

Lakewood Hills Highlights

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Lakewood Hills #1 Community Association
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Trash Talk - Whose Stuff Is That?

We are fortunate to have twice-weekly trash pickup and once-weekly recycling in our community. Regular trash is picked up every Monday, any time from 6:00 a.m. on. Recycling is taken on Thursdays, again, any time from 6:00 forward.

You are welcome to place your trash and recycling out on the curb the night before. But please,

DO NOT PUT YOUR TRASH OUT BEFORE 7:00 p.m.

the night before the scheduled pick-up day.

Please remember that trash needs to be securely fastened in a closed trash can or in sturdy, tightly closed bags. Nobody wants to look at somebody else's trash, much less trash that has been spilled or knocked over onto the lawn or street.

Leaving your trash out the afternoon before scheduled pickup is unsightly, unsanitary, inconsiderate, and just plain trashy.

Also, please pick up your trash can and recycling bin as soon as possible after the day's pickup. And be aware that leaving your trash out too early or failing to pick up your receptacles in a timely fashion is a violation of our bylaws and subject to action by the Board of Directors.

See information to the left about trash and recycling pickup over the upcoming holidays.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, American Disposal's Offices will be CLOSED. NO SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED.

Trash will be picked up the following Monday, November 30.

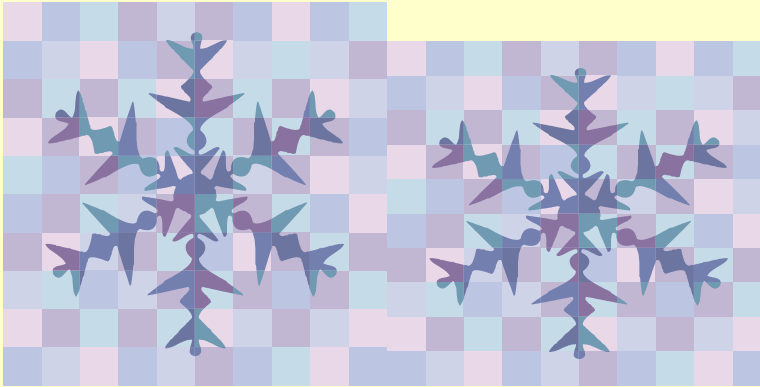
Recycling pickup will be provided on Saturday, November 28. Your items must be curbside the night before. There will be no change in Christmas pickup.

Were You at the August 5 Special Meeting?

The third Special Meeting of 2009 was held on August 5, to discuss and vote on whether to allow the Board of Directors to waive the bylaws to modify the percentage by which homeowner assessments can change in 2010. After quorum was achieved, the membership voted by a 78.5-percent margin to approve the measure. This means the Board was given the authority to increase the assessment rate by a maximum of 16 percent starting in January 2010. This will allow our reserves to be replenished and our budget to get back on a sound financial footing. If the Board votes to implement the full 16-percent increase, quarterly assessments will increase from \$182 to \$211.

The Lakewood Hills Board of Directors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Surrey Hill Clubhouse off Forrester Drive. Please consider attending, so you can share your views with your neighbors.

Your Community Needs You!



The Board of Directors is considering proposals from two vendors for snow plowing and deicing this winter. What criteria are most important? The Board is also considering requests to prune or remove trees in common-areas and to resolve an erosion issue. Which requests are valid? Who will be affected? How much will each action cost? Would you like to help make these decisions?

There is a vacancy on the Lakewood Hills Board of Directors. If you are interested in joining, contact Rick Balzhiser at Cardinal Management (703/545-6008) or via e-mail - r.balzhiser@cmgmt.com - for more information.

The Lakewood Hills Neighborhood Watch is looking for new members. Contact Rick if you are interested in helping with this important task. Thanks to those who've been patrolling for us all!

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Fairfax County Tax Dollars at Work Community Dialogues on the 2011 Budget

Fairfax County projects a \$315-million revenue shortfall in FY 2011, which begins July 2010. The situation could be made worse by reductions made to close State revenue gaps.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County School Board intend to review all programs to identify opportunities for cost reductions and savings. Both Boards want to have a dialogue with the community to gather suggestions and comments about the budget and how to deal with the projected shortfall.

Twelve community dialogues were scheduled from September through November so residents can learn about the County and Schools budgets and the 2011 forecast and they can participate in small-group discussions on how to close the projected gaps. Many sessions have already taken place, but residents can still attend others. To register or for more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget> (look for the Budget Feedback form) or call the Department of Management and Budget at 703.324-2391. If you cannot attend in person, call the Budget Hotline at 703.324-9400. Upcoming meetings include:

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 - noon

Kings Park Library

Sherwood Regional Library

George Mason Regional Library