

Audubon Square / Fallbrook Newsletter

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OPEN MEETING via ZOOM

The Board is inviting you to a schedule Zoom Meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**
AT 7:00pm

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5268390540?pwd=MWZXRTRRa2RWNUlmbGRYYIVydzRVZz09>

Meeting ID: 526 839 0540
Passcode: Audubonsq

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

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

“ON DEMAND BULK PICK-UP PROGRAM”
Schedule a Pick-Up 301-258-6370

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - One of the biggest questions when considering any electric vehicle charging project is:

Can this installation be done using the existing infrastructure? For a single charging station, you need electricity and an available parking space. For multiple stations at a single location, at least one of those parking spaces must comply with ADA regulations.

Audubon Square is looking for volunteers to help organize and coordinate the Electric Vehicle Charging Committee (EVCC).



If you are interested in becoming a member contact:
Brenda.Lanier@CommunityAssn.com.

SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Free Food Distribution - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church –
608 N. Horners Lane, Rockville, MD 2080. **(301) 424-8717**
Every Thursday from 5:00PM until Food is Gone – Rain or Shine – Social Distancing Pick-Up – Please wear your mask – Drive-By.

Please Remain in Your Vehicle

Mental Health Wellness – If you need to talk to someone immediately about your stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic, you can call the County's 24/7 Crisis Center at **(240) 777-4000**.

KUDOS TO THE STERNWHEELER COURT NEIGHBORS!!

I would like to send a big thank you to my neighbors for the fantastic job they did of cleaning the sidewalk and my steps.

Message to Steve Kaufman:
Wow! Good neighbors like you are a blessing! Thank you for using your snowblower on my sidewalk. That was a huge undertaking. I am thankful that I didn't have to clear my section of the sidewalk.

We will all be spoiled if you keep this up!
-Faye Bobb-Semple





CITY OF GAITHERSBURG SNOW REMOVAL

When it snows in Gaithersburg, the Public Works Department staff goes into action. These snow fighters concentrate on keeping City streets passable during winter weather events and cleared as soon as possible after the storm is over.

If you have a comment or concern during or immediately following a storm, please do not hesitate to contact us at snow@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV or leave a message at **240-805-1345**.

The following is a list of general information and ways you can help our snow fighters provide the most efficient winter weather services.

PLOWING: Plowing begins after snow accumulates 2 inches on roadway.

Order of Plowing: 1) Primary Roads 2) Secondary Roads 3) Neighborhood Roads 4) Courts

It takes 8 - 10 hours to plow all City streets ONE time. Crews work 24/7 until all roads are cleared. **Do not allow children to play in snow close to the road or on high piles of snow left by plow trucks.**

DRIVING: Stay off the roads! Do not drive until roads are cleared.

If you must drive: 1) Yield to plow and salt trucks and keep your distance. 2) Clear snow & frost completely off roofs, windshields, windows, headlights, and taillights. 3) Make sure your vehicle is equipped with snow or all-weather tires and emergency supplies.

SHOVELING: Shovel after crews have finished clearing roadways. **Do not throw snow into the street or court.** Shovel in the direction of traffic.

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Residents/business owners are required to remove snow/ice from public sidewalks along their property within 12 hours of the last precipitation. To avoid repeated shoveling, wait until the plow crews have cleared the roadways.

DOCUMENTS YOU SHOULD SHRED TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

Credit Card Offers, Bank Statements, Canceled Checks, and More



Documents Containing Financial Information - An identity thief could potentially use anything that comes from a financial institution. Although you should keep copies of bank and credit card statements for record-keeping purposes, you only need to do so for one year.

Documents Containing Personal Information - Personal information is what identity thieves are after. Your date of birth and Social Security number are especially vulnerable. So shredding anything that contains that information is a good idea.

Documents Containing Account Information - Identity thieves also try to capture account numbers, usernames, and passwords. You should shred any documents printed with this information, such as credit card statements, personal and real property tax statements, and bills.

Child- and School-Related Mail - Identity thieves don't discriminate. They will steal a child's Social Security number just as soon as they would adults. Therefore, any mail you receive concerning your children, their medical records, and school information should go directly into the shred pile.

Important: Be sure to lock up any important documents that you don't shred, including birth and death certificates, adoption papers, marriage and divorce papers, citizenship papers, Social Security cards, tax-related documents, deeds and titles, and financial statements.

2021 TAX TIPS



Tax Tip

As the deadline for filing your income tax paperwork quickly approaches, you may be tempted to cut corners or rush to get them done. I suggest not throwing caution to the wind in your filing methods, as you may end up paying much more for it in the long run.

Here are some Do's and Don'ts Tips to help you safely file your taxes without falling victim to cybercriminals and identity theft:

- **DO: Get good references – If you're hiring someone to do your taxes, make sure the person is honest and capable.** Go through the search results carefully and heed any red flags.
- **DO: Make sure you have a secure connection before e-filing –** If you are filing the newfangled way via tax software or the IRS's website, do not use public wireless connection.
- **DO: Direct deposit your refund – If you are getting a refund, have it electronically deposited into your bank account.** This saves time and removes the chances of your refund check being lost or stolen. All you have to do is add your account numbers and the bank routing numbers at the end of your tax form.
- **DO: M-I-Y – As in, "mail it yourself."** If you're filing in the old-fashioned way – on paper forms – do not give the envelope with your paperwork to someone else to mail for you. They may not be as attentive with your highly confidential documents as you would be.
- **DO: Destroy all draft copies –** Any paperwork that contains your personal data (that you don't need to keep) should be shredded before being thrown in the recycling bin.
- **DON'T: Fall for phishing attacks –** The IRS will not contact you via email requesting information. If they require more information from you, they will mail you a letter via regular post. If you receive a fake IRS email or one that you think is fake, forward it to: phishing@irs.gov.
- **DON'T: Delay if you suspect you've become a victim of identity theft –** If you think someone has used your Social Security number to file a false tax return, complete [IRS Form 14039](#) immediately. You will also want to notify the three credit reporting agencies ([Experian](#), [Equifax](#) or [TransUnion](#)) and your bank to protect yourself from further risk to your credit and financial accounts.

MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.



Community Association Inc. encourages you to follow the three W's: Wash your hands, Wear your mask and Watch your distance! The vaccine is being rolled out and more folks are getting the shots, but it will take time. Be patient and be safe.

Our office is open by appointment only, and we are working from the office on an as-needed basis. Since most of our team is working remotely, please do not stop by the office without an appointment as we may not be there. Please call **(301) 258-7711** and leave a detailed message with the call service.

Most questions can be answered over the phone or by email. Payments can be made electronically via our web portal. If you have any problems logging into the web portal, contact Brenda.Lanier@communityassn.com to get assistance going to www.CommunityAssn.com to register with **Pilera.com**.

