

Orchard Hill Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Committee Members

Arborist: Dianne Fox

Architectural Review Committee:

Cindy Donovan and Susan Murray

Special Meeting

On June 7, 2017 the Board of Directors will hold an open Board Meeting at Central Branch Library at 7:00pm to allow homeowners to discuss the proposed change for the Basketball Hoop Rules. This change is proposed in an effort to maintain home values and ensure the safety of residents. Please see the mailing from Chambers Management for more information.

Open Board Meeting

June 7, 2017

Central Branch Library

Front Conference Room

7:00-8:00pm

FROM THE BOARD

Website & Email Address

Please note the contact information in the newsletter header for contacting the OHHA Board.

2017 Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held in September 2017. 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.

Updated Tot Lot!

Our neighborhood recently received new equipment at the Tot Lot! Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood and our common areas clean and free of trash.

Annual Inspections

Chambers Management will begin Annual Inspections on May 15 and end June 30. Please take some time to make sure your home and property are orderly and in good repair.

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.

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.

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.

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Neighborhood Survey Completion

The survey has been completed. Please do not remove the stakes with flags that are in the ground.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Yard Sale

Saturday, May 13 – 8:00am-1:00pm

This community sale coincides with the Sewell's Orchard community sale. Please set up your own sale on your property.

4th of July Parade

Parade begins at the Tot Lot at 10:00am. Bring your decorated bike, stroller, wagon, etc. for the parade around our neighborhood. Watermelon to be served following the parade. (Rain date July 5)

National Night Out – August 2

Neighborhood Block Party, 5:00pm @ Tot Lot

This nation-wide event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhood safer, and a better place to live.

Condiments and Ice Cream will be provided. Bring your own hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. to grill, a side dish to share, chairs or picnic blanket for your family. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, and organize kids' activities (ie. water balloons, sack racing, etc.) Please contact Amanda McKay at OrchardHillOHHA@gmail.com if you would like to assist in the planning. Come have fun with your neighbors!

REMINDERS

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!