



The Fernshire Crier

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AUGUST MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 11th

Ridgeview Middle School

7:00 PM ACC Meeting

7:30 PM Board Meeting

**NOTE
DATE CHANGE**

ACC Agenda

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

Board Meeting Agenda

- Announcements
- 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 Board Meeting Highlights

Diane Tillery- 6th District, Montgomery County Police:

Apologized for actions of one of the younger officers who was involved in unofficially ticketing parked cars. He has been disciplined and will be leaving the force effective July 5, 2009. The following points were made:

- All tickets issued have been voided.
- Police can only address handicap and fire lane violations and those reported on private property.
- On city streets, the police can enforce the county laws but will only come to a property if a resident calls.
- The police don't direct the association's tow company.
- New law says that commercial vehicles must be moved every 24 hours on county roadways.
- Her understanding is that the man who ticketed the vehicles, who worked with the tow company, has been fired. He may be criminally charged.

Community Open Forum:

1. Homeowner's daughter asked about a notice that assessments had not been paid, when they had been. Board advised that notices were for late fee and recommended that the homeowner should write a letter asking for waiver.
2. Comment received concerning tree roots growing into the parking lot and destroying the surface.
3. Comment received about poor Cingular cell phone reception in the Community.
4. Concern was expressed concerning dead trees in front lawns being removed but not replaced.
5. Homeowner said that she was cited for violation of dirt set out for recycling but not picked up (recycling company doesn't pick up dirt).
6. Homeowner stated that landscapers' machines are scraping the dirt next to his unit and asked that they hand mow until the grass grows back.
7. A comment about the high number of payment delinquencies for the association.
8. In response to a homeowner's comment about the muddy area next to her house and that the trees do not allow grass to grow.
9. Homeowner commented that kids are ripping off limbs from common area trees at the catch basin and near guest spaces on Flagler.

Community Newsletter:

General discussion about suspending or reducing frequency of the newsletter, in favor of posting it on the new Fernshire website. **MOTION PASSED:** Beginning August 1, 2009, the newsletter is printed two times a year and that the matter should be revisited depending on comments from the community. (Editor's comment: I believe that the website should be available online before discontinuing newsletter.)

Guest Parking:

It has been requested by residents on Beacon Hill Terrace, and supported by a petition, that designated guest spaces in that area to be eliminated. Discussion included:

1. inequity that some residents have greater access to parking than others because some have garages

2. possibly some of the guest spots could be open for all
3. use of unassigned spots are monopolized by a few residents
4. tow company tows those vehicles on a list provided by management
5. towing in the County requires the posting of a notice on the vehicle for 48 hours before towing
6. neighbors should speak with one another and discuss their concerns.

The Board will consider the comments received and those previously discussed.

Vanguard Management Report:

Discussion of various properties and issues.

WEBSITE: Mr. Srivastava will send information for the website within the next 10 days.

ACTION: Atlantic Display had the low bid for entrance signs and Board members will meet with them and Vanguard to review options.

MOTION PASSED: Accept Tri-County Fence Co. proposal to install new fabric on tennis court gate for \$945.

MOTION PASSED: Accept Tri-County proposal to extend the perimeter of the fence approximately 8 feet for \$845.

DISCUSSION: Investments



Fernshire Crier Newsletter



Sadly, this is my last publication of the Fernshire Crier Newsletter. I am moving out of the community. This has been a great experience and a fun job, but now someone else needs to take over. The Board is looking for a volunteer(s) to

continue this important function of the Board. A decision has been made to go to a bi-annual publication, in favor of posting the newsletter on our website. Whoever takes over this function will work with the Board. Be a part of the discussion and the action. Volunteer!



PARENTS: Please discuss with your children the value of trees and that it's not good for trees to have their branches broken or torn off. It can affect the tree's health and longevity.



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

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

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Heavy or commercial vehicles may only park on a public road where both sides of the road abut properties zoned exclusively for commercial or industrial uses. Exceptions are made when the vehicle or bus is being used at the time to load or unload passengers, merchandise or materials; the vehicle is being used by its owner or operator to perform work on the premises; a bus stops for a period of time, not to exceed 30 minutes at an authorized bus terminal.

Any questions or concerns relative to this change in the law should be directed to Montgomery County Police, Community Services Officers. The following Police District stations can also advise as to alternative locations in your area:

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Color version is available at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/pol/media/pdf/vehiclepark.pdf>.

View an excellent and explanatory video at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f7NGHk5IXc>.



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