

NEWBERRY NEWS

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Summer pool season & recently added events

After a couple of challenging years with pandemic restrictions and staffing shortages, the pool is once again open full-time and ready to host all your favorite summer activities, including some recently added family favorites. Initial plans to combine a kid's and adult's pool party were revised when some members expressed a preference to keep them separate, as in the past. A decision was made to have the "kid's" community party on Saturday August 6th from 1-4pm, and an adult party the following Saturday 13th from 5-10ish, possibly later. As in previous years, kid's event will feature games, food and drinks, and the adult party will also include beer and wine (must be 21 or older). Kid's party will be open to all community residents, but the adult party will require a reservation by obtaining up to four tickets in advance from the office. Anyone without a ticket will not be admitted the day of, so be sure to get yours soon. As you can imagine, these events require considerable preparation, so anyone interested in assisting with either of them is encouraged to contact the office. Scheduling conflicts won't allow for rain dates, so keep fingers crossed the weather cooperates and everyone gets a chance to attend.

Trash/ Recycling & Dumping Madness

It wasn't long ago that renters rotated out of annual leases during the summer, and there would be an uptick of moving debris. More recently, however, we've seen a weekly epidemic of furniture, mattresses and personal belongings dumped curbside, with no end in sight. Factor in those other disconnected residents that refuse to adhere to the sensible trash policy of placing trash and recycling in containers with sealed lids, and you've got a recipe for a filthy dump right in our very own community. There is no way anyone can be hauling that much "stuff" curbside, or simply tossing flimsy bags with comingled trash and nobody see it. When furniture and mattresses are not scheduled for pick-up in advance by calling American @703 368-0500, they don't get picked-up, and our crew has to remove it at an increased cost to everyone. If loose bags are torn open by scavengers, their remnants are a considerable effort to cleanup, resources better spent elsewhere. With two weekly trash pick-ups, there's no reason containers should be over-stuffed with trash falling out every Monday. We've all heard about the well-documented labor shortages affecting industries, especially those with drivers, so it's especially important that all residents adhere to our trash rules to insure if our pick-up is delayed, it's not ripped apart by scavengers or "gone with the wind" throughout the property. It's also not "ok" to put your trash bags in other people's containers. The only way we'll get this under control is for anyone who witnesses these offenders to report them to our office for proper enforcement.

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

Stray Cats

Concerns raised in recent meetings about residents feeding stray cats prompted the Board to send out a survey to owners to see how they felt about the matter. With only 14% responding, 8% were in favor and 6% opposed to adopting additional rules. With such a slight margin, the Board is still debating whether to adopt language that would restrict residents from feeding stray cats in common and limited common areas where multiple units share a landing. This would insure cats aren't drawn to Triminium upper landings where neighbors in close proximity may object to them. It should be noted that Loudoun animal control maintains that anyone routinely feeding strays cats, can be implicated as their "owners" and may be assuming responsibilities that come with pet ownership. More debate on this is expected at the August monthly Board meeting, so if you would like to provide further comment, please plan on attending.

Movie Night?

The social committee is interested in knowing if anyone might be interested in a movie night for kids at the clubhouse. Since this is something new, we'd like to get an idea of how many might like to attend. No dates have been set yet, but if you think this would be something your kids would like, call our office and we'll compile a list and provide more information to follow.



**Please remember
vegetables may not be
planted in front yards/
flowerbeds**

Exterior vents

Please remember to periodically inspect your vents for lint build-up or birds nesting. When fitted without screens, these vents are less likely to clog with lint, but are more vulnerable to birds nesting. On the other hand, if screened, they restrict birds, but catch more lint. Either way, you should keep an eye on them (front and back) and call our office if you see yours or a neighbor's needing some attention.

No Grilling on Balconies

Grilling with open flame (propane or charcoal) or storing propane tanks on balconies or in sheds is prohibited. Fire code requires everyone to maintain at least 12 feet from any building structure when grilling with an open flame device.

Parking "no-no's"

Parking in densely populated communities is always challenging. With only two reserved spots, accommodating additional vehicles has only two options; overflow areas or the public streets. **Guest spots are not for residents and require a pass when overnighting. Overflow spots are available for up to two additional vehicles on a first come first served basis, as long as the vehicle has a current Newberry registration (must be provided to obtain a pass), and the pass on the mirror matches the tag on the car, (enforced 24 hours-a-day).** You may not park in a guest spot with an overflow pass, or visa versa. It's not "ok" to double park for even short periods, or worse, park in an a reserved spot that's not assigned to you. Doing so is a sure way to get towed without warning. On a final note, emergency flashers do not provide the instant right to park or stand indefinitely at intersections or streets. For a complete set of parking rules, see our website @ newberryonline.com.

If someone is routinely parking in your spot, contact our office so we may issue a warning, or call Road Runner direct @ 703 450-7555.

Who's ground is it anyways ?

We often get calls from residents that falsely assume the grass around their unit is their's to plant whatever they like. While owners do assume flowerbeds in townhomes when they purchase them, and can make changes with prior request from the Board, it's not the case with Triminiums or Villas. Areas beyond the unit entrance steps, or lead-walks are "common areas" that are technically not fair game to plant in, unless you obtain prior Board approval first. It's understandable why some might think that the grass under a unit is theirs, but remember the lower unit can also make the same false assumption and both could be staking a claim to something that doesn't belong to either. The Board has allowed some latitude with owners planting appropriate things that don't pose a maintenance issue or encroach on other units, such as a bush that may grow too large and block the lower unit's view. If you'd like to plant something, get prior Board approval, but also discuss it with your neighbor as a courtesy, especially if it will affect them in any way.

Board Candidate?

Association business is hard work and can mean long hours and little reward. Difficult decisions can be stressful and don't always have simple solutions, but if you feel you've got what it takes, send us your resume and plan to attend meetings the third Tuesday of every month. Well-informed owners are better positioned for future leadership roles. Board elections are held in October, but everyone is welcome to attend monthly meetings the third Tuesday of the month. Please remember that we need to be respectful of one another during meetings and may only comment or ask questions during the "open forum" portion of the meeting. This helps to ensure that the Board can focus on the association's business and not prolong meetings unnecessarily.

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No Satellite Dishes on Roofs, Brick or Siding

Pets and Poo-poo

Most of us love pets, but the same cannot be said for their remnants. Despite having numerous dog stations around the property, too many pet owners are still allowing their dogs to dirty the common areas with total disregard to the unpleasantness it leaves behind, never mind the smell during these hot days. Please be advised that the Association has a zero tolerance for pet owners who don't act responsibly by cleaning up after their pet. Violators will be reported to animal control and should expect fines to follow. Please remember you must always walk your dogs with a leash (under control), get them vaccinated against rabies, licensed and registered with our office. A well trained owner, makes for great pets!

No Backyard Pools allowed!

Crime & Nuisance issues

The recent "not so nice graffiti" found around several areas of the property was reported to law enforcement and promptly removed. This may have been more of a nuisance issue, but it's a good reminder that everyone should stay alert and report suspicious activity to Loudoun's non emergency # 703 777-1021. Thieves continue targeting catalytic converters for their precious metals, so if you see anyone suspicious around vehicles, especially late at night, report it to law enforcement. Be sure to keep front porch lights on for additional safety, and consider a ring type camera for added protection. The deputy responding to the graffiti incident informed us that this area remains relatively safe, but we all need to play a role in keeping it that way. Anyone experiencing a crime incident should report it on our website so we can track any concerning trends. Be sure to stay alert and safe out there!