



NORTH CROSSING



The North Crossing News

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Easter Egg Hunt

It's time for the Easter Bunny to visit the kids at North Crossing again! Gather up the kids and join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th at the pool parking lot at 10:00 a.m. to hunt for eggs! Coffee and donuts will be provided!



Community Yard Sale

This years Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 2nd from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. To help pay for advertising fees, \$3 will be collected from each participating homeowner on the day of the yard sale. The rain date will be scheduled for Saturday, June 16th.

Community Calendar

April 4	7:30pm	Pool meeting
April 4	7:30pm	AGC meeting
April 7	10:00am	Easter Egg Hunt
April 18	7:30pm	Board meeting
April 21	9:00am	AGC Spring Walk-Thru
May 2	7:30pm	AGC meeting
May 16	7:30pm	Board meeting
May 18		Newsletter Deadline
May 26	12:00n	Pool Opens
June 2	8:00am	Community Yard Sale
June 6	7:30pm	AGC meeting
June 20	7:30pm	Board meeting

The Pool meeting will be at Monocacy Middle School, Room A25.

All AGC (Architectural Guidelines Committee) meetings are open to the community. If you would like to attend a meeting, please call John at 301-228-2375 for the next location.

All Board meetings will be held at Frederick Gas Co., unless otherwise posted.

School Scoop

Monocacy Elementary School (send in your boxtops!)

- Still taking registrations for pre-k and kindergarten (bring birth certificate, proof of residency and immunization records).
- 5/30: 1st grade field trip to Port Discovery
- 5/31: Field Day for grades K, 1 and 2
- 6/1: Field Day for grades 3, 4 and 5
- 6/11: 4th grade field trip to Annapolis

Monocacy Middle School

- 4/6: school dance
- 4/20: talent show at Frederick Community College

Governor Thomas Johnson High School

- 5/24: Prom (at Hood College)
- 5/29: Senior Picnic
- 6/4: Senior Graduation



Applies to all schools

- 4/20, 6/22: report cards due
- 4/11, 12, 13, 16 and 5/25, 28: school closed
- 6/14: last day of school (tentative)

Providing family day care for children ages 2 and above.



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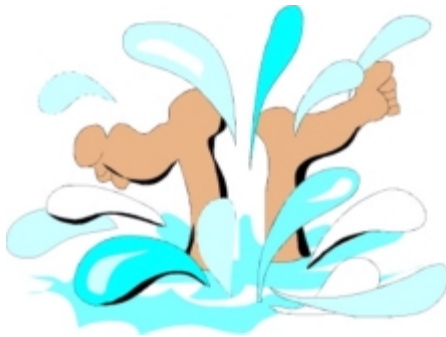
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Construction News

Ausherman will be proceeding with the construction of Opossumtown Pike from Poole Jones Road to a point approximately 300 feet north of Christophers Crossing this spring. Construction will begin in early May with paving along the curb that was installed last fall. This pavement will be wide enough for two lanes and thus two-way traffic. They will then proceed to build the entire two lanes of the western half of the road. When that is complete, Ausherman will divert traffic to the other side of the street to finish the North Crossing side. All work is planned for completion by the end of August.

For more information about these changes, please attend the April 18th Board meeting as Jim MacGillivray will be available to discuss this project.

Pool



North Crossing's Pool is scheduled to open Saturday May 26th at 12:00 noon and remain open daily through September 3rd. Admission is restricted to North Crossing residents and their guests. Please note that it has been proposed to adjust the hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays to 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and all other days the hours would remain 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m. Additional information concerning pool picture passes, rules, and exact operating hours will be forwarded to each

TRASH

Trash should be set out no earlier than Tuesday and Friday evenings after dusk.

In addition, please keep all trash receptacles either in your back yard or

HOA DUES

A lot of homeowners have not paid their dues yet. Please note that reminder letters will be mailed soon and that any homeowner who has not

Parking

Please be mindful of your neighbors and be careful not to block a parked vehicle, especially in the townhouse section. Also, in the townhouse section, please do not park in numbered spaces that do not belong to you and please inform any visiting guests of the same. And, finally, be advised that no unlicensed or inoperable vehicles should be parked anywhere.

Pool Parking Lot

Parents... if your teenagers are spending time in the pool parking lot for any reason, please ask them to be mindful of the residents who live around the pool area. Trash has been left in the area and the noise level at night has become too loud. Please remind them that there may be people, especially small children who are trying to sleep. Thanks you parents.. and teens for your cooperation!

Spring Walk-Thru

On April 21st at 9:00 a.m., members of the Architectural Guidelines Committee (AGC) will begin the spring "walk-thru." They will be looking at things like yard and general exterior home maintenance, including changes or additions that have been approved by the AGC.

Also, please note that a clarification was made to the guidelines regarding fences for town homes where the maximum height for fences, including lattice work, is 6 feet.

Any questions, requests or copies of guidelines should be made through Julie at Clagett Management.

Babysitters wanted...

Any teens that are interested in having their name made available to neighborhood parents for occasional babysitting, please call Angie Toms at 301-694-6827.

Parents who are in need of sitters, please call Angie for the list.

PET WASTE!

One of the main purposes of the Homeowners Association is to protect the property values and the desirability of our community. The Frederick City Code, Section 10-9.2, regarding filth, rubbish, etc. on premises, state:

It is hereby declared to be a nuisance and a danger to the public health for any contaminated water, animal waste or excrement, dirt, filth, rubbish, refuse, offensive or deleterious matter to be and remain on any premises in the city or to cause or allow such matter to be washed, to flow or to be carried in any manner from one property to another. In the event the owner shall fail or refuse to comply with such notice, it shall be lawful for the city to remove same and charge the cost to the owner. Violation of this section is declared to be a municipal infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

It is our desire to have a clean and pleasant neighborhood where people respect each other's rights. We hope you will understand and comply with our requests to clean up after your pets. Please feel free to call Julie at Clagett if a pet owner is not complying with this City Code.

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Quality gardening tools are a good investment. When it comes to time to purchase them, buy the best. Purchasing and caring for your garden tools is an important part of a good gardener's work. These simple tool tips can help you make the best investment.

- **Trowel.** A well-made trowel is an important tool. A Y-type handle may be more comfortable for larger hands, but slightly weaker than D-type handles.
- **Hoe.** A hoe makes weeding faster in larger spaces. Make sure the handle is comfortable for long periods of use.
- **Hand fork.** Hand fork tines and neck should be made from a single piece of metal and riveted to the fork for strength.
- **Pruners.** You'll need a regular and long-handed pruner for high or thick stems. High-quality pruners have parts that can be replaced.
- **Watering.** Plastic water cans are lighter, though metal is more durable. Seeds and seedlings need a fine nozzle, more established growth a coarse one. Brass nozzles will last longer and give a finer spray. Make sure your garden hose is long enough to reach the entire area.
- **Gloves.** Leather gloves are more durable, but also more expensive.
- **Rakes.** You'll need a metal, flat-backed garden rake for leveling and breaking up soil, and a plastic or bamboo lawn rake to remove leaves and other debris. Look for rakes with long, strong necks for greater durability.
- **Wheelbarrow.** Plastic wheelbarrows are lighter and easier to push, although metal is tougher. Check the inflation of tires regularly.
- **Tool care.** Keep blades clean, removing dried soil with a wire brush and wiping after every use with an oily rag. Dry damp wooden handles in the sun before storing and rub with linseed oil after each use.



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