

**CAROLINE\_OAKS\_NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2019**

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Long time residents Don and Lynn Weaver are planning to revive the Annual Caroline Oaks Community Yard Sale on Saturday October 26th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Any interested residents should coordinate with either Don or Lynn at 703-455-4668 (leave message) or [lyndee12@verizon.net](mailto:lyndee12@verizon.net) to maximize logistics and exposure. Don will place an ad in the newspaper, but would very much appreciate anyone who could help with signs and online advertising.

**BOARD NOMINATIONS AND VOTING**

This year there are 3 Board positions expiring. Two of our long term Board members, Jim Hutchison and Ellen van Hully-Bronson, are moving away and our third member, Jennifer Collins, is having a baby. We are grateful for 3 persons who are stepping up as nominees - Richard Beck, Patrick Collins and Pamila Faye. We encourage anyone else who might be interested in running to attend the Annual Meeting where Board elections will take place. New positions start January 2020 for a 3 year term.

**WEBSITE UPDATE**

You can now view the documents and rules that govern our Association online at your convenience. The Caroline Oaks website ([www.carolineoaks.com](http://www.carolineoaks.com)) has been updated to include the Community Bylaws, Policies, the Architectural Guidelines and Request for Approval form, quarterly Board minutes, and Annual Board minutes. It will shortly contain the quarterly newsletters for the past year. Please email for any suggestions, questions or concerns.

**LIGHTING**

All but 7 of the community light bulbs have been upgraded to LED bulbs. With this upgrade we have accumulated a savings of about \$700 in our electrical budget to date. Recently an older bulb on Peter Roy Ct burned out and this should be replaced in the near future. There has been one persistent light problem along Peter Roy Court that affects 2 light poles related to underground wiring. Electrical companies have been very slow in responding to our requests for estimates. We finally have a planned date of repairs to start today Tuesday October 1st. Thank you for your patience as we worked through the delay.

**PARKING**

When parking on the Glenbard cul-de-sac (our entrance short street) please be mindful of the road WIDTH going through to both William Kirk Lane and Peter Roy Court. The area should be wide enough for a fire truck to easily navigate as well as community traffic. This is particularly important for children who also play in the area. Angling a car too close to those entrances makes it difficult for drivers, children and oncoming traffic to navigate safely through the area. THANK YOU to those that are respectful of others' spaces and safety-minded. It *\*is\** noticed and appreciated.

### TREES

This summer Shenandoah has removed some large dead trees and ground their stumps. Please continue to notify the Board of any outstanding community tree issues to review for the Spring walk through.

### TRASH COLLECTION UPDATE

Local residential areas continue to have problems with timely trash and recycling pick ups. Many of the trash collection companies are not only refusing new contracts but also dropping existing customers. Caroline Oaks has been VERY fortunate to continue to receive regular trash and recycling pick ups. Please continue to place trash and recycling at the curb in easily accessible containers to assist the trash collectors with their work.

### RAT UPDATE

The Pest company continues to refill our bait stations indicating rats continue to eat and hopefully not return. Though the incidence of rat sightings have lessened, it appears the problem persists. A reminder with the cooler weather approaching...the rats will be looking for areas to shelter and nest for the winter. Please remove debris, clean up yards and contain food and pet waste which would encourage them to nest on your property.

### DUES REMINDER

The quarterly HOA dues should be submitted to Cardinal Management before Wednesday October 30 to avoid a penalty.

**THE CAROLINE OAKS ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on **Tuesday OCTOBER 29** from **8 pm - 10 pm** at Pohick Library. This is an opportunity to meet the Board members, get updated information directly from our President, bring up any concerns or questions, and vote for candidates to fill the vacating Board seats (2-3 seats each year). For those who cannot attend the meeting, please fill out and return your proxy form which should have been mailed to you earlier this week.

Best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable Fall!