



Summer 2018

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Parking Reminders...

Parking in the community is for residents and their guests. Each townhome has one designated parking space in close proximity to their home. Please respect your neighbors and do not park in someone else's numbered space. If your family has multiple vehicles please use some of the overflow areas and do not occupy all the unnumbered spaces in front of or near your house.

Reminder that all vehicles parked in the community must display current MVA registration stickers and must be operable (all tires inflated, no excessive fluid leakage, no broken windshield, not on ramps, etc). No oversized or commercial vehicles are allowed to park in the community. No vehicle is permitted to drive over community owned property to access backyards. All parking must be in a designated parking area and not on grassy common areas or private yards.

Any vehicle that is not compliant with the parking policy will be towed to Top Notch Towing and Transport [2045 Herndon Drive Annapolis, MD 21401](http://www.topnotchtowing.com) at the owner's expense.

Community Social in the Meadow

Please join us for what we hope to be our first annual Community Social. Saturday, August 26th from noon-4p in the Meadow (between Star Pine and Lodge Pole). We have reached out to local businesses in hopes to get food donations and will supplement with social committee budgeted funds and residents' pot-luck contributions. If you and your family are able to join us, please send us an email to email@wwcaonline.org (put "WWCA Social" in the subject) so we get an idea of how many people plan to join in on the fun. We would like this to be the first of many opportunities to meet your neighbors and make new friends. Bring your blankets, sports/beach chairs, corn hole or other backyard type family-friendly games.



Violations and Community Guidelines

Violations Inspection for 2018 are in process. Thanks to the residents who responded to last year's inspection. Most homes that are cited, only need a little TLC (power washing, fresh paint here and there, trimming of hedges and yard maintenance, trash properly stored, etc.)

Top five things you can do to keep property values up: Trash and recycle not visible from the street; Maintain lawn and shrubs regularly; Maintain exterior siding; Declutter your yard (front and back); Remove holiday decorations in a timely manner

By abiding by the community rules and regulations as well as the architectural guidelines, your house, as well as your neighbor's, will increase in value.

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

Anne Arundel County and Whispering Woods Community Association require all dogs to be leashed at all times when not contained in a fenced yard. Residents who do not abide by this rule can be issued citations and fined. All residents are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Whether you walk the dog through the community or contain them to your yard, all feces must be picked up and properly disposed of. Throwing it over fences or in the woods is not acceptable. We have seen an increase in rats in the community and the health department attributes this to animal feces and improper storage and disposal of trash.



Please note that the covenants of the community allow residents to have only 2 of each type of animal. Whether you are an owner or renter, you are not permitted to have more than 2 dogs, 2 cats, etc. If you have more than 2 of the same type of animal, please make arrangements to find another home for the 3rd+ animal. Please report any violations to Animal Control and WWCA.

HOA Assessments

2018 Assessments are now past due and were due no later than 04/08/2018. If you haven't made your payment yet, please send an email to email@wwcaonline.org to find out what is currently owed as interest and collection fees have been added to the \$290 and several accounts have been referred to the Community's attorney for legal collection, liens and suits. Payments can be made by either sending a check to PO Box 242 Arnold, MD 21012 or electronically through our website.

WWCA Website

Please use our website as a resource for information about our community and as a communication tool between yourself and the board. We have approximately 175 email addresses registered to date which we use when needing to notify residents of road closures, meeting changes, weather/snow updates, or to share useful information from WWCA or the county.

NOTE: There is roadwork scheduled on Wood Tree, Riverboat, and Foxwood Courts on July 31st we will be using the website and email to notify residents of any schedule changes due to weather delays. Vehicle access to these courts will be restricted at times.

Playground Pick-Me-Up

Over the last year, we have added some new equipment and mulch to the Whispering Woods Drive, Blossom Tree and Elkwood playgrounds in addition to cleaning up the existing equipment. A contract has been signed to replace the split rail fencing around the playgrounds. Over the next several weeks, BGE will be installing streetlights to these areas. Additionally a concrete walkway and stairs will be installed from the Elkwood court entrance to the Elkwood playground. This will provide easier access to and from the park as well as to add an area for the kids to ride small bikes on. Blossom Tree repairs, sanding and a fresh coat of paint are planned for early fall by community volunteers. If you are interested in helping please let us know and we will notify you of the timeline.



Home for sale...

If you plan to sell your home, you or your agent must contact us to request an "HOA Package". It is recommended that you request this package once you have a contract on your home. The cost of the HOA package for standard (two-week delivery) is \$100 and \$200 for expedited request (one-week delivery) Payment

must be received at the time of the request and can be made by either paying electronically through our website or by mailing a check payable to WWCA to PO Box 242, Arnold, MD 21012.

Free Little Library...

Hopefully you have noticed the new "Little Library" boxes that have been installed at the Whispering Woods, Blossom Tree, and Elkwood playgrounds. A young resident, approached the board earlier this year with an idea she had for her Girl Scout project. The board was thrilled with her idea and enthusiasm to do something for her community. She designed and built the libraries, got all required approvals, installed them, and filled them with books to get everyone started. The idea is for residents to take a book and leave a book. Thank you so much Maile for your hard work and contribution to our community.



Trash and Recycle Schedule Change

Trash collection day is Thursday. Collectors will pick up recycle, yard waste, bulk, household trash. All cans should be put out after 6p Wednesday and brought in (and properly stored out of sight) by Thursday evening. Please ensure all trash is bagged and in trashcans. We have seen an increase in rodents/rats, flyaway trash, and piles left for extended periods of time in some areas due to residents putting trash bags for curbside collection and not storing trash in cans (worst areas being Lodge Pole and Charred Oak Courts). **No cans should be stored on the common areas.** Any cans left out will be picked up and disposed of.

Yard waste needs to be in a paper bag or a reusable trash can marked with an X on all 4 sides. Please refer to the county website for specifics of recycle, bulk pickup, schedules, etc.

See Something Say Something

We continue to hire secondary AA County Police officers to work in the community. Please take time to talk to the officers and share any concerns or observations you may have. Never leave valuables visible in vehicles (purses, wallets, electronics, money, etc) and always keep your vehicles locked.

Never hesitate to call 9-1-1. If something doesn't seem right it usually isn't.