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**BROADDAADS Our Neck of the Woods** Official Newsletter of the Broadlands Homeowners Association



# We're a Different Kind of Contractor



# Loudoun County Adopts Plastic Bag Tax to Go into Effect July 1, 2022

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a disposable plastic bag tax of five cents per plastic bag that will be effective July 1, 2022. The new tax will be collected on purchases made at grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores countywide, including those within the county's incorporated towns. The measure is intended to reduce plastic pollution in the region.

"Adopting this program will provide Loudoun County with a way to reduce the environmental harm of disposable plastic bags by encouraging shoppers to reuse durable bags," said Sterling District Supervisor and Board Vice Chair Koran T. Saines. "Plastic bags pollute our precious land and water resources. People have a choice when they shop—they can avoid the tax altogether by bringing a reusable bag to the store."

The tax does not apply to restaurants, food banks, farmers markets or clothing stores. It also does not apply to:

- Durable plastic bags that are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.
- Plastic bags that are solely used to wrap, contain, or package ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, produce, unwrapped bulk food items, or perishable food items in order to avoid damage or contamination.
- Plastic bags used to carry dry cleaning or prescription drugs.
- Multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste or leaf removal bags.

More information about the tax is online at loudoun.gov/plasticbagtax.

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#### **Board of Directors** Upcoming Virtual Meeting Tuesday, February 8th -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 January 11th Meeting Highlights

- Approved the minutes of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting
- Approved contract with 120.60 LLC for tennis court use
- Terminated contract with On The Line Tennis for tennis court use
- Approved a proposal from Sight and Sound Systems, Inc. for Fitness Center entry control hardware and software upgrades
- Approved the revised Parking Regulations and Enforcement Procedures
- $\bullet$  Established the date for the Annual Meeting for May  $3^{\rm rd}, 2022$
- Appointed Tania Marceau, John Horner, and Sarah Gerstein to the 2022 Elections Committee
- Approved a Common Area Landscaping Application, with conditions
- Held three 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.

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# **FEBRUARY**

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			Chinese New Year	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5
	6	7	8 HOA Board Meeting 6:00pm - Virtual	9 Modification Subcommittee Submissions Due 12:00pm - NC	10 Newsletter submissions due - 12:00pm	11	12
	13 Super Bowl	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Events Committee Meeting 6:00pm - CH	16 Modification Subcommittee Meeting 7:00pm - Virtual Tech Committee Meeting 7:30pm - Virtual	17	18 National Drink Wine Day	19
	20 National Love Your Pet Day	21 President's Day HOA offices closed for President's Day	22 George Washington's Birthday	23 Modification Subcommittee Submissions Due 12:00pm - NC	24	25	26
	27	28 SWHOA Board Meeting 7:00pm - Virtual		ty Center; HP=Hi			

# Will You Join a Committee?

Broadlands Association relies heavily on volunteers and nowhere is that more apparent than in the development and implementation of the wonderful community events that we have throughout the year. Without volunteers, we would be forced to either pay for the time and talent contributed by our volunteers, which would drive up the cost of attending the events and of the HOA fees, or we would have to cut events from our budget and our community. In 2021, we reinvented and re-imagined many of our wonderful events to make them more socially distant and in 2022, we expect more of the same. We are focusing much attention on outdoor events to keep our attendees, volunteers, staff, and vendors as safe and healthy as possible. But we need your help to continue to plan these fun family events!

Whether you are a single person living alone, a couple with no children, a growing family with young kids, or empty nesters, we have volunteer roles to fit your lifestyle. Concerned that you will be underutilized, you lack the necessary skills, or that you may be asked to work on events that do not capture your interest? Fear not, we have needs for all levels of skill and interests. Being a part of the planning committees for the events will ensure that we have activities that you and your loved ones will enjoy year after year. While some of the committee positions require considerable time in planning and organizing, the level of commitment can be up to you. Some committees meet once a month, while others are on a more flexible schedule and may meet quarterly or conduct much of their business via email. Some committees need volunteers to assist with setup or assisting in activities during an event, but do not require routine attendance at committee functions. I am confident that you will find whatever time you have to devote a most rewarding experience.

The **Broadlands Live Committee** organizes the summer concert series held at Hillside Park next to the Stone House. Funding of the concert series is provided by Broadlands Association, Inc. and sponsors. We regrouped Broadlands Live in 2021 and pulled off two outstanding and well attended concerts. This concert series is one of the few free concerts in the region where you can also bring your own food and adult beverages. We could really use some extra help on the committee, specifically we would love to have someone handle our social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram, by posting about our bands, vendors, and generating excitement in the months, weeks, and days leading up to each concert. We could also use help with sponsor relations - recruiting sponsors and maintaining communications with



*them.* If you are interested in serving in these or any other volunteer capacity, please reach out to me at *sarah@broadlandshoa.com* or 703-520-9905.

The Events Committee hosts an array of community wide events for adults, teens, and children alike, including past hits like St. Paddy's Day Block Party, A Line Dancing Party, SpringFest, Eggstravaganza, Craft Beer and Food Pairings, Egg Basket Walk-thru, Yoga and Wellness Days, Comedy Hour, Dog Wash Walkthru, 80's Party, Dog Swim, Wine Tastings, Halloween Parties, Diwali, Visit with Santa, Santa's Scavenger Hunt as well as coordinating community semiannual yard sales and the Halloween and Holiday Decorating Contests. Even if you don't have time to devote to monthly meetings or advance planning of events, volunteers are needed the day of to help with setup and takedown, and judges are always needed for the decorating contests.

The **Conservation Landscaping Committee** works to keep Broadlands actively engaged in its Community Wildlife Habitat projects and promote Broadlands' recognition by the National Wildlife Federation as the nation's 25th "Certified Community Wildlife Habitats." They provide recommendations to the Board on native plant selections for integration throughout the community, maintain educational demonstration gardens, and create programs and workshops to provide information on site sections, design ideas, plant selections, and sourcing of native plant materials. *Additionally, volunteers are needed a few times a year to help prune and weed our native plant gardens.* 

The *Modifications Subcommittee* is responsible for reviewing all applications for changes to the exterior *Committees continued on page 8* 

# 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** 

February 9th	February 16th
February 23rd	March 2nd
March 9th	March 16th
March 30th	April 6th
April 13th	April 20th

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.



# Parking Policy Resolution Update

The Board recently updated the Parking Enforcement Resolution. The prior Parking Resolution was approved in 2010. The main changes are that the revised policy updates code sections from the Property Owners Association Act, clarifies the prohibition of parking at handicapped curb cutout, clarifies the prohibition of parking of all trailers and campers, and adds regulations regarding parking of dumpsters/storage pods. The approved resolution can be found on the website at Broadlandshoa.org/for-residents/ rules-and-regulations/.

# Save the Date for Broadlands Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Membership is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually via zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the Board of Directors. Please mark the date in your calendar and be on the lookout for the Call for Candidates in the March newsletter.

### Patriot Disposal Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Collection Schedule

#### Trash, Recyling, and Yard Waste Collection:

- Place toters out the night before collection day after 6:00pm or before 6:00am the day of pick up.
- Containers shold 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.

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of your unit as well as reviewing the existing Design Guidelines and making recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors. This committee reviews each application in detail to confirm compliance with our Declaration and Design Guidelines. The committee meets 20 times per year (currently virtually) to review applications. *In 2021, the committee reviewed over 1,000 applications for your exterior home improvements.* They certainly deserve a round of applause!

The *Technology Committee* is responsible for the design and maintenance of the BroadlandsHOA.org website and previously hosted the Flicks in the Sticks outdoor movie series, which is currently on hold until new volunteers present themselves. The Committee is made up of resident volunteers from the Broadlands community and includes web designers, graphic designers, content managers, database administrators, programmers and web hobbyists. Membership is open to anyone that would like to help work on the design and content of the site or help with programs or seminars on computer hardware, software, or usage for residents. Tech experience not required!

The association does not currently have active Neighborhood Watch, Recreation/Pool, Tennis or Finance committees. We are open to volunteers for these or other committees you may be interested in serving on. If I have piqued your interest at all, please contact the HOA office to discuss volunteer options that we have available. You may also contact the committees directly. Contact information for each committee is provided in this newsletter as well as on our website at broadlandshoa.org.

Cheers,

# Sarah

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

# **Covenants Corner** February

#### **Time to Take Down Your Holiday Decorations**

What a wonderful holiday season it was! Sparkling lights, prancing reindeer, smiling snowmen and lovely green wreaths; we all enjoyed the show! But now it is time to pack up the decorations and enjoy your holiday memories. The Broadlands Design Guidelines require that holiday lighting and decorations be removed in a timely manner. *Please plan to pack yours away by February 2nd*.

#### **Please Tie Your Trash Down on Windy Days**

Please be sure to bind newspapers with twine or place loose papers in paper bags before setting out at your curb. Weigh down your bottles, plastics and cans by placing heavier recyclables on top. Ensure that the lid of your



trash can is tightly secured. Put smaller lightweight bags of trash together in a larger heavyweight bag. Don't put trash out early and PLEASE no loose "peanuts" or other packing materials. Lastly, if the trash does blow over, or you see a bin out of place, please pick it up even if it isn't yours. Your HOA assessment provides for curbside trash removal. There is no budgeted amount for litter removal. The Association relies on homeowners to keep their neighborhoods free of litter and their assessments reasonable.

If you have questions regarding these issues, 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.

## Please Keep Your Sidewalks 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!

# 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 or a dog's.

Parents, please tell your children that it is extremely dangerous, even deadly, to walk or skate on the ponds in the community. And, keep your dogs safe and off of the ice. Let's keep our neighborhood children and dogs safe!

## Reminder - Are You Paying the Correct Assessment Amount for 2022?

# For details on the 2022 Monthly Assessments, please see below:

- Courtyard Homes/Overland Park (lawn mowing & turf services included) \$160.00
- Town Homes \$108.00
- Town Homes (Demott and Silver, lawn mowing & turf services included) \$138.00
- Park Glen Villas (lawn mowing & turf services included outside of fenced areas) \$126.00
- Single Family Homes on VDOT Streets \$93.00
- Single Family Homes on Private Streets \$114.00
- Condominium Units (Signature & Villages) \$69.00 plus condo fees
- Condominium Units (Demott & Silver) \$108.00 plus condo fees

You can check your account online or contact First Service Residential at 703-385-1133 or by email ar.dcmetro@fsresidential.com.



# 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.

# Keep Warm, but Safe

December, January and February are the deadliest months for home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths. That's why it's important for you and your loved ones to take extra precautions during the winter.

Thinking of buying a space heater? The NFPA recommends that you make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory. Install it according to the manufacturer's instructions or have it professionally installed. If you have an electricpowered space heater, plug it into an outlet with sufficient capacity. Never use an extension cord.

Turn off space heaters whenever the room is unoccupied or when manufacturer's instructions say they should be turned off. Portable space heaters are easy to knock over in the dark. Turn them off when you go to bed, or at least make sure they're placed in lighted areas or out of high-traffic areas.

If you use a fireplace or wood stove, use only dry, seasoned wood to avoid the build-up of creosote, an oily deposit that easily catches fire and accounts for most chimney fires and the largest share of homeheating fires. Use only paper or kindling wood, not a flammable liquid, to start the fire. Do not use artificial logs in wood stoves.

Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. After the ashes are cool, dispose of them in a metal container, which is kept a safe distance from your home.

Make sure fuel-burning equipment is vented to the outside, that the venting is kept clear and unobstructed, and that the exit point is properly sealed around the vent. This is to make sure deadly carbon monoxide does not build up in the home

Other reminders from the National Fire Protection Association include:

• Don't use your oven to heat your home.

• Inspect all heating equipment annually, and clean as necessary.

• Test smoke alarms monthly; install a carbon monoxide alarm outside each sleeping area.

For more information, visit nfpa.org.

# Do You Want More Time for the Things You Like to Do? Then Try Meal Planning!

Submitted by Jennifer Snodgrass, Home

Organizer & Owner of The Styled Sort LLC. jenn@thestyledsort. com

I truly believe that being organized isn't just about the things in our home. It's also about our time. Being organized can give you more time - more time to do the things you want to do.

One of the things that definitely gives me more time is meal planning. I've talked about



this before and I'm going to keep talking about it! It doesn't matter if you are a household of one or ten, meal planning will save you time, energy and money. If you haven't tried meal planning before, just start with a few dinners this week. Or if you are a seasoned pro at meal planning dinner, try planning out breakfasts and lunches too.

#### Three Benefits of Meal Planning:

1. I don't know about you but my brain doesn't function at its best at 6:00am. It's not a great time for me to try to figure out breakfast for my kids. But when it's already planned out for the week, I don't have to think about it! It definitely makes our busy mornings run much more smoothly.

2. Would you like to have more time to read or work on a hobby? For me, I want more time to spend with my kids. I get to spend more time playing a board game with them before dinner when I have planned and prepped. Instead of worrying about "what are we going to have for dinner tonight?", I can spend that energy on what I really want to do.

3. When I plan, I know exactly what I need from the store. I can plan our meals around the ingredients I have and then fill in at the grocery store. This results in less trips to the store throughout the week and less money spent!

You can use a notebook you already have or a meal planning pad with the days of the week pre-printed on it. Borrow cookbooks from the library or look at Pinterest for some meal inspiration. I have a lot of great recipes saved on my *The Styled Sort* Pinterest page that you can check out. Once you have chosen your meals, make your grocery list. It may take a few weeks to get into the routine of meal planning (the more you do it, the easier it gets!). But once you do, you will be amazed at how much time you will have to do the things you really want to do!

### **Cross Country Skiing, Your New Favorite Winter Activity!** Sourced from: Deeper Trails and REI

Snow is falling, days are shorter, and the weather has officially turned to a wintry mess. While this is a nightmare for driving, it is perfect for cross country skiing. If the snow and cold are deterring you from getting outside, this article intends to provide some words of encouragement to leave the comfort of your home and strap on some skis. Below are nine of the top benefits to cross country skiing.

#### **1. Experience the Beauty of Winter**

All too often we confine ourselves to the indoors during the coldest months of the year. And why wouldn't we? After all, it's cold out there! Regardless of temperature there is no arguing with the fact that winter can be beautiful too. One of the best attributes to winter recreational activities is being able to experience the beauty of the snow covered landscape. With cross country skiing there is the added benefit of being on the snow when there aren't a ton of people out there; for this reason, cross country skiing is a perfect way to enjoy nature.

#### 2. Less People on Trails to Contend With

Cross country skiing is a less popular activity so there will naturally be less people in your way on the trails. This is good because the space you will need to move on those skis is a bit more than if you were just pumping your arms on a hike.

#### 3. The Quiet of Winter Mornings

Winter is a time of calm, reflection, and above all else quiet. This has been true of winter as far back as humanity goes. People stay indoors, our sleep increases to match the change in day length, and less of the loud construction work can happen in the cold months. Waking up a bit early on a cold Saturday morning and hitting some trails with cross country skis, puts you directly into the perfect environment for reveling in the quiet stillness of winter. Just imagine: the trails are empty, the sun is coming up, and you are 20 minutes into the best possible way to start your day. If you think meditation is cathartic just try skiing up a slight incline.

#### 4. Burn TONS of Calories

Not everyone is trying to lose weight, but with winter often comes more sugary treats and holiday cooking. Cross country skiing may actually be the best activity to pick-up if you are wanting to combat the potential of winter weight gain.

#### 5. Keeps You Warm in Cold Weather

If the winter cold is the main deterrent keeping you from strapping skis on your feet, you can throw that fear right out the window. Since cross country skiing requires significant energy, you will not be cold while cross country skiing. In fact, it might be more of a challenge to keep from overheating while cross country skiing.

#### 6. Improves Cardiovascular Health

When cross country skiing your body requires a ton of oxygen to complete the task. This increases heart rate and as a result cross country skiing can improve your cardiovascular health. The results of continual aerobic activity are a great benefit to your health.

#### 7. Combats the 'Winter Blues'

In winter the day length decreases, we are inside more, and we may not see those we love as often as we like which can trigger seasonal depression. Cross country skiing is a fantastic way to get outdoors, release endorphins and keep happy.

#### 8. A Perfect Excuse to See Friends

Tired of meeting your friends at bars and for brunch? Well, even if you aren't tired of brunches, cross country skiing provides a creative activity for you and your friends to gather around during the winter. Most places that get snow every season have places that will rent cross country skis, or if you and your friends are looking to commit to a new hobby there are tons of ski options out there.

#### 9. Get More Defined Muscles

Because cross country skiing involves the legs and the arms becoming a more toned athlete is nearly certain. Because the legs and the arms are being worked simultaneously during cross country skiing, balance becomes important. You will find that the need for balance will require a lot from your core muscles. For this reason, cross country skiing ends up being a wonderful full-body workout.

### Beginner's Guide to Cross-Country Skiing

The sport of cross-country skiing is enjoying a renaissance for all sorts of reasons, one of which is how accessible it is to beginners. Your gear needs are modest, as are trail fees, and you can be up and scooting across a pristine winter landscape in no time. The following will cover the basics for those who try cross-country skiing for the first time.

#### **Types of Cross-Country Skiing**

A common source of confusion is, "What's the difference between cross-country, XC and Nordic skiing?" These are different ways of describing the same sport. "XC" is shorthand for "cross-country." "Nordic skiing," which derives from the region where it originated, is simply another word for crosscountry skiing.

#### There are two styles of cross-country skiing:

**Classic skiing:** The original version of the sport, this involves a straight-line stride. The stride itself is called either a "diagonal stride" or "kick and glide." Someone who talks about "going cross-country skiing" usually means they are going classic cross-country skiing. **Skate skiing:** A few decades old now, this technique's ski movements look like a speed skater on ice. Not surprisingly, skate skiers move faster than classic cross-country skiers. *Continued on page 18* 



#### Southern Walk Upcoming Virtual Meeting Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

**Southern Walk HOA Board of Directors Meetings:** Monthly meetings are held virtually on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Residents are welcome to observe the public portion of meetings and to address the Board during the "Homeowner Forum" section of the meeting.

**Future SWHOA Committee Meetings:** Monthly meetings are held virtually on the second Monday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Residents are welcome to observe the public portion of meetings and to address the Committee during the "Homeowner Forum" section of the meeting.

Visit the Southern Walk website at *swhoab.com* to learn more about the Southern Walk Association. Virtual meeting information is emailed to all registered homeowners. To receive Southern Walk emails, please visit *https://southernwalk.connectresident.com/* 

#### SWHOA Board of Directors November 2021 Meeting Highlights

- Approved the minutes of September 24<sup>th,</sup> 2021 meeting
- Heard resident inquiry regarding the Future SWHOA Committee, more information regarding OpenBand Equipment and the Payment Lockbox Changing.
- Election of officers. The Board membership for 2021-2022 is as follows:
  - o President: Charles Salas
  - o Vice President: Sasidhar Aadipudi
  - o Treasurer: Greg Stone
  - o Secretary: Harish Viswanathan
  - o Director: Aaron Bice
  - o Director: Michael Simpson
- Board completed scope review with FirstService regarding management services.
- Reviewed monthly financials
- Renewal of FirstService Management Contract

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.* 

2022 SWHOA Assessments remain the same at \$80 per month. Please note there is a NEW address for 2022 Payment Lockbox. If you pay by paper check, money order, or online bill pay through your bank, you will be required to update your payments to the following new mailing address effective immediately:

Southern Walk at Broadlands HOA c/o FirstService Residential PO Box 30403 Tampa, FL 33630-3403



# **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 place blocks to accome down to block payment.

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.



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#### Where to Learn Cross-Country Skiing

While it is possible to go on your own and get the hang of the basic, you'll learn faster and progress more quickly if someone teaches you. **Sign up for lessons:** You can find professionally trained instructors at cross-country ski resorts. You can also sign up for lessons through Nordic ski clubs, parks departments and gear outfitters.

**Learn from a friend:** An experienced friend can teach you at any snow-covered open space (city parks and golf courses can work), but a recreation area that has groomed trails (with smoothed-out snow and ski tracks) is best. You also want flat terrain—and areas that don't present an avalanche risk.

#### **Gear for Cross-Country Skiing**

For a thorough look at equipment needs, visit a local ski shop and have a sales associate help you find the right size. If you take a lesson, gear should be provided. Otherwise, renting skis, boots and poles is wise for your first few times. You can also borrow gear from a friend, though the likelihood that it will fit you is small.

**Skis:** The correct ski length depends on your weight, info that should be listed in ski size charts.

**Boots and bindings:** your main concerns as a new cross-country skier are that you have a compatible boot/binding system (NNN is a common one) and that you're familiar with how your system works. Boots, regardless of system, should be comfortable and flexible. **Poles:** with tips in the snow, the top of correctly sized poles is about even with your armpits. You can use trekking poles with snow baskets in a pinch, though cross-country ski poles work better.

#### What to Wear Cross-Country Skiing

**Layer up:** As with any outdoor activity, you should dress in layers, keeping in mind that you will generate warmth as you move. You need apparel that moves freely and can handle sweat (synthetics and wool, not cotton). Make sure you also have layers that work well for cold, snowy and windy conditions.

**Repurpose other clothing:** No need to buy special Nordic apparel when you're first getting started, because your layers for other outdoor activities, like hiking, can do the job.

Bring a hat and gloves: Having numbness in your ears or fingers is no function functinfient function function function functinfient functi

#### Precautions for Cross-Country Skiers

**Be proactive about staying warm:** Don't wait to adjust layers if you're getting cold, especially in your extremities. Also adjust layers if you're sweating a lot because excess moisture can chill you. It's wise to bring hand warmers, foot warmers and a vacuum bottle filled with a warm beverage.

**Avoid high-risk avalanche areas:** Going to a resort minimizes this concern, as will skiing in flat, lowland ski areas with no history of avalanches.

Know how to navigate: If you go where there is no developed crosscountry trail system, bring a topographic map, a compass and possibly a GPS, and makesure you have basic navigation skills before you go. Fall softly: Even expert skiers take the occasional tumble. If possible, though, avoid sticking out your poles or wrists when you fall because that increases the chances of injury or damage to gear. Rolling sideways is generally a good tactic, though that assumes you have enough control to do so, and that you don't roll into a tree or other hazard.

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### Egg Basket Drive-thru Eggstravaganza! *Come Glow with Us at Night This Year!* Friday, April 1st from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Community Center Parking Lot 43004 Waxpool Road

This drive-thru socially distanced event will begin promptly at 6:00pm. Please remember to bring your camera for socially distant photos with the bunny (masks required).

Baskets are provided until they run out. The baskets are limited to one per kiddo so that everyone can get one.

# *This free event is FOR BROADLANDS RESIDENTS.*

More details to come in the March newsletter.

# WINTER LIFEGUARD OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, February 2nd 4:00pm-6:00pm Broadlands Community Center 43004 Waxpool Road

Meet our recruiters & interview on the spot! Returners welcome: bring a friend, learn about referral bonuses & discuss 2022 placements!

> HighSierraPools.com (703) 920-1750

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# **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

The Ashburn Classics will hold its February 12 meeting at 10:15am in the Ashburn Senior Center on Marblehead Drive. Everyone attending must wear a mask. We will be celebrating Black History Month. All seniors in the Ashburn area are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please call 703-723-3056 and leave a message if there is no answer.

#### **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 *Tuesday, February* 15th in the Clubhouse. 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 concert series. 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.

#### **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 leadershsip training through STEM, outdoor experiences, skills badges, community service and entrepreneurship. For more information, please visit girlscouts.org.

#### **GRIEFSHARE SEMINAR/SUPPORT GROUP**

GriefShare recovery seminar and support group meets at Our Savior's Way Luthern 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 February Programs and Information**

### **Children's Programs**

**Pre-K Skill Builders** Fridays, 10:00am-12:00pm

**STEAM Club Jr. - Magnets** Tuesday, February 1st, 4:00pm, Grades K-2

**STEAM Club** Thursday, February 3rd, 4:00pm, Grades 3-5

Homeschool Photography Fair Monday, February 7th, 1:00pm, Grades K-5

**Art at the Library - Paper Marbling** Thursday, February 10th, 4:00pm, Grades K-5

**My First Book Club - Pedro's Big Break** Tuesday, February 15th, 4:00pm, Grades K-1

Graphic Novel Book Club - The Lightning Thief

Tuesday, February 15th, 7:00pm, Grades 4-6

Spectacular Series Book Club - Nice Shot, Cupid!

Thursday, February 17th, 4:00pm, Grades 2-3

#### **Royal Crafts**

Saturday, February 19th, 3:00pm, Grades K-5

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

### **Teen Programs**

**DIY: Felt Conversation Heart Banner** Thursday, February 3rd, 6:00pm, Teens

Ashburn Anime Club February 17th, 7:00pm, Teens

### **Adult Programs**

**Ashburn Adult Book Club: Code Girls** Tuesday, February 1st, 7:00pm

#### Writing Workshop: New Trends in Book Publishing

Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:00pm

**Portrait Sketching Class** Thursday, February 17th, 7:00pm

Ashburn ESOL Book Group: The Handmaid's Tale

Thursday, February 24th, 10:00am

**Live Music: Guitarist Brian Slymaker** Sunday, February 27th, 2:00pm

Adult ESOL Conversation Group Ongoing

Tuesdays, 7:00pm, ESOL conversation group Thursdays,10:00am, ESOL conversation group

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



# **AVFRD February News**

#### Prospective members meeting on Tuesday,

**February 22nd, 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.

#### **AVFRD** is Always Looking For Student

**Volunteers!** Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department (AVFRD) offers high school students (ages 14 and older) opportunities to earn college application community service credit by volunteering at our community service events such as the spring and fall open houses and pancake breakfasts. If you are interested in volunteering, visit our website at https://ashburnfirerescue.org/ go/student-volunteers/ and complete the "Student Volunteer Signup (Community Service Hours)" to sign up. As new opportunities are available, you will be notified via email.

**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@foundershall.com.

Chilly Days Chili Fundraiser at Old Ox Brewery has been moved to March 5th to distance the event from the COVID holiday surge and help ensure a safe environment for our guests.

*Visit ashburnfirerescue.org/go/chili/ or oldoxbrewery.com for updates.* 

# In Case You Need a Hand ...

#### NON-EMERGENCY

Ashburn Fire	703-729-0006
Dominion Virginia Power	888-667-3000
Fire Marshall	703-777-0333
Loudoun County Sheriff	703-777-1021
Loudoun Water (customer service)	571-291-7880
Loudoun Water (after hours)	571-291-7878
Poison Control	800-222-1222
State Police	703-771-2533
Washington Gas	703-750-1000

#### BROADLANDS COMMUNITY

Mailbox (Main Street Mailboxes)	1-571-379-8454
Snow Removal:	
VDOT Streets	
HOA Streets	
Towing (Battlefield Towing)	
Trash Pickup (Patriot Disposal)	1-703-257-7100

#### Southern Walk HOA - Verizon FiOs Gigabit Internet Contract:

Billing – Laura Marshall, FirstService Residential,	
laura.marshall@fsresidential.com	571-234-5475
Verizon Activation (SWHOA Only)	1-800-501-1172
Verizon FiOS Bulk Technical Support 24x7	1-888-553-1555
SWHOA FiOS Contract General Information	. SWHOAB.COM

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Animal Control/Shelter	
Building Permits & Dev	
County Landfill	
DMV (VA)	
Health Department	
Library (Ashburn)	
Loudoun Ride On	
Loudoun Hospital	
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Metro	
Metro	202-637-7000 703-777-0343
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#### SCHOOLS -BROADLANDS

Briar Woods High School	703-957-4400
Eagle Ridge Middle School	571-252-2140
Hillside Elementary School	571-252-2170
Mill Run Elementary School	571-252-2160

### **ARTS/MUSIC** ON-LINE PIANO & FLUTE LESSONS:

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#### **PIANO TUNING:**

Ashburn Piano Service, Jeff Bishop, RPT. Contact at 703-786-6248, Jeff@ashburnpianoservice.com, ashburnpianoservice. com.

### **BABYSITTER/CAREGIVER** BROADLANDS BABYSITTERS ASSOCIATION:

We are a student-run group of highly motivated and well qualified sitters, plus a few junior members. Available evenings and weekends. For more information, see our Instagram @bbsa.official. Call us at 571-207-2324 or email scheduling.bbsa@ gmail.com.

### **TUTORING & PRESCHOOL** MATH RESCUE 911:

We offer tutoring in Pre-algebra, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus. We also offer SAT, and ACT prep. Tutor at your home or at the library. May also do sessions on Zoom. Reasonable rates. Call or text Vincent Chu at (571) 379-3074; email is vchu\_911@ yahoo.com.

### HOME SERVICES ASHBURN ELECTRIC:

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#### **HANDYMAN SERVICES:**

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### MARKETPLACE/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES POSTAL MASTERS:

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