



Woodwinds News



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FIRE LANES

Please observe Woodwinds parking regulations and Fairfax County ordinances with respect to fire lanes.

Fire lanes are to be kept clear at all times. Dropping off passengers or unloading heavy items at the curb are reasonable exceptions, provided the disruption to traffic is minimal and the duration is brief. Leaving an unattended vehicle in a fire lane may result in an assessment from Woodwinds and/or a ticket from county authorities.

Residents are also advised that they are responsible for the behavior of their guests and visitors. Violations by non-residents may result in assessments of residents.

SATELLITE DISHES

A satellite dish resolution has been drafted and accepted by the Board. The new resolution governing satellite dish installation is to correct a situation in which too many antennas have been abandoned by previous owners and these devices have become a safety and maintenance liability to the Association.

This resolution will affect all residents who currently have a satellite dish mounted on a building at Woodwinds. Residents will receive a letter detailing the new resolution, the resolution, and a registration form. All residents who wish to keep their satellite dish must register the device and pay a refundable deposit. It is important that you respond within the deadlines given.

Approval is required prior to mounting a satellite dish on association property. Dishes must be mounted to the firewall and may not be mounted on the roof itself. The unit owner is responsible for any damage to association property caused by the installation of a satellite dish.

WINDOW AND DOOR REPLACEMENT

Board approval is required prior to making any change to the exterior of a unit, including the replacement of window frames or doors. Contact

LMA for a request form. If you are considering replacing your window frames, please be aware that the exterior appearance of the new windows must match the originals. The expanse of each individual pane of glass must be the same size as the original, and new frames must be of the same style, color, and width as the originals.

PARKING AT WOODWINDS

The Board is working on a new and improved parking permit process. This will result in better tracking of residents' vehicles and help with parking enforcement and security in the neighborhood.

Virginia law requires that out-of-state vehicles be titled and registered in Virginia and display Virginia license plates within 30 days of moving to Virginia. For more information, visit the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles website at:

<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/moving>

15 MPH SPEED LIMIT

Even if you're on the fast track at work, please put on the brakes and slow down when you get home!

Be considerate of your neighbors, their guests, children, and dogs, and reduce your speed to 15 mph while driving in the community. You should keep in mind that residents can back out of parking spaces at any moment, and that the winding roads throughout the community require that you slow down to stay in your lane.

New speed limit signs will be posted at both entrances to the community to remind you to SLOW DOWN. Violators will be assessed \$50.

SEPARATE TRASH AND RECYCLING

We ask that you continue working with your immediate neighbors to identify one location for **just recyclables**, and another area for **just trash**. This will help insure that all trash and recycling is collected. Recyclables should be easily visually identifiable as recycling but should also be properly secured so they don't blow all over the community. Recycling is on Thursday only.



RULES REMINDER

Water Shut-off – Water mains in the garden condos serve many units in addition to yours. For non-emergency plumbing tasks that require turning off the water in your building, please remember the following guidelines:

- Contact LMA **at least** 4 days in advance to coordinate the shut-off time
- LMA will contact the board to post notices at the entrances at least 72 hours in advance
- Water may not be shut off before 9:30 am or after 4:30 pm
- Water may not be shut off on weekends or holidays
- Water may not be shut off for more than 3 hours. Work with your plumber to minimize the impact of shut-off time and length.

Please be courteous to your neighbors and follow these guidelines.

Landscaping – Changes to the landscape, including planting, removal, thinning, pruning, or trimming of trees, shrubs, and flowers and addition or modification of edging, terracing, stonework, or pavers requires written permission from the Board of Directors.

STREAM RESTORATION WORK

The overall goal of the stream restoration work that is going on throughout Reston is to raise the stream channels so they are better connected with the floodplains which they drain, and to create wider and shallower channels with vegetated and reinforced banks to prevent erosion and reduce the amount of sediment that is carried downstream. More information on the stream restoration project is available at <http://www.reston.org>. Representatives from Reston Association and Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. met with members of the community recently to discuss plans for the section of stream just to the north of Woodwinds, between Soapstone Drive and the golf course.

Currently, the intent is to present plans for this section of stream to the Reston Design Review Board in April, and, if approved, to begin work soon after. Work is expected to take about two months.

The new channel will follow the existing channel, except that the deeply cut meander (U shaped loop)

that comes very close to the asphalt path will be eliminated. The stream channel will be gradually stepped down using a series of pools and shallow falls or riffles, from the storm drain near the pavilion to the culvert under Soapstone Drive.

The existing asphalt path will be used by heavy equipment to access the majority of the work area, which will reduce the number of trees that need to be removed relative to the number of trees that have been removed in other areas where work has already been done. The trees to be removed have been banded with blue ribbons. Seed mix will be put down as part of the construction phase, and trees and additional plants will be planted next fall or winter.

Although the path directly north of Woodwinds will be closed to foot traffic during construction, the sidewalk/path from the Soapstone Drive entrance of Woodwinds down to the tunnel under Soapstone Drive will remain open.

BOARD MEETING

The next Woodwinds board meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 April, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at **Langston Hughes Middle School Health Room**, located at 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, VA. Details can be found on the Woodwinds Homeowners Yahoo Groups website: http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/Woodwinds_Homeowners/

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