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Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th - 6:00p.m.

The Clubhouse

43360 Rickenbacker Square

Board Meetings Information

Monthly meetings are held in the conference room of the Clubhouse on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Residents are welcome to observe the public portion of meetings and to address the Board during the 'Homeowner Forum' section of the meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The following items were reviewed by the Board of Directors at *their meeting held on December 10th, 2019:*

- Approved the minutes of November 12th, 2019 meeting
- Did not approve requested prohibition of parking or creation of one-way road on Windy Oaks Square between Crosswind Terrace and Village Drive
- Did not approve requested speed bump on Halburton Terrace
- Approved the proposal from NT Connections to upgrade computers and laptops
- Amended the 2020 Budget
- Discussed a request from CSL to host the Colonial Swim League Divisions Swim Meet
- Reduced violation charges on one account for a resolved violation
- Approved a payment plan request for one account

These highlights are a summary only. To obtain copies of approved minutes, log into your account on FirstService Residential Connect. Owner access to the site is by registration at <http://dcmetro.fsrconnect.com/residentwelcome>. Owners will need to enter their account number, which can be found on their monthly coupon stubs.

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 HOA Offices and Nature Center closed for New Year's Day	2	3	4 Nature Center Open 10:00am-2:00pm
5	6 Christmas Tree Pickup	7	8 Modification Subcommittee Submissions Due 12:00pm - NC Events Committee Meeting 6:30pm - CH	9	10 Newsletter Submissions Due by Noon Full Wolf Moon Campfire	11
12	13 Christmas Tree Pickup	14 HOA Board Meeting 6:00pm - CH	15 Modification Subcommittee Meeting 7:00pm - NC Tech Committee Meeting 7:30pm - NC	16	17	18 Nature Center Open 10:00am-2:00pm
19 HOA Offices and Nature Center closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 SW Board Meeting 7:00pm - CC	27	28	29	30 Untamed Reads 5:30pm - NC	31	

Key: CH=Clubhouse; CC=Community Center; NC=Nature Center

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe we've wrapped not only another year, but a whole decade! We have seen homes, amenities, and children all mature. While we can't stop the aging process, rest assured your HOA works hard to keep our various amenities and infrastructure current. Our reserve study calls for nearly \$1.8M in updates to the community ranging from roads and trails to benches and HVAC systems. We expect to consider about 75 reserve and capital projects for the year in addition to the routine projects funded from the annual operating budget. We are excited to be unveiling a new recreation pool at the Community Center, complete with basketball and volleyball nets. We will be colorcoating five more

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tennis courts, renovating buildings, restoring asphalt trails, and replacing more tot lots.

As for winter weather, we're ready no matter what Mother Nature brings our way. As a reminder, VDOT is responsible for plowing streets that are county maintained, while the HOA is responsible for plowing privately owned streets and parking lots. Residents living on private streets pay additional assessments for street maintenance that include snow plowing while residents living on publicly maintained streets do not pay an additional assessment for street maintenance. Those roads are plowed and paid for using taxpayer dollars. If you are uncertain who owns the street you live on, please check out the street listing on our website.

Snow removal on HOA owned streets commences after two inches (2") of snow has accumulated on paved surfaces, or at the discretion of the Association and contractor. As a reminder, it is very helpful for residents on all streets to park in their driveways where possible when a winter weather event is predicted. This allows plows to clear the widest path on the street and reduces the likelihood of parked

vehicles getting hit either by passing snow plows or by other vehicles traveling on slippery road surfaces. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions regarding the snow removal process on pages 12-14 for detailed information about how we handle inclement weather.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and is ready to settle back into the swing of things. I know I for one am very excited about all of the events and improvements we will have here in Broadlands in 2020.

Happy New Year to all!

Sarah

Sarah Gerstein, CMCA, AMS, LSM, PCAM
General Manager



Modifications Subcommittee

The Subcommittee meets at 7:00p.m. in the Nature Center conference room 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 Wednesday before the meeting to the Secretary to the Modifications Subcommittee, Robin Crews. Submissions may be emailed to rcrews@broadlandshoa.com or delivered to the Association office in the Nature Center, 21907 Claiborne Parkway. For your convenience, there is a drop box available for afterhours submissions.

Please review these guidelines and the updated changes on our website. Visit broadlandshoa.org/for-residents/designguidelines for complete guidelines and information required to be submitted with your application, as failure to include all information will delay review of your application. A response to your application is generally sent within one week of the meeting.

How Am I Notified of My Results?

Once the Subcommittee has reached a decision, the results letter will be delivered via email. If an email is not provided, then the results letter will be mailed. Please check your inbox and junk/spam folders for your results letter or contact the HOA office at 703-729-9704.

Emails will be sent from no-reply@smartwebs365.com should you wish to add this email address to your contact list to ensure prompt delivery.

Modifications Subcommittee Submission and Meeting Dates

Submission Deadline By Noon	Meeting Date
January 8th	January 15th
February 12th	February 19th
February 26th	March 4th
March 11th	March 18th
March 25th	April 1st
April 8th	April 15th

Only applications with complete documentation received by the deadline will be reviewed at the next subcommittee meeting.

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. Let's keep our neighborhood safe!.

Holiday Decorating Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our Annual Holiday Decorating Contest:

1st Place: 21490 Tithables

2nd Place: 22172 Withers Grove

3rd Place: 42905 Vestals Gap

Honorable Mentions: 22052 Avonworth and 21948 Windy Oaks.

Event Entrants' Photos:



2020 Budget Update

The 2020 Budget has been updated to include \$16,000.00 for Broadlands Live! The revised version has been posted to the website. Please refer to the online publication as the final version of the 2020 budget. You may also request a copy by contacting the HOA office at info@broadlandshoa.com or 703-729-9704.

Please Keep Your Walkways Clear

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!

The Annual St. Paddy's Day Block Party is Right Around the Corner

Save the Date for Broadlands' 3rd Annual St. Paddy's Day Block Party on Saturday, March 14th at the Nature Center Parking Lot.

Featuring: DJ Neal Keller, S'mores, Irish adult beverages, make your own hot cocoa bar and much more!

More information coming in the February newsletter, on the Broadlands Blast and our Facebook page! Please signup for The Blast on our website and like the Broadlands HOA Events Page on Facebook to keep up to date on what's going on in the neighborhood!

Three Tips for Storing Holiday Decorations

Submitted by Jennifer Snodgrass, Home Organizer & Owner of The Styled Sort LLC., jenn@thestyledsort.com

Happy New Year! The holidays flew by again and it's now time to start a new year. Whether you enjoy packing away your holiday decorations (starting the year with a clean, lighter home) or are sad to see them go (the holidays are now over), it's great to store them in a way that will make the holidays of 2020 easier. Below are three tips to help get all of those decorations organized:



1. **Get Rid of Anything You Don't Like**

We all have decorations that were given to us by other people that just may not be our style. It's ok to donate them or give them to someone else who may enjoy them. If you have decorations that may have broken this season, don't pack them away. Just get rid of them.

2. **Group "Like with Like" & LABEL**

This is an organizer's mantra. Pack up items that belong together - all outdoor decorations in one bin, tree decorations in another, etc. Make sure to put a descriptive label on each bin. Labeling all of your bins with the name "Christmas Decorations" is not helpful. If the bin is filled with outdoor garland and lights, include that on the label.

3. **Get Creative with Your Storage**

I love all of the matching, beautiful storage bins and boxes now available at so many stores BUT the costs can quickly add up when you need a lot of them. There are items you currently have in your home that can be just as useful. Keep your outdoor lights from getting tangled by wrapping them around cardboard from all those boxes that arrived last month. Egg cartons are great for small, delicate tree decorations. Shoe boxes also make great storage for ornaments when wrapped with plenty of tissue paper. And these all easily fit into larger bins.

If you take the time to pack away your decorations in an organized way now, you will truly appreciate it next holiday season!

Connect with Broadlands

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Don't miss out on important HOA news and amazing community events in between newsletters. Staying connected is easy...

Broadlandshoa.org

The Broadlands website gives you access anytime to find answers to most of your questions. Updates and reminders are posted to the main page as well.

Broadlands Blast

This weekly email is a great way to receive important reminders on HOA news and upcoming events in between receiving the newsletters. To sign up, just visit our website and enter your email address(s).

Broadlands App

Download this app to your mobile device from your app store to receive HOA and event notifications and have the ability to store your pool passes.

Facebook & Instagram

Join these groups to check out scenes from our past events and see what's coming up: BroadlandsHoaEvents & BroadlandsNatureCenter

Broadlandslive.com

Visit this website for details on this popular summer concerts series including bands, vendors and sponsors.

Broadlandsnaturally.org

Visit the Conservation Landscape Committee's website for information on community landscaping, gardening and learning about native plants.

Covenants Corner

Throughout the year, the Covenants Manager routinely inspects homes for a variety of issues ranging from trash containers in open view, parking issues, architectural modifications to leftover holiday décor. In addition, certain seasons dictate the need to focus on particular inspections where violations may occur with high frequency.

This helps preserve the property values for home ownership, promotes community harmony and ensures the high standards of living that our residents have come to expect are maintained.

If any violations of these types are noted, the owner will be mailed a letter providing sixty days for the violation to be resolved. If the violation is not corrected, a second violation letter will be issued, providing an additional fifteen day extension. If the violation remains unresolved, a final notice will be sent, providing seven days to rectify before a Hearing Notice is sent, and a Hearing will be held in accordance with state law, where charges may be assessed, up to \$10/day for a maximum of ninety (90) days.

If you have questions regarding this processes, or have corrected the violation(s), or if you would like to request an extension on a maintenance violation, please contact the Covenants office at covenants@broadlandshoa.com or Suzan Rodano, Covenants Manager at 703-729-9704, option 2.



Save Flicks in the Sticks By Volunteering

Broadlands Association relies heavily on volunteers and nowhere is that more apparent than in the development and implementation of our movie series, Flick in the Sticks. The series provides wholesome, family friendly, free outdoor movie nights complete with fresh popped popcorn and drinks.

This series is volunteer driven and the chairs are ready to pass the torch to let the next generation light the way into the new decade. Do you think you have what it takes to helm this event and entertain hundreds of your neighbors and friends? We do, and we're here to help! The committee has members happy to mentor and staff is happy to continue to assist with administration of these events.

Flicks in the Sticks requires movie selection, set up of the outdoor movie screen, popcorn machine, and cleanup. Currently there are three movies held on Saturday evenings during the summer months but this can be adjusted to suit you.

We just need you and your energy to keep this wholesome and family friendly series going! What say you, Broadlands? Is your interest piqued? If so, please contact Sarah Gerstein at sarah@broadlandshoa.com or 703-729-9704 ext 107.

Do You Like Having Fun and Meeting New People??

Then join the Events Committee! We are a group of very social gals and guys who plan the awesome events that the HOA hosts year 'round.

All you need to do is show up and be ready to have fun! Email events@broadlandshoa.com for more information.

Events Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 8th
6:30 pm at the Clubhouse
43360 Rickenbacker Square



2020 Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule

NEW YEARS

Trash and recycling will be picked up on a normal schedule. Patriot Disposal's offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas trees will be collected on Monday, January 6th and Monday, January 13th. All trees must be placed on the curb with all tinsel/decorations removed and trees should not be placed in plastics bags.



Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, leaves and brush/hedge trimmings that result from the regular maintenance of your yard.

Yard waste does not include stumps, rocks, dirt, sod, gravel, mulch, whole trees, or clean-up from storm damage. Collection of these items may be provided for an additional charge. Customers who have any of these items for removal should contact Patriot Disposal at 703-257-7100 for an estimate.

1. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed out for collection in brown paper bags OR un-bagged in a personal container clearly marked "yard waste" on both sides. Yard waste out for collection in plastic bags will not be picked up.
2. Brush must be cut into four-foot lengths, with each limb or piece of brush no larger than four inches in diameter, and tied in small bundles with rope or twine. Each bundle can be no larger than two feet in diameter.
3. Items that are bagged, bundled or placed in a container cannot exceed 50 pounds.

Separate yard waste collection begins the first week of March and continues through the end of December. Yard waste collection days are on Mondays.

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy December Programs and Field Trips

Submitted by Doreen Varblow, LWC

Birding Banshee - Saturday, January 11, 8:00am.

Whether you're a beginning birder or an expert, you'll be dazzled by the many bird species you'll find at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve south of Leesburg. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Friends of Banshee Reeks for the monthly bird walk at this birding hot spot. Bring binoculars if you have them. Questions: Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

The Birds of Loudoun County - Sunday, January 12, 2:00pm, Gum Spring Library. Loudoun County's extensive diversity of natural areas comprising rich riparian buffers along the Potomac and its tributaries, large upland forests along the Blue Ridge and other ridges, many farms and meadows, and its occasional parks results in an abundant and diverse bird life. Using the extensive information gained from Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's 5-year bird atlas and resultant book, *Birds of Loudoun*, Joe Coleman, avid birder, will discuss and show slides of some of the 262 species of birds found in Loudoun. He'll also identify the best spots to find them and discuss what the future likely holds for them. This free program is co-sponsored by the Loudoun County Public Library. Questions: Contact info@loudounwildlife.org.

Birding Bles Park - Sunday, January 19, 8:00am.

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy is excited to offer regular bird walks at Bles Park located along the Potomac River in eastern Loudoun. More than 175 different species of birds have been observed at Bles Park in a great mix of habitat. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an experienced or beginning birder. Bring binoculars if you have them. Questions: Contact Bryan Henson at bhenson@loudounwildlife.org.

Adventures with Raptors — Sunday, January 19, 2:00pm, Brambleton Library. Join raptor rehabilitator Liz Dennison and Belinda Burwell of Wildlife Veterinary Care in Boyce for an informative Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy program about raptors and their place in our natural world. The program will be followed by an opportunity for everyone to personally visit, interact with, and take photos with their ambassador birds. All are welcome. Questions: Contact info@loudounwildlife.org.

Birding the Blue Ridge Center —

Saturday, January 25, 8:00am. The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (BRCES) is a beautiful 900-acre preserve in northwestern Loudoun County. With its diverse wildlife habitats, including meadows, streams and heavily forested slopes, BRCES draws a wide variety of birds and other creatures. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on our monthly walk, and see what's there! Meet at the Education Center; bring binoculars if you have them. BRCES is located just north of Neersville at 11661 Harpers Ferry Road (Rte 671); detailed directions at www.brces.org. Questions: Contact Joe Coleman at jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org.

Searching for Birds of Prey: Class and Field Trip - Saturday, February 1, class at 10:30am and field trip 1:30pm until dusk. If the weather cooperates, birds of prey numbers increase dramatically in the county in the winter as our resident birds are joined by many others. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy for a class by raptor expert Liam McGranaghan on identifying birds of prey in the morning. After a break for lunch, the group will reconvene for a winter raptor search as we drive the back roads of Loudoun with frequent stops to find and identify the many hawks, an owl or two, and any other birds who winter here. Space is limited for this popular event so please register early. Fee: \$10/members; \$25/non-members. Registration required: Sign Up Online. All participants will be sent details on the class and field trip after registration. Questions: Contact info@loudounwildlife.org.

Amaze Your Friends and Impress Your HOA with Native Plants — Wednesday, February 5, 7:00–9:00pm, Location TBD. Any home landscape can incorporate native plants, why not yours? At this Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy program we will discuss why we need to use more native plants at home to help troubled bird and insect populations and how to WOW your friends and neighbors. A Plant NoVa Natives guide will be a great tool to bring along—we will also have copies for sale at the talk. Instructor: Julie Borneman. Questions: Contact info@loudounwildlife.org.



Share Your Ideas

In Our Neck of the Woods thanks residents for their input to the newsletter and the wonderful photos you submit. You are invited to submit photos, a creative writing piece, an idea for a new column, any general interest news article you want to share, a restaurant recommendation or suggestion for a restaurant you would like us to review.

Articles should be about 300 words and submitted in MS Word format. Photos should be submitted in high quality resolution. Articles are edited and published at the discretion of the Communications Committee and are subject to space availability; submission does not guarantee publication.

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Snow Removal FAQs

In order to help assist residents with snow removal questions, the Board and Management have prepared the following Frequently Asked Questions. Please contact the HOA office if you have further questions. A list of streets and ownership can be found online at broadlandshoa.org.

1. Why are some roads plowed by VDOT and some by the HOA?

The HOA owns and maintains some roads (75 to be exact) within Broadlands, but many roads are public. The public roads belong to the county and are plowed by VDOT. Taxes pay for VDOT to plow, so residents living on public roads need to contact VDOT directly if they feel they are not receiving adequate service. Residents living on private HOA owned streets pay an additional assessment to the HOA to fund private road maintenance, which includes snow and ice services. Residents on VDOT streets do not pay the HOA the additional assessments for private road maintenance.

2. Can VDOT plow the HOA owned road?

The HOA would gladly turn all of the private roads over to them. Unfortunately, the county has very specific requirements for roads – such as minimum widths – and VDOT will not accept roads that do not meet their requirements. The HOA does not choose which roads it owns. This is determined when the developer submits the plan to the county - long before construction ever began.

3. Why are some streets plowed sooner than others?

The crews are assigned maps by their leader. They work on their assigned streets until they are done. With 75 private streets, some roads will be treated first and some will be done last because the plows cannot be on every street at the same time. The crews normally address the main roads first and then work into the secondary roads. You might see a plow drive past your street without stopping. They may be assigned somewhere else, there may be a vehicle blocking access, too many vehicles parked in the way to get the equipment in safely in, or there may be too much snow for their equipment to handle. In blizzard-type storms, snow drifts presents additional challenges - previously cleared roads can become snow-covered again, pulling crews back for additional passes. Whatever the reason, crews will be work to clear your road as quickly and safely as possible.



4. Why don't the plows clear the road down to bare pavement?

Vehicles driving on snow compact it down, making it more difficult for the plow blade to clear the surface to the pavement – one reason the government, media, and HOA encourage residents to stay home and off the streets during inclement weather. The HOA does not generally use chemicals in subdivisions. Residents should expect streets to have some compacted snow and ice for a few days, until temperatures allow for melting. Crews will treat certain areas with ice-melt e.g. certain hills and intersections, curved roadways, etc. where additional traction is needed to allow safe passage. But thaw/freeze cycles may cause these areas to become covered again. Keep in mind that high winds may cause drifting in some areas - a street may have been plowed only to later be covered again by blowing snow. It can also be difficult for plow blades to scrape down to black pavement, depending on the current conditions (how dry/wet the snow is, how fast it is coming down, how hard the wind is blowing, etc.)

5. Why don't the plows clear the entire width of the street, from curb to curb?

Plows are often a misunderstood piece of equipment. If you've ever driven a full sized pickup on a crowded street like many of the ones in our community, which can be a challenge on its own, consider what it's like to add a plow blade sticking 4 feet out in front of your vehicle. Even a "small" plow truck can be in excess of 22' long. Operating a large vehicle, manipulating a plow blade from side to side and up and down, and frequently shifting gears is pretty challenging.

Plow blades can push snow off to the side, but they



cannot pick it up. When significant accumulation occurs, the drivers will do everything possible to clear the widest lanes, but they may not be curb to curb. Bear in mind that these trucks can slide on ice and snow covered roads too, so plow drivers exercise extreme caution near parked vehicles, causing owners to have to shovel more to get vehicles out to the road. The contractor widens the roads as much as reasonably possible, but in some of the densely populated areas, there is nowhere to push the snow during extremely high snow fall events. Please park your vehicles off the roads and off to the sides of parking lots whenever possible. Abandoned vehicles can also add to the issue.

6. Why can't we use reserves to pay the snow removal bills?

Reserve funds are required to be held for future repairs and replacements of community property and cannot be used for snow removal. Those funds are on hold in reserve to pay for major expenses such as resurfacing HOA roads, re-roofing the community center or replacing pool machinery, not for operating expenses.

7. Why are the fees for HOA owned streets higher than for residents on VDOT streets? How much of the monthly assessment goes to snow plowing?

For 2020, the budget for snow removal for townhomes is \$35,467. That's \$29.29 per townhome per year (or \$2.44 per month for each of the 1,211 townhomes in the Association). The budget for snow removal for Single Family homes on private streets (SFPS) is \$29,072. That's \$78.36 per SFPS home per year

(or \$6.53 per month for each of the 371 SFPS in the Association). The balance of the monthly assessment is for private road maintenance for the repair and repaving of those roads, aprons, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.

8. Why don't we budget more for snow removal and increase service?

It's impossible to predict the weather months (or even days) in advance, and snow is a huge variable from year to year. When formulating the budget, the Board uses an average cost of snow removal for past years. Inflated amounts can lead to unnecessary increases in assessments, or a surplus of income in the budget. The Association is required to maintain a balanced budget. The Board makes every effort to keep assessments stable while keeping services as high as possible.

9. How does our snow contract work?

The Association's contract is "time and materials" and is at a fair and reasonable cost for these services in our area. Each snow event is different and unpredictable, but we are billed only for the time the contractor worked. The Association is fortunate to have a contractor that is solely dedicated to Broadlands and willing to work around the clock. Many associations have crews that are assigned to multiple properties, and their community may not be a priority for that contractor. If you've ever driven down Demott Drive, you've probably seen some of the equipment stored in the Summerbrooke pool parking lot. All of this equipment is stored on site all winter and is dedicated to Broadlands. Additional equipment that is utilized by the contractor for other jobs year round is brought for snow events in order to fully support our needs.

Snow FAQ's continued on page 14

Snow FAQ's continued from page 13

10. How do we know we are receiving the best and most qualified plowing service?

Signature Snow and Ice Control (SSIC) has been providing snow plowing services in Broadlands for nearly 20 years. Their rates are extremely competitive and they are familiar with the most efficient and productive ways to plow our streets. They routinely provide Broadlands with several plow trucks, a tractor, and crews dedicated to clearing our roads and sidewalks as quickly as possible. Additional equipment is brought in as conditions warrant.

11. Do crews take breaks? How long do they work between breaks?

Many of the drivers work long hours during winter weather events - often 24 to 36 hours at a time without the opportunity to go home and sleep in a real bed. The goal during heavy storms is for each driver to have a 6 hour break every 24 hours. Sometimes they need breaks more often in order to nap, eat, use the restroom, or touch base with loved ones. It's understandable and recommended that they would take a break once in a while in order to reenergize and safely continue their work. They work day and night, driving slippery roads, dodging parked cars and avoiding hazards to clear the roads. All so that emergency responders can reach residents in the event of a life threatening emergency.

12. Can the plows push the snow in such a way as to avoid blocking my driveway?

A plow blade is designed to push snow to the side; it will not pick it up and deposit it elsewhere. As the plow moves along the road, snow is piled up along the side whether that side has a curb, a driveway, or a guardrail. In order to clear a lane quickly, the plows will push snow off to the sides. It can be very frustrating to dig out the driveway only to have the plow leave a new pile. VDOT recommends digging out an area 10 to 15 feet to the right of your driveway (viewed from the street), giving the excess snow a place to go, which may help to minimize the plow pile at the end of your driveway. Obviously this is difficult to do in some of the densely populated areas where driveways are side by side.

13. Who is responsible for clearing around the fire hydrants?

On HOA owned streets, our contractor marks all of the hydrants using wooden stakes with blue tape on them. This way they can return after the snow subsided and the roads are clear to dig them out to make them accessible for fire trucks. On VDOT streets, it is the residents' responsibility to mark and dig out the

hydrants.

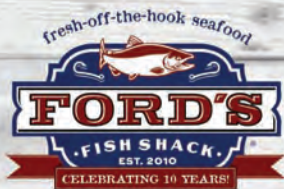
14. Where should I put the snow from my driveway/sidewalk/parking space if not in the street?

The HOA and VDOT ask that you do everything possible to avoid shoveling snow into the street as it creates road blocks for your neighbors and adds to the snow volume that the plows have to move out of the way. Try to pile the snow in your yard or find some common area open space (turf, not roadway) to place the snow.

15. Why does the HOA mark the main roads with the orange snow stakes? Why doesn't it mark the private roads?

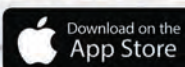
A few years ago, the HOA invested in the snow markers in order to identify the edges of the roads on the main roads (Claiborne/Waxpool/Truro Parish/Broadlands Blvd). Although these are VDOT roads, the association has an easement to maintain the turf on the medians and right of ways on these roads. Therefore, the HOA has to pay for turf repairs when they happen. These stakes assist the plows for two reasons. For one thing, the equipment that keeps these main roads clear are larger commercial grade trucks that sit several feet higher off the ground than a regular pickup truck. That makes it that much harder to see the edges of the road. Additionally, when VDOT installed the curb on these roads, they rounded the edges in order to save concrete. This does not define the edge of the road in the same way that a square concrete curb does, and it's much easier for the plows to jump the curb and shave off large sections of turf in doing so. On the HOA roads, the plow equipment is generally smaller so the drivers can see a bit easier. Also, most, if not all of the HOA roads have square curbs, making it slightly harder for the plow to jump the curb and damage the turf. While the HOA has observed turf damage on main roads following storms, the damage is significantly lower than it would be had the stakes been absent. The stakes typically get installed in November before the ground freezes, so they can be driven deep enough to be stable. They do occasionally get broken, stolen, or vandalized, and are reinstalled or replaced as necessary..





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New Events for 2020 at the Nature Center

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- ☆ Full wolf moon January 10th
- ☆ Full snow moon February 9th
- ☆ Full worm moon March 9th
- ☆ Spring Equinox March 21st
- ☆ Full pink moon April 7th
- ☆ Beltane/May Day Bonfire/
Campout May 1st
- ☆ Full flower moon May 7th
- ☆ Full strawberry moon Bonfire/
Campout June 5th
- ☆ Summer Solstice June 22nd
- ☆ Full buck moon July 5th
- ☆ Bonfire/**Campout** July 17th
- ☆ Autumn eve/Lammas Bonfire/
Campout August 1st
- ☆ Full corn moon September 2nd
- ☆ Autumn Equinox/Feast of
Ingathering September 21st
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Feeling Chili?

Award Winning Spicy White Chicken Chili

Total time: 1 hour 30 minutes, Yield: 8-10 servings

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| 3 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast halves | 3 15-ounce cans white beans, drained |
| 3 tbsp olive oil, divided | 2 4-ounce cans chopped green chiles (hot or mild) |
| 2 tbsp chile powder, plus 2 tsp | 2 tsp oregano |
| 3 tbsp cumin, divided | 4-6 cups low-salt chicken broth |
| 1 tsp salt, divided | 6 cups shredded cheese, divided (Monterey Jack & half cheddar) |
| 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper or to taste | 2 cups sour cream, divided |
| 3 cups chopped onion (2 medium) | |
| 3 tbsp minced garlic | |

Spice and Roast the Chicken: Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread chicken out in a roasting pan. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil and season with 2 teaspoons chili powder, 1 tablespoon cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt and a pinch or two of cayenne. Roast for 30 minutes. Shred or cut into bite sized pieces. Set aside. *Cook the Chili:* In a large pot heat remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil. Sauté onion and garlic over medium heat for 5 minutes or until tender. Add beans, shredded chicken, chilies, oregano, 2 tablespoons chile powder, 2 tablespoons cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon cayenne. Add 4 cups of chicken broth, reserving the rest for thinning to desired consistency. Stir and simmer on low for 20 minutes.

Remove the pot from heat and let cool for 5 minutes before proceeding. With the pot still off the heat, stir 3 cups of cheese into the pot, 1 cup at a time and stir 1 cup of sour cream. Bring the pot back to a simmer on low and simmer for 15-20 minutes, adjusting with additional chicken broth, if needed. Serve with desired toppings. panningtheglobe.com

Steak Chili

Total time: 2 hours 10 minutes, Yield: 6 servings

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| 1 1/2 pounds stew meat, diced into 3/4-inch cubes | 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes |
| Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste | 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce |
| 1 red onion, diced | 2 tbsp chili powder |
| 4 cloves garlic, minced | 2 (15-ounce) cans kidney beans, drained and rinsed |
| 1-3 jalapeños, minced | Shredded jalapeño Monterey Jack cheese & Jalapeño cornbread, for serving |
| 1 tsp cumin | |

Season stew meat with salt and pepper, to taste. Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven or large pot over medium high heat. Add stew meat and sear until browned, about 2 minutes. Add onion, garlic and jalapeños, and cook until fragrant, about 1-2 minutes. Stir in diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, kidney beans and 1-2 cups water, making sure to cover most of the ingredients. Reduce heat to low; simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, until meat is tender, about 90-120 minutes. Serve with desired toppings. damndelicious.net

CSL Swim Team Registration



The New Year just got started and it is time to start thinking about the 2020 summer swim season!

Come join the Broadlands CSL Piranhas for another

fun-filled summer of swimming! The swim team is open to Broadlands residents and non-HOA pool pass holders between the ages of 5 – 18. Our goal is to develop a love for the sport of swimming and to advance proper stroke skills, teamwork and principles of good sportsmanship. We offer excellent coaching, daily practice, and fun family activities throughout the season.

For those families who do not reside within the Broadlands HOA, please ensure that you purchase your pool pass BEFORE the start of the season.

Registration dates and fees:

- **February 17** – HOA new and returning members \$160 (early bird registration)
- **March 2** – HOA and Non HOA residents \$175 (standard registration)



All registrations include a team T-shirt. Further information on schedules, meets, parents meeting, etc. will be provided closer to the start of the season.

If families have questions about the Piranhas Colonial Swim League in Broadlands, please contact Tracey Greenwood, President, at cslboardpresident@broadlandsswimteam.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Junior Coaches

The Broadlands CSL Piranhas are looking for Junior coaches for the 2020 swim season! If you are 15 years of age by the start of the season, you are eligible to work as a Junior coach! Interviews will be held February 23, 2020 and applications will be available in January on the CSL Piranha website.



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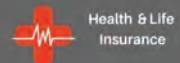
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Ashburn Library's January Programs

Library Closings

Wednesday, January 1st - New Year's

Monday, January 20th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Friends of the Ashburn Library Winter Book Sale:

Shop books, movies, music and more at rock-bottom prices! All proceeds benefit the Ashburn Library.

Donations of books (all formats), CDs, & DVDs will be collected during regular library hours, January 3rd-22nd.

Thursday, January 23rd, 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Pre-sale: \$15.00 admission fee

Book Sale Days:

Friday, January 24th, 10:00am - 7:00pm

Saturday, January 25, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, January 28, 10:00am - 5:00pm (free admission)

January Programs

Art at the Library: Banksy. For Grades K-5. Thursday, January 2nd, 4:00pm. Learn about the life and styles of street artist Banksy. Explore creativity and take home your masterpiece.

Winter Beach Party- Friday, January 3rd, 10:30am. Take a break from the winter blues and daydream about the beach. Watch "Moana" and create beach-themed crafts.

STEAM Buddies - For preschool aged children. Saturday, January 4th, 10:30am. Teens lead science and math learning activities and stories

Lego Family Build - For all ages. Saturday, January 4th, 2:00pm. Build a Lego creation.

Low-Sensory Sunday - The library is open Sunday, January 5th, 12:00pm-1:00pm to allow those with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other sensory processing needs to access books, computers and other resources while the lights are low and noises are kept to a minimum. Limited adaptive services will be available. For children, teens, adults and caregivers. Attendance is limited and registration is required. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ws8u7tg> or by calling the library at 703-737-8100.

Dungeons & Dragons- Sunday, January 5th, 2:00pm. Enjoy the classic role-playing game with your peers. Adventurers of all experience levels welcome.

Craft Tales: New Year's Fun- For Grades K-2. Tuesday, January 7th, 4:00pm. Learn about New Year celebrations, then create crafts to celebrate the 2020 New Year.

Adult Book Club - Recommended reads. Tuesday, January 7th, 7:00pm.

Teen Gaming Hour - Wednesday, January 8th, 5:00pm. Play video games or board games with fellow teens.

Block Party - For preschool-Grade 5 with an adult. Wednesday, January 8th, 6:30pm. Create towering wonders or whole new worlds with our Imagination Playground blocks and other building toys.

STEAM Club: Forensics. For Grades 3-5. Thursday, January 9th, 4:00pm. Someone stole a cookie from the cookie jar! Using science, we'll examine all the evidence to find the guilty party!

Library Playdate For ages 5 and younger with an adult. Fridays, January 10th and 31st, 10:00am. Coffee and conversation for adults. Toys and play space for children.

Strategy Gaming - For adults. Sunday, January 12th, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Come play strategy games!

Homeschool Maker Monday: Nature Journals - for Grades K-8. Monday, January 13th, 2:00pm. Record nature

observations on your next hike in a handmade journal you've made with sticks, paper and special shape cutters.

Jewelry Basics: Winter Accessories For ages 16 and older. Monday, January 13, 7:00pm. Create unique snowman earrings. Supplies provided.

STEAM Club Jr.: Artbots For Grades K-2. Tuesday, January 14th, 4:00pm. Create an artistic robot out of pool noodles, batteries and markers.

DIY Teens: Snowman Sign Wednesday, January 15th, 5:00pm.

Kids Yoga For Grades K-5. Wednesday, January 15th, 6:30pm. Learn basic yoga poses and go through the alphabet with a certified children's yoga instructor.

Geronimo Stilton Book Club For Grades 2-3. Thursday, January 16th, 4:00pm. "Cyber-Thief Showdown" Pick up books at Children's Desk.

Discuss the wild places and situations Geronimo and Thea get themselves into. Crafts to follow the book discussion.

Tween Book Club For Grades 4-6. Thursday, January 16, 7:00pm. "Crispin: The Cross of Lead," by Avi Explore different genres of tween literature. Games, activities and book discussions. Pick up books at the Children's Desk.

Messy Morning: Snow For preschoolers with an adult. Friday, January 17th, 10:30am. Stories, crafts and sensory play.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover For Pre-K-Grade 3. Saturday, January 18, 3:00pm. Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover! Enjoy storytime and a craft before dropping off your animals, then return to the library on Sunday to pick them up and hear about their adventures.

My First Book Club For Grades K-1. Tuesday, January 21st, 4:00pm. "Squishy McFluff: The Invisible Cat!" by Pip Jones. Explore a different easy reader series each month.

Meditation - Wednesday, January 22nd, 7:00pm. Mat or blanket suggested. Gretchen Schutte is a certified yoga teacher who has been teaching movement and meditation for six years.

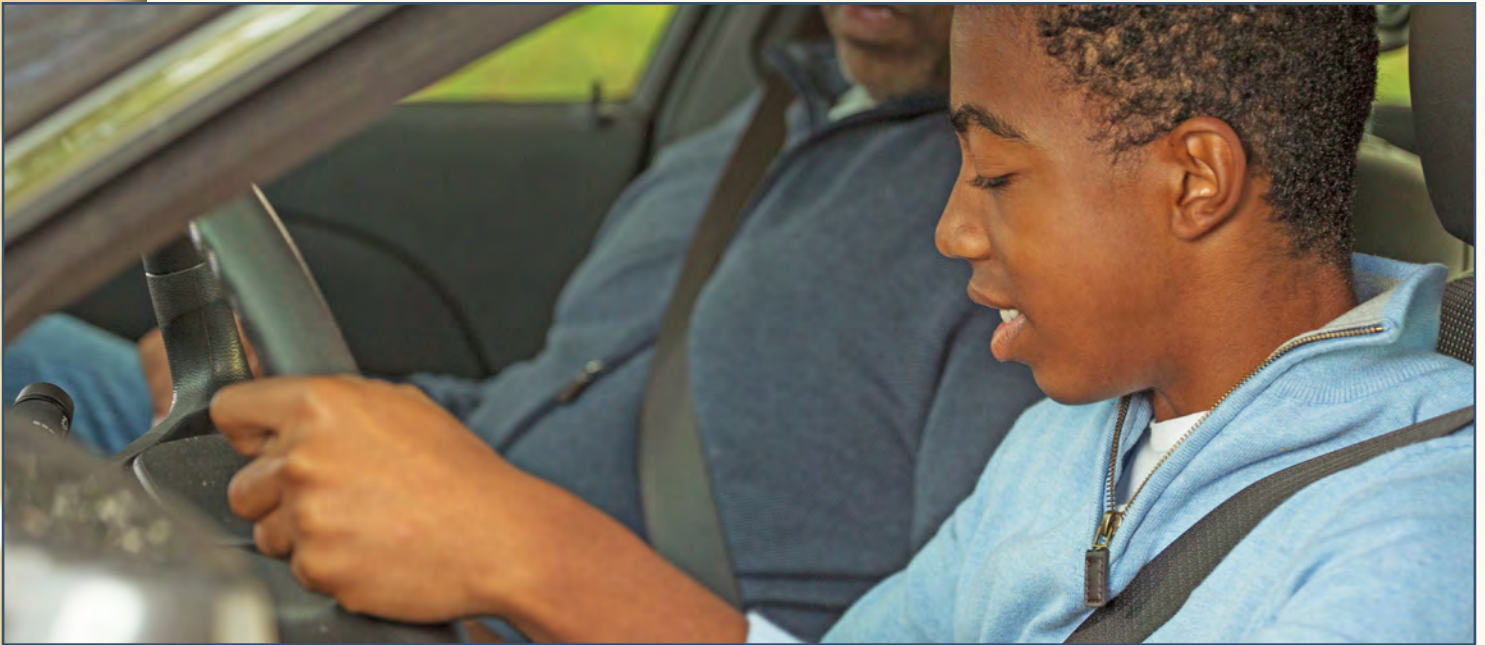
ESOL: One-on-One ESOL Tutoring For adults. Monday, January 27, 10:00am. Visit the Information Desk to sign up for English-language tutoring during February and March. ESOL learners will be partnered with a volunteer for weekly one-hour sessions for two months.

Cultural Explorers: African Drums Tuesday, January 28th, 4:00pm. Kofi Dennis brings the vibrant rhythms of a West African village to life through music, storytelling, drumming and dance.

DIY: Valentine Wreath Wednesday, January 29th, 7:00pm. Create a decorative wreath for Valentine's Day. Supplies provided.

Abstract Pet Portraits For Grades 3-5. Thursday, January 30, 4:00pm. Tap into your creative thinking with an abstract painting lesson. Instructor Afshid Reihanifard will guide you through step-by-step instruction to create a portrait of your pet. Please bring an 8.5-by-11-inch black-and-white photo of your pet.

Little-Known Secrets of Paying for College - Thursday, January 30th, 7:00pm. Discover the secrets of paying for college without going bankrupt. A college funding coach will talk about financial aid, scholarships and ways of maximizing your wealth while minimizing your tax exposure.



Apps to Help Keep Your Teen Driver Safe

Submitted by Quest Insurance

Obtaining a driver's license is a major rite of passage for millions of young people across the country. Getting a license means freedom, self-reliance and the ability to hit the open road. But with that privilege comes risk and increased responsibility. As a parent, it is important to help your teen stay safe on the road—and new technologies can make it easier than ever.

Where to Find Safe Driving Apps

There are many safe driving apps for teens with a variety of features. You can find apps for iPhones in the App Store and for Androids in Google Play. In those stores, you can search by feature or brand name to find the best app for your needs.

Some apps are installed on both your teen's phone and your own, while others require purchasing a GPS tracker to attach to your teen's car. Some apps are paid, some are free and others have a free trial or free version with paid premium features. Searching in the right store for your phone will lead you to the best options available.

Where Is My Teen?

One of the biggest worries for parents is where their teen is when driving. While the hope is that the teenager will go to school, work and maybe a friend's house as planned, the occasional diversion from the plan or the unfortunate breakdown on the side of the road can be expected. Knowing where your teen is when running late can alleviate concerns.

Top teen driving apps have the ability to report the car's location back to parents. When your teen is out, you can look at your phone to see where he or she is.

How Fast Are They Going?

While it is important to know where your teen is going, it is also important to know that he or she gets

there safely. Teens can be distracted easily, and things, such as speed limit signs, may be missed or ignored. Teen driving apps are designed to track average driving speed and top driving speed, and report back on different road segments.

Certain apps can send notifications when your teen is speeding or goes over a predefined maximum speed. If your teen knows you can receive alerts and are keeping an eye on his or her driving behavior, he or she may be encouraged to make smarter driving decisions. And, if not, you have the information to coach your teen on safe driving.

Lock Dangerous Phone Use While Driving

Distracted driving is a top cause of teen auto accidents. In fact, 10% of teen driver fatalities in 2013 were related to distracted driving, so teaching your teen to put down the phone when on the road is vital for driving safety.

Many teen driving apps automatically lock the phone when the car is in motion. Teens may argue that the apps are an invasion of their privacy, but research from Virginia Tech Transportation Institute shows the risk of being involved in a crash or near crash because of a teen driver texting was nearly four times that of an alert teen. Dialing and reaching for cell phones increased risk by nearly eight times.

Teach Good Habits to Last a Lifetime

Teens are more likely to be involved in a crash within the first few months of getting their drivers' license. Make sure your teen does not become a statistic by teaching him or her responsible, safe driving habits from day one. However, you cannot be there every minute they are driving, so consider using technology to ensure they come back home safe. It will keep your teen safer and help you rest easy anytime they take the keys and hit the road.

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Broadlands Fun 2019



ODSL Swim Team Registration

The ODSL Piranhas swim team is a great way to spend your summer and to learn under a terrific coaching staff who are committed to making the experience a positive and safe one, while also having team building events and fun outings. Registration dates are as follows:

- February 17 – HOA new and returning members
- March 2 – HOA and Non HOA residents

Please note – If you are not a Broadlands HOA member, you must purchase an outside pool membership through the HOA before the swim season begins.

Clutter No More

Do you have piles of clothes, papers and “stuff” collecting in your home? You’re not alone. With the arrival of the New Year, it’s time to clean up that clutter and make your abode a more enjoyable and relaxing place to live.

- Create a schedule. Depending on how high those piles are, you may not be able to accomplish the task in a single weekend. So, try tackling one room at a time. It may seem like a daunting project, but it will be less scary if you break it down into segments.
- Practice a one item in, one item out rule. When you buy an item of clothing, for example, throw out one item of clothing. Not only will it keep down the clutter, but it will also make you rethink whether you really want to buy that new item.
- Create a stress-free environment in the bedroom. That means no piles of toys and no mounds of clothes. It should be a place where you can rest without worry.
- Make cleaning up fun for kids by turning it into a game. Kids are often the clutter culprits; involve them in the process to make things neater and more organized.
- Know your vision for the room. What do you want from a room? Is it a place where you work, a space where you unwind, a playroom for the little ones or something else? If you can answer that question, you’ll be able to decide what items stay and what items go.
- Try to make decluttering a part of your everyday life. If you do it at the same time every day—like before you go to bed—the piles won’t accumulate and you won’t have to set aside a block of time to do a major cleaning.

Make Humility a Priority for 2020!

Submitted By: Dr. Michael Oberschneider, Founder and Director of Ashburn Psychological and Psychiatric Services

Humility comes from the Latin word humilis, which literally means low. But as a virtue, humility is often misperceived as being something that is undesirable or unattainable. How is appearing small or insignificant or worthless in relation to others an attractive quality? To the contrary, truly humble people are strong in that they possess the capacity to deflect self-importance in the service of others or a greater good. Jesus, Mother Theresa, Gandhi and Buddha are exemplars and ultimate definitions of humility. But for most of us, figuring out how, when and where humility fits in our lives can seem like an arduous undertaking.

Going back to our hunter-gatherer ancestors and the days of self-preservation, evolutionary psychologists believe that we all possess a hardwired or natural tendency for self-advancement. Makes sense to me, who doesn't want to live in a nice house? Who doesn't want to drive a nice car? Who doesn't want to get promoted? Who doesn't want to have excess money to take nice vacations or to buy nice things? And what parent doesn't want their child to do as well or better in life then they did in terms of status?

But while having a drive to excel is a good thing, our life and work goals and priorities can also become compromised by the high value our culture places on personal status and wealth if we're not careful. Less attractive qualities such as fear, discrimination, grandiosity, jealousy, racism, narcissism, cynicism, bigotry can all serve to inhibit humility.

There's an old Italian proverb that reads, "Once the game is over, the King and the pawn go back in the same box." While there are multiple interpretations to this proverb, I think it's a nice reminder that we're all equal after "the game" of life is over; death is, after all, the great equalizer regardless of your station in life. I also think it's a reminder that we are united in this world of ours as humans and on the same team and that we all matter equally.

Research in this area has shown that the value and virtue of humility is priceless when it comes to personal and professional success and wellbeing. Studies have specifically shown that humble people: have stronger and longer lasting personal relationships, are more effective leaders, have greater tolerance for differences in others and lower rates of prejudice and have lower rates of anxiety and other psychological problems and higher rates of reported happiness and wellbeing. The perception that humble



people are passive or weak or unsuccessful isn't supported by the research where studies have shown that humility is a distinguishing trait of CEO's of major organizations and corporations.

In striving for increased humility, it's important to remember that humility is a process, and one that takes effort and time. Just like you shouldn't expect to have the physique you aspire to have after only going to the gym for a few days, don't expect yourself to change your thought patterns, feelings or relational style in a short time.

Here are a few ideas to consider if you'd like to live a more humble life:

- Recognize your faults and shortcomings
- Go last
- Spend more time listening than talking and less time being right
- Try to understand others more than trying to get others to understand you
- Ask questions
- Acknowledge what you don't know or do well and ask for advice
- Confront your prejudices
- Praise others and give compliments
- Ask for feedback
- Anonymously do a kind deed or two for someone daily
- Be thankful for all that you have

Remember to keep things in perspective as you make the changes you want to make for yourself. Again, Mother Theresa and Gandhi are truly impressive individuals who personified humility in their lives, but you're not going for the highest level of self-actualization all at once, just self-improvement, which takes effort, practice and time. Little by little, here's to making humility a priority in your life...and to starting anew for 2020!

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Be sure you are shopping under the show event entitled "Women Giving Back Fundraiser", Host Name: Broadlands HOA: <https://www.myessentialbodywear.com/GAILRIEGEL/shop/CATALOG.aspx>. If you have questions or would like to order products for yourself, please contact Gail Riegel at gail.sparksriegel@gmail.com to schedule a fitting. A percentage of the proceeds earned from your personal purchase will go towards Women Giving Back!

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The Mess in the Mailbox

Disgusted by all of those unsolicited credit card offers clogging up your mailbox? Tired of lugging catalogs and junk mail to the recycling bin? All of this unwanted mail creates nothing but headaches and wasted paper, so it's no wonder putting an end to it is a priority for many people. While you can't eliminate everything, you can noticeably reduce the avalanche of paper in your mailbox just by picking up the phone or hopping online.

Here are a few simple ways to put a kibosh on the heaps of junk mail that keep piling up:

- So Long, Pre-Screened Credit Offers:** If your credit is anywhere near good, credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—are selling your name to credit card companies as a hot prospect. That's why you're getting those "you've been pre-approved" offers. *Put an end to it by calling 1-888-5-OPT-OUT (1-888-567-8688) or logging on to optoutprescreen.com/opt_form.cgi.* You will need to provide your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number and date of birth to ensure your opt-out request matches your credit record rather than someone else who shares your name.
- If you prefer not to disclose your Social Security number and date of birth, the online form does not require this information.** However, the website strongly urges you to provide this information because it helps ensure that your request will be processed correctly, and it protects your information from unauthorized access. You have the option of opting out for five years or permanently, but if you select the permanent option, you will need to confirm your selection by mail. For more information, see the *FTC's Facts for Consumers, Prescreened Offers of Credit and Insurance* at ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre17.shtm. Remember, this won't stop all credit offers—only those that result from screening your credit report. Your bank or credit card company may still send you offers for new credit or share information about you with other companies.
- Although you don't have total control over the information that's shared by financial companies, you do have some.** For more on how to limit data sharing by banks and other financial institutions, read the *Privacy Rights Clearing house Fact Sheet 24, Protecting Financial Privacy in the New Millennium*: *The Burden Is on You*, at <https://privacyrights.org>.
- Jettison the Junk Mail:** You can reduce other types of junk mail—magazine offers, sweepstakes and other national advertising mail—by contacting the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS). DMA Choice represents about 80% of the total volume of marketing mail in the United States. When you register, your name and address are placed in a "do not mail" file which is updated monthly. DMA members are required to update their lists at least quarterly, and some do it monthly. This opt-out lasts for ten years and can be renewed. *Go to dmachoice.org. There is a \$2 charge for registering online. For those who want to want to register via USPS, there is a \$3 charge.*
- Companies that do not participate in the DMA Choice program must be contacted directly.** It may take some hunting, but you can usually find a toll-free customer service number and/or address on the advertising piece. Let them know you not only want to be off their list, but you don't want them providing your contact information to other companies.
- Flyers and Advertising Supplements:** RetailMeNot Everyday (formerly Red Plum/Valassis) is one of the major companies that mails out flyers and advertising supplements. *You can remove your name and address from their mailings by completing their online form at <https://redplum.com/tools/direct-mail-preferences>.*
- Charities and nonprofits:** If you have ever donated money to your favorite cause, chances are you have received fundraising solicitations from many related organizations. Charities and nonprofit groups often rent or exchange each other's lists. When you receive solicitations from nonprofits, it may take a bit of detective work to be deleted from their mailing lists. *Because many nonprofits rent lists from other groups, they do not keep the lists themselves and therefore cannot delete your name.* (This is true of most mail solicitations, whether a charity or not.) Save the mailing label and the "reply device" from these mailings. They are likely to contain codes that indicate the list your name came from. Ask the organization that mailed you the solicitation for the name of the organization that rented the list. Then *The Mess in the Mailbox continued on page 27*

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

FACTS

- ! The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ! Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



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contact that organization and ask that your name not be rented, sold or exchanged.

- **Sweepstakes and contests:** When you enter a sweepstakes, your name is likely to appear on mailing lists used by other promoters of contests, sweepstakes, and lotteries. These lists are almost always sold or rented. To reduce mailings by prize promoters, avoid participating in sweepstakes and contests unless you are given the opportunity to "opt out" of any mailing lists that are created.

For a more complete list of reserves to help you opt out of unwanted junk mail, check out <https://privacyrights.org/consumer-guides/opt-out-resources-unwanted-junk-mail#credit%20offers>.

It may take a few months to see results, but eventually the mess in your mailbox will thin out.



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After Years of Effort, Sheriff Chapman Lauds Amended Traffic Ordinances to Fix Gap in State Law

A nearly six-year effort by Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman to remedy a serious gap in the Virginia motor code has been finally resolved at the local level with the passing of two amendments to the county's codified ordinances by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

The amendments allow Loudoun Sheriff's deputies investigating a minor crash the discretion to issue a summons to a driver instead of Reckless Driving - a Class 1 misdemeanor. If convicted of Reckless Driving, the driver faces up to \$2,500 in fines, and up to one year in jail. The amended ordinances, Failure by the operator to give full time and attention to driving and Failure to keep a vehicle under control, will be pre-payable by a maximum \$250 fine and would not assign demerit points to a driver's record.

Across the Commonwealth, law enforcement has little option but to charge an at-fault driver involved in minor accidents with Reckless Driving for accidents not witnessed by the deputy/officer. "The amendments relieve our deputies of the current state code constraints and provide drivers a much fairer legal recourse," said Sheriff Chapman. "Previously, the charge of Reckless Driving could only be reduced to Improper Driving, a less serious charge, by a judge or at the request of the Commonwealth Attorney," added Sheriff Chapman.

A review conducted in 2017 determined of 795 Reckless Driving cases in Loudoun County's General District Court, 89% were reduced to Improper Driving.

Since 2014, Sheriff Chapman has urged the General Assembly to amend Improper Driving statute language, and has taken extensive efforts to support statewide legislation that would remedy the current Virginia Code.

In addition, with support from Vice-Chair Ralph Buona (Ashburn), they obtained the successful adoption of the county ordinance on November 13, 2019, by a 7-0-2 vote by the Board of Supervisors amending the Loudoun County Ordinances by adding two additional traffic infractions. The amendment to Loudoun County's Ordinances will mirror those of 11 other Virginia jurisdictions that established local ordinances that provide law enforcement the ability to cite drivers for a lesser charge.

Sheriff Chapman will continue to work with state legislators to establish a uniform code for law enforcement regarding Improper Driving.

Residents can view amended ordinances 466.07 and 466.08 loudoun.gov/ordinances.

Thank You Loudoun County! LCSO Raises Over \$23,000 for Cancer Research and Prevention During No-Shave November

Thanks to the extraordinary support of county residents and businesses, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has raised over \$55,000 for cancer prevention and research over the past three years by simply putting down their razors.

Since 2017 the LCSO has participated in No-Shave November and deputies let their beards grow for a good cause. This year the agency raised \$23,690- our largest fundraising event ever! The LCSO was also once again the top fundraising law enforcement agency in the country for the month as part of No-Shave.org. "We continue to be overwhelmed by your generous support of our efforts and are blessed to live in such a giving, caring and supportive community," said Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman.

During the month of November, members of the LCSO donated \$25 to participate in the campaign. Monies were also raised from the generous support of Loudoun residents and businesses, including Ashburn based a wink & a smile. The eye and dental care practice donated \$100 for every deputy who stopped in to take a picture with staff.

The non-profit No-Shave.org was launched in 2009 and over the last ten years, the campaign has successfully raised over \$4.5 million dollars to combat this disease. This year's event will fund organizations including the Prevent Cancer Foundation, Fight Colorectal Cancer, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Over the past three-years, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has participated in events that support local residents and organizations in the county. These events engage the community in our efforts and have raised over \$78,000, collected over 2,000 toys for hospitalized children, and provided other much-needed donations.

Broadlands Area Clubs and Groups

Includes **Broadlands** and surrounding **Ashburn** area clubs and groups. To be included on this list or if your club has an announcement or an event you would like published, please email nihanainen@broadlandshoa.com.

ASHBURN/BROADLANDS WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are studying various Women's Bible Studies by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer and others. This is an interdenominational group that meets Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to 11:15am in a local home. Please contact Grace at 703-724-0995 for more information.

ASHBURN CLASSICS

We will hold our first meeting of 2020 at the Mills Recreation Center on Gloucester Parkway in Ashburn Village on January 11 at 10:30am. All seniors in the Ashburn area are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 703-723-3056. If no answer, please leave your name and phone number for a return phone call and mention Ashburn Classics.

ASHBURN TOASTMASTERS

Welcomes those interested in developing communication, leadership and presentation skills. We meet every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:15pm in the Broadlands Community Center, 43004 Waxpool Rd. For information, visit ashburn.toastmastersclubs.org/.

BRAMBLETON LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

Brambleton Ladies Golf League welcomes new members. We are a fun, friendly group playing at Brambleton Golf Course on Monday mornings from April through October. Check us out at www.brambletonladiesgolf.org or call Sara Carlin at 703-723-3000.

CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Organizes wildlife habitats, eco-friendly living and native plants related programs and events. The Committee works with the NWF, Broadlands HOA and residents to achieve our annual goals. To learn more about how the committee works, visit BroadlandsNaturally.org.

DBT TEEN SKILLS GROUP

Run by Dr. Maggie Avedisian. If you have a teenager who is struggling to manage their behaviors, mood and social life, "Dr. Maggie's" group may be a great fit and help. DBT groups are highly effective in addressing core mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotional regulation and interpersonal skills. For more info, we invite you to call the practice at 703-723-2999.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts provides leadership training through STEM, outdoor experiences, skills badges, community service and entrepreneurship. For information on joining a Girl Scout troop please call the Loudoun County Girl Scout office at 703-777-5644 or go to girlscouts.org.

GRIEF SHARE SEMINAR/SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare recovery seminar and support group meets at Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church in Broadlands on Monday nights. For more info, please call Beth Anton at 703-470-8821 or visit griefshare.org.

INDIAN SOCIAL CLUB

This group of local Asian Indian families play cards for fun once a month by rotation. Please contact Saleshe Gupta 571-435-3192 or email SalGup20@yahoo.com.

MOMS CLUB OF ASHBURN

Broadlands and Brambleton resident moms who organize weekly activities for us and our kids. Monthly Member Social every 2nd Thursday of the month. For further details, email us at membership.momsclub.broadlands@gmail.com or find us on Facebook @momsclubashburn.

MOMS IN PRAYER – BRIAR WOODS

Briar Woods moms are invited to join us to pray for our children and staff at Briar Woods. We meet on Tuesdays during the school year. Please contact Rebecca for more information at 703-858-7379.

MOMS IN PRAYER – EAGLE RIDGE

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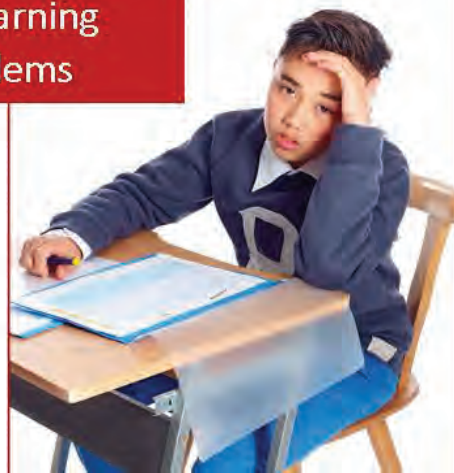
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