

## **Covenants Corner**

## **November Inspections**

During this time of year, we are all feeling the autumnal coolness in the air, and fall foliage is beginning to drop. Inside our homes, we are probably housecleaning in preparation for winter and a wonderful fall season. At this time of year, don't forget housecleaning on the outside of your home is just as important as the inside.

## Here are some tips to assist with winter preparation for the exterior of your home:

- 1. Clean up your flower beds and trim back your bushes and trees.
- 2. Leaves will be falling soon so please keep your yard tidy by raking and bagging them or lawn mowing them into mulch. Also, it is helpful to keep any storm drains around your property free of leaves and debris.
- 3. Make sure that your mailbox is in good shape. If your mailbox post needs a bit of TLC, give it a coat of fresh stain with an HOA-approved color or replace the post with a new one. You may wish to use Main Street Mailboxes, 571-379-8454.
- 4. Touch up paint and replace missing shutters and trim on your home.
- 5. Clean mildew or dirt off your siding.

The HOA along with our landscaper and arborist work to identify limbs and branches blocking sidewalks and street signs and to notify homeowners of the outstanding issues. If you still see any of these issues, please contact our office at 703-520-9903 so that we may get them resolved.

Beginning November 1st, we will start nighttime inspections of homeowners' exterior pole lights to make sure they are in working order. Please check your lights and replace any burned-out bulbs. If they still do not work, you may need to replace the light sensor on the pole or make sure the circuit breaker (dedicated switch) to the pole light is working. If all else fails, it may be time to call the electrician.

We are here to help you keep your community safe and beautiful. Please remember to contact our office at covenants@broadlandshoa.com or 703-520-9903 with any problems or concerns.