



January 2012

Happy New Year!

- The HOA office will be closed on January 2nd and 16th in observance of New Year's Day and Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Trash will be picked up as normally scheduled on January 2nd and January 16th
- Change of Address for Monthly Assessments, page 5
- Please note Christmas tree collection days, page 13
- Don't miss out, sign up for Nature Programs with our naturalist, pages 16, 19, 24

3 Things All Parents Should Know Before Choosing A Dance Studio

If all dance studios in the area seem to have friendly teachers, experience teaching children and a big performance at the end of the year, aren't they all pretty much the same? Does it really matter which school you decide to choose? Yes, it does! There are 3 main things that can make a huge difference in the quality of instruction that your child receives.

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Education Or Competition?

It is important to ask the question of a studio, is your emphasis on education or competition? Dance originated as an art form, and when dance schools compete for trophies and "places" then it becomes a sport. Our dancers' classical training is showcased in performances for the community as artistic entertainment. This allows our students to gain confidence through personal and physical growth. At our school, competitions do not define our students as "winners or losers". Our dancers are equipped with the technique and knowledge to continue their study of dance at a higher educational level if they so choose.



What Type Of
Performance Do
You Have At The
End Of The Year?

Is the emphasis of the recital the technique that has been taught over the year or is it a dance that has been practiced for the entire year? We don't start our recital dances until the beginning of February, with an emphasis on technique throughout the year. We choose tasteful and age appropriate costumes and choreography for all of our dancers. We want parents to feel comfortable and proud of what their children are presenting on stage. We feel the focus of the performance should reflect what the students have learned throughout the year.



What Are Your Teachers' Qualifications?

It is important to ask what training and background the instructors at the studio have. Dance instructors should have either a college degree or pursuing one and/or professional experience. All of our instructors at the Ashburn Academy of Dance either have a college degree and/or professional experience.







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Time to Remove Your Holiday Decorations

What a wonderful holiday season it was! Sparkling lights, prancing reindeer, smiling snowmen and lovely green wreaths; we all enjoyed the show! But now it is time to pack up the decorations and enjoy your holiday memories.

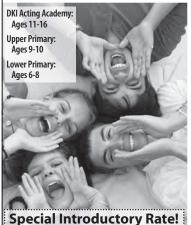
The
Broadlands
Design
Guidelines
require that
holiday
lighting and
decorations be
removed in a
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Come visit us at our other locations and enjoy these specials exclusively for our Broadlands customers. If you would like information on Fundraisers, Special Events, School Programs or Catering, please email me at vincecarbone1216@aol.com or call me at the Ryan Park store 703-729-3717 or my Ashburn Farm location 703-726-9660.

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Scouting for Food

Cub Scout Packs 1483 and 1484 would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Broadlands community for making the Scouting For Food Drive a success. Because of your generosity, we collected over 9,000 pounds of food!

Your donations went to support Loudoun County LINK program, Backpack Buddies, which provides food for kids whose only hot meal is at school, and the Messiah's Market food pantry. Representatives of these programs were overwhelmed with joy at this amount of food and the efforts of our boys. Our donations will feed hundreds of families this holiday season and beyond. Thank you, on their behalf.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS

Effective January 1, 2012, all monthly HOA payments should be sent to the following new address:

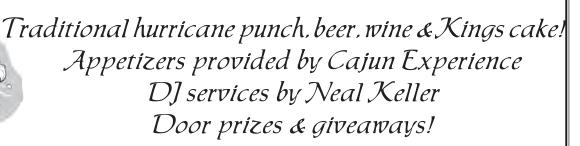
c/o Armstrong Management Services P.O. Box 11983 Newark, NJ 07101-4983

New coupon booklets will be generated in time for the January assessment fee payments with the new post office mailing address above. Homeowners who pay their assessment fees via Armstrong Management's Direct Debit or PayLease program do NOT need to do anything differently. Homeowners who utilize bill payment services provided by their specific bank or financial institution need to update the remittance P.O. Box mailing address.

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Modifications Subcommittee

The Subcommittee meets at 7:00p.m. in the Nature Center on the first and third Wednesdays, March through October, and only the third Wednesday, November through February. Applications must be submitted by Noon on the Friday before the meeting. Please review the Design Guidelines manual or look online for information to be submitted with your application, as failure to include all information will delay review of your project.

MODIFICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

MEETING DATESUBMISSION DATEJanuary 18, 2012January 13, 2012

February 15, 2012 February 10, 2012 March 07, 2012 March 02, 2012 March 21, 2012 March 16, 2012

Updated Design Guidelines are on the Broadlands HOA website at www.broadlandshoa.org/node/49.

Submit complete applications by Noon on the submission date to the Secretary Robin Crews, rcrews@broadlandshoa.com, to the Modifications Subcommittee, at the Association office in the Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway. There is a drop box available for after-hours submissions. A response to your application is generally mailed within one week of the meeting.

Get Connected @ ArmstrongConnect

ArmstrongConnect™ is a customized communication tool specifically designed for Broadlands. By registering, you will be able to access your assessment history, email management, and update your account information 24 hours a day. You will also be able to receive community wide emergency emails and phone notices.

To register, send an email requesting your registration code to mburns@broadlandshoa.com. Please include your name and address. Your code will be sent to you via return email. Then visit www.armstrongconnect.net/register and enter your registration code. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete your registration. Remember to choose a numeric 4-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN) for your new log-in code. You can then access your account at www.armstrongconnect.net/broadlandsassociationinc. Have more questions about dues and assessments? Contact Armstrong Management by phone 703-679-1541; fax 703-591-5785 or email broadlands@armstrong.net.

Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Nature Center conference room

Broadlands Association Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are held in the conference room of the Nature Center usually on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Residents are welcome to observe the public portion of meetings, and to address the Board during the 'Owner Comments' section of the meeting. A request to be placed on the agenda must be submitted to Management no later than 7 days prior to the meeting.

NO MORE LATE FEES!

Did you forget to mail your HOA assessment? Couldn't find a stamp? Ran out of checks? With so much to do it's easy to forget to get that check in the mail in time, and you never know how long it will take the post office to get it delivered. Who needs the worries and no one needs late fees. Armstrong Management offers automatic electronic funds transfer to pay your monthly assessment. Your payment is taken out of your personal account on the same day each month and automatically applied to your HOA account...no worrying if your check arrived on time and NO MORE LATE FEES!

You can pick up an application at the HOA office at the Nature Center or online at http://www.broadlandshoa.org.

Click on 'HOA Forms' in the directory and then on 'Auto Pay Application' or find it on page 9 of this newletter.

Southern Walk HOA Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

in the Nature Center Conference Room

Help Make Snow Plowing Easier and Faster

When a snow storm has been predicted, especially overnight, the snow plows will be working during the early morning hours. The best way to ensure that the



plowing crews can clear the streets better and faster is to park in driveways and parking spaces. In many of the townhouse and private streets sections, a vehicle parked in the street can severly restrict the ability of the plows to do their work.

Help your community by parking in garages, driveways and marked parking spaces.

Thank you for your assistance.

Winter is Here - Please be Prepared!

Both Virginia and Loudoun County Codes require that the occupant - whether an owner or a tenant - remove all snow and ice from any walkway adjoining any part of their property within 6 hours after the snowfall has ceased.

If the snow or ice fell during the night, it must be removed by Noon the following day. Should the storm occur on Sunday, the accumulation must be removed by Noon on Monday.

Failure to comply with the Code can result in a fine of \$250.00 imposed by the county. Complaints should be reported to the County Department of Building and Development, (703) 777-0635.

Please be a good neighbor and a good citizen. Clear your walkways and keep Broadlands a safe environment for all our residents. If you know someone physically unable to keep their walkway clear, please consider giving them a helping hand.

STAY SAFE-Don't Skate on the Community Ponds!

Please remember skating is prohibited on all community ponds. Even walking on any ice covered pond can be very dangerous.

The surface of the pond may appear to be frozen, but our winters are normally not cold enough to guarantee that the ice is thick enough to support anyone's weight, even a child's.

Parents, please tell your children that it is extremely dangerous, even deadly, to walk or skate on the ponds in the community.

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NOTE: FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS SHOULD VERIFY THE ACH ROUTING NUMBER WITH THEIR BANKING INSTITUTION

Form AMS009

2011-2012 Snow Removal Guidelines

Within this section, you will find a list of streets indicating which entity is responsible for snow removal. *Please reference this list to determine who to call with snow removal concerns.* Broadlands Association provides snow removal for the private streets that have been completed by the builder and are owned by the Association. As the public streets in the single family home sections are accepted into the state road system, they will be maintained by the Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT). Any new construction areas in Broadlands would contact their builder, Van Metre, unless their section/street is included in the HOA or VDOT areas to plow. Major roadways such as Claiborne Parkway, Demott Drive, Vestals Gap Drive, Ellzey Drive, Chickacoan Trail Drive, Glebe View Drive, Truro Parish Drive and Route 625 (Waxpool Road) are considered priority snow removal routes. After these roadways are cleared, work will begin on the secondary residential streets.

Snow plowing is to begin after there has been an accumulation of 2 inches of snow. Sand and/or chemicals will be used at critical intersections and as needed on streets.

In addition, there is a Loudoun County ordinance (Chapter 1022) that requires the owner/occupant of a property which has a public sidewalk adjoining or touching the property in front, rear or either side, to clear or treat that sidewalk for snow and ice within 6 hours of a snowfall (by 12:00 noon for overnight snowfall). Property owners abutting common areas (i.e. along Ellzey Drive) are also responsible for clearing those sidewalks. This will provide a safe walkway for children going to school. The County Department of Building and Development is responsible for enforcement of this ordinance.

Numbers to Call with Snow Removal Questions or Problems

VDOT (Northern Virginia District Office)	703-383-8368
LIOA (Brandlanda Association)	Maureen Burns 703-729-9714
HOA (Broadlands Association)	Main office: 703-729-9704
Van Metre Homes (New Construction)	Tom Marable
	703-723-2800
Developer (Broadlands Associates, LLP)	Tom Marable
Developer (Broadiands Associates, LLP)	703-723-2800

STREET NAME	SECTION	OWNER	STREET NAME	SECTION	OWNER
Ainsley Court	70	VDOT	Burnt Hickory Court	21	Van Metre
Arbor Glen Court	24	VDOT	Cattail Meadows Place	38	VDOT
Arbor Greene Way	54	HOA	Cedar Springs Court	36	VDOT
Ardmore Street	26, 28, 30	HOA	Center Point Circle	28	HOA
Arundell Court	6	VDOT	Center Post Terrace	7	HOA
Atherton Street	28, 30	HOA	Champney Court	42	VDOT
Aurora Heights Drive	21	Van Metre	Chickacoan Trail Drive	1,14,15,24,38,40,44	VDOT
Autumn Harvest Court	24	VDOT	Claybrooke Circle	28	HOA
Autumnwood Square	10	HOA	Clover Meadow Court	40	VDOT
Avens Court	5	VDOT	Cloverleaf Court	78	VDOT
Avonworth Square	60	HOA	Columbus Street	28	HOA
Awbrey Place	15, 16	VDOT	Coulwood Terrace	60	HOA
Ayr Hill Court	80	VDOT	Crossbeam Square	7	HOA
Bankbarn Terrace	3	HOA	Crosswinds Terrace	58	HOA
Basil Court	20	VDOT	Darby Terrace	26	HOA
Bayard Terrace	56	HOA	Demott Drive	6 (Residential areas)	VDOT
Becontree Terrace	56	HOA	Dilworth Terrace	60	HOA
Bexley Way	42	HOA	Dobson Court	Private Drive	Owners
Bluestone Court	24	VDOT	Edgemere Terrace	56	HOA
Bramblebush Terrace	56	HOA	Ellzey Drive	1, 4, 5, 24	VDOT
Broadwell Court	82	VDOT	Engleside Place	72	VDOT
Broxton Terrace	56	HOA	Evening Breeze Court	13	VDOT
Buckley Terrace	30	HOA	Fairweather Court	20	VDOT

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2011-2012 Snow Removal Guidelines – cont.

STREET NAME	SECTION	OWNER	STREET NAME	SECTION	OWNER
Falling Rock Terrace	34	HOA	Ridenour Ridge Lane	23	Van Metre
Fernbrook Court	38	VDOT	Riders Square	11	HOA
Field Station Terrace	8	HOA	Ridgeway Drive	70,72,74,80,82,90	VDOT
Fieldthorn Terrace	56	HOA	Riverstone Court	38	VDOT
Fling Court	6	VDOT	Royal Fern Terrace	54	HOA
Foche Terrace	11	HOA	Sandhurst Court	72	VDOT
Forest Edge Square	34	HOA	Scara Place	17, 19	VDOT
Frame Square	7	HOA	Schenley Terrace	54	HOA
Fullerton Street	26	HOA	Schoolhouse Court	4	VDOT
Gatehouse Way	14	VDOT	Shady Wood Terrace	34	HOA
Gentle Heights Court	44	VDOT	Silverthorne Court	20	VDOT
Glebe View Drive	17, 20, 42, 43, 44	VDOT	Small Branch Place	36	VDOT
Glyndebourne Court	74	VDOT	Songbird Court	40	VDOT
Golden Autumn Place	24	VDOT	Spring Morning Court	24	VDOT
Goodwin Court	5	VDOT	Springwell Drive	36	VDOT
Great Sky Place	23	Van Metre	Stillbrook Farm Drive	13	VDOT
Halburton Terrace	56	HOA	Stone Hollow Drive	78	VDOT
Harvest Green Terrace	10	HOA	Stonestile Place	78	HOA
Hawksbury Terrace	54	HOA	Stonewheel Way	42	VDOT
Hearthstone Court	16	VDOT	Sturman Place	18	VDOT
Heritage Oak Court	80	VDOT	Summer House Place	42	VDOT
Hidden Pond Place	36	VDOT	Sundance Square	39	HOA
Highgrove Terrace	56	HOA	Sunderleigh Square	56	HOA
Highview Trail Place	82, 90	VDOT	Sundial Court	42	HOA
Hollowind Court	13	VDOT	Sunstone Court	76	HOA
Humbolt Square	30	HOA	Sweet Bay Terrace	54	HOA
Hunters Green Square	34	HOA	Sweetpine Lane	23	Van Metre
Huntsman Square	10	HOA	Tealbriar Place	62	Van Metre
Inglewood Court	72	VDOT	Thornblade Circle	62	HOA
Inman Park Place	26	HOA	Thornhill Place	24	VDOT
Iredell Terrace	11	HOA	Tithables Circle	14, 15, 16	VDOT
Ivy Wood Terrace	8	HOA	Topsfield Drive	82	VDOT
Kennerly Terrace	60	HOA	Tumbletree Terrace	56	HOA
Kisko Way	26	HOA	Vestals Gap Drive	24,36,38,40,44	VDOT
Kitchen Prim Court	17	VDOT	Vestry Court	4	VDOT
Larchmont Way	54	HOA	Welby Terrace	8	HOA
Laurier Drive	74	VDOT	Wells Way	70	VDOT
Lefevre Inn Drive	5	VDOT	Westdale Court	52	HOA
Mapleton Court	70	VDOT	Whisperhill Court	82	VDOT
Marburg Terrace	60	HOA	White Post Way	15	VDOT
Markham Place	26, 28, 30	HOA	Wild Timber Court	21	Van Metre
Marsh Creek Drive	38	VDOT	Windover Drive	52, 54	HOA
Meadow Field Court	40	VDOT	Windy Oaks Square	58	HOA
Meander Crossing Ct	40	VDOT	Windy Pine Court	90	VDOT
Merion Street	26, 30	HOA	Wingfoot Court	52	HOA
Middle Ridge Place	42	VDOT	Withers Grove Court	90	VDOT
Midsummer Way	24	VDOT	Woodspice Court	44	VDOT
Milford Drive	52	HOA	Through Streets		
Moss Landing Court	36	VDOT	Belmont Ridge Road	Rt. 659	VDOT
Mount Auburn Place	43	VDOT	Broadlands Boulevard		VDOT
Newbridge Square	11	HOA	Claiborne Parkway	Ashburn Farm - Wynridge	VDOT
Oak Post Court	74	VDOT	Claiborne Parkway	Wynridge - Croson	VDOT
Oatyer Court	15	VDOT	Croson Road	Rt. 645	VDOT
Old Wood Way	36	VDOT	Hillside Park	1	HOA
Overland Park Drive	26, 28, 30	HOA	Ryan Road	Rt. 772	VDOT
Pallan Terrace	60	HOA	Shelhorn Drive	Rt. 643	VDOT
Park Brooke Court	78	HOA	Truro Parish Drive	111.010	VDOT
Park Creek Drive	62	Van Metre	Village Drive		VDOT
Park Glenn Drive	62	Van Metre	Waxpool Road	Rt. 625	VDOT
Reamy Way	19	VDOT	Wynridge Drive	111. 020	VDOT

Loudoun County Public Library Short Story Writing Contest and Workshops for Teens

Where: Loudoun County Public Library

Who: For teens (age 12-18) in grades 6 through 12

What: Short Story Writing Contest and Writing Workshops for Teens

When: Contest: January 2 through March 1, 2012

Workshops: January 11, 30, 31, 2012

Contest Award Party: 6:00 pm, April 22, 2012

Details: The Loudoun County Public Library second annual "*It's All Write*" short story writing contest for teens begins January 2, 2012. Writers are limited to one entry per person which must be submitted via email between January 2 and March 1, 2012. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for grades 6 through 8 and 9 through 12. Start writing now!

Writing contest guidelines and details may be found online at http://library.loudoun.gov/shortstorycontest or visit any branch and talk with a staff member. One entry per person should be submitted by March 1, 2012 via email to: allwrite@library.loudoun.gov.

Author, Sharon Flake will announce the winners and present the awards at the "It's All Write" award party at 6:00 pm on April 22, 2012 at Park View High School in Sterling. All contest participants are encouraged to bring their family and friends to the award party. Sharon Flake is the author of *The Skin I'm In* and is a winner of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award. Visit her website at: http://www.sharongflake.com/.

Writing Workshops will be held in conjunction with the short story contest and all teens are encouraged to attend; contest entry is not required. If you love to write, want to learn more about getting published or simply want to hone your craft, these workshops are for you!

Writing workshops will be held on the following dates:

January 11, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Rust Library

Kevin Summers, author of stories set in the Star Trek Universe and creative writing teacher at the Loudoun Campus, Northern Virginia Community College.

January 30, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Ashburn Library

Tinesha Davis, author of Holler at the Moon and a member of the Board of Directors of the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation and writing coach for Book-in-a-Day program.

January 31, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Cascades Library

Kwame Alexander, Founder of Book-in-a-Day, a non-profit program designed to teach high school students how to write poetry and publish a book – in just one day! Author of 14 books, publishing company owner and has written for stage and television.

Workshop information may be found online at http://library.loudoun.gov or visit any library branch and talk with a staff member. Participation in the writing contest is not required to attend a writing workshop.

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Naturalist Hours in January:

January 3rd and 4th: 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

January 5th and 6th: 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Saturday, January 14^{th:} 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. The Family program is at Noon

Normal hours are:

Tuesdays: 10:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Wednesdays: 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Fridays: 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.





Patriot Disposal Collection Schedule

Mondays:

Trash and Yard Waste (yard waste may be mixed with trash in January, February and March).

Thursdays:

Trash and Recycling

Please have trash and recycling at the curb no later than 7:00a.m. Trash pick up will be on a normal schedule on Monday, January 2nd and Monday, January 16th.

Christmas trees will be picked up on Monday, January 2nd and Monday, January 9th.

Patriot Disposal will be participating in the Loudoun County Landfill Christmas Tree Recyling Program this year which means that only clean, natural trees will be accepted by the county for recycling. Patriot will not pick up trees that are bagged or have any lights, decorations, tree netting or tree stands on them for recycling. Wreaths, artificial trees and trees still covered with lighting and decorations will be picked up with the regular trash collection.

The Critter Corner By Dr. Steve Velling **Ashburn Village Animal Hospital** "Nice Jacket"

My mother sends me articles on animals all the time, and a while ago she sent me a clipping from Reader's Digest about a "Thundershirt". It claimed to calm dogs down during thunderstorms, which I thought was interesting but a bit hard to believe. But then we had Buddy the Beagle come in the hospital shortly after that for a routine appointment. Now Buddy is typically a very nervous dog, shaking and drooling the entire time he is in for his visit, even before we've done anything to him, but this time he came in wagging his tail, calmly sitting still while I examined him. I immediately noticed that he was wearing a grey fleece Thundershirt, and by the end I was truly impressed with how well he did. I asked Mrs. Jones if Buddy had been given any medication, and

she just laughed and said that the shirt was the only change that she could think of. After that exam I started to change my opinion about this shirt and decided to look into it a bit more.

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The company says that the shirt acts by providing constant, gentle pressure over a variety of pressure points to bring "calm and focus" during stressful events. This does coincide with other theories and practices that use gentle pressure to provide comfort, such as a swaddling blanket for babies. However, I have also seen some people not use the shirt properly. One woman used a Thundershirt on her dog after a storm had already started, but by then it was too late to help calm him down. The dog then came to associate the shirt WITH the

storm and became anxious even when the shirt was put on him prior to a storm. In addition, I have seen some dogs that have such severe anxiety (from conditions such as separation anxiety or being abused by a housemate) that a Thundershirt simply was not enough and which required properly dosed medication and environmental changes.

Overall, the Thundershirt definitely has its place, and I would encourage you to consider using one if you have a nervous dog. Plus, they now come in some rather stylish colors so you can start the new year with a calmer, more well-dressed dog!

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Till next time, Dr. Steve. www.ashburnanimals.com

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Add Some Winter Interest to Your Landscape

As I drive to and from work this time of year, I enjoy the quiet beauty of the winter landscape. The outline of trees against the winter sky can provide a picture of minute detail, with tiny twigs appearing as fine brush strokes on a canvas. With a little imagination, gnarled trunks and branches that have survived many years can appear to be dancers on a stage. Oaks and beeches with leaves still attached seemed to be half dressed. On sunny days, the mountains are magnificent when shadows from passing clouds go dancing over them. Of course, you can enjoy this even more if you are the passenger and not the driver!

Many perennial plants, ornamental grasses, and trees and shrubs can provide color in the landscape. Consider using fine-textured plantings that change to warm colors of gold, russet, and brown after frost. Ornamental grasses, such as pink muhly grass (Muhlenbergia capillaris) and feather reed grass (Calamagrostis aculiflora stricta), planted in masses create a sweeping, soft patchwork in winter. If planted where the sun backlights them, some of the grass flowerheads almost seem to glow. Perennials may go dormant during winter, but they can still add texture and color to the landscape. For example, blackeye Susans (Rudbeckia fulgida) add a deep brown to the winter landscape. If you leave the flowerheads of purple coneflower (Echinaceae purpurea), you will have an interesting dark brown to black color, the spiky texture of the spent flower, as well as the bonus of visiting gold finch to feed on the seeds. Several plants with persistent berries, such as winterberry (Ilex verticillata) and viburnums (Viburnum sp.) add reds and oranges to the landscape while providing fruits for birds.

One of my favorite shrubs or small trees for winter landscape interest is the star magnolia (Magnolia stellata). It has large gray flower buds similar to pussy willow buds and smooth gray bark. Another favorite is crapemyrtle (Lagerstromia indica) with its persistent seed pods and wonderful exfoliating bark. Others that you might consider are Japanese maple (Acer palmatum), especially the varieties that have the red branches, or paperbark maple (Acer griseum) which also offers exfoliating bark. Don't forget to consider witchhazel (Hamamelis sp.). Depending on the species you select you can have flowers in fall or in late winter/early spring. Another late winter bloomer is winter jasmine (Jasminum nudiflorum) that opens its yellow flowers in late winter/early spring before its leaves appear.

Plants are not the only things that can add interest to your garden in winter. Consider using copper or other metal containers not damaged by cold and ice in the garden to add contrast. Plan garden structures so that they can have

plants trained or espaliered on them or so that they catch snow, providing interesting shapes. A water feature kept from freezing can provide homeowners many enjoyable moments watching the creatures who visit.

This winter, take a stroll around your neighborhood or nearby public garden and see what others use to enhance their winter landscapes then take the ideas you like and incorporate into your landscape.

If you have questions about plants that can be used to provide winter interest in the garden or other horticulture topics, contact the Loudoun County Master Gardener Volunteers at their Help Desk Office at 703-771-5150 or loudounmg@vt.edu. For information on upcoming free gardening lectures and other programs, visit their website at www.loudouncountymastergardeners.org.

Debbie D. Dillion, Urban Horticulturist, Loudoun County Extension

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Fall Virginia Native Plant Sale

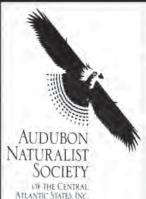
Nurseries and tree growers who bring hard to find native plants for your garden at the best time to plant. This fall plant sale happens annually at the Broadlands Nature Center.

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January 14th At Noon

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February 11th At Noon

Preparing for Spring!

Once again we will build bird houses or make bird feeders to welcome our feathered friends home for the spring. Depending on which project you choose, there may be an additional fee for this program.

March 10th

At Noon Spring Peepers

It's that time of year again! For some people, the true end of winter is



heralded not by buds on the tree but by the song of the elusive spring peeper. Learn aboutthem and how to find these nighttime serenaders.

The Ugly Truth About the Unbrushed Tooth By: Shannon M. Pecora, M.A. Stream Valley Veterinary Hospital

Do you have a dog or a cat? If so, go look in his or her mouth. Yes, right now. Go check it out. What are you worried about? Bad breath? Yellow, or even brown, teeth? Red, bleeding gums? These are not just part of "normal" dog- or cat-mouth; rather, they are signs of dental disease, much like our own dentists warn us about.



Next month, February, is National Pet Dental Health Awareness Month. If you brush your pet's teeth regularly, or at least offer supplemental treats or rinses in between less frequent brushings, then we congratulate you on your awareness! You likely know the state of your pet's mouth and will notice any changes in dental health. And really, that's all pet dental homecare is about. Dental health is a major component of overall pet health, so maintaining oral health is as vital as proper diet, exercise, grooming, and regular veterinary visits.

What do you risk by not giving proper attention to your pet's teeth and gums? For one thing, pets are living longer. An elderly pet will be able to eat, drink, and simply live more comfortably in the absence of dental disease. Gum infections, cavities, and such can be painful for your pet, and these problems can require extensive treatment. While most pets can benefit from periodic dental cleanings, these are anesthetic events in and of themselves. Add gum surgery or tooth extraction to that event, and you may end up adding discomfort, pain, anesthesia risk, and expense as well. Additionally, dental disease generally means an excess of bacteria in the mouth. Via open wounds (i.e.—bloody gums) or even swallowing, that bacteria can make its way into your pet's internal organs and cause further disease. And let's not forget that bad breath. Yes, dogs' and cats' mouths are decidedly not minty-fresh, but they do not have to reek of bacteria and decay. Pet toothpaste comes in many flavors, and most of them are meant to appeal to the pet. You'll find chicken, beef, and seafood are the most popular, but you can even find vanilla mint. Even though most of us would never consider brushing with beef Colgate, the alternative odor of a diseased pet mouth can make bouillon-scented pet breath easy to tolerate.

We know that brushing a dog or cat's teeth twice daily can be both difficult and time-consuming. This routine is the ideal, and we even have a client who uses an electric toothbrush on her dog's teeth two times a day!

However, once you slowly but surely train your pet to every two or three days. In between, you can offer maintain oral health. And, to get started, talk to your to get you and your pet used to brushing, and what pets may only begrudgingly put up with this dental risks you're helping them avoid, they would certainly

accept regular teeth brushing, keep it up at least dental chews or use dental rinses to help veterinarian about how to brush, how products are safe and appropriate. Your homecare, but if they knew the thank you!

From the Naturalist... By ANS Naturalist Lisa Matthews

Okay folks, time for us to do our New Year's Resolutions! It is pretty easy for us to come up with the resolutions that we hope to keep. Kids often have a hard time coming up with resolutions that they can stick to (like us), so how about making resolutions together as a family that can have a real impact on the world!

Here are 10 things that you, as a family, can do that will have a real impact on the environment and that you can give your children ownership over.

- Assign one of your children to be in charge of the shopping bags. Bringing them from the car to the store and then after unloading at home, making sure that they get back in the car. You save trees and reduce the need for recycling if you use cloth or canvas bags.
- 2. Assign one of your children as the official light and appliance checker before leaving the house. Saves you money and reduces energy waste. Unplug appliances that aren't being used at the moment. This can also prevent house fires.
- 3. Have your children sort the recycling (with you in attendance until they learn it). Have one of them be in charge of taking the special items, such as batteries and ink cartridges, with you to the stores that recycle them. *Prevents dangerous acids and metals from getting into the soil and groundwater AND recycled, reduces the amount of raw materials used!*
- 4. Walk to or ride your bike to school. If this is not practical, then always try to carpool. Less carbon emissions and smog are burned.
- 5. Play more outside and less on video games. Video and computer games use a lot of energy to run. They use more energy than regular programs on your computer or just watching TV. You can tell by the heat they produce. Remember to unplug them when you aren't using them!
- 6. Use less disposables items like napkins, paper towels, and paper plates that use a lot of trees. If you must use them, then use reusable or compostable types. Styrofoam is the worst. It takes a long time for Styrofoam to break down. Consider buying inexpensive linen towels to clean with and cloth napkins to use instead of paper.

- 7. Buy products in bulk and packaged in recyclable packaging. If it is in plastic, try to buy the product that is stamped as 1 or 2. They are the most easily recycled.
- 8. Compost! You can reduce landfill waste by composting your vegetables, fruits and paper into usable soil. There are even small household type composters called vermicomposters that use worms to compost your table waste.
- 9. Turn off the water when you are taking a shower or brushing your teeth between rinses! You'll save a TON of water and energy used for heating the water heater!
- 10. Volunteer! There are groups that are out there planting trees, cleaning up streams and local parks, and planting organic and bee gardens. Be apart of it!

If we all do the little things, then we should be able to take the strain off of our landfills and improve the environment. Isn't that something worth a resolution or two?



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We sincerely **THANK YOU** for your donation to the Loudoun bike drive for Toys for Tots.

On Saturday, December17th we were able to turn over 38 brand new bicycles for boys and girls of all ages to Colonel John Thornell (USMC, Ret), the Loudoun County Toys for Tots Coordinator.

This number represents a 300% increase over the bicycles donated by this region to the program a year ago. Please share in our joy by imagining the beaming smiles of all the 32 boys and girls who will receive the bicycles this holiday. This would not have been possible without your generous support!

Thank you very much and Happy Holidays to all! Kaitlyn Wells and Carly Melkus



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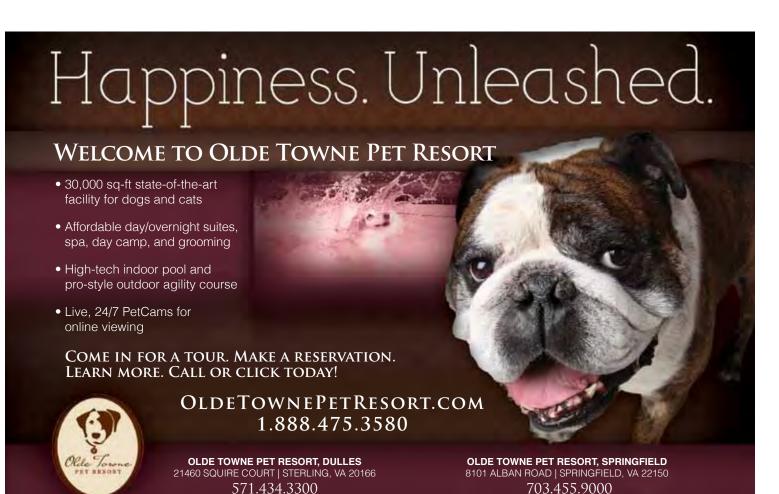
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Nature Center Programs

The Audubon Naturalist Society and the Broadlands HOA have partnered to provide Nature programs for the community. To register, call the Broadlands HOA office at 703-729-9704 or email naturalist@ broadlandshoa.com to reserve your place in the program. We go outside for most programs so please dress appropriately and wear sturdy shoes.

Our Audubon Naturalist offers programs for Scouts, Families, Birthday Parties, After School, PreK and K, and Parent and Toddler Programs. Check our website for upcoming programs.

Winter Program Schedule 2012

Classes offered the following days and times starting the week of January 1st:

Winter Explorers

Age: 4 and 5 years old(PreK and K)

Days and Times: Wednesdays 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m. and Fridays 9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m.

(Friday's start date is January 6th)

Price: \$30.00 for 6 weeks

It's a winter wonderland outside, and not everyone is hibernating. Now is a perfect time for observing animals and their winter activities. We will go outside to see what we can find. We will top it off with indoor games and activities and to visit with our nature center friends.

Week 1: Why do we have Winter? Week 4: Keeping Warm in Winter

Week 2: Winter Shadows Week 5: Snow and Ice Week 3: Who's Outside? Who's Sleeping? Week 6: Camouflage

Wee Sense!

Age: 18 months - 3 years old

Day and Time: Fridays 10:45a.m. - 11:45a.m. (Start date January 6th)

Price: \$30 for 6 weeks

Toddlers love exploring with all of their senses! Through stories, songs, and tactile games and "experiments" you and your toddler will learn about their senses and use them to explore nature.

Ooey Gooey Science

Grades: 1st - 4th grade

Day and Time: Wednesdays 3:30p.m. - 4:30p.m. (Start date January 4th)

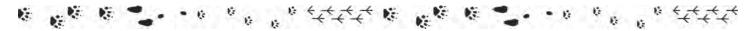
Price: \$30.00 for 6 weeks

Calling all junior mad scientists! This is a camp full of experiments, creations, and make-believe. We'll test our theories in our own "lab" and then head outside to investigate nature's coolest concoctions from slug slime to electricity.

Week 1: Reflections Week 4: Still Slimy! Week 2: Light in Darkness Week 5: Shocking!

Week 3: Yuck, its Slimy! Week 6: What's that Smell?

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Kritters for Kids By ANS Naturalist Lisa Matthews

This is the best time of the year to see our friends the woodpeckers! When the leaves are off the trees we are better able to see their little red heads as well as hear them.

We have several different common woodpeckers that live in Northern Virginia. The Pilated Woodpecker, the Northern Flicker, the Red-bellied Woodpecker and the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker are very common here. One of the smallest woodpeckers in the world lives right here in Virginia. It is the Downy Woodpecker. It is only 6 or 7 inches long.

Why do they do that rat-a-tat-tat? Woodpeckers tap the trees to get out the insects that like to hide just inside the soft bark before the harder wood inside. If you watch them, you'll see that they will turn their head side to side to listen for the insects. They use their strong pointed beak to tap out the insects and to make homes for themselves. They have really long tongues with a sticky end to snatch up the insects in the tree and have little bristles around their noses to keep wood pieces from being breathed in!

Woodpeckers tap trees about 8,000-12,000 times a day! (I wonder who counted that.). They tap to find food, but also to "talk" to one another. The Pilated Woodpecker's call sounds a lot like tapping too! You'll hear the woodpecker before you see it so look up when you hear the tapping. Sapsuckers make rows of holes across the tree to drink the sap from the tree as well as look for tasty insects to eat. You can see where they have been mostly on fruit trees.

They have really cool feet. They have two toes pointed forward and two back with sharp claws on them. This allows them to hang in all kinds of directions on a tree, but they mostly sit upright with stiff tail feathers pressed against the tree to allow them to hammer away and then spiral up a tree looking for a meal. It is fun to watch them do this.

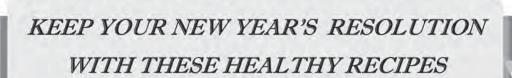
Woodpeckers all around the world are endangered. Some of them are critically endangered. Woodpeckers live in forests all over the world except for Australia. When the forests are cut down or burned, there aren't enough places for them to live and food for them becomes scarce. To help the woodpeckers, we must keep the old forests for them to live in.

Want to get a closer look? Well...woodpeckers LOVE peanuts! You can put up a peanut feeder or a suet cake holder with a peanut-filled suet cake. This time of year, when they are so cold and hungry, the woodpeckers that will visit your feeders everyday. The ones at my house have a schedule. Each species seems to come by at a different time of day. Put one out and see how many new friends will come visit you!

January Landscape Tips

- Assess the energy efficiency of your landscape.
 Do you have evergreen trees or shrubs blocking a window where the sun's warmth would be welcome? Consider replacing them with a deciduous plant that would let sun in during the winter, but cast cooling shade in the summer.
- Examine the limb structure of your shade trees. Remove dead, diseased, and stormdamaged branches. If left on the tree, these weakened limbs can cause damage by falling on buildings or passers-by. For large shade trees needing removal of storm-damaged limbs, call an arborist or tree surgeon now to get on their schedule for pruning while the trees and underlying landscape plants are dormant.
- During winter thaws, irrigate fall planted and established evergreens, especially those on the south and west sides of the house.
- When using salt to melt ice on walks and drives, spread it carefully to avoid damage to nearby shrubs. Damage to needle-type evergreens will be evident next spring by copper and yellow tones. Damaged deciduous plants will have bronze or reddish leaves. Consider using sand, sawdust, or kitty litter instead.
- Brush snow from evergreens as soon as possible after a storm. Use a broom in an upward, sweeping motion. Serious damage may be caused by heavy snow or ice accumulating on the branches. Prop up ice covered branches and let the ice melt rather than try to remove ice from brittle branches.

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Tangy Garlic Shrimp Skewers

5 Cloves Garlic, Minced

1/4 Cup Olive Oil

1/4 Cup Tomato Sauce (or 1/2 Cup Diced Tomatoes)

2 Tbs Red Wine Vinegar

3 - 4 Tbs Chopped Fresh Basil

1/2 Tsp Salt

1/4 Tsp Cayenne Pepper

2 Lbs Fresh Shrimp, Peeled and Deveined Skewers (If wood or bamboo, soak in water)

Mix garlic, olive oil, tomato sauce (or diced tomatoes), vinegar, basil, salt, and cavenne pepper in a blender or food processor. Pulse until blended and pour into a large container with a tight fitting lid. Add shrimp to the container, seal with the lid, and toss lightly to coat. Refrigerate for 30 minutes to an hour, tossing again halfway in to re-coat the shrimp. Lightly oil the grate and preheat the grill for medium. Thread shrimp on skewers like a horseshoe, with the skewer pierced through the head and the tail. Brush the shrimp with marinade again before placing on the grill. Grill each side 2 to 3 minutes, or until opaque, brushing the shrimp once more with marinade before flipping. Scribd.com



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Vegetable Tower with Pesto and Pine Nuts

Olive Oil
Balsamic Vinegar
Large Whole Portobello Mushrooms
Fresh Spinach
Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Sliced
Feta or Mozzarella Cheese
Pesto (Store bought is fine!)
Pine Nuts

Spray baking sheet with cooking spray. Slice veggies 1/4-inch thick (leave mushrooms in tact) and place on cookie sheet. Drizzle veggies with olive oil, and add a touch of balsamic vinegar to mushrooms. Roast in oven at 400 degrees F for 15 minutes. In the meantime, saute spinach with a little bit of olive oil and garlic. Once vegetables are roasted, put on a new baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Fill each mushroom cap with the sauteed spinach, and then layer the rest of the veggies, finishing with sun-dried tomatoes and then cheese. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Carefully move vegetable towers to a plate. Drizzle with pesto and sprinkle with toasted pine nuts. Scribd.com

PIRANHAS Swim Team Registration



Come join the Broadlands Piranhas for another funfilled summer of swimming! The swim team is open to Broadlands residents ages 5-18.

Our goal is to develop a love of swimming while teaching proper technique and good sportsmanship, as well as team and neighborhood spirit. We offer excellent coaching, daily practices, and fun family activities during the season. The Broadlands swim team program has enjoyed a very high level of participation over the years. Because of this success, the Piranhas compete in two summer swim leagues, the Old Dominion Swim League (ODSL) and the Colonial Swim League (CSL).

Please note that registration will begin in March. The dates will be published in the February edition of the newsletter so make sure you receive

your copy.

For registration information and details on each team, please visit our website at www. broadlandsswimteam.org.

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Forgive, Forget, and Move on for 2012 By: Katie Herbert CPT, Fitness.innovations@gmail.com

Most people would agree that the hardest time of the year to stay committed to anything is during the holiday season. We often find ourselves skipping workouts in order to fit in extra shopping time. Nutrition plans generally go out the window with office and neighborhood parties galore. Sometimes it can seem like a year full of dedication gets lost in the dust as we stampede towards the New Year. The good news is that a New Year is indeed coming and with it comes the promise of new beginnings and a chance to hit the 'reset' button and try to do a little better in 2012.

Many of us enter a New Year with goals in mind and a checklist of things to accomplish. Too many of us also abandon those lists by the end of January. Why the disconnect? If we all want to make changes and have new goals, why are so many of us unsuccessful at reaching our goals?



There are many reasons that a person will not achieve the goals that have been set. Some people spend their lives studying why humans do what they do. In my experience, the biggest barrier to change is holding onto the past and past transgressions. With my clients, I like to approach change from a recovery perspective, as an addict would.

- **Step 1** Recognize your faults. You can't change anything until you admit that eating 3 pieces of pie on Christmas was excessive, not festive.
- **Step 2** Forgive yourself. You may have only made it to the gym 3 times in December; you recognize that, no amount of dwelling over it can change it now.
- **Step 3** Move on. Make a conscious decision to move on and change the future. A great way to do this is by setting goals and remembering to evaluate your goals from time to time.
- **Step 4** Plan for success. The most successful people in life not only have a Plan A but also B and C and so on. For some, planning for success may be keeping a healthy snack in the car as a go to when hunger strikes instead of hitting a fast food joint.
- **Step 5** Create a community of change. A great way to keep yourself on track is to get others involved. Plan workout dates with a girlfriend instead of a movie.
- **Step 6** Repeat. No one is perfect and we will all fall sometimes; the important thing is to go back and restart, no matter what time of year it is.

While I believe that letting go of the past will open the gates to change, there is another aspect that will play a part in your success. In Step 3, I talked about setting goals. The ability to properly set goals can make or break you. Last year I wrote about 'SMART' goals. As you prepare to forgive, forget, and move on in 2012, keep these principles in mind. First, a goal must be specific, instead of saying "I want to run", think of a more specific goal such as "I want to run a 5k." Next, your goal should be measureable, whether by time or inches or a performance goal. If you can't measure your success, you will never know if you have achieved it. The goal should be attainable. If you have never been into swimming, setting a goal of completing a triathalon may be a big stretch. The goal must be realistic, not easy, but it should be something that you can do and feel like you have pushed a little. Last, the goal should be timely. You need to give yourself a time frame. Instead of just saying you want to lose weight, you could break it down and decide that you want to lose 8lbs in the next 3 months.

Whatever goals you decide upon, I wish you all success and happiness in the year ahead.

Happy New Year Broadlands!

Programs continued from page 19

First Session for Spring Program Schedule 2012 Classes offered the following days and times Beginning the week of February 13th:

Under a Log

Age: 4 and 5 year olds (PreK and K)
Days and time: Fridays, 9:30a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Start date February 17th

Price: \$20.00

Let's dig deep and get dirty to explore the wonders of life underneath a log! What critter friends can we find? Are there plants there too? What other fun and funky creatures live there? We will explore logs and rocks to answer these questions.

Week 1: Fantastic Fungus

Week 2: Millipedes and Centipedes

Week 3: Slugs and Snails

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Age: 18 months - 3 years old Days and time: Fridays, 10:45a.m. - 11:45a.m.

Start date February 17th Price: \$20.00 for 4 weeks

Come with your little one and introduce them to the emergence of spring. Every week we will visit a different trail or park in Broadlands and share songs, stories and nature. In inclement weather, we will visit the Nature Center and enjoy crafts, stories, songs and visiting the animals.

Wilderness Skills

Age: Grades 1st - 4st

Days and time: Wednesday 3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Start date February 15th Price: \$20.00

Learn how to find shelter, build a fire, find water and how to survive if you are lost in the woods! We will learn skills hands on and through game play.

Week 1: How to survive introduction

Week 2: Water! Need Water!

Week 3: Making shelters

Week 4: Fire safety and what to do if it is wet.

For students from Mill Run Elementary School, pick up is available at 2:35pm by the Naturalist. Please arrange prior to the class with her (Bring a snack).







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BROADLANDS HELPER LIST

The Broadlands Helper List is being updated - If you would like to be added to the list, please call the HOA office at 703-729-9704 Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. or send an email to scollins@broadlandshoa.com.

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- (B) Babysitter's Course
- (C) CPR
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- (F) First Aid

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All area codes are 703 unless noted. For additions and/or changes to the Broadlands Helper List send an email to scollins@broadlandshoa. com.

January Gardening Tips

Examine the limb structure of your shade trees. Remove dead, diseased, and storm damaged branches. If left on the tree, these weakened limbs can cause damage by falling on buildings or passers-by.

Assess the energy efficiency of your landscape. Do you have evergreen trees or shrubs blocking a window where the sun's warmth would be welcome? Consider replacing them with a deciduous plant that would let sun in during the winter, but cast cooling shade in the summer.

On mild winter days, remember to water window boxes or other outside containers planted with evergreens.

Winter is the time to apply horticulture oil to kill over-wintering mites, aphids, and scale on deciduous trees and shrubs. Spray horticulture oil when temperatures are above 40 F, but not within 24 hours of a freeze.

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January Gardening Tips

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Because the oil kills insects by suffocation, avoid spraying on windy days to ensure that all surfaces of the plant are covered.

When using salt to melt ice on walks and drives, spread it carefully to avoid damage to nearby shrubs. Damage to needle-type evergreens will be evident next spring by copper and yellow tones. Damaged deciduous plants will have bronze or reddish leaves. Consider using sand, sawdust, or kitty litter instead.

Brush snow from evergreens as soon as possible after a storm. Use a broom in an upward, sweeping motion. Serious damage may be caused by heavy snow or ice accumulating on the branches. Prop up ice covered branches and let the ice melt rather than trying to remove ice from brittle branches.

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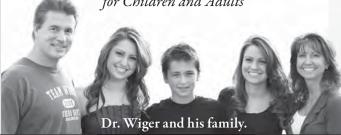
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ASHBURN AREA WOMEN'S CLUB

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. The Ashburn Area Women's Club meets the 1st Thurs of each month at 7:00p.m. in the Broadlands Comm. Ctr.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

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BROADLANDS CERTIFIED COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT

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BROADLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY

Come join us in January for a study on James by Beth Moore. We meet Tuesday mornings beginning January 10th in neighborhood homes. Contact Janet at 703-726-6904 or Chris at 703-729-2095 for more info.

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MOM'S CLUB OF BROADLANDS

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Broadlands Committees and Events

January Activities

<u>Date</u>	Activity
2nd	The HOA Office closed for the New Year's holiday - trash will be picked up on a normal schedule
7th	Nature Center Open 10:00a.m 2:00p.m.
10th	6:00p.m. Board of Directors Meeting(NC)
11th	7:30p.m. Tech Committee Meeting(NC)
12th	6:00p.m. Southern Walk Hearing Committee Meeting(NC)
13th	10:00a.m. Broadlands Mom's Club(CC)
14th	Nature Center Open 10:00a.m 2:00p.m.
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16th	The HOA Office closed in observation of Martin Luther King's birthday - trash will
18th	be picked up on a normal schedule 7:00p.m. Modifications Subcommittee
19th	Meeting(NC)
	8:00p.m. Investment Club(CC)
21st	Nature Center Open 10:00a.m 2:00p.m.
25th	7:30p.m. Book Club(NC)
26th	7:30p.m. Mom's Club(CC)

Committees

Broadlands Live! Summer Concert Committee

Chair: Open.

Community Events Committee

Chair: Tammy Wells, tammy@jwells.us

Community Wildlife Habitat Committee

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Chair: Open

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Website: www.broadlandsswimteam.org

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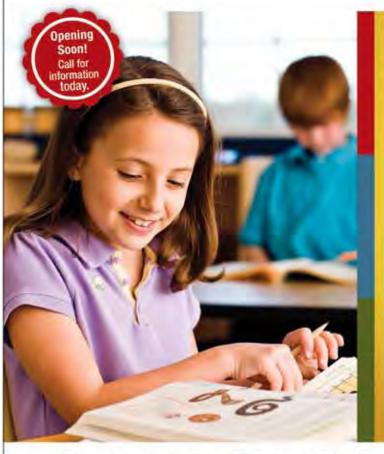
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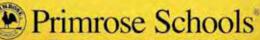


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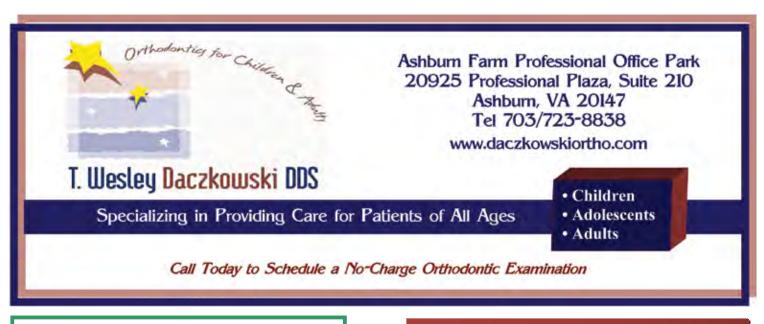


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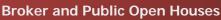
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