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Opt-in to receive WH Official Communications

Do you receive emails from us? The Board uses the "WH Official Communications" email distribution list to send information to the community. If you do not receive emails from this group, contact Daina Lieberman, Board Secretary winterhill.daina@gmail.com (Note - There is no reply option for this email distro list as it's for announcements only.)

WHCA Board Meeting November 30 at 7pm

Topics: 2024 budget and meeting
schedule

Access the Zoom meeting using the
QR code below:



Meeting ID: 841 4323 0711

Passcode: 621700

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84143230711?pwd=K3dMWnFFWldFdXh2dIJkaU1YYVVSUT09>

WINTER HILL WEBSITE

Did you know that our website has a ton of info!?!? Architectural Guidelines, Parking, and Pool Guidelines, Volunteer signup, and more. Don't see what you need or see something out of date? Let us know and we will add it. www.winterhillfc.com

Would you like to contribute newsletter content?

Do you have a community story to share? Information that may benefit your fellow residents? Please contact the Board with your suggestions.

Traffic Calming

The city planner's office joined the last board meeting to discuss traffic calming options at the Gundry and W Annandale intersection. They will keep us up to date on the possible solutions. We also alerted the city to issues observed at the intersections of James and Gundry and at S Virginia and Gundry (for through traffic continuing on to S Virginia).

In addition to the City Council's website, here is a good way to stay informed about issues in the Little City - <https://fallschurchpulse.org/>

For any additional concerns, please contact the city directly.

Tree Maintenance

Davey Tree was on-site this week to perform tree pruning and to remove the Mulberry near 353 Gundry. The work is nearing completion pending private tree work.

Landscaping Update

This week, ProGrounds removed ivy along the boundary fence and in certain other areas around the neighborhood. This beautifies the community and removes what Falls Church considers to be an invasive species. You will notice grass seeding along certain parts of S Virginia and W Annandale and in front of 296, 298 and 302 Gundry. Extra seed will be spread until it is depleted. We are discussing additional seeding in the spring to replenish grass before weeds fill in.

FAQ

Q: Where can we find WHCA meeting minutes?

A: Approved meeting minutes are archived on the Gates Hudson portal at <https://portal.ghacm.com/>. Upon login, click the documents menu and look for Board Meeting Minutes folder. Gates Hudson also sends minutes attached to each meeting agenda. The Board will aim to send an email recap after each meeting and put items in the newsletter for wider distribution.

Q: Did you know that Winter Hill residents are eligible for a Zone 1 parking permit?

A: During development of the Harris Teeter building, the City granted permits to limit the parking impact on Winter Hill. If you have more than one car, this is an excellent way to accommodate it. Zone 1 parking stickers allow residents to park on the street during the day and overnight without using the individual paper passes. Please visit the City website for more info: <https://www.fallschurchva.gov/1737/Zone-1-Winter-Hill-Neighborhood>

Q: Who is our mowing company and what do they do?

A: WHCA currently has a contract with Pro Grounds to mow every other week during the grass-growing season, remove leaves twice during the leaf-falling season, aerate the ground, prune shrubs not on private homeowner property and remove any snow from sidewalks and parking lots. They may provide ad hoc services from time to time within the community (e.g., clean up after a storm). They mow and collect leaves but DO NOT aerate, seed or fertilize private homeowner lawns or prune homeowner shrubs. Each home is responsible for their own shrub pruning and lawn seeding and treatment within the community guidelines.

Architectural Items

Annual inspections are in process.

Gates Hudson performed exterior inspections of townhomes at the end of October. Letters are forthcoming and will be sent to the owner on file. If your home was cited as needing exterior maintenance, please submit a request for approval on the Gates Hudson portal.

1. Log onto Gates Hudson's portal: <https://portal.ghacm.com/>
2. Complete a standard form, to include providing details about the work and contractor, and acknowledge checks with the City - i.e., fences and decks.

Upon receipt, Gates Hudson will review the request for completeness and alignment with the guidelines. Then, the Board will review the request and vote. If approved, the work proceeds.

Recently approved exterior improvements

1. Metal shingle roof that looks like asphalt shingles and skylight (flat sun tunnel) installation
2. Paint color exception
3. Front railing installation
4. Window replacement (4-grid)

Guidelines location

Check the Architectural Control Guidelines (revised 2018) for info regarding property upkeep under the community guidelines section of the Winter Hill website and in the Gates Hudson portal within the Documents tab.

Trash/Recycling/Dumping

* Per the Community Guidelines, please keep trash cans inside personal fences to mitigate the risk of rodents and persons using the cans as public trash.

* Do not put plastic bags in recycling cans.

* Yard waste must be in brown paper yard waste bags with a yellow sticker that can be obtained from City Hall or Browns Hardware.

* If your can was not emptied, then report a missed pickup to the City.

* If you have large items to dispose of, please contact the City to schedule a bulk pickup. All key information is available on the City's website. You can also use FreeCycle, a Facebook Marketplace or "Buy Nothing" Group, or charitable donation opportunities. Do not abandon items on the street.

Social Events

Thank you for making the **Annual Halloween Parade (and Potluck)** a huge success. Stay tuned for a potential event in Spring 2024.

Winter Hill Seniors Group

The neighborhood survey captured interest in starting a Winter Hill group for seniors to connect with other seniors. Are you interested? If so, email the Board! We will get the ball rolling and then connect everyone who can take the group forward.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED for two short-term committees: Updating the Architectural Control Guidelines and to Consider How Winter Hill Can Accommodate EV charging

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on two short-term committees. One will review the 2018 Architectural Control Guidelines and suggest updates (e.g., the process for submitting requests, expanding the approved colors list, clarifying other details). If you would like to participate, please contact the Board. The current version is available within the Documents folder on the Vantaca owner portal and at winterhillfc.com under Community Guidelines.

The second group will meet to research and consider how Winter Hill can accommodate the increased use of electric vehicle (EV) charging in the future.

Please continue to share your feedback!

Here are some of the feedback and suggestions that we've received:

- Seed and fertilize grass (to discuss in November meeting and in 2024)
- Start community hangouts (Front Yard Fridays), a seniors group
- Plan a spring event and extend invites to the condos and apartments. Inclusive for child-free neighbors.
- Seek newsletter ads to offset printing costs.
- Consider how to identify new renters (require owners to supply copies of leases?) to ensure welcome and inclusion.
- Send Board recap after meetings. Point out where to find meeting minutes.
- Lighting in walkways and visibility of steps
- Pavers / walkway flooding between lots J and K near W Annandale Rd

Access the feedback form using the QR code below:



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qmW_LDDtHY8kM6MXZPgM3o-VOLu344Q2EF38Lnv7PU/edit?usp=shari ng_eil_dm&ts=60e7ba10