

NEWBERRY NEWS

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Project Clean Stream

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Trash & Recycling Ordinance 1086.3

Fed up seeing trash in the creek down by the woods? So is the Sterling foundation and they've got some good news. They've organized a clean-up day that is looking for volunteers to help with the process. The event is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8 am-3 pm at Sterling Middle School 201 W. Holly Ave. From 8-9 am is sign-in; assignments of team areas for cleaning; supply distribution (gloves, bags, and grabbers); a brief welcome, directions and safety information then out to work by 9am. They are also in need of help sorting trash/ recycling at the middle school. If you'd like to register to volunteer, go to <https://www.chesapeake-network.org/cleanup/sterling-clean-up/> or for more info go to sterlingfoundation.org.

Villa roofs Completed

We appreciate your patience with the temporary disruption of the many crews that worked hard replacing Villa flat roofs with new plywood, and an improved white membrane surface that should be longer lasting and considerably cooler on hot days. Old shingles were also upgraded to architectural style that are also longer lasting and have a higher wind rating. This project completes the last phase of roof replacements in the community, so we can all breath a collective sigh of relief knowing we shouldn't have to endure this inconvenience again for quiet some time to come.

It's hard to imagine that we're still rehashing a law that's been on the books since 2003 **requiring all residents to separate recyclable material from household waste**, but there are still [some] out there ignoring it. It seems patently unfair that so many take the time and effort to separate recycling, while others simply throw their garbage in a flimsy bag and toss it haphazardly curbside for birds and other wildlife to tear-up and leave a nasty mess behind for someone else to clean. Then there's the garden variety recycler that simply places empty Corona bottles with pizza and other cardboard boxes loose and blowing in the wind to scatter all about. News flash: It doesn't matter if it's cardboard, glass, paper or plastic, it all needs to be placed curbside in a container with lid, clearly marked recycling, blue in color **and not in bags**. Ditto for household trash that may not be put out in plastic bags of any kind. If you see someone refusing to adhere to this sensible policy, report them to the office and we'll remind them, in a not so nice way, that violating county and association rules can get costly. The association issued over \$8,000 dollars in trash violation charges last year and will continue aggressive enforcement of this policy until everyone is compliant. Too many folks are doing the right thing by following the rules to let a few ruin it for everyone.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday /Closed 12-1 Phone: 703 430-3099/ E-mail ncaass@aol
Emergency pager: 703 282-8859 /Newberryonline.com Road Runner Towing: 703 450-7555

Adult pool party, Saturday July 11th

It may seem a little early to be talking about a pool party when the pool cover is still on, but we know folks like to plan ahead for their summer activities, and we're also hoping to attract more volunteers by getting the date out sooner. It's also been brought to our attention that having the kids party on a different day, will help reduce the load on the few volunteers that otherwise have a very long day doing both. If you'd like to assist with the adult or kids party, give our office a call so we can pass your information on to those in charge of this annual event. The more help we get, the less everyone has to do, and the more fun it is for all.

Clubhouse update

We appreciate your patience as we continue repairs to the clubhouse expected to wrap-up by end of March/early April. Exterior stucco and paint are almost complete and the interior sagging ceiling was also replaced, with new recessed led lights and a fresh two-tone paint scheme adding a bright new look. Please remember that if you book the facility for a large event, parking arrangements for guests need to be made in advance to avoid safety concerns or potential conflicts of ingress/egress.

Pool Registration forms

Please review and complete the attached pool registration form for the 2020 pool season. The clubhouse office will be open daily from 8-4 starting April for pool pass renewals and Friday evening before and after Memorial day until 7 pm. Everyone is required to renew pool passes each year and there's a \$5 dollar fee for replacement passes. You must provide proof of residence to obtain passes and anyone who does not have a current valid pass, will not be permitted to enter the pool area. Pool hours are M-F 4-8 pm during school, 2-8 after school and 12-8 weekends and holidays. Please be sure to check all our pool rules for important patron information.

Yard Sale, Saturday May 2nd

The annual community yard sale will be held Saturday, May 2nd from 8-12:00 at the clubhouse parking lot. Anyone interested in reserving a table should call the office on a first-come first-served basis.



Bikes May Not Be Chained Or Stored In Front Yards or Common Areas

Flower Bed Tips

With Spring around the corner, landscapers will be edging, weeding and mulching flower beds. If you'd rather do this on your own, be sure to place reflectors where their crew can easily spot them to know to skip the service in your bed. We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind folks to plant things sensibly. Consider how large plants and trees will grow over their lifetime before planting near buildings, foundations, fences and utilities. Remember the amount of canopy you see above is a good indication of the roots that will form below. Tree roots can also be a big issue with sewer lines if they find their way in and create an obstruction. With so many mature trees, the association does not have resources allocated for routine pruning of personal trees, so keep this in mind when making your selections. Lastly, be sure to always get prior Board approval before planting anything in the ground.

No Satellite Dishes on Roofs, Brick or Siding

Another Broken Window

“ Let the kids play,” we hear the parents say, as long as they have fun, don’t destroy property or worse, hurt each other or someone else. It wasn’t long ago we learned that giving kids bb guns might be fun at first, until they shot out a glass window or something worse. We quickly realized that they were better off with nerf guns that were still fun, but posed less risk. The same lesson can be applied with today’s kids as they evolve in their recreational likes and we try to balance the need for them to play, with the necessity to avoid broken windows, damaged siding or cars. Since we know their tendency is to run and hide when something breaks, the Board passed a “no ball playing policy within 30 feet of any building,” street or parking lot to help avoid damage to homes, cars and the kids themselves. A window or a car’s finish is no match for a hard kicked soccer ball that goes in an errant direction. A child is also no match for a car’s bumper, if not seen as a result of darting out to chase a ball. Parents need to remind kids that this rule was adopted to avoid property damage and to keep kids safe. We know it’s tempting to tell kids to “go play outside,” but they need to be in a safe place, supervised, and not just left to practice penalty kicks against the side of a house or allowed to lie in a parking lot after exhausting their skills on a skateboard. Kids should have fun, but not at the expense of owners property or their own safety. Let’s always encourage them to find a safe place to play **and have fun.**



Please remind residents and guests to discard TRASH responsibly!

A Wireless leash?

That great idea is long overdue and may be in our future, but not available yet. Until it is, leashing your pet is still a requirement, not an option. On a similar note, cleaning up after it is also the other aspect of pet ownership that’s the law. If you elect to be disrespectful to your neighbors and break the law, you will pay the price. Please report pet owners who fail to clean-up after their pets or choose to let them run free in the common areas. Please also remember that Association rules require you to vaccinate, license and register up to (2) pets with the office within 30 days of arriving.

Grills Not Permitted On Balconies

Please remember that the Loudoun County’s fire prevention code does not allow the use of open flame grills on balconies or within (15) feet of any combustible construction.

Landlords beware

If the idea of being a landlord sounds appealing, you may want to consider that it also comes with the responsibility of managing your tenants **and their behavior.** If you’re routinely getting new ones, please remind them to contact the office and provide emergency contact information, and also instruct them on the “do’s and don’ts” of living in the community. **It’s up to you** to explain all the rules including trash, parking and pet, to name a few, or any rules violation charges or costs from possible tows may end up being your expense. No short term leases are permitted and a copy of the lease must be submitted to the office.

Coronavirus

We’ve been fortunate so far this year to avoid store shelves emptying from forecasted snows, but the same could happen if this virus begins to spread in our area. It’s more important than ever to practice good hygiene by always washing hands with soap and water, and avoiding contact with eyes/mouth/nose, but it may also be smart to think about storing up on essential supplies in the event stores or schools go to a more drastic measure of closing to curb the spread. For more information about this virus, go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).