



## SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### Talkin' Trash

Many of you in the community were affected last fall with the bankruptcy of Haulin' Trash. It appears that the two remaining primary options for trash companies in our neighborhood are American Disposal Services and Republic Services. It was frustrations with poor servicing and customer service from both companies that lead many of you to switch with Haulin' Trash in the first place.

There is, however, the possibility for another option. The Crestbrook Board sponsored a community information session in February via Zoom to explore the option of residents being able to individually subscribe to the Fairfax County trash/recycle pick-up system. Here are some benefits from working with the county:

- 1) It would be cost-competitive option with both American and Republic.
- 2) It includes 5 special "bulk pickups" per year
- 3) Given that Fairfax County would essentially be a larger customer than any one individual residence would be, it would also provide a greater peace of mind for service as American and Republic would undoubtedly be more responsive to inquiries from the county.
- 4) There is an additional ability to have leaf removal service within the community (note that this would be an additional charge, however).

If you are interested in switching companies, or perhaps even volunteering to reach out to your neighbors to see about their interest in switching to Fairfax County, please send us an email at [crestbrook@crestbrook.org](mailto:crestbrook@crestbrook.org). We will then pass your information along to our lead volunteers. The Board would like to note that this is not specifically a Board activity; rather, it is offering community members this opportunity

### Food Truck Season Has Arrived!

Something's smelling good in the neighborhood! For the past couple of years, a couple of your excellent neighbors have taken an initiative to bring the community together. They have sponsored a food truck to come to the neighborhood. You're encouraged to come by and spend time getting to know each other. The 2023 season is now upon us. It will be on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The location is at 1300 Rock Chapel. Please plan ahead.

Here are the dates:

- April 18<sup>th</sup>
- May 16<sup>th</sup>
- June, 20<sup>th</sup>
- July, 18<sup>th</sup>
- September 19<sup>th</sup>
- October 17<sup>th</sup>

Please pre-order using this link:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1einVhuFmCBQbEgbnCGeDXOGAUQVT-mWbJlw4\\_vtKP0/mobilepresent?slide=id.g11ee4e6717f\\_0\\_1690](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1einVhuFmCBQbEgbnCGeDXOGAUQVT-mWbJlw4_vtKP0/mobilepresent?slide=id.g11ee4e6717f_0_1690)

### Annual Meeting Results

Thanks for attending. We had the largest attendance that any board member can remember. The 2023 budget was presented and several general community concerns were addressed.

### Dates for your calendar

- Spring Inspection, 15 April 2023
- Yard Sale, 24 June 2023

### House Identification Numbers

Can emergency services see your house identification number? Here are some guidelines to consider:

- 3-6 inches high
- a good contrasting color
- not be obscured
- faces the street
- if on a pipestem display at driveway

Source: <https://www.nachi.org/house-numbers.htm>

### **Fairfax County Times**

Do you read this newspaper or do you let it turn into paper mâché? For many it is the latter. Please contact FFC Times Circulation and Delivery to stop delivery:

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### **Spring Cleaning**

What is one to do with that extra refuse? Load up your vehicle and take a short trip to the Fairfax County Transfer station. Get rid of extra trash and then pick up some free mulch for the yard.

4618 West Ox Road Fairfax, VA 22030

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/i-66-transfer-station>

### **Keep in Touch!**

There are a variety of ways to make sure you can keep up with activities or important announcements in the neighborhood:

1. **Via Email:** Make sure our property manager, Lisa Cornaire, has your email address as part fo the neighborhood email distro. Please email her at [Lisa@SpectrumPropertyMGT.com](mailto:Lisa@SpectrumPropertyMGT.com).
2. **Via Facebook:** Crestbrook has its own Facebook page. It can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4869737606374142>.
3. **Via Nextdoor:** Are you a member of Nextdoor.com? It is a social media website that allows someone to send messages to their neighborhood, as well as surrounding ones. Topics like finding a reliable home improvement contractor, school activities, restaurants and events in the northern Virginia are all topics to ask or learn more about there.

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