ManorGate Community Updates  
  
**The holiday trash pick-up schedule** is listed on the [ManorGate website](http://www.manorgate.info/). Please check the schedule for regular trash pick-up and Christmas tree pick-up.  
  
**Winterizing your home is easy!** Consider any or all of these winterizing tips.  
Insulate your pipes  
Weatherproof doors and windows  
Inspect your roof and gutters for leaks  
Switch to LED lights  
Disconnect hoses and sprinkler systems and drain your lawn irrigation system  
Drain fuel from small gas-powered engines  
Protect your outdoor plants  
Move outdoor equipment inside  
Test your thermostat and heating system for efficiency  
Reverse your ceiling fans  
Caulk or weather-strip around windows and doors  
Open the curtains of south-facing windows  
Turn down the thermostat  
Seal your fireplace  
Lower your water heater temperature  
Purchase winter storm essentials  
  
**Volunteer positions are available for our neighborhood.** Please consider joining the Architectural Review Committee, the Neighborhood Watch program, or the Social Committee. Your time and input help keep ManorGate a great place to live. Contact [Cory Blackston](mailto:CBlackston@ghacm.com) with Gates Hudson if you are interested in joining any of these committees.  
  
**Getting rid of household items before, during, or after the holidays? DO NOT DUMP ITEMS IN THE COMMON AREAS. It is your responsibility to ensure items are picked up by the trash company or charity organization, etc.** You can also schedule a bulk pick-up for large items like couches, appliances, mattresses, etc. from Patriot Disposal for a fee. Call (703) 257-7100 to schedule Patriot Disposal pick-up of your large items. You may also consider posting large items as FREE on one, or all, of these sites:[**Nextdoor**](https://nextdoor.com/), [**Craigslist**](https://washingtondc.craigslist.org/), [**Facebook Marketplace**](https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/), [**Freecycle**](https://www.freecycle.org/). Or, have one of the numerous charity organizations come pick up furniture and appliances. Contact: [**Green Drop**](https://www.gogreendrop.com/), [**Salvation Army**](https://satruck.org/donate/choose), [**Goodwill**](https://dcgoodwill.org/donations/types-of-donations/schedule-a-pickup/), [**AMVETS**](https://www.amvetspickup.org/pickups/), [**PickUpMyDonation**](https://www.pickupmydonation.com/select-your-organization/?pcode=20121). ***No items should be placed in the common areas. NO DUMPING.***

**Welcome to the ManorGate book club** – The book club has been meeting since 2017 and we always welcome new participants. The next book club meeting is January 9 at 7pm at the clubhouse. We will discuss *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. The meetings are every other month, so there’s plenty of time to read the book for discussion. Future titles are listed on the website, so plan to read the book and come join in the discussion!

**The next** **HOA meeting** is **Wednesday, January 24,** **2024** at 7pm and will be virtual. **Please note there is NO HOA meeting in December**. Watch for sign-in information to come from the community manager at Gates Hudson Management.