

NEWBERRY NEWS

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Neighborhood watch

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Social Media

Deputies Gabriel Henkel and Scott Atchison from the Loudoun county community policing office attended our February Board meeting and discussed concerns about recent gun shots fired and other crime trends in the area. The shots fired were thankfully blanks, but the fact the juveniles are brazen enough to try this repeatedly is still alarming. The detective working the case is reviewing surveillance video provided by residents and our office in hopes of identifying the culprits.

In addition to the usual tips about locking cars and not storing valuables inside them, they also touched on another crime favorite, removing catalytic converters, especially on hybrids, but all vehicles are potential targets. Thieves can lift a vehicle, get under it and remove the converter in minutes. These converters are then sold for their precious metals and replacing them can cost several thousand dollars. It's a popular crime that's not just isolated to this area.

There are also plenty of scams still circling around including failure to appear in court, unpaid fines, Dominion power threatening to turn power off, or false Amazon account issues needing personal information, just to name a few. Don't fall for them, especially if someone is requesting payment in gift cards. In order to better help track community crime, we've added a link to our website where you can now report crime or suspicious incidents directly to our office, in addition to calling the police. We can also provide contact information for the community policing deputy assigned to this area.

Our office has received several inquiries about recent Facebook pages created with the "Newberry" name by residents interested in providing a forum to discuss community issues. The association does not have control over what's posted on these pages, or interest in censoring anyone's right to "free speech," but it does want to caution anyone against posting unfounded defaming allegations that could come with unintended consequences and legal implications.

Among the duties of the association is to protect and enhance community property values. Prospective purchasers, realtors and the general public can form negative impressions from slanderous posts which can have an undesirable effect on property values, something nobody wants. Constructive criticism is fine, but be sure what you post is factual, because words do have meaning.

Social Committee Easter Egg Hunt

Kids ages 3-6 & 7-12 are invited to attend an Easter egg hunt April 2nd 1-3pm (April 3rd rain date) at the clubhouse. You must register by March 25th, and provide the age and number of children that will be attending. There will be prizes and there's even rumor of a visit from the Easter bunny. Contact our office if you'd like to volunteer for this event.

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

Office open

Declining infection rates and the loosening restrictions have allowed for the reopening of the office. Due to the large number of parking passes issued, we are still requiring that guest and overflow passes be phoned in advance. Please be so kind to wear a mask as a courtesy to others when entering the clubhouse.

Feeding stray cats

We would like to remind everyone that our rules prohibit leaving food out for cats unattended. We understand that feeding strays seems like an act of kindness, but it conditions them to expect it, and attracts other scavengers like skunks and mice. Anyone found leaving food in common areas could be subject to rules violation charges assessed to your account.

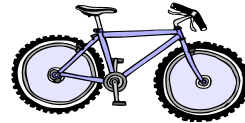
Pool Registration

Please review and complete the attached pool registration form for the 2022 pool season. The clubhouse office will be open daily from 8-4 beginning in April for pool pass renewals and Friday evening before and after Memorial day until 7 pm. Avoid long lines by getting your passes asap. 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.

No Satellite Dishes on Roofs, Brick or Siding

Yard Sale, Saturday May 7th

The annual community yard sale will be held Saturday, May 7th from 7:30-12:00 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 Stored In Front

Flower Beds

Landscapers will be starting their Spring clean-up in the weeks ahead, so expect them to be weeding, edging and mulching flower beds. If you'd rather handle this yourself, place a reflector at your bed in a clearly visible location that will signal them to skip yours.



Trash and recycling

It's not complicated! Loudoun county waste ordinance and our rules require trash and recycling be placed curbside in a closed container, not overfilled and spilling over. No bags, or case of empty beer bottles, or convenient box to stuff everything inside is permitted, especially not items loosely scattered anywhere. We have commercial grade 64 gallon toaters for trash/recycling for \$55, and 20 gallon bins with lids for \$25. Don't risk fines, get yours now and help us stop loose trash from littering common areas.

Leash and clean-up after pets

Pet rules apply even to small dogs. It's not ok to let your dog go out in the mornings and relieve itself in the common areas, even if it's a small one. It's also not ok to allow your pet to defecate or urinate on balconies. Concrete is porous and it's extremely rude to allow urine to runoff and land on neighbors belongings down below. Violations will be reported to animal control and fines can run \$ 200 per occurrence, so don't take chances, and always leash and clean-up after your pets. Residents are reminded that pets have to be vaccinated for rabies, and registered with our office within 30 days.

Clubhouse rentals

If you'd like to rent the clubhouse for a function, a \$500 deposit is required to secure the date, and a four-hour rental costs \$600, plus \$100/hr. for each additional hour. You must obtain event insurance if you are serving alcohol at your party. Please remember that parking is extremely limited at the clubhouse, so if you're expecting a large turnout, you will need to make other parking arrangements. Cars may not double-park to a point where emergency vehicles can't access the facility. Popular dates book fast, so reserve yours with plenty of time.

Bulk Pick-up

Resident looking to discard bulk must first call American (703 368-0500) and schedule pick-ups before simply putting things out. Bulk items that can be picked-up free include mattresses, and crushable furniture. Among things not picked-up are refrigerators, paint, oil, construction debris, and carpet just to name a few. If you're not sure how to get rid of something questionable, call our office first and avoid the unpleasant surprise of getting invoiced for items our staff has to remove that didn't get picked-up.

Got leaky pipes?

Fed up with pinhole leaks? It may be time to consider a complete re-piping of your unit, but remember that all contactors are not the same when it comes to cost or their approach on getting it done. The first step is to visually inspect your copper pipes for a green or corrosive residue on the surfaces. With copper now more than forty years old, pipes may develop small or slow leaks, often around areas where they are secured with nails to studs. If you see multiple areas exhibiting these signs, talk to several plumbers and make sure their bids also cover the necessary drywall restoration.

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 condominium.



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