



# Kingsview Ridge

WINTER- VOLUME 11 DECEMBER 2006

## Winter is Coming!

### Winter Lights!



The City of Gaithersburg's Winter Lights Festival will delight the entire family from November 24th

through December 31, 2006 .

This unique spectacle, which includes more than 380 illuminated displays and 60 animated vignettes along a three and a half mile drive, is sure to capture the imagination and create lifelong memories. Meandering through the enchanted forest setting is like a holiday fantasy, with festival goers experiencing an array of characters and displays that light up the night. Themed areas include Winter Woods, Teddy Bear Land, Victorian Village , the North Pole and much more.

Thousands of people in the metropolitan area have made this an annual holiday tradition. Return visitors will be thrilled to find new displays and arrangements to keep them coming back for years to come. And to celebrate the 10 th anniversary of the festival several contests will take place during this

year's event, including a drawing contest for kids, a trivia contest for all ages, and a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree at Lakeforest Shopping Center . Complete contest details will be available in the official Winter Lights Festival program book distributed to all visitors.

Winter Lights is open Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. , and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. The Festival is closed on December 25. Admission is \$10 per car Sunday through Thursday and \$12 per car Friday and Saturday. Two dollar discount coupons valid Monday through Thursday only are available at nearby Lakeforest Shopping Center. Group admission rates are \$25 for 15-passenger vans and \$50 for buses.

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# SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 25th	Holiday-Christmas-Offices and Schools Closed
Dec. 26-29	Winter Break-No School for Students
January 1st	Holiday-New Year's Day-Offices and Schools Closed
January 15th	Holiday-Dr. Martin Luther King Day-Offices and Schools Closed
January 19th	Second Marking Period Ends
January 22nd	Professional Day for teachers-No school for students
February 1st	Report Cards Distributed
February 19th	Holiday-President's Day-Offices and Schools Closed
February 27th	Grading/Planning-Early release for students
March 26th	Third Marking Period Ends
March 27th	Professional Day for teachers-No school for students
April 2-5	Spring break-No school for students and teachers



## The Best of "Broadway"

The "Best of Broadway," presented by the City of Gaithersburg in partnership with KAT 2nd Stage, is back with a musical production spotlighting "Overtures and Finales." Five evening performances will be held at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, December 1, 2, 8, 9, and 15 at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road. Admission is \$14 for City residents and \$16 for nonresidents.

In the world of theatre, the overture lures the audience into the mystique of song and sound. It serves as the largest orchestral work at the beginning of a musical, sometimes sung, but more often played instrumentally. An overture functions as a beginning or "jump off" point for the musical to come. Classics like "Tonight" from West Side Story and "On the Street Where You Live" from My Fair Lady feature romantic overtures to set the mood. Overtures can also mark the beginnings of a partnership like in "Matchmaker" from Fiddler on the Roof.

Come enjoy *an evening* featuring overtures and finales from the best and most famous Broadway musicals. The anthology of musicals will range from humorous to heartbreaking, while covering everything in between. For information and ticket purchase call 301-258-6394, or purchase tickets online using RecXpress at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/RecXpress](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/RecXpress).

## Jingle Jubilee



Join the City of Gaithersburg on Saturday, December 2 for its Jingle Jubilee, a perfect way to kick-off the upcoming holiday season. Santa Claus will stop by for a visit as the City hosts holiday festivities at the beautifully decorated City Hall Concert Pavilion.

This joyous event is perfect for families and young children. Santa will be arriving by sleigh, so bring your own camera for memorable photos. A children's choir will sing festive songs throughout evening while a brass band plays holiday tunes sure to please the whole family. Children will have an opportunity to join in the sing-a-long where jingle bells will be given away to accompany the music. Costumed characters and a magnificent tree lighting create a delightful holiday mood. Popcorn and hot apple cider will be served to keep things toasty, but be sure to dress warmly for this winter wonderland.

To help make the holidays brighter for our men and women serving in the armed forces both here and abroad, the VFW will be on site collecting paperback books, sample sized toiletries and individually wrapped snacks.

The Jingle Jubilee will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the City Hall Pavilion, 31 South Summit Avenue. Admission is free. For more information contact the City of Gaithersburg at 301-258-6350 or [parksrec@gaitersburgmd.gov](mailto:parksrec@gaitersburgmd.gov).

# Fox Facts

## Fox in the Kingsview Ridge Community

Recently, several homeowners have expressed concerns over seeing fox in the neighborhood. Listed below are some fox facts and tips on dealing with fox nuisance problems.



### Fox Facts

- Fox, especially red fox, commonly live in close association with human residences and communities. They frequently inhabit yards, parks, and golf courses, especially areas that adjoin suitable, undeveloped habitat.
- Healthy fox pose virtually no danger to humans.
- Fox can grow accustomed to human activity but are seldom aggressive toward people.
- Fox perform a valuable service to humans by controlling the small-rodent (mice, gophers, moles, rats) population.
- Fox are timid, elusive, and primarily nocturnal. When living in areas where hunting is forbidden, fox tend to be less shy.

### Tips for Fox Nuisance Problems

- Do not feed the fox. They can easily become dependent on human food sources.
- Never leave pet food outside.
- Never discard edible garbage where fox can get to it.
- Always tightly secure garbage containers and eliminate their odors. Use a small amount of ammonia or cayenne pepper in the garbage to discourage scavenging. Use of sturdy trash cans with lids or sturdy black trash bags is recommended.
- Restrict use of birdseed. Fox are attracted to it and to the birds and rodents that use the feeder.
- Fox seen in residential yards should be scared with loud noises to prevent them from becoming habituated.
- Battery operated flashlights, scattered moth balls and ammonia soaked rags strategically placed may deter fox from entering your yard.

**\*Please note: Any wild animal that appears sick or is acting abnormally should be avoided. Montgomery County Animal Control should be contacted if assistance is needed with a diseased animal. You may contact them @ 240-773-5960.**

# Recycling Do's and Dont's



Recycling is provided on Wednesday only. Please do not place your recycling out prior to Tuesday evening.

Improper trash disposal of some of your household products harms the environment and human health. Rather than putting hazardous materials in the garbage or pouring them down the drain, take them to the County's conveniently located collection sites free of charge. Paper **MUST** be placed in paper bags or boxes, **NOT** plastic bags. Yard waste

**MUST** be placed in the appropriate paper bag, **NOT PLASTIC BAGS**.

## Snow Clearing!



"Snow" is a term that always strikes panic in the hearts of Washington area residents. In order to avoid confusion concerning the actual process of snow "clearing", it is important to keep sight of the main goal to be met by this service during the winter months.

The primary objective of snow "plowing" service is to keep the streets and sidewalks passable and safe to navigate. It is a generally accepted premise that a covering of packed powder snow is safer and easier to negotiate than a slick covering that may be left when a snowplow has passed over the drive lanes. Contractors are typically asked to begin clearing the streets when a snowfall reaches a depth of about 2". If snow is still falling, the contractor is to "open" the drive lanes of the streets. This process continues periodically until the snowfall stops. It is your responsibility to remove snow from your sidewalk. This would pertain to your leadwalk and all sidewalks that borders your property. Snow "clearing" is not an exact process and there is no way to make everyone a satisfied customer.

**AS ALWAYS, BE A COURTEOUS NEIGHBOR AND DO NOT PARK IN A SPOT THAT HAS BEEN SHOVELED. SNOW IS TO BE SHOVELED INTO YOUR YARD, NOT THE STREET. ADDITIONALLY, DO NOT USE SALT AFTER CLEARING YOUR SIDEWALK OR PARKING AREA. DOING SO WILL CAUSE A TREMENDOUS HARDSHIP TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND/OR REPAIR OF CONCRETE AND ASPHALT. ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD USE A SAND BASED PRODUCT. REGULAR KITTY LITTER WORKS WELL TOO!**

**THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SNOW CLEARING ON ALL SINGLE FAMILY STREETS, AS THEY ARE COUNTY OWNED STREETS. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL 240-777-6000.**

## Pet Etiquette



Pet owners are reminded that all pets **must be walked away from your neighbor's home. All pets should either be on a leash or under the "voice control" of their owner(s) at all times, IT'S A COUNTY LAW!**

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 should be referred to the Montgomery County Department of Animal Control at 240-773-5960.



According to Montgomery County Code Section 5-203 (a) (9), all dogs and cats 4 months or 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. The penalty for violation of the licensing law is \$100.00 and \$500.00 for failure to vaccinate.

## Helpful Phone Numbers

Police/Fire Emergencies	911
Police Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
Allegheny Power	800-654-3317
WSSC Emergencies	301-206-4002
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Recycling/Leaf Collection	240-777-6410
Abandoned Vehicles	301-840-2454
Miss Utility	800-257-7777
Building Permits	240-777-6300
Ride-On	240-217-2184
Snow Plowing	240-777-7623
Vanguard Management	301-540-8600
Kingsview Ridge Comm Ext	3045

## Direct Debit

For those of you who are new to the Community, the Board of Directors approved the use of direct debit making it easier and more convenient for homeowners to make their quarterly payments.

In order to participate, your account must have a zero balance. You may contact the office of Vanguard Mgmt at 301-540-8600 to request a form.

## Speeding



Speeding continues to be a major concern. There is a maximum safe speed that all roads should be traveled whether it be in perfect weather and traffic conditions or not, hence, speed limit signs.

Residents are to be reminded that you are required to stop at the intersection of Steeple and Ranworth Drive.

## Board Meeting

The Board meets the 1st Wednesday of every other month at the Germantown Recreational Center at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6th.



## 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 pm the night prior.**

**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. Improper trash disposal can create an unclean and potentially unsanitary conditions.**

**\*IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PICK-UP DAY, DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH OUTSIDE AS IT WILL NOT BE REMOVED UNTIL THE NEXT SCHEDULED PICK-UP.**

### 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 your Community Manager, Nancy Keen at [NKeen@vanguardmgt.com](mailto:NKeen@vanguardmgt.com). All complaints must be in writing to be considered. Management has a limited amount of authority and most time must receive direction from the Board of Directors prior to taking action.