



VILLAGE VOICE

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Quarterly Newsletter

Burke Village Homeowners Association

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Board's Message

NOTICE! NOTICE!

VILLAGE VOICE will go online after this issue!

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Birds chirping; flowers blossoming; pesky mosquitos and bees discovering their old haunts; crickets waking to begin their melodious courtship dance; the sun peeking out from still present clouds, warming our hearts and hearths. Yep, summer is hiding right around the corner. Check out this newsletter to confirm those things you need to do to make your summer an enjoyable and comfortable one.

In addition to those maintenance projects we share, we also want to provide you updates on several action items that have been on the board's agenda for a while and will come to fruition within the next few weeks and months.



Roundtop Lane in the springtime.

Agreement with Cardinal Management Group: Signing a *Full Time Management Agreement* has taken longer than expected. For several months BVHA board members have been in contact with Cardinal Management staff members and our attorneys. The complexity and legalities that impact the board and homeowners require a team of professionals to help ensure the board and neighbors are protected from liability. The attorneys have reviewed and edited the Agreement, but are still working out some legal issues. The process has taken time to negotiate, and BVHA attorneys will not approve the Agreement until a fair compromise is reached.

Since the first homes in our community were built over 40 years ago, the BVHA has functioned fairly well with community volunteers. Many neighbors have given of their time and talents over the years to do the bookkeeping, enter into contracts with vendors, supervise grounds maintenance, and collaborate with the utility companies and with government agencies. In recent years, HOAs have been held at a higher standard by Fairfax County, the State of Virginia, and federal law. New changes are made every year, and volunteers cannot keep up with government requirements and the demands of the tasks involved. HOA Management Companies are needed to assure HOAs function according to legal standards and professionalism. Our attorneys are confident that BVHA will soon be able to sign the Agreement with Cardinal Management, very likely by the beginning of June 2019.

Public Hearing: The petition to expand the Burke Centre Community Parking District to Coffey Woods Road has been placed on the Board of Supervisors' calendar. The hearing is scheduled for June 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. at the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035. The board will submit a brief letter of support to the Supervisors. Speakers wishing to speak must sign up and will be allowed 2.5 minutes. Let's meet at 4:15 p.m.

Reminder: If you have not paid your annual assessment, they are past due.

See page 2 for information about **American Disposal Service** and our investment account. See page 3 for this edition's **Applause and Recognition**.

Things you need to know

Reserve Account to be Transferred

The transfer of the investments advised by Cardinal Management has been approved by BVHA attorneys. The board will transfer the Reserve Fund from our local bank to Morgan Stanley Investments that offer a higher three-year interest rate for CDs, which are FDIC insured.

American Disposal Service Update

American Disposal recently failed to pick up BVHA’s trash on the scheduled days, creating a mess and many complaints. The board tried to contact the company by phone for several days, but their call center indicated the wait would be at least 60 minutes. We texted them and received no reply. Cardinal Management also tried to contact them, with no response.

BVHA neighbors had received a letter stating that there was a national crisis with the lack of truck drivers and asked for our understanding as they tried to deal with the driver situation. Evidently the company was acquired by Waste Connection when the problem started. The board is reviewing what happened and is in contact with Cardinal Management to guarantee this lack of service does not occur again. There was a recent report on WTOP stating that several Departments in Fairfax County were investigating the company at the request of the Board of Supervisors. The board will stay on top of BVHA’s contract with American Disposal and determine our options.

Work Projects in Our Neighborhood

- ♦ Mill work on some streets.
- ♦ Hillock-Blincoe Court steps, path repaving.
- ♦ Retaining walls in problem areas.
- ♦ Added lighting some neighborhoods - estimates and installation by Dominion Power.
- ♦ Cost assessment of basketball and tennis court repairs.
- ♦ Website update.

Things to Know

Cardinal Mailing Address for Assessments

Burke Village HOA
 c/o Cardinal Management Group, Inc.
 PO Box 52358
 Phoenix, AZ 85072-2358

Cardinal Finance Manager



Darryl Payne
 703-565-5025
d.payne@cardinalmanagementgroup.com

BVHA Mailing Address

Burke Village Homeowners Association
 5812 High Bluff Court
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Telephone Messages

The BVHA telephone messaging center
 Call 703-239-9069

Insurance

To request proof of insurance
 when refinancing
 Virginia Burke Kinneman
 Agent/Owner, Financial Representative
 50 South Pickett Street, #20
 Alexandria, VA 22304
 Phone: 703-823-8800
 FAX: 703-356-8154

Street Light Out?

Get the “Pole Number”
 off the appropriate street light
 Then call the message center
 Or email burkevillagehoa@gmail.com

Swimming pool memberships

are available in Burke Centre,
 but BVHA members
 will not receive discounts.

Neighborhood tidbits

We Have a Trash Issue!

- ◆ Please use garbage bins and black plastic bags.
- ◆ Do not use white plastic bags; they are easily ripped by birds and trash is spilled.
- ◆ Use American Disposal receptacles and boxes or other receptacles that will handle the overflow of recycling.
- ◆ Bind cardboard and tree branches up to four feet in length.
- ◆ Loose debris and recycling materials are not acceptable because garbage scattered in the common area attracts rats, and rats attract snakes.



Applause and Recognition

The Fairfax County Code Compliance Office (CCCO) has acknowledged neighbors and former BVHA board members, **Matt and Patty Tang** for picking up the trash on Coffey Woods Road and keeping CCCO informed of trash pickup needed and for parking violations on Coffey Woods Road. Thank you, Matt and Patty. Thanks also to **Der-rick Wohletz**, who took the initiative to meet with newly assigned County of Fairfax Parking Enforcement Officer R. Tracy, who will monitor Coffey Woods Road. She is from the West Springfield District Station, 6140 Rolling Rd, rtracy@fairfaxcounty.gov. Coffey Woods Road is already looking much better.



Parking on Coffey Woods

Officer R. Tracy states that a new parking ordinance has been established.

- ◆ Any commercial vehicle and/or trailers must be moved from their original spot with a length of more than 300 feet every 3-4 days.
- ◆ Failure to comply with this ordinance will result in being ticketed and fined \$100, and the vehicle will receive an orange citation tag.
- ◆ After three citations, the owners of the vehicle will be asked to move the property within seven business days. If the owner fails to comply, the property will be towed.

New Dog Park and Agility Equipment for BVHA Furry Friends, Children, and Adults

At the corner of Burke Road and Guinea you can now find a wonderland of fun and activities for your dogs and yourselves: a combined dog park with agility equipment. There is something for the whole family, excluding the cats.

Go to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov for information and rules. And then, *enjoy!*



Burke Village Board Members

- Viki Halabuk President
- Kennie Johnson Vice-President
- Ron Cruz Treasurer
- Dave Pearson Secretary
- Brent Miller Board Member
- Teresa Williams Board Member





Things you need to know

Tips for Summer Home Maintenance

from HouseDoctors Marketing

The summer months have arrived! To make the most of your summer and ease the burden of home maintenance and repair, here are nine tips to keep your home in tip-top shape.

1. **Furnace and Air Conditioner Maintenance** – With the change of the season, you should change your air filter and consider getting a tune-up for summer. There is nothing worse than going into the summer months and having the A/C go out. Have it checked out now to save yourself hassle later.

2. **Smoke Detector** – Make sure you test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries. If a detector is older than ten years, it's time to replace it.



3. **Chimney Cleaning** – Although you will not be using your fireplace again until the fall, now is the perfect time to get it swept and cleaned. This time of year is less busy for the chimney sweep companies, so you can get it done and have it ready to go by the time the leaves start to fall.

4. **Ceiling Fans** – Mostly likely your ceiling fans have been idle over the winter months, or it's time to reverse the circulation. Take a minute and inspect the fan, clean off the blades, and make sure the blades are balanced.



5. **Cleaning Gutters and Downspouts** – While the weather is nice and warm, now would be a great time to clean out your gutters and downspouts. It's recommend that gutters get cleaned out once per year and twice a year if there are a lot of overhanging trees.
6. **Exterior Caulking** – Take the time to thoroughly inspect the caulking around your windows and doors. Bugs and ants are attracted to the kitchen area. By adding fresh caulking to the doors and windows, this will help prevent those little intruders.
7. **Pressure Washing** – Your siding, sidewalks, and decks need a good scrub this time of year. Consider pressure washing them to give them a superior appearance as well as maintain them for optimal use.



8. **Clean the Garbage Disposal** – Even the garbage disposal needs a good cleaning. Follow this website to learn how to clean your disposal with products you already have:

<http://www.apartmenttherapy.com/how-to-clean-your-kitchen-sink-136771>

9. **Exterior Paint Touch-up** – Now is the time to go outside and touch-up the exterior paint. If you no longer have the paint color for your touch-up project, take a picture and go to your paint store to have them match the photo. Or in some cases, the paint store may send out a representative who can match the paint for you.