

Orchard Hill Homeowners Association Newsletter

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FROM THE BOARD

2017 Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on October 25, 2017, 7:00-8:30pm at the British American Auto Care, Conference Room, 9577 Berger Rd., Columbia, MD 21046. All homeowners are encouraged to attend to review the Budget.

Digital Newsletter

If you would like to receive the Newsletter and periodic updates in your inbox, visit the OHHA website to sign-up for the Digital Newsletter.

Tot Lot

Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood and our common areas clean and free of trash.

Common Area Plantings

The Board is working with Hometown Landscaping & Lawn Service to remove plantings in the common areas that are impeding the mowers path. Some planting may remain, but some will be removed.

Trash & Recycling Containers

The Board is recommending that homeowners consider an enclosure for keeping your bins on the side of your house so they are not visible from the street. Permanent structures must get approval to install.

Rules Update

At the June 7, 2017 Special Meeting, the Board voted on and accepted new rules for Basketball Hoops in our neighborhood. This change was proposed in an effort to maintain home values and ensure the safety of residents. The rule change is indicated in **bold text**.

1. All basketball hoops, permanent or temporary, must be **at least 10 feet** from all property lines and the street.
2. All basketball hoops must be in good repair.
3. Per Declaration Article X, Section 3 (t) - hoops may not be attached to the home without prior approval from the Board.

2018 Assessment Fees

Due on January 1, 2018 - Our assessments have always been based on a fiscal year from January 1st to December 31st. In the past, the HOA has collected dues later in the year. But for 2017 and future years, the annual assessment will be due on January 1st. And in order to be in compliance with Maryland State Law, the HOA adopted its 2017 budget at its October 2016 Board of Directors meeting. The meeting was open for all members to attend. Please note the change in the annual assessment due date. As always, please contact the Board or management if you have any questions about your HOA assessments.

Board Volunteers

The Board is looking for volunteers to fill the position of President. The President position is a three-year commitment. Member-at-large positions (non-voting) are also available. Participation is encouraged and highly needed! Please email the OHHA if you are interested.

Open Board Meetings

All neighbors are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Please check the OHHA website under "About" > "Meetings" for the date of the next meeting.

General Reminder

Members of the Board are volunteers and your neighbors, and have a fiduciary duty to help maintain our neighborhood. Please help us all by contacting Chambers directly with any concerns regarding your property or other specific property matters.

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Violations

Please check our website soon for a new violation submission form. You will be able to submit photos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 29, 2:30pm

Meet at the Tot Lot, wear your costume, and parade around the neighborhood! Treats to follow!

REMINDERS

County Parking Rules

Vehicles may not be parked over a sidewalk or around the center island of cul-de-sacs. Both violate Howard County law. Vehicles parked over the sidewalk obstruct the sidewalks from foot traffic and vehicles parked around the circle obstruct emergency response vehicles.

Pets

Please be respectful of all neighbors and our neighborhood, and clean up after your pet.

Join Nextdoor!

Nextdoor is the free and private social network just for Orchard Hill neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Go to this site: www.nextdoor.com/join and use the code XJACYB to join!