



The North Crossing News

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New 2001 Board Members

Welcome to the new board members!
Your time volunteered to serve on our board is greatly appreciated.

Mike Campbell
Peggy Cline
Mike Foster
Lynn Jones
Chuck Kilgore

(Positions to be announced.)

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Community Calendar

January 3 7:30pm ACC meeting
February 7 locations TBA.
March 7 (1st Wednesday of each month)

December 13 7:00pm 12/13 Board meeting at.
January 17 Frederick Gas Co. other meeting
February 21 locations TBA (except for 12/13, 3rd Wednesday of each month)

January 27 Deadline for submissions to February Newsletter

Call (301) 694-6827 to confirm locations.

School Scoop

In order to help parents, students and neighbors become more aware of their school's upcoming events, here are some things to be aware of during the next few weeks...

Monocacy Elementary School

- Remember to send in your box tops for the General Mills Box Tops for Education!!
- Dec. 18: Chorus & Band Concert at 7:00pm

Monocacy Middle School

- No information at this time.

Governor Thomas Johnson High School

- Presentation of "A Christmas Carol"
Dec. 14 & 15 at 7:30pm
Dec. 16 & 17 at 2:00pm and 7:30pm
Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door

Applies to all schools

- Schools Closed: Dec. 22 – Jan. 1, Jan. 15 & Jan. 25-26

If your children attend a private school or are home schooled and you would like to have events posted here, please contact the Newsletter Committee.

New HOA Fee Payment Schedule

Just a friendly reminder that the 2001 HOA fees will be due soon. The members of the 2000 Board revised the payment schedule from one lump payment to two installments of payments. Hopefully, this will help ease the pressures of the holidays. The schedule is as follows:

January 31: half of payment due
March 31: remaining half of payment due

The HOA fees will remain the same:
\$190.00 for single-family homes
\$335.00 for townhomes.



Newsletter Committee

Heidi Hume (301) 695-1060
Stephanie Keller (301) 662-4357
Angie Toms (301) 694-6827

Thank You!

It is with the greatest of appreciation that we thank the 2000 Board Members for all of their volunteered time, energy, and commitment over the past year. Through your collective efforts, great strides were made within our community to keep this a friendly and beautiful neighborhood. Your leadership has made our community a greater place to live. Thank you!

Construction News!!!

Sorry, due to unforeseen circumstances, the information regarding townhome and single family home updates will be provided next issue.

Some Holiday Events in Frederick

Festival of Lights... Friday, December 15th, 6:30pm at the City Hall courtyard. Sing carols and light candles with your neighbors to celebrate the holidays!

Home for the Holidays Dance... Saturday, December 16th, 9:00pm-midnight at the Talley Recreation Center, located at the corner of Second and Bentz Streets. Enjoy swing dancing featuring "Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Orchestra" for \$30 per person.

For more info. on holiday events, call 301-694-2489.

Holiday Safety Tips

Trees

- Choose a tree that has a strong scent of pine, is deep green in color, and is not shedding its needles. The branches should bend easily and the trunk of a fresh tree is sticky with sap.
- When bounced on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- Water your tree often and don't let the water level drop below the cut of the tree. Cut the trunk off at an angle about 2 inches long.
- Place your tree at least one yard away from radiators, space heaters, base boards, fireplaces and other heat sources.

Lights

- Don't overload outlets. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Turn off the lights when you are not home and when you go to bed as they can cause the tree to dry out and become a fire hazard.
- Use only outdoor lights outside your home with proper outdoor cables and connections. Never use indoor extension cords outside.

Decorations

- Children are very tempted to play with shiny ornaments. To protect your children from injury, and to safeguard your valuable ornaments, place all the breakables up high on the top half of the tree. Place unbreakable ornaments lower on the tree.
- Keep plant and berry decorations out of the reach of children and pets, especially mistletoe, poinsettia, peace lilies as they can be poisonous if ingested by your child.

Source: www.safebaby.net



Kindly be reminded that trash pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday mornings which means that **trash should be set out no earlier than Tuesday and Friday evenings after dusk.**

In addition, please keep all trash receptacles either in the back yard or inside your garage when it is not time for trash pick-up. Thanks.

Happy Holidays
and have a
prosperous New Year!

Pet owners
(especially those with dogs)



Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick-up after your pets have “done their business” in your neighbor’s yard. There’s nothing like ruining someone’s day when they go out their door and find a huge “present” to clean up from their yard.... especially for those who don’t have dogs or for those who do clean up after their own dogs.



Snow Shovelers Wanted

Last chance for anyone interested in being put on a list as “paid helpers” to assist neighbors in shoveling snow this winter. Our elderly neighbors or those neighbors who are just not able to do it this year will probably find this service extremely helpful. If interested, please provide your name, address and telephone number to Angie Toms at (301) 694-6827.

Weddings, Newborns, Sports Teams, and more...

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Playgroups!



Parents of small children have been excited about the news of playgroups starting in our community! So far, we have two playgroups started for toddlers from 1 to 4 years in age. If, at any time, you want more information about joining a playgroup, please contact Angie Toms at (301) 694-6827.

In addition, parents have even expressed an interest in forming playgroups for **infants** up to about 15 months. If you are interested in joining a playgroup for this age group, please contact Jamie Hendi at (301) 695-5444.

How to Safeguard Your Home

Some tips for the holiday season - and beyond - on how to keep you and your home safe.

Whether you are at home or away:

- Always lock your car.
- Don't put anything of value in your car that is within eyesight.
- Don't leave the garage open all day and unattended.
- Make sure your answering doesn't indicate you are alone or away.
- Don't hide a spare key under the door mat or under a flower pot. Thieves know all the good spots.
- Have deadbolts installed on all doors and keep all windows and doors locked.
- Never open the door to strangers. If they need to use the telephone, make the call yourself and don't invite them in.

If you are going out of town:

- Cancel the paper delivery while your gone.
- Have a neighbor keep an eye on your house.
- Put timers on lights.



Snow Removal



(Homeowner vs. City and/or Contractor Responsibility)

Snow season is almost upon us and it's time to gear up and get prepared for when we have to remove it from our streets and sidewalks. Many homeowners are interested in knowing what part of snow removal is their responsibility versus what the city and/or contractors are responsible for.

Homeowners... are responsible for removing snow from the sidewalk that surrounds their property. So, if you live on a corner, you have 2-3 sides of sidewalk area to remove snow from. This also includes single-family homes whose rear property line has sidewalks, like those who live along Christopher's Crossing or Opossumtown Pike. Townhouse owners also need to remove snow from their parking spaces.

City and/or Contractors... are responsible for clearing the streets in our neighborhood, as well as the “visitor” parking spaces in the townhouse section. In addition, they will remove snow from the sidewalks that surround the park area and common areas, such as the sidewalks that surround the pool area.

Hopefully, this will help clear up any confusion about who is responsible for clearing snow this year! And, as always, please be careful when shoveling snow and remember to use your leg muscles instead of your back to lift a shovel full of snow.