** Proposal for grounds cleanup received from Betson Lawns for bi-weekly pick-up of litter on common grounds at a cost of \$150 per pickup. Approved 3 months trial period.
- **Discussion:** Vanguard provided information on Neighborhood Watch. Sgt. Wagner will be contacted.
- **Discussion/Action:** Financial advisor will be contacted for advice on 2 CDs that have matured.

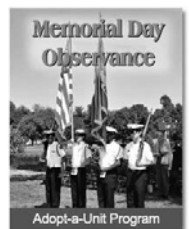


**Did you know?** Trash and recycling are not picked up on Sioux Lane. That's because trash and recycling are only picked up when placed on curbs in front of homes. Please do not set out trash bags on Sioux Lane.



## Memorial Day Observance

The City of Gaithersburg joins with the nation in honoring all who have given their lives in military service at a very special Memorial Day Observance on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Christman Park. The public is invited to join the Mayor, members of the City Council, City staff, and honored guests in a tribute to Gaithersburg's sons and daughters who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The patriotic ceremony will include words and music to commemorate the occasion, as well as a solemn wreath-laying ceremony. For more information, call Dorothy Winder at **301-258-6350** or email her at [dwinder@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:dwinder@gaithersburgmd.gov).



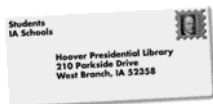
## Board of Directors & Committees

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

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

## 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](mailto:sandi@vanguardmgt.com). Only signed letters with name  
and contact telephone number will be discussed and  
addressed. ANONYMOUS letters will be discarded.



## 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.

## To All Military Men & Women

Thank you for your service to our country.



## Gaithersburg Water Park Opens



Enjoy lots of cool summer fun at the Gaithersburg Water Park. You'll find it next to the Skate Park, Miniature Golf Course and Activity Center at 506 South Frederick Avenue.

The Water Park's main pool offers shallow water play, recreational swimming, and a large water umbrella. But the main attraction is the double-flume slide, which sends swimmers down from a 38 foot tower. The Water Park also has a separate tot pool, fountains and sprays to entertain the little ones, a carpeted sun deck, grassy areas with picnic tables, and a snack bar plaza. For schedules, admission fees, money-saving season passes and more call 301-258-6445 or visit the City's website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/waterpark](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/waterpark).



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 16 Last day of school (1/2 day)  
June 23 Report cards mailed

## City Animal Control



The Animal Control staff is responsible for enforcing the animal control ordinance and promoting the humane treatment of all animals in an effort to maintain harmony in the environment between citizens, pets, and wildlife. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, Animal Control Officers are available to respond to emergency calls 24 hours a day. **To reach an Animal Control Officer after normal business hours, contact the Montgomery County Humane Society Emergency Line at 240-773-5900.**

## Large Item Pickup

**The next large item pick up is Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please save your large items until then. Should you have any questions concerning what is considered a large item, contact Vanguard Management.



## 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