ManorGate Community Updates  
  
**Storm water pond work to begin** – The storm water pond project will start on Monday, February 12 and should last about three months. Please note the county plans to use the existing entrance from Creek Run Drive side for construction vehicle access. The playground down the hill from Rock Canyon Drive will remain open. The trail between Rock Canyon Drive and Creek Run Drive will remain open to pedestrians except during construction of inflow culvert (below the playground). The community will be notified when the trail closure timing is confirmed. If you want to see the scope of the work, please visit the [ManorGate website](https://manorgate.info/updates) and click on the Storm Water Pond Improvement/Rehabilitation PowerPoint.  
  
**Snow removal during inclement weather** – VDOT plows/treats the state-maintained streets in our neighborhood. The private streets, which are Autumn Circle, Skylemar Trail, the pipestem on Rock Canyon Drive, and Green Trails Court, are plowed/treated by the private contractor. The sidewalks on the Green Trails Boulevard are cleared/treated by the private contractor. Homeowners are responsible for their own sidewalks. Although Gates Hudson can contact VDOT for problem areas on state-maintained streets, it is recommended that individual homeowners report problems on the [VDOT website](https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/), as VDOT tends to respond more quickly to individuals.  
  
**Reminder on yard waste pick-up** – Patriot Disposal does not pick up yard waste again until April 6. Please put any yard waste into trash bins or hold it until yard waste pick-up resumes in the spring.  
  
**Volunteer positions are available for our neighborhood.** The board really needs volunteers to join the Financial Committee, 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 in preparation for spring? 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 next book club meeting is March 12 at 7pm at the clubhouse. We will discuss *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. 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, February 28,** **2024** at 7pm and will be virtual. Watch for sign-in information to come from the community manager at Gates Hudson Management.