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SPRING IS COMING!

Gardening 101

Spring is the time we see all of our hard work pay off. Flowers are in bloom and the odors are just amazing.

When planning your landscape and picking the ideal spot for your garden, you'll want to take several factors into consideration.

How do you want to use your yard? Have an open space for children? Do you have pets and/or heavy foot traffic? Or just use it as an attractive, decorative enhancement for your home.

Experienced gardeners will tell you to think of your landscape as a series of garden rooms or discrete areas. Walk your property looking at its basic character. Is the ground level or sloping? Are there any places where water does not drain away quickly after a storm?

You should look at it different times of the day and from different vantage points in your house. See how many hours of sun each area receives throughout the day. This will be invaluable in making your future plant selections. Think about how much time and money you want to invest in your landscape. Can you devote a few



hours each weekend or will you be hiring a service to maintain your plantings plus lawn.

Are you likely to be doing patio containers and window boxes? Visit your local gardens and walk your neighborhood to get inspiration. Plan a trip to a local nursery and pick their brains. They often offer free seminars as well, so be sure to ask about any upcoming events.

Board Members

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Happy St. Patrick's Day Parade



Is being held on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Rain or Shine)

The parade route begins at the Corner

VANGUARD MGMT P.O. BOX 39, GERMANTOWN, MD 20875 (301) 540-8600

Bakery at the Washingtonian Center (near the Rio) and ends at Kohl's.

Gus McLeod from CBS's "Amazing Race" will be the Grand Marshall.

Here's what you will see:
Culkin School of Traditional Irish
Dance, Ring of Kerry Dancers, Teelin
Irish Dance School, MacMillin Pipe
Band, Garrett College Pipe Band, Irish
Wolfhounds, Leprechauns and much
more!

Your financial support is always welcome and needed. A portion of the fund-raising/membership proceeds will be contributed to "Project Children".

Pet Etiquette



This is a reminder that ALL pet owners MUST walk their pets AWAY

from their neighbors' home.

The law also requires that you are to pick up after your pet. Accumulated pet waste can be an attraction for rodents and other vermin. Failure to do so could result in a monetary fine being imposed or action being taken to remove the pet from the Community! Complaints may be referred to the Montgomery County Department of Animal Control at 301-279-1823.

All dogs and cats 4 months of age or older must have a current rabies vaccination and a County license. A rabies tag from your vet is NOT a County license, it must be purchased separately; penalties are \$100.00 and \$500.00.

Trash Disposal

Trash removal is provided twice weekly on Monday and Thursday by Waste Management. DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH OUTSIDE ANY EARLIER THAN 6:00 P.M. THE NIGHT PRIOR. DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH OUT IF YOUR TRASH PICK-UP FALLS ON A HOLIDAY AS IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL YOUR NEXT SCHEDULED PICK-UP.

All containers for the storage of trash or garbage must be rigid containers of metal or plastic, having tight-fitting, overlapping lids, with a capacity of not less than fifteen (15) and not exceeding thirty-two (32) gallons according to county Code Section 48-24. Trash cans are to be stored out of sight. Items such as exercise equipment, furniture, screen doors etc. are NOT considered household trash and must be disposed of at the Shady Grove Transfer Station off of Shady Grove Road. Regular operating hours are Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sat 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Household hazardous waster receiving hours are Thursday-Friday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Homeowners are responsible to have these items removed from the community. When items are left out, the Association MUST pay to have them removed from the community which will cause the Association fees to increase!



Montgomery County WILL collect unwanted scrap metal items free of charge. Improper trash disposal can create unclean and potentially unsanitary conditions. Items such as household products harms the environment as well as human health.

Recycling Do's and Dont's

Recycling is provided on Wednesday. Instead of putting hazardous materials in the garbage or pouring them down the drain, take them to the County's conveniently located collection site free of charge. Paper must be placed in paper bags or boxes, NOT plastic bags while yard waste must be placed in the appropriate paper bag.

The items listed below are recyclable, however they must be taken to the Shady Grove Solid Waste Transfer Station. DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS OUT WITH YOUR RECYCLING.

Accepted collections: at transfer station

- > Insecticides
- > Herbicides
- Other pesticides
- Fertilizers w/herbicides
- > Paint thinners and solvents
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Unwanted fuels
- Mercury containing items, thermostats & thermometers
- ➤ Used motor oil
- > Photographic Material
- > Brake fluid and Antifreeze
- > Car batteries/or batteries of any kind
- Oil-based paints

Unacceptable Items:

Explosives, compressed gas cylinders and

shock sensitive materials

Commercial, industrial or medical wastes

Dioxins

Kepones

Unidentified Materials

Radioactive materials

Asbestos



Excessive Noise



There have been complaints from Kingsview Ridge residents regarding loud music, outdoor activities, etc. The hours when residents should

not create excessive noise are from 9pm to 7am M-F and 9pm to 9am on weekends and holidays.

During these hours, please remember to keep these noise levels low. Noise ordinance violations should be reported to the Montgomery County police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.

Architectural Control

All homeowners are reminded that an Application for an Architectural Change must be submitted **PRIOR** to making any modifications to the exterior appearance of your home.

If an Architectural Application has not been approved by the Board of Directors prior to making any changes to your home, you will be found in violation of the covenants, and will be required to modify any changes at your expense.



School Calendar

March 25 & 28 March 29-31, Apr. 1 April 8

May 30 June 15 June 16 Holidays* - Easter

Holidays* - No school for students and teachers Professional day for teachers - No school for students; report card preparation/planning Holiday * - Memorial Day Last day of school for students (early dismissal)

Professional day for teachers





Bark in the Park!



Reward the loyalty and devotion of your favorite

four-legged friends by bringing them to the City of Gaithersburg's Annual Bark in the Park celebration on Saturday, April 23rd from noon to 3 p.m. at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm located at 506 South Frederick Avenue, for what promises to be a day of fun and frivolity.

The entire afternoon is devoted to our canine citizenry and their owners. Your dogs can strut their stuff

"Dog Gone It Parade" or show off their hunting prowess in the "No Bones About It" bone hunt. A dog trainer will be on hand to teach old dogs new tricks and vice versa. There will also be a dog obstacle course, a photo booth, and plenty of useful information from a variety of

Tickets are required for entry to this

vendors.

special event and will be on sale at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, Summit Hall Farm, 506 South Frederick Avenue. Tickets are \$5 for

dogs who are City residents and \$8 for dogs who reside elsewhere. There will be a cost of \$8 for every dog if tickets are bought the day of the event.

For more information, call Dianne Coup @ 301-258-6350 or email her at dcoup@gaithersburgmd.gov.



KIDFEST



On May 22nd between 1:00-5:00 pm, the Fairland Community Center located at 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD will host a Heart N-Parks

physical fitness area for children 5-10 years of age rain or shine!

Montgomery County Fire and Rescue will provide a "Safety Village" with the help of Sparky the Fire Dog. Learn about child safety seats, dial 911 on a phone simulator, and have fun with a giant fire truck slide.

Community activities such as arts and crafts, games and much more. Enjoy entertainment including clowns, puppet show, magician, moon bounces, singing and dancing all for FREE!

Helpful Phone Numbers

Police Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
PEPCO	202-833-7500
WSSC Emergencies	301-206-4002
Animal Control	301-279-1823
Recycling/Leaf Coll	240-777-6410
Consumer Affairs	240-777-3636
Abandoned Cars	301-840-2454
Comcast	301-424-4400

Payments

Homeowners are reminded that payments are due on the 1st of each quarter (January, April, July, October). Payments are to be mailed to the "remit to" address located on your coupons. Please do not mail or take your payment to the office of Vanguard Management in Germantown, MD. The payment address

is P.O. Box 37286, Baltimore, MD. 21297-3286. Please be sure to include your 12 digit account number on your check.

QUESTIONS, COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS?

If you should have issues regarding trash, landscaping etc. you must write to the Board of Directors c/o Vanguard Management at P.O. Box 39, Germantown, MD 20875 or email Nancy Keen, your Community Manager at NKeen@vanguardmgt.com. All complaints must be in writing to be considered. Management has a limited amount of authority and most times must receive direction from the Board of Directors <u>prior</u> to taking action.

Flea Markets/ Baby Bazaar



The City of Gaithersburg's Indoor Flea Markets are held at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fairground in building number 2. The Indoor Flea Market will take place on Saturday, March 19th and April 23rd between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Baby Bazaar will take place Saturday May 14th while the Outdoor Flea Market will take place on June 11th; both events will be held from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eggstravaganza!



On March 26th between 10 a.m. - Noon, The Rockville Civic Center located at 603 Edmonston Road will host a Spring Eggstravaganza. Ages 1-9 will enjoy a Puppet Show, Children's Crafts, Meet Peter Cottontail and the all important Egg Hunt!

They will also enjoy "The 7th Annual Go fly a Kite Rockville." There will be giveaways, Kite Sales, free fly area, Moon Bounce, Kite Hospital and more.



Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time will begin Sunday, April 3rd @ 2:00 AM. Clocks should be moved one hour ahead the evening prior. This is the time to replace all bulbs outside of your home that are not working along with the batteries in your smoke detectors. Fire, like any disaster is devastating especially when it could have been prevented!

DID YOU KNOW?

Grass clippings are healthy for your grass. <u>NEVER</u> blow them onto the street or sidewalk. PLEASE GRASSCYCLE!

Meeting Date

All Board Meetings are scheduled to be held on the 1st Wednesday of every other month at Germantown Recreation Center The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, April 6th @ 7:30 pm. All are welcome!