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President's Message

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Springtime is a busy time for your community HOA. Our **Annual Community Spring Cleanup** will be on Saturday, April 26th this year (see flyer on back). Not only is it satisfying to see our community litter-free, it's actually fun because it's a group effort! Another community event coming up is the **Annual Community Yard Sale** on May 10th (see flyer on back). This is a great opportunity to make some cash on those no-longer-needed things around your house.

And please take a moment for a little spring cleaning of the outside of your home too. This winter has been brutal, so check for peeling paint, loose siding, broken fencing, etc. The **HOA Annual Inspection** will take place in June so now is a good time to spruce up the outside of your home too.

Finally, a critical project your HOA is working on is an update of our governing documents. The HOA has formed a working committee to review our governing documents, which date back to the inception of our community 30 years ago. Volunteers were solicited via the website and listserv, and I am pleased to report that we now have a full committee comprised of seven volunteers and two board members. We thank them in advance for their time and effort, and look forward to their recommendations.

As always, our monthly meetings are open to everyone in the community. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday at the Cascades Library at 7 PM. Your participation is always welcome. Happy spring everyone!

We Need Your Photos

JENNY LE-PETTIGREW

We are revamping the HOA website and would like to encourage residents to send in photos of nature taken in the Seneca Ridge neighborhood.

Only selected photos will be used along with photo credits on the website. If you are interested, please email your photo(s) in high resolution with your name to Jenny Le-Pettigrew at reeses007@yahoo.com. Thank you for your contributions to our wonderful neighborhood!

** Please note that by voluntarily submitting photograph(s) to the Seneca Ridge HOA, you grant permission to the HOA to use your photograph(s) on its website.*



Do you have an interesting story you would like to share with your neighbors?
Send your ideas to
SRHOANewsletter@gmail.com

Save the Dates!

- Annual Community Cleanup - Saturday, April 26, 2014
- Community Yard Sale - Saturday, May 10, 2014
- HOA Annual Inspection - June 2014

Fire Safety Tips for Smokers

SUBMITTED BY RESIDENT DAVID PAYNE

Within the last month there have been 2 major fires in Loudoun County caused by the improper disposal of smoking materials. On March 24, 2014 a Sterling Park family lost their home and pets because of improper disposal of smoking materials. Smoking is the number one cause of home fire deaths in the United States. Fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials are preventable.

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company would like to remind everyone of some simple safety tips for preventing a fire from smoking:

- Use ashtrays with a wide stable base.
- If possible, smoke outside. This helps prevent furniture fires from smoking materials.
- If you smoke outside, put cigarettes out in a metal can filled with sand. A pot with potting soil is not an advisable alternative to sand. Keep these metal containers with sand away from the house, not just outside the door.
- Never smoke in a home where oxygen is in use or stored.
- Run ashes and butts through water before throwing them away.
- Do not smoke in bed.
- Never throw a lighted cigarette or other smoking material out a car window.
- Install “Dual Sensor Smoke Alarms” if possible. These alarms sound fast for both smoky and non-smoky fires.
- Have a home escape plan. Establish a place to meet family members once you are outside.

Some facts about fires and smoking

(Source: United States Fire Administration):

- Smoking is the number one cause of home fire deaths in the United States.
- About 1,000 people are killed every year in their homes by fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials.
- Smoking fires are especially dangerous since the victims are closer to the source of the fire, thus they are harder to save.
- Most smoking fires start on beds, furniture, or in trash. Many smoking related fire deaths are caused by the victim falling asleep while smoking.
- According to the USFA (United States Fire Administration), 25% of people killed in smoking related fires are not the actual smokers themselves; 34% of these victims were the children of the smokers; and 25% were neighbors or friends of the smokers.



Please remember that Sterling Volunteer Fire Company protects you and is funded by your donations. Our website for donating is <http://www.sterlingfire.org/donate> and for general information about the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company please visit <http://www.sterlingfire.org>.

Saving Money

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The board continues its efforts to be as thrifty with your dues money as possible. Late last year, we sought several bids on our landscaping contract and used the results to negotiate a much lower yearly fee for 2014 and 2015 with our long-term landscaping company. The HOA has several certificates of deposit holding reserve funds. One of those CDs is maturing. We negotiated a special promotional rate to renew it. Earlier this year, knowing that postage rates were going up, we bought what we believed should be enough stamps to cover this year's mailings prior to the rate increase, saving us several dollars with each mailing. Lastly, we continue to save money on office supplies and copying fees using a savings program offered by our bank.

Financial reports are presented at each board meeting, and discussion of financial status, income, and expenses are included in monthly minutes, available on our website. Please feel free to contact me (SRHOATreasurer@gmail.com) with questions, comments, or suggestions for further savings.



Report Potholes

SUZANNE VOLPE, ALGONKIAN DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Thank goodness winter is finally over! This was a tough season on everyone, but it was especially tough on our roads. With ten different snow/ice events this winter, our area is experiencing a higher than usual amount of potholes.

If you see a pothole, please report the problem to VDOT online at www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp or by calling 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623). VDOT will investigate each report and will schedule repairs as soon as possible. You may also contact our district supervisor, Suzanne Volpe, at 703-771-5033 or via email at Suzanne.Volpe@loudoun.gov and she will work with VDOT.



ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP

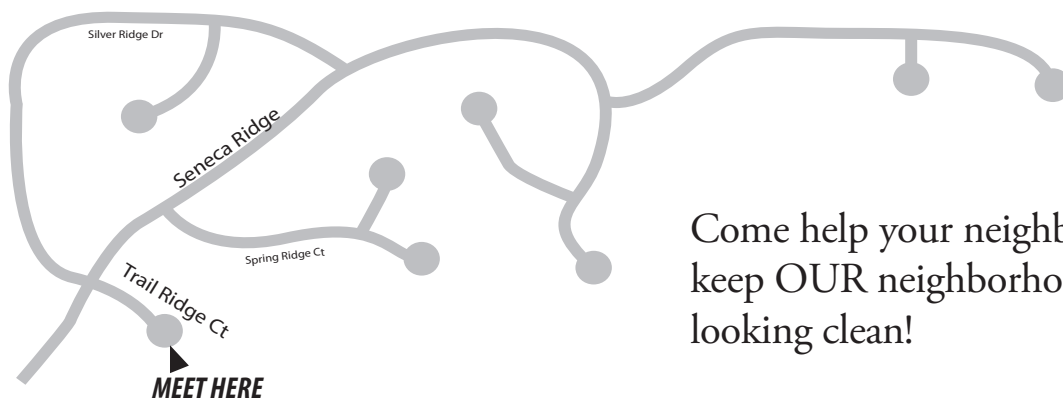
Saturday, April 26, 2014 @ 10:00 AM

In Partnership with Keep Loudoun Beautiful



Meet in cul-de-sac of Trail Ridge Ct. @ 10 am

(If you cannot attend, please contact Tim Robinson 703-430-3454 & pick up a couple of orange trash bags to collect litter/trash in common area anywhere around our neighborhood. Filled orange trash bags can be dropped off at Trail Ridge Ct until Wed. 4/29) **Refreshments will be served. Bring work gloves, bring the kids!**



Come help your neighbors keep OUR neighborhood looking clean!

Community Yard Sale May 10, 2014

Mark your calendar for the Community sponsored yard sale on Saturday May 10 from 8 AM to 12 PM.

SRHOA will be placing an ad on Craigslist and will place signs towards the neighborhood. If you are participating, additional signage is welcome.

