

Forest Hills

Community Association



The Newsletter of the Arlington County Forest Hills Townhouse Community

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Sprinkler Update

The Sprinkler System has been inspected and adjusted. Issues that were found and repaired are listed below.

- Damaged pipes due to digging in the vicinity
- Clogged sprinkler heads usually due to normal growth of grass or clogged by mud
- Damaged sprinkler heads (sometime damaged by mowing)
- Repaired damaged control box resulting in erratic commands to the water flow
- Spray pattern adjustments
- Zone timing adjustments to increase watering time and frequency

Remember to contact sprinklers@foresthillstownhomes.com if you have questions or comments.

Forest Hills Fall Yard Sale

Saturday September 24, 2016

It's time to start gathering all those items you want to get rid of including clothes, garage items, stuff in the back of closets you haven't thought of in years. The Forest Hills Community is planning the Annual Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 24, 2016, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 12:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday September 25.

We will provide balloons and maps.

Look for a flyer with a reminder closer to the event date. To help us organize we will need to know if you will be participating. Please RSVP no later than September 19 to **Nell Pinol**, (703) 920-9423 or email nellpinol@hotmail.com.



FHs Yard Sale 2014

NEW Forest Hills website

Remember to visit the FHs Website for current newsletters and financial reports, committee member listing, Forest Hills Community By-Laws, Forest Hills Community Declaration of Covenants, Newsletter Articles, links to important information and Board or Committee email contacts.

<http://www.foresthillstownhomes.com>



2016 Fall Festival Picnic

Save the Date!

The 2016 Annual Forest Hills Fall "Festival" Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 4-6 p.m., with a rain date on Sunday, October 16.

Bring a dish to share with your neighbors, possibly on the "festival" theme. Former residents are always welcome. We will send out a flyer and an email invitation with more information closer to the date.

If you have questions, please contact the Co-Chairs of the Social Committee, **Judy Pastusek** or **Judy Stearns** at events@foresthillstownhomes.com, or call 703-966-8692 (JudyP) or 703-798-1470 (JudyS).

Members of the **2016 Forest Hills Social Committee:**

Mary Engoglia, Eileen Fenrich, Missy Haney, Jocelyn Hong, Barbara Morris Lent, Diane Lynott, Liliana Celin-Winkel, Nell Pinol.

Lunar New Year Party

Save the Date!

The winter social will be a "Lunar New Year" theme. The winter event will be held at the Army Navy Country Club on January 27, 2017. Look for more details to follow.

FHs Board Meeting

The next FH Board meeting will be held Monday, October 17th. Location to be determined.

Check the FHs website for this location and future Board and Committee meetings.

We need your help now!

We need volunteers to help with the directory, newsletter and website.

Forest Hills Communications is looking for a few people to join our Communications Team and assist with the Annual **FHs Directory** and **FH Website**. If you are curious about how we communicate or what you can do to help, give us a call. **Lester Martin** - 703-898-6285 or respond to this FHs email.

Remember to water your Trees and Shrubs when it is hot and dry!

We have noticed quite a few dead bushes and trees in our community as a result of the drought and lack of water. It is far less expensive to maintain plantings by watering twice or three times per week than to have to dig a dead planting out and purchase, deliver, and plant another. It can take 2-3 years for a tree or bush to become established before the growth period begins.

Check your property regularly and look for the warnings signs in your garden. Brown or falling leaves, or large sections of dead branches within bushes or trees are sure signs of stress.

Your trees will thank you!



Architectural Control

Painting Fact

The FHs Covenants allow owners to re-paint in another color as long as it is within the approved color palette and harmonious with the immediate townhouses. Contact the ACC for the color palette for your townhouse and to see the color selection chart.

Disclosure Package

The specific color selections for townhouses is being added to the inspection report which is part of the disclose package signed-off by the FHCA President and included in the closing papers of a sale.

Falling Leaves

Remember to clean out the leaves that collect in your gutters to prevent water damage from overflow and ice build up this winter.

I-395 Express Lanes Extension

VDOT has announced the next round of public hearings that will discuss the proposed extension of the I-395 Express Lanes through Arlington County. The project will convert the two existing HOV lanes to three HOT express lanes providing three reversible express lanes. New construction is expected to be contained primarily within the existing I-395 right-of-way and is planned to begin in 2017 with completion in 2019. This next round of hearings will focus on the project design including the installation of sound walls along Army-Navy Drive. VDOT is looking for county, community association and individual residents' comments on the proposed sound walls, including whether they should be built, their design and the re-landscaping of the corridor.

The public hearings will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, October 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (presentation begins at 7 p.m.), Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street
- Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (presentation begins at 7 p.m.), Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road

For more information, visit the project's website:

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/395_express.asp