

## **Caroline Oaks Newsletter**

25 March 2024

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### **Annual Spring Walk Through with Shenandoah Nursery:**

On 8 April the Grounds Committee and Shenandoah Landscaping Services will conduct a walk thru of the community. We will survey tree and shrub health and consider new plantings. Homeowner suggestions and comments are welcomed. For those interested in participating we'll begin at 10 am on the Peter Roy quadrangle.

### **Food Truck Visits:**

Thanks to all who participated in the monthly food truck visits in 2023. Although we received some great feedback on the food trucks, unfortunately the turnouts were too low to continue into 2024. This is something we can reconsider in the future if community interest increases.

### **Architectural Control Reminders:**

Planned changes to a home's exterior appearance require submission of Appendix A (available on our website <https://carolineoakshomeownersassociat.godaddysites.com/architectural-info>). Send completed form to Pam Caparelli ACC Chairperson: [pamilacaparelli@me.com](mailto:pamilacaparelli@me.com)

Exterior painting: requires Appendix A submission. The original McCormick Paint colors have evolved over time with changes to palette offerings and names. When submitting Appendix A please specify the manufacturer and desired color(s). This will help speed your request through ACC review and ensure we maintain a "colonial" look in the community.

### **EV Chargers and Solar**

A friendly reminder that Caroline Oaks has policies for both Electric Vehicle Chargers and Solar

Panels (both policies available on the website). Please review these policies in advance if you are planning to install either of these at your residence along with a completed Appendix A. The POC for questions is Rich Gargano ([gargano.rich@gmail.com](mailto:gargano.rich@gmail.com))

### **Reminders for Residents (complaints frequently received)**

--Vehicles should not block sidewalks nor be parked in fire lanes (curbs painted yellow). Park vehicles in your designated spots. For a garage townhome, the designated spots are the garage and driveway. For homes without garages: your two designated slots are marked curbside with the lot number. Sidewalks should remain unobstructed: parked vehicles should not extend over or impinge on sidewalks. Same applies for toys, carriages, etc.

--Trash containers and recycling bins may be placed curbside not earlier than the evening before. Shortly after pickup, containers and bins are to be removed and stored out of sight until the next collection cycle. Plastic bags should ordinarily be placed in containers.

--Dog Waste: We continue to receive complaints of dog walkers not picking up after their pets. Also, please do not dispose of filled poop bags in other peoples' garbage cans, particularly those located at the curbside. Trash collectors only take the large bags of garbage then close the can lid. The homeowner may not open the garbage can until days later only to find the smelly poop bag sitting at the bottom. The homeowner is then left to pick up the poop bag and place it into the homeowner's large garbage bag and wait until the next trash collection cycle.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Pohick Library, Meeting Room 1, Thursday, 24 April, 7 PM.