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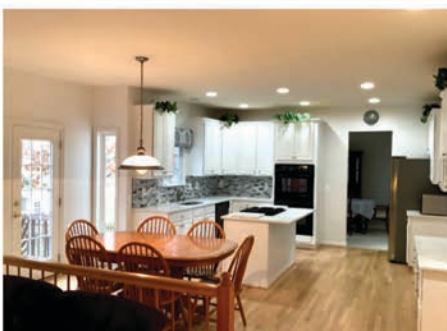
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Board of Directors Upcoming Virtual Meeting Tuesday, January 11th - 6:00p.m.

Board Meetings Information

Monthly meetings are held virtually 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. Check website for login details.

Board of Directors December 14th Meeting Highlights

- Approved the minutes of November 9th, 2021 meeting
- Directed management to request Van Metre update the Demott & Silver entrance sign to indicate Broadlands relation
- Approved writing off prior owner credits under \$25 as miscellaneous income
- Approved escheating prior owner credits over \$25 to the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Approved the 2021 audit engagement letter from Malvin Riggins & Co.
- Approved the grounds maintenance addendum from Heritage Landscape Services for the western portion of Demott Drive, costs to be shared with Van Metre
- Approved the pond mowing proposal from Heritage Landscape Services for bush hogging invasive vines around the Burnt Hickory Pond
- Approved a Common Area Landscaping Application, with conditions
- Held 12 Hearings and assessed violation charges

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2 National Science Fiction Day	3 HOA offices closed for New Year's Day	4	5 National Bird Day	6	7	8 Earth's Rotation Day
9	10 Newsletter submissions due - 12:00pm	11 HOA Board Meeting 6:00pm - Virtual	12 National Youth Day Modification Subcommittee Submissions Due 12:00pm - NC	13	14 National Dress Up Your Pet Day	15 Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday
16	17 HOA offices closed for Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday	18	19 National Popcorn Day Modification Subcommittee Meeting 7:00pm - Virtual Tech Committee Meeting 7:30pm - Virtual	20	21 National Hugging Day	22
23 National Peanut Butter Day Events Committee Meeting 6:00pm - CC 30	24 31	25 Opposite Day	26	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day	28	29

Key: CH=Clubhouse; CC=Community Center; HP=Hillside Park; SB=Summerbrooke Pool

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that we've wrapped up yet another year and are still dealing with the pandemic. Unfortunately, the past couple of years have been difficult for many, be it physically, mentally, or financially. Our homes, amenities, and children all continue to age, but at times, we feel stuck in place. While we can't stop the aging process, your HOA works hard to keep our various amenities and infrastructure current. In 2021 and 2022, our reserve study - which is the guide to major repair and replacement projects that we fund - calls for nearly \$1.2M in updates to the community ranging from roads and trails to basketball courts and pool furniture. This reflects about 45 reserve and capital projects in addition to the routine projects funded from the annual operating budget. In 2021, we refurbished the Southern Walk pool house, and we are hopeful that 2022 will bring much needed renovations to the Nature Center. We refinished basketball court surfaces, repaved several roads in the community, performed landscaping upgrades, and we will be whitewashing pools and replacing more tot lots.

We spent 2021 reimagining many of our events so that we could safely gather, often hosting outdoor events where social distancing was achievable and we hosted some of the best attended events and concerts yet. For 2022, we expect more of the same. We also annexed in two developing sections of the community; Demott & Silver Townhomes and Condominiums where units are expected for delivery any day now and Hillside at Broadlands where single family units should settle late in 2022. We are excited to meet our new neighbors and are thankful that their annexation funded projects such as additional trails, an entrance monument at Claiborne and Croson, and annexation fees from the developer that can be used to fund capital improvements such as building upgrades.

As for winter weather, we're ready no matter what Mother Nature brings our way. As a reminder, VDOT is responsible for plowing public streets, 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 based on actual conditions and predicted weather (eg. If a big warmup is expected within a few hours or the sun is expected to rapidly melt snow, they may limit their treatment as long as the roads can be safely traversed). 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 snowplows or by other vehicles traveling on slippery road surfaces. Please see our Frequently Asked Questions regarding the snow removal process on page 13 for detailed information about how we handle inclement weather.

I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. I am hopeful that 2022 will bring some normalcy and we can settle back into the swing of things. I know I for one am very excited about all the events and improvements we will have here in Broadlands this year.

Happy New Year to all!

Sarah

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

Modifications Information

Per Article 7, Section 7.5 (a) Additions, Alterations, or Improvements by the Owners - "No person shall make any addition, alteration, or improvement in or to any Lot or any portion of the Property... which is visible from the exterior of the Lot or such portion of the Property, without the prior written consent of the Covenants Committee."

If you are unsure if approval is required for your project, contact Robin Crews, Modifications/Resale Manager at rcrews@broadlandshoa.com or 703-729-9704, option 3. The Committee meets virtually at 7:00pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month March-October and the third week of the month November-February. *If you wish to attend a meeting, contact Robin Crew, rcrews@broadlandshoa.com.* Applications must be submitted by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting by emailing them to rcrews@broadlandshoa.com or delivering them to the Nature Center drop box at 21907 Claiborne Parkway.

Please review the Design Guidelines and submission requirements at broadlandshoa.org/design-guidelines. Failure to include all required information will delay review of your application. Once the Committee has reached a decision, the results will be delivered via email. If an email address is not provided, results will be mailed. 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. Please check your inbox and junk/spam folders or contact the HOA office at 703-729-9704, option 3 if you have not received your results within 10 days following the meeting.

Modifications Subcommittee Submission and Meeting Dates

Submission Deadline By Noon	Meeting Date
January 12th	January 19th
February 9th	February 16th
February 23rd.....	March 2nd
March 9th.....	March 16th
March 30th	April 6th

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

Are You Selling Your Home?

Save yourself time and aggravation by ensuring you have approved applications for all exterior changes or additions made on your property before listing your home. Walk around your home and look for any maintenance violations such as siding repair, exterior trim maintenance, fence/deck repair, any staining touch up, or roof repair. Refer to your property plat to locate your property lines because you may have accidentally placed something in the common area that will need to be removed before settlement.

When you sell your home you are required to request a resale disclosure package for the buyer. Once the request has been executed, it notifies the HOA to come to your property to perform a resale inspection. The inspectors will look for any structures that have not been approved by the Modifications Subcommittee, that are not in compliance and for maintenance violations. The results of the resale inspection are embedded in the resale disclosure package that is provided for the buyer. It is the seller's responsibility to rectify all violations found on the property before settlement of the home. If the violations are not rectified before settlement, then the new owner will be responsible.

There are submission procedures on the HOA website, broadlandshoa.org, to help guide you through the application process. Please refer to the online Design Guidelines for detailed information.

The Design Guidelines provide a framework to maintain design quality and encourage consistency throughout the community. If you have any questions about architectural modifications or questions about your resale inspection results, please contact Robin Crews, Modifications and Resale Manager, at 703-729-9704 (option 3) or rcrews@broadlandshoa.com.



Modification Subcommittee Seeking New Member

The Modifications Subcommittee is seeking a volunteer to join their dynamic group of individuals. As a member, you will help maintain aesthetics and encourage consistency throughout the community.

If you are interested in joining this committee please email Robin Crews, Modifications/Resales Manager at rcrews@broadlandshoa.com or call (703) 520-9902.

Holiday Trash and Recycling 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 the first 2 Mondays in January, on Monday, January 3rd and Monday, January 10th. All trees must be placed on the curb with all tinsel/decorations removed and trees should not be placed in plastics bags.

Collection of Christmas trees may be impacted by the national labor shortage; if a tree is placed curbside for collection on yard waste collection day and is not picked up, please advise residents to LEAVE IT OUT at the curb and collection will be completed as soon as possible.

Broadlands St. Paddy's Day Block Party is Back!

Broadlands St. Paddy's Day Block Party is right around the corner so mark your calendar for Saturday, March 19th, 2022 at the Broadlands Nature Center Parking Lot. This highly anticipated annual (pre-pandemic) event will feature S'mores, Irish adult beverages, make your own hot cocoa bar and much more!

More information coming in the February newsletter and on Facebook! If you haven't already, please like the Broadlands HOA Events Page on Facebook to keep up to date on what's going on in the neighborhood!

Patriot Disposal Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection:

- Place totes out the night before collection day after 6:00pm or before 6:00am the day of pick up.
- Containers should be out of sight by 9:00am on the day following collection.

Trash Collection:

- Trash pick up days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Recycling Collection:

- Recycling pick up day is Thursdays.
- Recyclable materials can be co-mingled.
- Plastic bags CANNOT be recycled. The Nature Center collects bags for proper recycling. Visit broadlandshoa.org, click on RESIDENTS then click on TRASH & RECYCLING for more information.
- Scrap metal – Please call Patriot Disposal to set pick-up day 1-703-257-7100: i.e. foil, pie tins, trays, pots and pans, small car parts, grills, bicycles, swings, etc.

Yard Waste Collection:

- Yard Waste Collection occurs on Mondays from March 1st thru December 24th.
- During January & February, yard debris (leaves, grass clippings, brush) may be mixed with trash. Yard waste may not be mixed with recycling.
- Grass clippings and leaves must be set out for pickup in lawn paper bags or in a bin.
- Brush must be less than 4 inches in diameter, cut into 4 foot lengths, and tied in small bundles or bagged.
- Food waste mixed in with yard waste will be accepted, as it can be composted.

Special Pick-ups:

- Please contact Patriot Disposal, 1-703-257-7100 or customerservice@patriotdisposalservices.com, to arrange pickup of special and/or bulk items.
- Special items will be collected weekly. Some items may incur an additional charge.
- Special items include appliances, mid to large furniture and other large items.

Want to Become a Helping Hand in Broadlands?

Broadlands Community Outreach is looking for resident homeowners who are willing to **VOLUNTEER** to assist other Broadlands residents with a small task for assistance within or around their home. Some examples of these tasks may be snow shoveling for an elderly, sick or disabled member or for someone who is unable to take care of it through a single storm, or a resident needing assistance moving a heavy item.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, we are seeking resident members, high school aged or older, to participate in this new volunteer opportunity. Individuals volunteering for this program must be verified as residents/homeowners of Broadlands Association and will only assist other verified members of our association.

Once approved to become a Helping Hand volunteer, you will be placed on a list of willing participants who may be able to assist other members. Details on the program will be specified with more clarity after we receive a sufficient pool of volunteers to launch the Helping Hands program. This program is a 100% volunteer-based program and not intended for individuals for hire and no payment is expected or intended for this program for any reason. If interested in volunteering for this program or if you have questions, please email Julie at julie@broadlandshoa.com. We hope to receive enough volunteers to launch the program in early January 2022.

The Broadlands Homeowners Association is not liable for other individuals actions, responses, or damage to property or bodily harm. Participants of this program, both volunteers and residents requesting a Helping Hand participant, do so at their own risk and the association, its Board of Directors, employees, agents, officers, and staff are not liable under any circumstances.

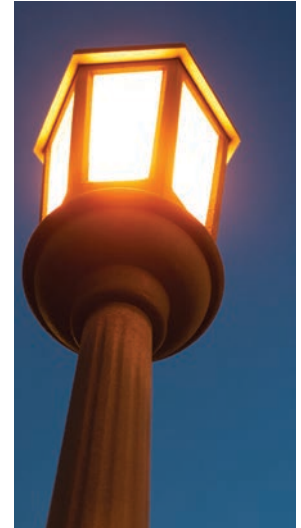


Covenants Corner

January Inspections

Light the Night

During the month, one of the items the covenants inspectors will focus on is homes whose pole lights in their front yards are burned out. In the dead of winter, it is more important than ever to keep your exterior pole light functioning both for security and safety purposes. Please be sure that your pole light is in working order. Your neighbors may be out walking and appreciate all the light they can get.



In accordance with the Association Documents, should you fail to bring your lot into compliance, the Board of Directors may take action to enforce compliance. If a violation is noted, the owner will be mailed a letter providing thirty days for the violation to be resolved. If the violation is not corrected, a second violation letter will be issued, providing an additional fourteen day extension. If the violation remains unresolved, a Hearing Notice is sent and a Hearing will be held in accordance with state law, where charges may be assessed, up to \$10 per day for a maximum of 90 days.

Keeping these lights functional is the responsibility of the homeowner whether you own a single family or a town home. Should replacing the light bulb not resolve the problem, you may have tripped a circuit breaker in your home or you may need to replace the photoelectric cell. An electrician can help you. The HOA does not provide this service.

Keep your pole lights operational and keep your home and neighborhood safe.

If you have questions regarding this processes, or have corrected the violation(s), please contact the Covenants office at covenants@broadlandshoa.com or Suzan Rodano, Covenants Manager at 703-729-9704, option 2.

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.

Oh What a Holiday Events Weekend!

Broadlands wouldn't be Broadlands if our Events Committee didn't bring the holiday cheer to our residents. **Santa's Scavenger Hunt** kicked off the weekend activities on Friday, December 3rd with a scavenger hunt that was based on the holiday classic, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Residents came out to visit a series of stations based on pages of the book. They walked through the parking lot, around the path and wound up at a light show and winter inflatable wonderland before visiting Santa. After visits with our jolly old fella, hot cocoa (provided by Open Arms Preschool) and s'mores were enjoyed by all. Keep an eye out for information and announcements in Our Neck of the Woods as this event is sure to grow in years to come for all our residents to enjoy!

The following day, Broadlands held the **Holiday Market** that brought vendors from all over the DMV and, along with them, lots of holiday wares and gifts to buy. There was something for everyone and even a crepe truck for sweet and savory snacks! This exciting and well attended event brought residents in droves and many of their canine family members to enjoy. On top of that, Mother Nature delivered beautiful weather! There is already great anticipation from the vendors and attendees for next year's market.

Wrapping up the weekend, the craft events team held a Pop Up Ornament Painting Craft Event. Our residents were able to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of ornament painting to holiday tunes. What a nice round up to a holiday weekend in our community!

Thank you to the Santa's Scavenger Hunt, Holiday Market and Craft Events Teams as well as all the other volunteers that work hard by helping make events happen throughout the year for our residents to enjoy. These events cannot take place without the time and energy our volunteers put into Broadlands events whether it be planning, organizing, set up, breakdown, working a time slot at the event, etc. If you would like to give back to our community by being a part of events, email events@broadlandshoa.com.

Happy New Year From On The Line Tennis!

Happy Holidays from On The Line Tennis! We are already looking forward to a fantastic 2022!

Please be on the lookout for a link to a survey in the next newsletter, as we would love to hear what **YOU**, the residents of Broadlands, would like to see added to our offerings.

We thank you for all of your support in 2021 and cannot wait to get back on the courts in March!



Scoop the Poop...

Residents frequently express concern that not every pet owner is taking the time to pick up their pet's waste in the neighborhood. Please ensure that your family members realize how important it is to be a responsible pet owner:

Pet poop is not organic, especially in the quantities that are generated by pets. It harms the environment and threatens public health.

Forgot your waste bag? No worries! The Broadlands HOA has 80 mutt mitt stations to offer residents. Don't want to carry it with you? No problem, most of our mutt mitt stations have trash cans attached. ***Please be a good neighbor and do not dispose of pet waste in your neighbors' trash cans during your walks.***

Even if your pet poops in the woods, you still need to clean it up. Not only is it unsightly, it can get into streams and into the water supply.

It's the law! Is it a violation of the Association Declaration, Article 8, Section 8.2(q) to not pick up your pet's waste, it is also a county ordinance violation. Please reference Loudoun County Ordinance, Chapter 612.19, Section a (9) Dog waste.

Safety Tips for Winter Road Trips

Preparedness is paramount when it comes to road trips year-round, and hitting the road for a long drive during winter months is no exception. With an increased risk of potential driving hazards like sleet, snow, strong winds and frigid temperatures, it's a good idea to think about ways to ensure you'll travel safely.

Consider the following tips when preparing for your winter road trip:

- **Invest in an emergency kit for your vehicle.** Available at most major retailers, these kits are relatively inexpensive and contain items like flares, booster cables, flashlights, ponchos and first aid supplies for minor injuries.
- **Develop a contingency plan.** Create a strategy for dealing with a flat tire, vehicle accident, dead battery or other potential travel delays. Keep a hard-copy list of people or businesses to contact for help should you need it.
- **Stay in touch.** Check in with a designated contact during your journey with updates on your location, delays encountered or unexpected situations that require longer travel time. When driving, remember always to pull off the road before using your cell phone.
- **Check the local weather report before heading out.** Winter weather can be tricky and forecasts aren't always accurate. You can double check your destination's weather history on a variety of websites to determine typical conditions to expect in that area during your travels.
- **Store warm clothes and blankets in your vehicle.** Be prepared to stay warm if you're stuck for extended periods by keeping a blanket or two in your car. Also, pack a small travel case with snow boots, socks, gloves, a scarf, hat and heavy sweater in case you need to leave your vehicle.
- **Review your travel route without GPS.** Read through detailed driving directions, including alternate routes, so you know your options. Also consider keeping a map handy in case your navigation system is compromised during your trip.

Who's in for "Buy Nothing January"?

Submitted by Jennifer Snodgrass, Home Organizer & Owner of The Styled Sort LLC.
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After the busy holiday season filled with food, lots of decor and gifts, it's nice to take a breath and simplify. So, while some people are focused on Dry January, I am working on Buy Nothing January. Ok, it's not exactly "buy nothing." I still need to buy groceries and toilet paper - the necessities. And that's what I am going to stick to - only the things I (and my family) absolutely need. This is a great exercise because not only do you save money and reduce the amount of clutter you bring into your home, you will also realize how easy it is to say no. "No" to the things you don't even really want or need. If you want to join me this month, here are a few tips to help you succeed:



1. Unsubscribe to emails

The January sales will continue all month long. Just hit "Unsubscribe" so you won't be tempted. You can always sign up again next month.

2. Stay out of "trigger" stores

You know what stores I'm talking about. You go in for the few items you need and walk out with a lot more. Items you never knew you wanted! If you have to go in, stick to your list and stay out of the aisles that you know are too enticing to resist.

3. Use what you have

Have a freezer and pantry "clean out" month! Eat everything up so you can start the new year with a clean fridge and fresh food.

Remember:

"The easiest way to declutter your stuff is to avoid bringing it home in the first place" from "Love People, Use Things: Because the Opposite Never Works" by Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus.

Let me know how you are doing throughout the month! And follow me on Instagram where I will give updates on my own progress and other tips.

RESULTS ARE IN!

2021 Broadlands Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Check out the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners & 22 Honorable Mentions!

1ST PLACE

22172 Withers Grove

2ND PLACE

42709 Ridgeway

3RD PLACE

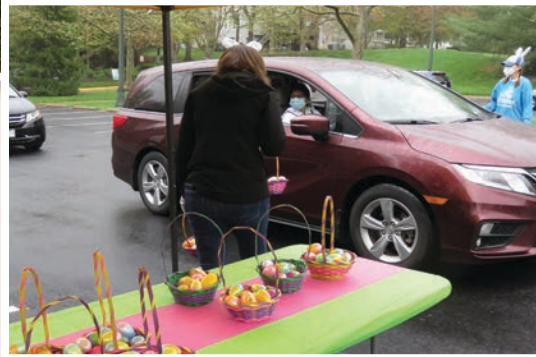
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HONORABLE MENTIONS

42971 Tealbriar
42744 Ridgeway
42784 Ridgeway
42864 Sandhurst
22007 Sunstone
22052 Avonworth
21542 Wild Timber
21518 Wild Timber
21541 Glebe View
21545 Glebe View
21490 Tithables
21501 Hearthstone
21513 Hearthstone
21506 Arbor Glen
42956 Ellzey
21502 Golden Autumn
42905 Vestal Gap
21344 Marsh Creek
21527 Awbrey
21590 Awbrey
21582 Awbrey
43305 Atherton

A big shout out to the residents of Marsh Creek showing amazing holiday spirit

A Look Back at 2021 in Broadlands





Snow 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

Snow FAQ's continued on page 14

Snow FAQ's continued from page 13 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 2022, the budget for snow removal for townhomes is \$47,407. That's \$39.15 per townhome per year (or \$3.26 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 \$26,151. That's \$70.49 per SFPS home per year (or \$5.87 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.

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 damage occurs. 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.



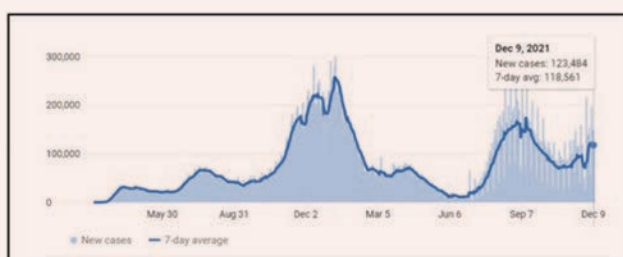
The Covid-19 Pandemic is Still Roaring: the Latest and Where We Are Heading

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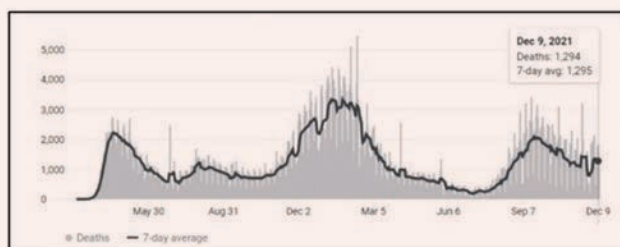
Covid-19

In November 2021, the viral pandemic hit a dubious distinction of 5 million deaths worldwide. In the US alone, as of December 2021, close to 50 million people have been afflicted and around 800,000 people have died due to Covid-19, which continues to be the highest in the world. The 4th wave of the pandemic that is currently sweeping the USA is primarily caused by the Delta variant of the virus and is mostly infecting the unvaccinated population. However, the appearance of the new and highly transmissible Omicron variant in the last week of November has health officials worried about a new wave of infection, hospitalization, and death.

Covid-19 Cases in USA



Covid-19 Deaths in USA



*Graphical representation from Google.

Covid-19, a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is the first major pandemic in over 100 years to affect almost all countries of the world. The death rate due to the Covid-19 is around 1.6% in the US- about 10-20 times deadlier than the seasonal flu virus. The virus is primarily spread from human to human through respiratory droplets. Since it takes about 4-7 days for an infected person to exhibit symptoms, the patient could unknowingly spread the virus to others leading to the high rates of Covid-19 transmission. An end to the viral disease is only possible if a majority of the population is vaccinated and a few safety measures including wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, and washing hands are followed assiduously. This will halt the pandemic by protecting us from Covid-19 and preventing the spread of the virus to others.

Effect of Covid-19 on the body

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease that primarily causes lung infection, pneumonia, and in severe cases death. However, the virus has also been found to affect multiple organs including the heart, the liver, the small intestine, the kidney

and the nervous system. Even though extensive research is being carried to understand how and when this virus affects the various organs, it may be a few years before we get a clear view of this.

Variants of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus

Variants are formed when a virus mutates. All viruses mutate as they replicate and many of these mutations are harmless. However, sometimes, the mutations enhance the ability of the virus to transmit, infect, or evade the immune response resulting in the formation of a new variant. Several different SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and these are being named according to the Greek alphabets (Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, etc.).

The Delta variant is highly transmissible and has therefore become the predominant strain the world over. It is highly contagious, more infectious, and produces a more severe disease than the original virus. This variant is responsible for 99% of all the current Covid-19 infections in the US and is the primary cause of the 4th wave of the disease.

Omicron is the latest variant to be identified and very little is known about it as yet. It is however suspected to be more transmissible and infectious than the Delta variant, possibly due to the presence of 30 mutations in the spike protein, a structure essential for viral entry into the cells. Scientists are working overtime to investigate this variant and analyze if it can evade the vaccine response.

Prevention Strategy- The Vaccines

The rapid development and deployment of safe and effective vaccines against Covid-19 is a remarkable scientific accomplishment. Around 194 different vaccines are in various stages of development around the world. In the US, three vaccines have been approved for use in people over the age of 5, including pregnant women. Two of these vaccines are novel mRNA-based vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines) and the third is an Adenovirus vector-based vaccine {Janssen developed by Johnson and Johnson (J&J)}. All three vaccines are safe and effective against Covid-19, including the Delta variant. The two-dose mRNA-based vaccines are particularly effective in preventing the development of severe disease and hospitalization by 90-92% and in preventing deaths. The efficacy of the single-dose Janssen vaccine (80%) improved significantly to 94% upon a second booster injection with either the J&J or an mRNA vaccine. Very few side effects are associated with these vaccines. Myocarditis has been reported, especially in men below the age of 30. However, this side effect is self-resolving. A third booster dose is currently recommended for people over the age of 18 to enhance the levels of circulating antibodies and thwart the new Omicron variant.

Treatment Options

Monoclonal Antibodies: The administration of specifically designed monoclonal antibodies against the virus has proven to be extremely effective in treating mild to moderate Covid-19 cases. Four different monoclonal antibody treatments are currently available for emergency use in individuals at high risk of developing severe Covid-19. However, this expensive treatment is effective only if administered

during the early phase of the infection and requires hospitalization for the intravenous infusion of the drug.

Oral Anti-viral Drugs: Recently, two new oral, anti-viral drugs that inhibit viral replication have shown efficacy in preventing hospitalization and death in mild/moderate Covid-19 cases if treated in the early phase of infection. FDA recently approved the emergency use of Merck drug Molnupiravir. This drug gets incorporated into the viral RNA during replication to create innumerable mutations, leading to the loss of viral viability (30% efficacy). The Pfizer drug Paxlovid is a protease inhibitor that inhibits the function of a protein necessary for viral replication. The preliminary report suggests it is 89% effective in preventing hospitalization and 100% effective in preventing Covid-19 deaths. The development of oral drugs could be a game-changer in Covid-19 treatment since hospitalization is not required for administering them. These easily manufactured and relatively inexpensive drugs can also be equitably distributed around the world to control Covid-19. However, both these drugs are effective only if administered within the first five days of exposure to the virus. Further research is required to analyze the side effects of the drug and to examine the development of variants resistant to these drugs.

Steroids: Dexamethasone is a steroid that is used in the treatment of severe/critical Covid-19 patients to suppress the cytokine storm and prevent deterioration of the disease to death. This steroid decreases the risk of death by about one-third in ventilated COVID-19 patients and by more than one-fifth among patients placed on supplemental oxygen.

Disputed drugs

Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin have been touted by some as effective and cheap drug alternatives to treat Covid-19. However, multiple clinical studies have debunked the effectiveness of Hydroxychloroquine for the treatment of this disease and it has been removed from the list of approved drugs for Covid-19 treatment. Ivermectin, an anti-parasitic drug used for the treatment of parasitic infections in both humans and animals, has shown promising results in laboratory conditions. However, no large-scale clinical trials are available to support its use for Covid-19 treatment. A few well-designed trials, including a large one in Brazil, are currently underway to evaluate Ivermectin's effectiveness in preventing or treating Covid-19. The results are expected in early 2022. Till scientifically proven, it is best to avoid self-medication with any unproven drugs, including Ivermectin.

Breakthrough infection

A breakthrough infection happens when a fully vaccinated person comes down with the Covid-19 disease. Immuno-compromised individuals and people over the age of 65 are more prone to breakthrough infection, possibly due to their weaker immune systems. Breakthrough infections are rare happenings. Since the vaccines provide strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death, a breakthrough infection usually results only in mild disease.

Super immunity

Some people who were first afflicted with Covid-19 and later received the vaccine produce extremely high levels of antibody compared to either completely vaccinated individuals or Covid-19 recovered patients. This is called hybrid/super

immunity. Interestingly, some of these individuals seem to be capable of evading many variants as well as other related Corona viruses. Scientists are actively investigating to reveal the secrets behind such super/hybrid immunity. The information gleaned would be very useful in developing a better and more effective vaccine in the future.

Long Covid

Some people afflicted with Covid-19 report lingering symptoms despite clearing the virus out of their system. This condition is called the long Covid or post-acute Covid-19 syndrome (PACS) or post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 and the patients are called the 'long haulers'. Around 10-20% of Covid-19 patients are long haulers and many of them have been debilitated for over a year. Their primary symptoms include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint ache, difficulty breathing, heart palpitations, mental fog, and in many cases the loss of the sense of smell and taste. The cause of long term Covid-19 is unclear. Scientists have proposed three theories to explain this condition (A). An overactive immune system on overdrive all the time, draining the body of energy to do any other activity (B). Inflammation of the entire cardiovascular system, including the heart, arteries, and veins resulting in inefficient delivery of oxygen and nutrients and removal of wastes from all parts of the body and (C). Malfunctioning of the nervous system leading to an inefficient relay of message to various parts of the body. Vaccination is the best prevention against long Covid-19.

Future prognosis

Vaccine hesitancy within our country and a lack of vaccine availability in most parts of the world has jeopardized the ability to contain this regularly mutating virus from causing the disease and morphing into a newer and deadlier variant. Vaccination is crucial to not only provide protection from very serious disease, hospitalization, and death but also from developing serious side effects associated with Covid-19 disease including myocarditis and long Covid. Until and unless a majority of the population is vaccinated, Covid-19 will remain among us, mutate into new variants and continue to disrupt life and the economy. Continuing to maintain basic hygienic practices like masking, washing hands, and maintaining social distance will prevent breakthrough infections and disease transmission. The development of safe and effective oral drugs would be an added step towards containing this disease.

If you are not vaccinated, you might consider reading more, resolving your doubts, and getting vaccinated. In addition, it is best to continue to be cautious, vigilant and remain well informed about the latest Covid-19 news from established centers of scientific excellence and scientific literature. Following are a few suggested websites:

Organizations: cdc.gov; nih.gov; who.int

Journals: thelancet.com; jamanetwork.com

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The Great Resignation - Should I Quit My Job?

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The Great Resignation, a term coined by organizational psychologist, Dr. Anthony Klotz, characterizes the trend in which large numbers of employees have quit their jobs from Spring of 2021 to the present. It's believed that the trend is due to many factors in response to COVID-19 including burnout, being dissatisfied, lower wages and wage stagnation, being at home for an extended period of time, not wanting to return to the workspace and re-prioritizing one's work life and personal life balance.

So, if people are leaving their jobs in growing numbers, what does that mean for you if you're unhappy with your current job or career situation? Maybe it means you go all in and quit or pursue an entirely new career field, or maybe it means you don't. In my opinion, regardless of how unhappy you are with work, unless you know your true motivations to quit, it's probably a bad idea. If you're being under paid, over worked and don't feel appreciated as an employee, *things beyond your control*, moving on may be the right thing to do. If, however, you're wanting to quit more for personal reasons, *things within your control*, then maybe, you work hard to change or improve upon the things you can and then reassess your job satisfaction or dissatisfaction after.

Job or career burnout appears to be the driving factor behind the Great Resignation, and I offer you the following tips to consider as you think about where you are in life with your job or career satisfaction.

Communicate

Talking to your boss or co-workers about things that are upsetting to you may be a helpful start. Of course, finding the right time to communicate and the right approach to those conversations is important. Blaming your boss or becoming angry with him or her likely wouldn't be productive, but if you are overwhelmed, or are needing some additional guidance or support, etc., letting your boss know where you are in an open, respectful and collaborative way could be a good thing. Appropriately checking in with your co-workers is also a good idea; by keeping channels of communication open with those you work with, you will be in a better position to efficiently solve stressful or upsetting situations when they occur.

Collect Some Data

Studying yourself is a great way to figure out the whys behind your unhappiness at work. One way to do this is to sit quietly for 15-20 minutes at the end of each

work week to reflect on your week – your tasks, your productivity/performance, your work relationships, your environment, etc. Writing down your end of the week reflections, week after week will provide you with additional information to look through and make sense of. Collecting data will help you understand how much of your unhappiness is due to factors outside of your control and how much of it has to do with things within your control (i.e. how you manage your stress, how you communicate, how you manage your time).

Prioritize Self Care

Research studies have repeatedly shown that people who eat a balanced diet, exercise, drink in moderation (or not at all) and sleep well have lower rates of both physical and mental health problems. Research has also shown that those who experience significant and prolonged stress and unhappiness will inversely experience higher rates of physical and mental health problems. Taking care of yourself consistently over an extended period of time will be beneficial to you in a number of ways; and, with more energy, a brighter mood and a healthier outlook on life, you may feel differently about your current job or career.

Practice Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the concept of being 100 percent present in the moment while accepting all aspects of what that moment is or what it brings *without criticism, blame or judgment*. Research has shown both significant physical and mental benefits to mindfulness, and there are several ways to practice it in your personal life. Calm, available for Android, iOS, and desktop is a fun and easy way to learn mindfulness strategies. Although, taking the time to practice mindfulness meditation, breathing and cognitive and visualization strategies may seem like a lot at first, over time, taking some quiet time to yourself each day to practice mindfulness will get you to a better frame of mind for work.

So, if you're unhappy at work or in your career, I invite you to do something about it. By following the above 4 tips, you should be able to both gain greater insight and self-awareness into your unhappiness and also work to make the changes you can. And, within a reasonable period of time, you should know better if it's time for a job or career change or not.

Perhaps the grass is greener on the other side, as the old saying goes, or perhaps you just need to water and take better care of the plot of grass you already have.

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Comfort Cases Donation Drive Postponed to April 2022

Due to scheduling conflicts and COVID concerns with indoor activities, we have postponed our annual Comfort Cases donation drive to April 2022. This event will be a month long effort of collecting donations for children in foster care and will take place in conjunction with our annual Truck Show. More information to follow in the upcoming months. Businesses, Groups, and Sports Teams: check back to see how you can get involved! We potentially will allow booths for you to market your business/group/sport while also supporting Comfort Cases.

Questions? Or if you would like to get involved, please contact julie@broadlandshoa.com.



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 MONTHLY MEETING

They will hold their first meeting of the new year at the Ashburn Senior Center on Marblehead Drive at 10:15am on January 8th. Refreshments will be served. The Board is excited about our Club members being together again and look forward to 2022. If you are a senior citizen, we invite you to visit our club to learn more about us. The program is to be announced. For more information, please call 703-723-3056.

ASHBURN TOASTMASTERS

Holding Online Meetings. Please contact our VP of Membership, vpm-703053@toastmastersclubs.org, for the URL to join our meetings. Check our website, ashburn.toastmastersclubs.org/ for meetings calendar.

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.

BROADLANDS EVENTS COMMITTEE

The next Events Committee meeting will be on *Monday, January 24th in the Community Center*. Come join us in planning the exciting events we produce for the community. For more information, email Natalie Ihanainen at events@broadlandshoa.com.

BROADLANDS LIVE! COMMITTEE

We will start planning 2022's another great concert series next year. In order for the series to be a success, the Committee needs volunteers. These concerts won't happen unless we have volunteers. For more info, email Jason at BroadlandsLive@broadlandshoa.com to inquire how you can volunteer.

CUB SCOUTS & SCOUTS - BSA

The Cub Scout program is designed for children grades KG-5, and Scouts BSA from grades 6-12. Troop 2970 (<http://troop2970.com>) meets Thursday afternoon/evening at Our Savior's Way Lutheran; Troop 1154 (<https://ashburntroop1154.trooptrack.com>) meets Thursday afternoon/evening at Eagle Ridge MS; Cub Scout Pack 1483 (Pack1483.org) meets at Hillside ES; and Cub Scout Pack 1484 (Pack1484.org) meets at Mill Run ES. To learn more about us, please visit BeAScout.org.

BROADLANDS MEN'S CLUB

Did you live your life like the comedian said, 'husbands don't have friends, they go with their wives to their wife's friends and hang out with other husbands?' Are you a widower and looking for others to hang out up with? Go shoot pool? Talk sports? Golf outings? Poker Games? (Legally!) Watch sports and eat wings? Then shoot me an email, Robert Clark, rcw1962@gmail.com, and let's form this club! All welcome! All interests! A no-host group per se where various interests

get together and hang out. Heck we probably already know a lot of each other so we just need the right "push"!

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, visit BroadlandsNaturally.org.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts provides leadership training through STEM, outdoor experiences, skills badges, community service and entrepreneurship. For more information, please visit 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.

MOMS CLUB OF ASHBURN

MOMS Club stands for Moms Offering Moms Support. Ashburn resident moms that organize events for us and our young kids. For more info, please contact Kirsten Barger at miller.kir@gmail.com or ashburnmomsclub@yahoo.com.

MOMS IN PRAYER - BRIAR WOODS

Briar Woods moms are invited to join us to pray for our children and staff at our high school. We currently meet virtually and in person on Thursdays, early evenings, during the school year. Please contact Catherine for more information at 703-598-4708.

MOMS IN PRAYER - EAGLE RIDGE

Eagle Ridge moms are invited to join us to pray for our children and the staff at the school. We can be flexible on meeting days and times. Please contact Becky for more information at 505-225-2451.

MUSIC ON THE HEIGHTS

We host monthly concerts in our home, usually second Saturdays of the month. Mostly acoustic, some electric, this series features both local and traveling musicians of various genres. For more info email musicontheheights@gmail.com.

PRE-TEEN AND TEEN ASPERGER'S SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP

Run by Dr. Michael Oberschneider and Dr. Douglas Lipp. Group members work on coping and social skills development with Dr. Oberschneider. Dr. Lipp runs a parent group simultaneously that addresses various topics on parenting children and teens with Asperger's disorder. For more info, we invite you to call the practice at 703-723-2999.

ROTARY CLUB OF ASHBURN

The members of the Rotary Club of Ashburn are heavily involved in serving our Ashburn community. Currently we are meeting remotely via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month. We love visitors and welcome them. Please email us at ashburnrotary@gmail.com if you would like the link for the meetings.

BROADLANDS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

We meet the third Wednesday of every other month virtually at 7:30pm (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov). For more info, visit broadlandshoa.org/technology-committee. Meetings are open to all residents. Currently we are meeting virtually.



The Ashburn Library January Programs and Information

The Friends of the Ashburn Library (FOAL) proudly hosts

The 2022 Ashburn Library Winter Book Sale

Saturday and Sunday, January 29th and 30th, from 9:00am to 6:00pm. Free admission. Presale Friday, January 28th, 5:00pm-8:00pm. Presale admission is \$15.00 per person.

Donations of books, audio books, DVDs, CDs and records accepted Saturday, January 15th through Thursday, January 27th during normal Ashburn Library hours.

All book sale proceeds go directly back to the Ashburn Library.

\$1.00 for paperbacks and \$2.00 for hard copies. Visit Library.loudoun.gov for more details.

Children's Programs

Winter Read and Bead

continues through January 23rd

Baby Storytime

Mondays and Thursdays, 10:00am

STEAM Club Jr. - Frozen Fun

January 4th, 4:00pm, Grades K-2

STEAM Club - Artful Science

January 6th, 4:00pm, Grades 3-5

Play and Learn - Let's Dance with Bella Ballerina

January 11th, 4:00pm, Grades K-5

Art at the Library - Rock Art

January 13th, 4:00pm, Grades K-5

My First Book Club - Follow That Map!

January 18th, 4:00pm, Grades K-1

Graphic Novel Book Club - Aquicorn Cove

January 18th, 7:00pm, Grades 4-6

Spectacular Series Book Club

January 20th, 4:00pm, Grades 2-3

Cultural Explorers: Lunar New Year

January 31st, 4:00pm, Grades K-5

Pre-K Skill Builders

JFridays, 10:00am-12:00pm, ages 3-5

For all Storytime details and schedules visit your local branch or the LCPL website: library.loudoun.gov

Teen Programs

Game on! Gaming for Teens

January 12th, 4:00pm, Teens

Ashburn Anime Club

January 20th, 7:00pm, Teens

For a full listing of programs and activities, visit the LCPL website: library.loudoun.gov



AVFRD January News

Chilly Days Chili Fundraiser at Old Ox Brewery on Saturday, January 22nd, 12:00pm-4:00pm (it is highly recommended to come before 4:00pm). This is not a ticketed event, however a donation at the door is encouraged. There will be several local venues supplying free samples of their chili and of course the signature War Wagon beer. Come on out, enjoy the fun and chili and vote for your favorite. For website updates, visit ashburnfirerescue.org/news-events/chili-fundraiser/.

Prospective members meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, 7:00-9:00pm: learn about volunteering with AVFRD. Operations and admin members needed. Many benefits. See our website for more information and how to start the application process, ashburnfirerescue.org/go/volunteer.

Founders Hall - Station 6, Ashburn Road - with modern amenities and simple rental terms. This is the right choice for your event, big or small. Accessible, friendly, and fun for you, your family, friends and more! For more details and information go to ashburnfirerescue.org/about/founders-hall-rental/ or email: info@founders-hall.com.

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Beware of sidewalk salt and de-icer. Pets' paws are extremely sensitive, so prolonged exposure to sidewalk salt can be problematic. If you walk your dog regularly in areas where sidewalk salt is used during inclement weather, wipe the underside of paws with warm water and a clean towel when you go back inside. Doing so also eliminates risk of ingestion if your pup licks its paws often. Keep an eye on your pet's toe pads for severe dryness, cracking or bleeding. The HOA uses a flat de-icer in order to cut down on the risk to pets, but we cannot control what individual owners put on their sidewalks.

Bring pets indoors. Just as in summer months when temperatures reach extreme highs, pets should be brought inside during extreme wintertime lows. This applies for daytime and nighttime temperatures, so check weather forecasts daily and limit your pup's outside time if the forecast is looking chilly. And remember—if you're uncomfortable with the outside air temperature, chances are your pet is too.

Bundle them up! When pets do go outside during the cold winter months, those with thinner fur coats may need extra warmth. Our local pet stores should have an assortment of extra layers for your dog—even winter boots for pups who need extra paw protection from the cold and ice. Only add layers if your pet can truly benefit. If you're unsure, ask your veterinarian.

Keep your pet active and out of trouble. During inclement weather when you can't make it outside with your pup, set aside some extra time during the day to make sure they have some exercise—even 15 minutes of playtime helps. Paying attention to your pup keeps them engaged and happy, and ensures no bad behavior caused by boredom.

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