



ASHER'S FARM HOMEOWNERS  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
626C Admiral Drive #607  
Annapolis, MD 21401

November 13, 2019

Members of Asher's Farm Homeowners Association, Inc.

Re: USPS Cluster Mailboxes

Dear Homeowners:

As the President of the Asher's Farm Homeowners Association, I was contacted by the USPS Supervisor that manages our delivery area. It has come to their attention that there is some confusion and misinformation regarding the USPS Cluster Mailboxes located in the Asher's Farm Community.

The Cluster Mailbox or CBU, is a centralized unit of individually locked compartments provided by the USPS for the delivery and collection of mail. During the development stage of a subdivision it is the responsibility of the developer and builder to pay the costs to bring infrastructure and services to the community. Just like streets, gas, electric, and sidewalks, the USPS is a service-based organization that relies on infrastructure. And just the same as utilities, there are rules and policies governing the siting of the infrastructure that the developer must comply with. Here in Asher's Farm, the developers provided three circles compliant for supporting mail delivery infrastructure. However, the developer does not have the authority to determine the site – this come from the USPS National Delivery Plan. Upon completion of the installation the CBU is turned over the UPSP and becomes the property of the USPS.

Is it possible to get a CBU moved? Never say never however, it is unlikely given that CBUs are supporting centralized delivery of up to 245 homes from a single location on some routes. With nearly 50,000 zip codes and over 600,000 routes, the USPS takes the delivery of mail and their infrastructure seriously. The property of the USPS is protected by Federal law and the tampering or vandalism of a CBU is a Federal crime.

The Supervisor of our local post office is Jaqueline Wilkes and she is pleased to answer questions and provide information about USP services and delivery to the CBU however, the locale Post Office does not have the authority to change the delivery route or move the CBU. At the same time, those individuals that moved the CBU in Asher's Farm acted without the knowledge or authority of USPS or the Homeowners Association. If there are any questions or concerns, I am happy to share what I know or reach out for more information.

Sincerely,

ASHER'S FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOC., INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Jenkins", is written over the typed name and title.

Thomas Jenkins  
President, Asher's Farm HOA

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