

Greene Acres

Property Owners Association Newsletter

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday July 16th, 10:00 AM at the Pavilion. Meeting will begin at 10:00 AM with lunch to follow. The chicken, paper products and drinks will be provided by GAPOA. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR A DESSERT.

GATE PASSES & HANG TAGS

Hang tags, which are green this year, have been mailed to all members in good standing. There is no longer a resident and a separate guest tag, all owners were issued 4 of these tags. PLEASE REMEMBER the tags MUST be hung from your rear view mirror OR visible on your dash when parked at the beach.

Gate Passes have been reactivated for those who are in good standing AND have submitted their card numbers as requested. If you have not submitted your numbers please email them to gapoa.va@gmail.com or call 434-990-1274. The number needed is the pre-printed black number located at the bottom edge of the white gate access card.

GAPOA Board Members

At the May meeting residents Al and Terry Hodge volunteered to serve on the board filling vacant positions created by recent resignations. We still are one position short and hopefully after the summer meeting we will once again have a full complement of board members. Current Board members are:

Fred Turck	Debbie Turck
Tanya Givens	Al Hodge
Debbie Baugher	Terry Hodge
Brian Snyder	Chris Taylor

DOOR PRIZES and PROGRAM

Your 2017 assessment paid! Home and personal safety door prizes will be given at the annual meeting with the grand prize of one (1) free assessment for the 2017 year. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. (Only members in good standing are eligible.)



There will also be a short presentation on the second largest wildfire in the Shenandoah National Park history. What if that wildfire was on our side of the ridge? Would you have been prepared? Would you have known what to do? Can you and our community mitigate the risk of wildfires?

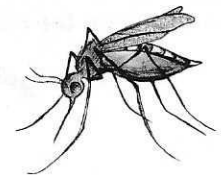
PLEASE remember NO ATV's, go-carts or similar vehicles are allowed on GAPOA roads and common areas. NO trailers, vehicles or other personal property items are allowed to be parked within a cul-de-sac .

Play Gym at the Beach

The playscape was recently vandalized and has since been repaired. This has become very popular with the children so please help do what you can to insure we have it available for them for many years to come. This is not for older kids and adults. If you see someone climbing on it that shouldn't be please ask them to stop.

Fundraiser at the annual membership meeting.

There will be a plant sale at the meeting to help provide funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the play area. If you recall this was made possible by private donations and some GAPOA funds with the understanding that it would be maintained by volunteers and with funds generated for.



Asian Tiger Mosquitoes Cause the Most Mosquito Bites in Virginia

Many of us recently received a info card in the mail with facts about the Asian Tiger Mosquito which is known to be a transmitter of the ZIKA VIRUS.

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Mosquitoes con't.

Every summer, thousands of Virginians complain about the mosquito problems they have in their neighborhoods. Often, a nearby pond, puddle, flooded ditch, marsh or swamp are the focus of the mosquito complaint. However, in most cases the problem mosquitoes turn out to be Asian tiger mosquitoes and the source of these mosquitoes is found to be containers of water on or near the citizen's property.

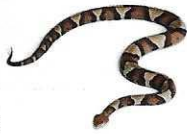
Asian tiger mosquitoes are known as a container breeder. That is because its aquatic breeding habitats are strictly comprised of artificial or natural containers that hold water. Asian tiger mosquitoes will not lay their eggs in [breed in] puddles, flooded ditches, natural ponds, marshes, swamps, or any body of water with a natural soil substrate. Mosquito breeding containers of water can include: buckets, plastic cups, trash can lids or trash cans, ceramic or plastic plant trays, ornamental [plastic lined] ponds, old tires, boats, bird baths, wading pools, rain barrels, plastic toys, glass bottles or jars, clogged roof gutters, corrugated black plastic downspout extension pipes and even tree holes [i.e., knot holes or forks in tree trunks that hold water. A container holding a gallon of water and sitting in the shade will still hold water months later even if there has been no rain. An Asian tiger mosquito larva can complete its development into an adult biting mosquito in as little as a tablespoon of water.

TIPS

- 1) Once a week empty anything that holds water and is not completely enclosed (i.e. a covered rain barrel) like buckets, old tires, birdbaths and pet dishes.
- 2) Cover-up when outside and use approved EPA registered insect repellents. www.epa.gov/insect-repellents. Use these repellents according to the label. Do NOT use on babies younger than 2 months, do NOT put on a child's hands or spray onto their face. Place the repellent onto your hands and you then smooth onto the child's face.



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SAFETY

Black Bears

The most common food attractants for bears are bird feeders, garbage, beehives, and pet food. Grills, livestock feeds, and compost can also attract bears. Residential bear problems may occur at any time of year, but are more common when natural food supplies are limited, usually in the spring or in years when natural nut and berry production is low.

Most common bear problems have simple solutions. **Remove the bird feeders - Secure your garbage - Pick up pet food.**

Copperhead Snakes

Everyone should be careful especially on warm summer nights. If you're out taking the trash out you may want to wear shoes instead of flip flops. They like to come across the warm pavement at night and they frequently do that while also looking for food. If you're working in the yard or garden, have a good pair of gloves on. Poke around with a stick before you reach around the mulch pile or a rock landscape.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This spring we completed two very successful community projects: a spring clean-up and a tree planting project.

Spring Clean-up:

On a cool Saturday back in April several volunteers armed with gloves, boots, trucks, trailers and other tools met at the pavilion. A plan of attack was prepared to go out into the community and pick up the trash and debris homeowners placed along the road. About 3 hours later we met once again at the pavilion after having taken several loads to the landfill (almost 2 TONS) and several more to a brush pile below the dam which was eventually burned.

Cypress Tree Planting:



This was another great event with several residents and their family members coming out on a Saturday morning to plant nearly 125 Bald Cypress seedlings in an area along Greene Acres Road North, before you get to the gate. This may only look like a weedy/grassy area now but if you look closely you will see the trees are growing quite well and will in a few years be much more visible and begin to look like a forest. This project was funded by a grant from the VA Dept. of Forestry through a program that has a goal to protect the Chesapeake Bay. Planting trees protects the land they are growing on, the water that flows through it and eventually the Chesapeake Bay since that is the final place much of the water around our community ends up. Bet you didn't know that!