

## **Covenants Corner**

## **March Inspections**

As you may have noticed, winter is slowly dissipating, and days are gradually lengthening and growing warmer. Plants are waking up from their winter dormancy and soon will be contributing to our lovely community with their vibrant colors. We all know the signs but with spring coming, also comes the two magic words - spring cleaning. Now is a good time to take a close look at your home and property and ask - what you can do to improve the visual appearance of your property?

## **Spring Cleaning**

During the month of March, your Covenants Office will be focusing on the visual appearance of resident properties such as mildew on your siding, stoops and sidewalks, basement ways, decks, and fences, painting of your house trim and shutters, foundations, basement ways, and porticos. How about the staining of your decks and fences (if approved), and mailbox posts? Your well-maintained property will complement the vast array of beautiful and brilliant colors that your plants and landscaping will provide. Take a moment, step back and take a good look at your home and property. In doing so, you will see the same things that we do. We don't wear special glasses; we see what you will see. If any of the above-listed issues draw our attention, we will send you a Friendly Reminder to repair them.

## **Fence Appearance**

Another item of interest that our office is drawn to is the overall appearance of your fences. The appearance of your fence can negatively impact the elegance of your beautiful homes. Your fence's appearance usually calls to you when it needs attention. This could be the replacement of missing or repair of broken posts, boards, and lattice or maybe leaning fence portions or warped gates. Finally, does your fence need to be re-stained (if approved) the same color? Again, we see what you see. The maintenance issues mentioned above may not be all we see, but they are a good start. Please take a close look at your home and property and ask what you can do to improve their visual appearance to avoid the need for a Friendly Reminder.

Happy spring cleaning everyone!

Throughout the year, the covenants team 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. To reach the Covenants team, call 703-729-9704 or email Covenants@Broadlandshoa.com.

Thank you for your continued help,

**Broadlands Covenants Team**