

Strathmeade Square Newsletter

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Food Trucks

Taco One Thursday July 28, 5-7 pm
Pepe's August Friday August 26, 5-7 pm

Community Barbecue Saturday July 30, 2-5pm at Pool

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Maintenance Committee

Wed. July 13 @ 7:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 893 3371 8543

Passcode: 486450

Community Engagement Committee

Wed. July 20 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 851 6069 0292

Passcode: 704122

Architecture Committee

Mon. July 18 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 840 9478 8551

Passcode: 674198

**No August Board Meeting or
Committee Meetings**

Have a safe and Happy Summer

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From the President

Dear Neighbors,

I am late in publishing this newsletter, partly due to my personal schedule and partly because I wanted to wait until after our July board meeting so I can report out on it and the June meeting. There will be no board or committee meetings in August, they will begin again on the usual schedule in September.

We will have at least 2 more food trucks coming this summer. On Thursday, July 28, we will have Taco One and on Friday, August 26 we will have Pepe's food truck. FYI, Pepe's is a Jose Andres food truck. To avoid the kind of confusion we had in June about food truck dates please check our website for any updates. I apologize about the mix-up with the last food truck. I put the wrong date in the last newsletter and then the food truck had to cancel altogether.

We will also hold a community barbecue on Saturday July 30 between 2 and 5pm at the pool. Please bring a side dish or desert to share. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. We are looking for volunteers to help with the grilling.

The maintenance committee has several projects coming. Paving on Webley will start sometime in the next month. Repainting of lines and parking spaces will also occur on a couple of courts. Peter's will spray for weeds on our sidewalks and pavement. The weeds are so widespread this effort will likely span a few days and depending on the weather they may not be consecutive, but we will try to give notice on the website when they will be spraying.

We have had a lengthy pause in the work on the path between Victor Circle and Glastonbury Ct. You may remember work stopped after the large pine tree fell. We had to have the root ball manually broken up and the Cox cable that was entangled in the root now needs to be reburied. Thanks to Beth and Steve Suddaby on Glastonbury Ct. we finally have a work order in to take care of the reburial of the cable. Hopefully this project will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Due to the paving and path projects we have spent more than typically budgeted for maintenance projects this year. I strongly believe these projects are necessary to the maintenance of our community. We also want to be able to continue to maintain our infrastructure in coming years. I would like to schedule paving on one court each year to ensure their integrity. Additionally we have other areas that need attention due to stormwater drainage and finally, we want to repave the path behind the houses on the west side of Beverly. This will likely lead to a request for an increase in our annual assessment above the CPI for next year. The increase due to the CPI will likely be larger than previous years due to the inflation we are experiencing, however, I am concerned that even that increase may not be enough to allow for the increase in maintenance costs we will need. I realize this may cause some concern for many, with prices on everything else going up. If the board agrees that an increase in the assessment should be considered, it will be put to homeowners at the annual meeting for a vote. More details will be provided in the next newsletter on this issue.

Related to the maintenance concerns our community will celebrate its 55th anniversary. It is related to maintenance because at 55 years we need to do maintenance on so many things that have been here for decades. But, besides the maintenance concerns I would like to honor that milestone in some way. I welcome your suggestions for activities or other ways to celebrate our 55th year.

I think most people would agree that our trash issues have been reduced since we obtained trash cans from Republic, but there are still some reminders and concerns I would like to note.

- Between Tuesday and Friday please place your trash bins against your fence. I see too many trash cans that are left out away from the fence all week long. We allowed bins to be left behind the fence because they are large and our yards are small, but that doesn't mean that you can leave your bin out in the middle of the common area all the time. They need to be stored next to your back fence.
- Avoid putting out your trash in bags and not in a bin. We have the bins for the purpose of holding your trash, use them.

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Del Presidente

Estimados vecinos,

Estoy retrasado en la publicación de este boletín, en parte debido a mi agenda personal y en parte porque quería esperar hasta después de nuestra reunión de la junta de julio para poder informar sobre ella y la reunión de junio. No habrá reuniones de directorio o comité en agosto, comenzarán nuevamente en el horario habitual en septiembre.

Tendremos al menos 2 camiones de comida más este verano. El 28 de julio tendremos Taco One y el 30 de agosto tendremos el food truck de Pepe's. Para su información, Pepe's es un camión de comida de José Andrés. Para evitar el tipo de confusión que tuvimos en junio sobre las fechas de los camiones de comida, consulte nuestro sitio web para ver las actualizaciones. Me disculpo por la confusión con el último camión de comida. Puse la fecha incorrecta en el último boletín y luego el camión de comida tuvo que cancelarse por completo.

También realizaremos una barbacoa comunitaria el sábado 30 de julio entre las 2 y las 5 de la tarde en la piscina. Favor de traer una guarnición o postre para compartir. Se proporcionarán hamburguesas y perritos calientes. Estamos buscando voluntarios para hacer la parrillada.

El comité de mantenimiento tiene varios proyectos por venir. La pavimentación en Webley comenzará en algún momento del próximo mes. También se volverá a pintar las líneas y los espacios de estacionamiento en un par de canchas. El rociador de Peter para las malas hierbas en nuestras aceras y pavimento. Las malas hierbas están tan extendidas que es probable que este esfuerzo dure unos días y, dependiendo del clima, es posible que no sean consecutivos, pero intentaremos avisar en el sitio web cuando se rocíen.

Hemos tenido una larga pausa en el trabajo en el camino entre Victor Circle y Glastonbury Ct. Tal vez recuerde que el trabajo se detuvo después de que cayera el gran pino. Tuvimos que romper el cepellón manualmente y el cable de Cox que estaba enredado en la raíz debe volverse a enterrar, pero gracias a Beth y Steve Suddaby en Glastonbury Ct. finalmente tenemos una orden de trabajo para encargarnos de eso. Con suerte, este

proyecto se completará en las próximas dos semanas.

Debido a los proyectos de pavimentación y caminos, hemos gastado más de lo presupuestado normalmente en proyectos de mantenimiento este año. Creo firmemente que estos proyectos son necesarios para el mantenimiento de nuestra comunidad. También queremos poder continuar manteniendo nuestra infraestructura en los próximos años. Me gustaría programar la pavimentación de una cancha cada año para garantizar su integridad. Además, tenemos otras áreas que necesitan atención debido al drenaje de aguas pluviales y, por último, queremos repavimentar el camino detrás de las casas en el lado oeste de Beverly. Esto probablemente conducirá a una solicitud de un aumento en nuestra evaluación anual por encima del CPI para el próximo año. El aumento debido al CPI probablemente será mayor que en años anteriores debido a la inflación que estamos experimentando, sin embargo, me preocupa que incluso ese aumento no sea suficiente para permitir el aumento en los costos de mantenimiento que necesitaremos. Me doy cuenta de que esto causará cierta preocupación para muchos con los precios de todo lo demás subiendo. Si la junta está de acuerdo en que se debe considerar un aumento en la tasación, se someterá a votación a los propietarios en la reunión anual. Se proporcionarán más detalles en el próximo boletín sobre este tema.

En relación con las preocupaciones de mantenimiento, nuestra comunidad celebrará su 55 aniversario. Está relacionado con el mantenimiento porque a los 55 años necesitamos hacer un mantenimiento de tantas cosas que han estado aquí durante décadas. Pero, además de las preocupaciones de mantenimiento, me gustaría honrar ese hito de alguna manera. Agradezco sus sugerencias sobre actividades u otras formas de celebrar nuestro 55.º año.

Creo que la mayoría de la gente estaría de acuerdo en que nuestros problemas con la basura se han reducido desde que obtuvimos botes de basura de Republic, pero todavía hay algunos recordatorios e inquietudes que me gustaría señalar.

- Entre el martes y el viernes, coloque sus contenedores de basura contra su cerca. Veo demasiados botes de basura que se quedan fuera

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- Yard waste is picked up very early on Wednesday mornings, so please put your yard waste out for pickup on Tuesday evening to avoid having it sit on the curb for several days.
- Do not put wheels or tires out for pickup. They will not be picked up by Republic and the community has to pay for their disposal. If you cannot take it to the transfer station you should call Republic for a special pickup.
- Do not put any hazardous waste out for pickup. They can be disposed of free at the Rte 66 transfer station.
- Large bulky items may require a special pickup. Please contact Republic to arrange a pickup

Fairfax County has some very good resources on their website to inform you about disposal and what can be recycled and disposal of hazardous materials. Please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash> if you have questions.

I think everyone will agree with me that on balance our trash service is very good, the people who do the collection do a great job and work hard. Let's all do our part to help them and keep the community clean.

Jan Hylton has written an article about other trash concerns please read that as well.

There have been some questions raised about weeds that seem so ubiquitous in our community. As mentioned above we will have weeds in our sidewalks and pavement sprayed. The landscape committee is working on language for a new landscape contract since our current contract will expire at the end of the year. They are looking at requirements for pest control that are safer. We will also consider some turf care come this fall which may help to strengthen our grass. The landscape committee is also reaching out to landscaping companies that specialize in planting beds to potentially contract with one of these companies to update and maintain our beds at the signs welcoming people to our community and the hillside next to the pool house.

You may have noticed some serious vegetation trimming on the hill between Beverly and Victor Circle. I want to thank some community volunteers who have stepped up to tackle the overgrowth on that hill. Kelly Uhlman who calls

herself a “guerilla gardener,” got the project started and was helped along by Mimi Morrison and Nery Aguirre. Lena McVoy the homeowner next to this hill had asked the board to do something about the growth on this hill that was impacting her fence. The board received an estimate from Peter's to clear out all of the vegetation rebuild the retaining walls and allow for replanting. Thanks to the work these ambitious ladies have done we may be able to postpone this expense for a few years. The retaining walls will need to be replaced eventually, but maybe we have bought some time. I would like to encourage everyone to consider taking this kind of initiative when you see something that could use some work. If you want the help of the board to put out the word for gathering volunteers for such an effort please let us know. This type of volunteerism is what makes this community such a great place to live.

Finally, attached to the end of this newsletter are the 2022 pool rules. These are being provided as a reminder to everyone. We hope everyone will have a good time enjoying the pool this summer, and the rules will ensure that everyone can enjoy it and stay safe.

I hope to see you at one of the various events we will have this summer.

Jan Goodwin

DEL PRESIDENTE CONTINUA

de la valla durante toda la semana. Permitimos que los contenedores se dejen atrás de la cerca porque son grandes y nuestros patios son pequeños, pero eso no significa que pueda dejar su contenedor en el medio del área común todo el tiempo. tu valla trasera.

- Evita tirar la basura en bolsas y no en un basurero. Contamos con los contenedores con el propósito de guardar su basura, utilícelos.
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- Los desechos de jardín se recogen muy temprano los miércoles por la mañana, así que saque los desechos de jardín para que los recojan el martes por la noche para evitar que se queden en la acera durante varios días.
- No saque las ruedas ni los neumáticos para recogerlos. Republic no los recogerá y la comunidad tiene que pagar por su eliminación. Si no puede llevarlo a la estación de transferencia, debe llamar a Republic para una recogida especial.
- No saque ningún desecho peligroso para su recolección. Se pueden desechar gratuitamente en la estación de transferencia Rte 66.
- Los artículos grandes y voluminosos pueden requerir una recolección especial. Póngase en contacto con Republic para organizar una recogida.

El condado de Fairfax tiene muy buenos recursos en su sitio web para informarle sobre la eliminación y lo que se puede reciclar y la eliminación de materiales peligrosos. Visite <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash> si tiene preguntas.

Creo que todos estarán de acuerdo conmigo en que, en general, nuestro servicio de basura es muy bueno, las personas que hacen la recolección hacen un gran trabajo y trabajan duro. Hagamos nuestra parte para ayudarlos y mantener la comunidad limpia.

Jan Hylton ha escrito un artículo sobre otras preocupaciones relacionadas con la basura, léalo también.

Se han planteado algunas preguntas sobre las malas hierbas que parecen tan omnipresentes en nuestra comunidad. Como se mencionó anteriormente, tendremos malezas en nuestras aceras y rociaremos el pavimento. El comité de paisajismo está trabajando en el lenguaje para un

nuevo contrato de paisajismo ya que nuestro contrato actual vencerá a fin de año. Están buscando requisitos para el control de plagas que sean más seguros. También consideraremos algunos cuidados del césped este otoño que pueden ayudar a fortalecer nuestro césped. El comité de paisajismo también se está acercando a las empresas de paisajismo que se especializan en plantar camas para contratar potencialmente a una de estas empresas para actualizar y mantener nuestras camas en los letreros que dan la bienvenida a las personas a nuestra comunidad y la ladera junto a la casa de la piscina.

Es posible que haya notado algunos recortes de vegetación en la colina entre Beverly y Victor Circle. Quiero agradecer a algunos voluntarios de la comunidad que se han ofrecido para hacer frente a la maleza en esa colina. Kelly Uhlman, quien se llama a sí misma una "jardinera guerrillera", inició el proyecto y contó con la ayuda de Mimi Morrison y Nery Aguirre. Lena McVoy, la propietaria de la casa junto a esta colina, le había pedido a la junta que hiciera algo con respecto al crecimiento en esta colina que estaba afectando su cerca. La junta recibió un presupuesto de Peter's para limpiar la vegetación, reconstruir los muros de contención y permitir la replantación. Gracias al trabajo que han realizado estas ambiciosas damas es posible que podamos posponer este gasto por algunos años. Los muros de contención necesitarán ser reemplazados eventualmente, pero tal vez hayamos ganado algo de tiempo. Me gustaría animar a todos a que consideren tomar este tipo de iniciativa cuando vean algo que podría necesitar algo de trabajo. Si desea la ayuda de la junta para dar nuestra palabra para reunir voluntarios para tal esfuerzo, háganoslo saber. Este tipo de voluntariado es lo que hace de esta comunidad un gran lugar para vivir.

Finalmente, adjunto al final de este boletín se encuentran las reglas de la piscina 2022. Estos se proporcionan como un recordatorio para todos. Esperamos que todos la pasen bien disfrutando de la piscina este verano, y las reglas garantizarán que todos puedan disfrutarla y mantenerse seguros.

Espero verlos en uno de los varios eventos que tendremos este verano.

Jan Goodwin

Trash Concerns

I and others have noticed several incidents in our Strathmeade community of trash bags thrown in the woods surrounding the courts, NOT that far from resident's trash cans.

The Board would like your help to identify how this is happening: as a PRANK by kids or a disgruntled worker or some other activity.

Trash thrown in the woods is NOT ONLY UNSIGHTLY, but also can be a serious human health problem. When Rats or Mice get into trash they can carry diseases which can be transmitted to humans through rat/mice saliva, feces contact, urine contact, or by a bite. Disease could also be transmitted by a flea, tick or mite bite which has bitten or lived on an infected rodent.

Hanta Viruses, Lymphocytic choromeningitis, encephalitis and other illnesses like Salmonella, plague, Tularemia, rat bite fever can be carried by rats/mice and IF contacted by a human can be transmitted (www.nih.gov, www.mayoclinic.org).

So please make sure your trash gets into your trash can and be alert to any persons leaving or throwing trash bags into surrounding brush or woods in close proximity to Strathmeade.

If you see any suspicious activity please call Dale or email the Board at strathmeade@sequoiamgmt.info.

Thank you
Jan Hylton/Retired Critical Care Registered Nurse

Preocupaciones de basura

Otros y yo hemos notado varios incidentes en nuestra comunidad de Strathmeade de bolsas de basura tiradas en los bosques que rodean las canchas, NO tan lejos de los botes de basura de los residentes.

A la Junta le gustaría su ayuda para identificar cómo está sucediendo esto: como una BROMA de niños o un trabajador descontento o alguna otra actividad.

La basura tirada en el bosque NO SOLO ES ANTIESTÉTICA, sino que también puede ser un problema grave para la salud humana. Cuando las ratas o los ratones se meten en la basura, pueden transmitir enfermedades que pueden transmitirse a los humanos a través de la saliva de ratas o ratones, el contacto con las heces, el contacto con la orina o por una mordedura. La enfermedad también puede ser transmitida por una picadura de pulga, garrapata o ácaro que haya mordido o vivido en un roedor infectado.

Los virus Hanta, la coromeningitis linfocítica, la encefalitis y otras enfermedades como la salmonela, la peste, la tularemia y la fiebre por mordedura de rata pueden ser transmitidas por ratas/ratones y si un ser humano entra en contacto con ellos, pueden transmitirse (www.nih.gov, www.mayoclinic.org).

Por lo tanto, asegúrese de que su basura llegue a su bote de basura y esté atento a cualquier persona que deje o arroje bolsas de basura en la maleza o los bosques cercanos a Strathmeade.

Si ve alguna actividad sospechosa, llame a Dale o envíe un correo electrónico a la Junta a: strathmeade@sequoiamgmt.info

Gracias
Jan Hylton/Enfermera registrada de cuidados intensivos jubilada

July/August 2022 Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yard Waste Pickup Board Mtg 7:00pm Pool hours 4-8pm		1 Trash & Recycle Pickup	2
3	4 Independence Day Holiday	5 Trash Pickup	6 Yard Waste pickup Board Meeting	7	8 Trash & Recycle Pickup Last Day of School Early Release	9
10	11	12 Trash Pickup	13 Yard Waste Pickup Maintenance Committee Mtg 7:00pm	14	15 Trash & Recycle Pickup	16
17	18 Architecture Committee Meeting 7:00	19 Trash Pickup	20 Yard Waste Pickup Community Engagement Mtg 7:00 pm	21	22 Trash & Recycle Pickup	23
24	25	26 Trash Pickup	27 Yard Waste Pickup	28 Taco One Food Truck 5-7:00 pm	29 Trash & Recycle Pickup	30 Community Barbecue 2:00-5:00pm @ Pool
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28	29	30 Trash Pickup	31 Yard Waste Pickup			

2022 SSCA Pool Rules & Behavior Code Admission to the Pool Area

1. Only members (including children and residents holding a valid lease) who have a registration form on file will be allowed into the pool area. Pool passes are issued by Sequoia Management, Inc. upon application to adult members of good standing. Lifeguards will not be able to issue pool passes. Members must present passes to the gatekeeper and write their names and addresses, and time of arrival in the registration book. Each member must have his/her own pass to enter the pool area. Each child's name must be written in along with responsible adult.
2. Only proper swim clothing may be worn in the pool.
3. Infants and children not potty-trained must wear tight-fitting plastic pants or a swim diaper at all times in either pool. The following should not be worn in the pool: cloth diapers, disposable diapers, pull ups.
4. A shower is required before entering the pool.
5. Admission will be refused to all persons having any infections or communicable diseases, extensive sunburn, unhealed lacerations or bandages.

Guest Privileges

1. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests and are specifically liable for damages and expenses incurred as a result of their guest's failure to observe the regulations.
2. Each household will receive a Guest Pass for one guest. An additional Guest Pass can be purchased for \$20.00, which would allow up to three additional guests. Any household may have up to four guests at the pool at one time, but proper guest passes are required.
 - A. If you are 18 and over, you may bring a maximum of four guests per household at any one time.
 - B. No child holding a child's pass may bring a guest into the pool area.
 - C. Household members other than those listed in A. and B. above, who have attained the age of 16 by September 30, 2022, may

bring one guest into the pool area provided the member meets the other requirements as given above. Proof of age must be submitted with registration form in order to note age on pass.

- D. The member must accompany his/her guest to the pool, check in with the gate attendant by presenting appropriate pool passes, sign in the book, giving name, address, the number of guests and time of arrival. If one of the guests is a minor, the name of the child must be listed with the name of the responsible adult member.

Baby/Wading Pool

Please Note: No Lifeguard is on duty in the Baby/Wading Pool area.

1. The baby pool is for the exclusive use of children up to age five, together with their parents or accountable adult.
2. Any child not potty trained must wear plastic pants or swim diapers at all times in the baby pool as in the big pool. The following should not be worn in either pool: cloth diapers, disposable diapers, pull ups.
3. Children must be under close adult supervision. No child is to be left unattended.
4. Children must not run or jump into the pool.
5. If there is a sanitary accident in the pool, the lifeguards must be notified immediately, and the pool may be closed for a minimum of 45 minutes.

Responsibility for Enforcement

1. The pool manager and his/her staff are responsible for the strict enforcement of the pool regulations.
2. The manager has authorization to suspend any Association member, resident or guest from the pool area for rule infractions.
3. All persons in the pool area will treat the guards with respect at all times.

Safety and Health

1. No animals in the pool area.
2. No eating or drinking except in the designated areas.
3. No breakable objects in the pool or bathhouse areas.
4. No running, horseplay, profane or abusive language.
5. No swimming in the diving area while the board is in use.
6. No more than one person on the diving board at a time.
7. No hanging from the diving board or diving toward the side of the pool.
8. No wheeled vehicles permitted in pool area except for infant/toddler strollers and wheelchairs.
9. The Pool House Balcony is off limits at all times.
10. Adhere to additional Rules as posted by the pool management company.
11. If the lifeguard hears thunder, then the pool will be closed for 45 minutes from the last sound of thunder.
12. If there is a sanitary accident in the pool, the lifeguards must be notified immediately, and the pool may be closed for a minimum of 45 minutes.

No beach type flotation devices are permitted. Noodles and kick boards are acceptable.

Personal Property:

At no time will the Association be responsible for the loss of or damage to personal property.

Laps:

Please be considerate of those who are swimming laps

Other Rules

Break Time:

The last fifteen (15) minutes of every hour will be set aside for the exclusive use of lap swimmers. Lifeguards will make sure that the floats and noodles are removed from the pool at the beginning of the break and may ask those in the pool to take loose flotation devices out of the pool.

Smokers:

No smoking in the pool area.

Radios:

In consideration of others, we ask that the sound be kept at a reasonable level or that headsets be used.

Food:

There is no eating allowed outside the designated picnic areas. Please clean up when finished.

Floats: