

Audubon Square / Fallbrook Newsletter

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Board Meetings are held at the Gaithersburg Middle School on the Third Tuesday of each month
In Room 104

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

Trash Pick-Up is Tuesdays & Fridays

Trash in a secured container

AFTER 7:00 pm on Monday & Thursday

Recycle is on Mondays

Set out **AFTER** 7:00 pm on Sunday **MUST BE PLACED IN A GREEN RECYCLE BIN**
If your recycling is missed, call: 311

Bulk Pickup

First **Monday** of the month and only items accepted by the City of Gaithersburg Bulk Pick-up Program

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and on those who have helped to shape our community in a most significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. We wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

NEW 2020 "VISITOR" TAG

By now you have received the new 2020 Parking Permits. Permits must be suspended from the rearview mirror with the permit numbers facing forward. The permit must be clearly visible from the front of the vehicle. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to display their permit properly. A vehicle not displaying a parking permit will be treated as an unregistered vehicle.

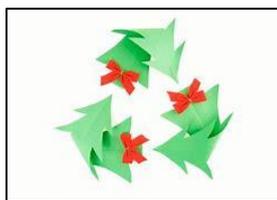


REMEMBER: Visitor parking spaces are **NOT** to be used by homeowners, renters **or** regular occupant. These spaces are for visiting guests only. Homeowners, renters and regular occupants abusing the visitor spaces will be towed at their expense. If you have more than 2 vehicles, one must be legally parked on public streets.

We urge you to visit the new Audubon Square website and review the "Parking Rules" under the **Community Documents - Guidelines for Reserved Parking**.

The website address: <https://www.audubonsquare-fallbrookmd.com>.

HOW TO RECYCLE / DISPOSE CHRISTMAS TREES



Holiday trees are considered normal yard waste and will be collected from single family homes & townhouses on your weekly recycling day. There is no deadline for the collection of holiday trees. The City's recycling contractor will collect holiday trees along with branches and other yard trimmings during the weekly recycling pick up throughout the year.

The County accepts Christmas trees year-round in the curbside yard trim collection. Set your Christmas tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day. Christmas trees are given a new life after being composted or chipped for mulch, so keep the tree in a natural state.

Remove the stand and all decorations, including lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garland. Be sure there is no metal attached to the tree. Remove any plastic bags from your tree. "Live" Christmas trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be collected as yard trim. You can also recycle branches and needles at home by placing them under trees and shrubs as a temporary winter mulch -- or chop them up and add them to your compost pile!

"Bulk Trash" is picked up on the FIRST MONDAY of the new MONTH and should NOT be put out more than 24-hours before pick-up!

PACKAGE THEFT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

While worse during the holiday season, package theft is a year-round concern for anyone who shops online. Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, there are people who drive around communities looking for unattended boxes sitting on porches. If you or anyone you know has ever had a package stolen, you know the frustration it causes. Since this threat is a reality for every community, we encourage you to be mindful of the below tips to avoid package theft with your homeowners:



- If you work long days and your employer is OK with it, have your packages shipped to your work address.
 - Schedule a specific delivery time when at all possible.
 - Set up text/email alerts to notify you that a package has been delivered.
 - If you know you're not going to be home for hours, ask neighbor to pick up the package.
 - Invest in something like a Ring Doorbell. This way you can see who is at your door, talk to them, and deter theft. They also record, so if something is stolen you have evidence.
- Create the illusion someone is home with automatic indoor lights and/or have a radio on. If a thief see lights or hears voices, they are less likely to target a home.
 - Watch out for your neighbors. If you see someone approaching a neighbor's house and something seems off, it probably is.

WHAT IS "DUMPING"

This year alone, illegal dumping has costed the residents and homeowners over \$3,000. As we all know, when the cost of one of the community's budget items increases, so does the amount of the Homeowners' association fees.

- Illegal dumping is dumping of any waste, whether it is oil, furniture, appliances, trash, litter or landscaping cuttings, etc., upon any public right-of-way, City property or private property.
- The community has been having significant problems with trash being dumped in the common area. When trash and debris are left in common areas, the Homeowners' association has to bear the cost of its removal. Often the removal is expensive because of the size and weight of items that are being dumped.
- We can all do something to stop the problem. If you're dumping your trash in the community common areas, **STOP!** If you see your neighbors leaving trash in the common areas, notify Community Association, Inc. at (301) 258-7711. If the homeowners' association knows who is responsible for leaving the trash, they can be held responsible for the cost of its removal. Unless the responsible parties can be notified, **EVERYONE PAYS!**
- No trash, limbs, recycling placed on Fallbrook, only bulk items on designated days prior to bulk pickup.

SNOW EMERGENCY VEHICLES and TOWING



Fallbrook Street is a Snow Emergency Route. A County snow emergency route displays prominent red and white signs that designate certain roads as snow emergency routes that are kept clear throughout storms for police, fire and other emergency vehicles. The State and County do not always declare snow emergencies at the same time. **If a vehicle is not moved off a snow emergency route, when a snow emergency has been declared, the City of Gaithersburg will tow the vehicle to a re-determined lot.**

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

Certain City streets are designated as Snow Emergency Routes. It is illegal to park on these roads during a declared snow emergency, which is communicated as far in advance as possible through local media outlets, Alert Gaithersburg, and the City's web and social media sites. Cars parked in violation are subject to ticketing and towing at the owner's expense. Keep in mind, some streets prohibit parking on one side of the road during a snow emergency, even though that street might not be designated a Snow Emergency Route. Residents are responsible for clearing all sidewalks abutting their property. If there's a fire hydrant on your property, please dig it out. Contact Public Works at (240) 805-1345 or snow@gaitthersburg.gov.