

Cabin Fever

CABIN BRANCH FOREST NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Credit of \$200 will be applied to everyone's dues account. If you paid in full, next year's dues will be reduced by \$200. If you paid half, you won't have pay the remainder
- HOA Survey is on it's way to you email inbox. Share your opinions!

EVENTS

March 4

7-9 p.m. Virtual Annual Meeting
Zoom ID: 894 7764 3411
Password: CBFA

March 13

10 a.m. Roadside Cleanup
Meet at Front Entrance
Rain Make-up Date: **March 20**

April 5-9

Annual Property Inspections

FEEDING WILDLIFE IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL

Our proximity to Claude Moore Park affords us with visits from our local wildlife. While we may be tempted to feed these critters, sometimes the best intentions have consequences for residents, property, pets, and the local wildlife we are trying to help.

As anyone with rose bushes or a vegetable garden can attest, wild animals don't need our help. Providing them with food promotes aggressive behavior and can lure animals into unsafe environments where they can lose their self-preserving fear of humans. Encouraging wildlife to hang around can also be dangerous for our pets. They can also easily spread Lyme Disease, Giardia, Rabies, and Toxoplasmosis to us and our beloved fur-babies.

Feeding animals table scraps or pet food can be unhealthy for them since they may not provide these animals with the balance of nutrients they would find in the wild.

It is also illegal in Virginia to feed wildlife per §1-230 of the Code of Virginia which states "You cannot place, distribute, or allow the placement of food, minerals, carrion, trash, or similar substances when it attracts any species of wildlife in such numbers or circumstances to cause property damage, endanger any person or wildlife, or create a public health concern."

For more information and tips, you can visit the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources at www.dwr.virginia.gov, Virginia's Legislative Information System at www.lis.virginia.gov, or the U.S. Department of Agriculture at www.aphis.usda.gov.

HOW WE CAN MANAGE STORMWATER RUNOFF

Neighborhood stormwater management is the responsibility of all homeowners. Stormwater runoff affects not just your yard, but also all your neighbors downstream. As the water moves faster over the ground, less is absorbed and creates additional runoff that ends up in ponds and low-lying areas.

This results in a compounding effect of eroding soil from the surface and reducing the ability for grass and plants to grow. All modifications to a person's property that changes the existing external surface has an impact on storm water.

When this neighborhood was established, the builder constructed a storm water system that could handle the runoff created by the houses at that time. Since then, each of us have made modifications to our homes (additions, pools, larger decks, patios, etc.) or removed trees and landscaping that had previously helped water to slow down and soak into the earth.

By slowing the water down, the runoff will have more time to penetrate into the ground, reducing the amount that flows downstream.

There are plants and landscaping techniques that will give you a beautiful yard and reduce the amount of stormwater runoff. Please visit the CBFA website for ways to improve stormwater runoff in your yard and in the neighborhood.

TRASH PICKUP WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Trash	Yard Waste	Trash
		Recycling
		Bulk Waste

Tips:

- Pick up occurs between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., so leave a full trash can out until the end of the day.
- Place items neatly on the curb in an easily visible location away from vehicles which may obstruct the truck driver's view.
- Yard waste must be neatly bundled or bagged.
- Store trash cans out of sight from the street or front of your home at all times other than on collection days.
- For individual issues (i.e. new or replacement can request), contact Republic Services directly at (703) 818-8222. For all other issues, contact the HOA Board at board@cabinbranchforest.com.

WHAT CAN YOU FIND ON CABINBRANCHFOREST.COM? A WHOLE LOT. NO PUN INTENDED.

Upcoming events	Rules & Regulations
Community Updates	Trash service info
HOA Meeting Minutes	Contact Info
Bylaws & Covenants	And so much more!

CONTACT INFO

Interested in joining the CBF Community Facebook group? Email your request to board@cabinbranchforest.com.

Email the CBF Board of Directors with any questions, issues, and future newsletter ideas at board@cabinbranchforest.com.

Contact the Architectural Review Board at ccommittee@cabinbranchforest.com

MAKE SURE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS!

