

# Dranesville Estates HOA

Winter Newsletter



## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

November 2022 - October 2023

The Dranesville Estates Board of Directors elected new officers for the November 2022 to October 2023 period. These officers were elected following the rules set forth in the Dranesville Estates Bylaws.

**President:** Rikki Gardonio

**Vice President:** Mimi Kramer-Roberts

**Secretary:** Jim Briden

**Treasurer:** Bill Bisbee

**Member at Large:** Aaron Banikotes

**Member at Large:** Gregg Lord

**Member at Large:** Vacant\*\*

\*\*We have one vacancy on the Board and are looking for volunteers. Please reach out to [dranesvilleHOA@gmail.com](mailto:dranesvilleHOA@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering!

<https://dranesvilleestateshoa.godaddysites.com/>



## 2023 ANNUAL ASSESSMENT:

Annual Assessments are due January 15th, 2023, in the amount of \$462.

This year the HOA Board of Directors voted to increase the annual assessment by 5% to help cover the cost of rising trash service fees.

Invoices and a copy of the 2023 budget were sent to homeowners earlier this month by Spectrum Property Management.

If you have not received your invoice, please contact Spectrum Property Management immediately at 703.307.2965

## PAY YOUR ASSESSMENT ONLINE!

Spectrum Property Management now offers ONLINE PAYMENTS. Go to our website homepage and scroll down to find the link: <https://dranesvilleestateshoa.godaddysites.com/>

*Please note online payments will incur a small fee.*

Of course, you can still pay the old fashioned way by sending your check in the pre-addressed envelope included with your invoice or setting up a payment through your bank. See the mailed invoice for more info.





## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE NO DISRUPTIONS DUE TO HOLIDAYS

Bates has informed the HOA Board of Directors there will be no disruption to trash services the weeks of Christmas and New Years. Dranesville Estates homeowners can continue to place trash out on regularly scheduled days:

Monday: Trash  
Thursday: Trash  
Friday: Recycling

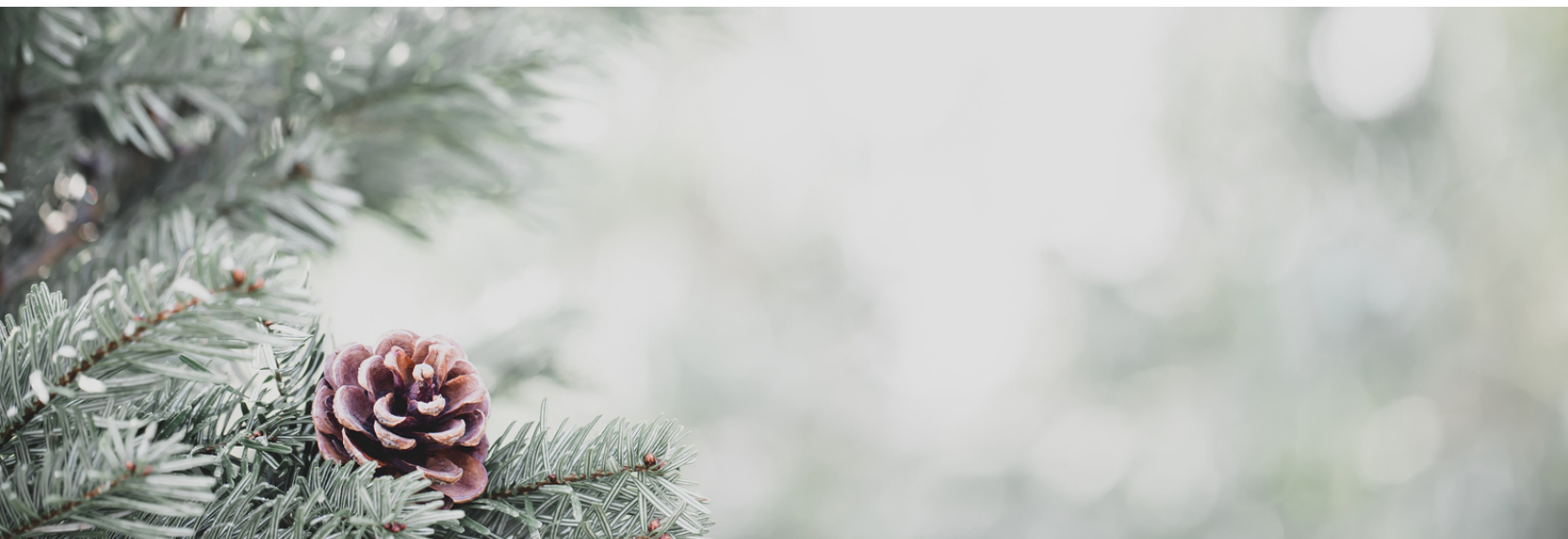
Please note that yard waste pickup is suspended December 24 through March 1st per Fairfax County restrictions.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Bates will pick up Christmas Trees the first three Wednesdays in January:

January 4  
January 11  
January 18

Simply place your tree on the curb on Wednesday for Bates to collect - don't forget to remove your decorations first!



## WINTERIZE YOUR PIPES

It's forecast to be a cold winter in Northern Virginia. Take proper care of your home by winterizing your pipes.

- Disconnect and store garden hoses
- For external faucets with dedicated shutoffs: turn off the shutoffs and drain the water from the faucets
- Turn off and drain sprinkler systems
- Know where your main waterline shutoff is

For more information on winterizing home plumbing:

<https://www.bobvila.com/articles/winterizing-pipes/>



## SIDEWALK PREP

Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of each homeowner/resident. Make sure shovels and snow blowers are ready for the task *before* snow falls.

Tip for sidewalk salt: salt is most effective UNDER the snow. If you're planning to salt your sidewalks, make sure to lay the salt down before the snow falls.





## BOARD ACTIVITIES

2022 was a busy year for the Dranesville Estates BOD and 2023 promises the same. Here's a recap of what we have accomplished and what we are looking forward to in 2023:

### 2022 Accomplishments:

- Hired new law firm: Segan, Mason & Mason
- Welcomed new ARB Board Members and Chair
- Competitively bid out and renewed trash contract with Bates Trucking
- Researched HOA responsibilities regarding parcels along gas pipeline
- Removed some dead/declining trees along HOA land
- Designed and published a new website
- Selected a new HOA logo
- Coordinated a FFX County Police Liaison meeting with Officer Brandy Horita
- Passed electronic meeting resolution
- Set up online payment option through Spectrum Property Management

### 2023 Goals:

- Finalize new reserve study
- Revise ARB Guidelines
- Update Cliveden entrance with new signage
- Continue enhancing communication with Dranesville Estates homeowners/community
- Continue enhancing neighborhood outreach efforts

**As we close out 2022 and say "Hello" to 2023, the Dranesville Estates BOD wishes all of our neighbors a happy, healthy holiday season!**





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE LIAISON, OFFICER BRANDY HORITA**

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING:

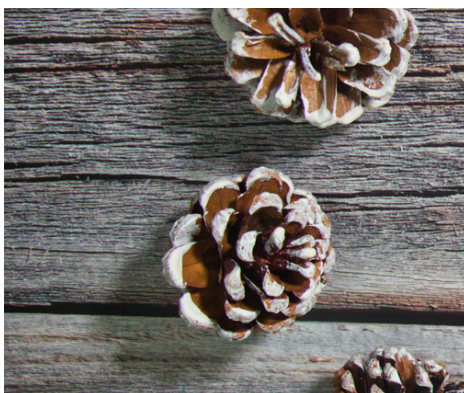
Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 7:00 PM we will be hosting the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting in the Community Room at 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. At or before this time we encourage you to submit candidate nominations for the open Executive Board positions for the CAC committee. To submit nominations or for more information please contact Mr. Carl Pletzke @ pletzkec@aol.com.

...Special public-safety topic for 12/28/22 @ 7PM: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH! You asked, we heard! Please join us to hear from MPO Katy Defoe, Certified Crime Prevention Officer, about the FCPD's Neighborhood Watch Program, and how to get your community involved. Bring an interested neighbor for this meeting! If you already have a Neighborhood Watch, bring your testimonials and best practices - this will be an opportunity to learn from each other. Let's unite Reston against crime in 2023!

### POP-UP BLOODMOBILE DATE:

INOVA Blood Services has reached out to our district as they are in urgent need of donated blood products at this time. To help our community, we are hosting a pop-up blood donation event on Tuesday, December 27 at the North County Government Building (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston). The INOVA Bloodmobile will be parked in the front lot and for those who register, sign-in will be in Community Room A. Please follow the link to register for a donor time on December 27th: <https://bit.ly/Reston1227>.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" to all our community members who graciously donated to the Victim Services Division Gift Card Drive and the FCPD Motor Squad's "Santa's Ride" efforts.



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