

# Audubon Square / Fallbrook Newsletter

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### **OPEN MEETING via ZOOM**

Zoom Meeting on the **THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00pm**

To Join the Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5268390540?pwd=MWZXRTRRa2RWNUlmbGRYIVYdzRVZz09>

**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:  
301-258-6370 OR  
[recycle@gaitthersburgmd.gov](mailto:recycle@gaitthersburgmd.gov)

### CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

#### **“ON DEMAND BULK PICK-UP”**

Schedule a Pick-Up 301-258-6370

#### **Big Tow Towing & Recovery**

301-424-4869

375-D Derwood Circle  
Rockville, MD 20850

#### **Comsource Management AAMC®**

3414 Morningwood Drive  
Olney, Maryland 20832

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Brenda Lanier

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## Trash Can Compliance in Audubon Square



Residents must comply with the Audubon Square's rules that stipulate that trash cans and recycling bins must be stored out of sight.

Trash cans and recycling bins must be removed following trash collection days and are **NEVER** to be stored in the front of the house or remain in public view.

Trash must be stored in secure containers with a lid and set out after 7:00 pm only on collection days, Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling on Mondays.

There are always hungry animals who view trash days as a great food source. Trash cans and recycling bins left in front of the house are a more likely target for loose dogs, raccoons and other wildlife.

**Identity Theft** - It is important to remember that your trash may contain information from bank statements to other very personal information that someone could take and use to steal your identity.

Storing trash cans and recycling bins away from public view is one of the simplest ways to prevent identity theft. If they can't see or get to your garbage or recycling bins, they can't steal information from.

## **Exterior Inspections**

On an annual basis, the HOA will inspect the exterior of residential properties to ensure that they comply with the original design guidelines. Residents may find it useful to know what is inspected to ensure that their properties are within accepted guidelines.

**What is being checked?** - The property is being reviewed for appearance, cleanliness, and overall condition.

#### **What are the specific items being checked?**

The exterior home inspection includes the following items:

- Gutters: cleanliness, debris, and if any repairs are required
- Siding: condition and if power washing is required
- Exterior Wood: any wood rot that needs replacing
- Landscaping: missing or dead shrubs
- Shrubs & Beds: trimming, weeds, repairs to edging material
- Trees: pruning, and removal of any dead trees/stumps
- Grass: maintenance of grass, to include applying weed control
- Paint: windows and trim, shutters, doors, and corner trim
- Doors: condition and replacement if necessary
- Fence: condition, replace missing/warped boards, repair gate
- Decks: repair spindles, repair staircase, power wash, ensure correct color
- Rear Yard: cleanliness and condition
- Roof: repairs or replacement
- Satellite: removed unapproved dish or conceal cabling
- House Numbers: replace any missing numbers
- Lead walks: repair cracks, replace trip hazards
- Subsidence: fill holes with topsoil around front stoop

### Montgomery County Provides New Information New Rules for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

According to the Declarations- Article VII, Section 7(f):

- (f) no lot shall be divided or subdivided and no portion of any lot (other than the entire lot) shall be transferred or conveyed for any purpose. No portion of any dwelling (other than the entire dwelling) shall be leased. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the Declarant and further, the provisions hereof shall not be construed to prohibit the granting of any easement or right-of-way to any municipality, political subdivision, public utility or other public body or authority, or to the Association the Declarant or any other person for any purpose.



In simple terms, basement rentals are not permitted, renting rooms is not permitted. The Board has been lenient during the pandemic, however, if the Board determines a unit is being rented as a boarding house, we may take appropriate actions to include fines and notification of Gaithersburg Code Enforcement to inspect the property and enforce any violation(s).

### Simple Steps for an Extra Safe Halloween



The Halloween season has arrived and with that, plans for trick-or-treating. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that trick-or-treating outdoors should be a safe activity this year, as the country faces another Halloween dealing with the coronavirus pandemic. The CDC recommends limiting crowds and hosting outdoor activities. Families should also weigh health considerations and what the COVID-19 transmission rate is in their community when planning Halloween events.

Follow these safety tips when trick-or-treating with the family this Halloween.

**COSTUME SAFETY** Costumes and other components can create hazards if you're not careful. The following tips will help you make sure your child's disguise doesn't cause any hazards:

- Look for light-colored, flame-resistant costumes - Look for masks, wigs, costumes and other components that are labeled as flame-resistant or made of flame-resistant fabrics such as polyester or nylon. Also choose light-colored costumes when possible since they're easier for drivers to spot at night.
- Look for a proper fit - Make sure all masks, shoes and other parts of your child's costume fit well. He or she should be able to see well and walk without tripping over a costume that drags the ground or because of shoes that are too large.
- Take care with makeup - Buy only nontoxic Halloween makeup, and always test it in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to help prevent irritation.
- Use safe accessories - Use swords, knives and other accessories made of soft materials that won't cause injury if your child falls on them.
- Make your child more visible - Add reflective tape to your child's costume and treat bag to make him or her more visible.
- Protect their eyes - Skip wearing decorative contact lenses to avoid injuring your eyes, and don't let your kids wear them.

### **WALK SAFELY**

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, DO NOT run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



### **TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT**

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or treat in groups.

**To Schedule a Bulk Pickup on Your Recycle Day, call 301-258-6370  
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## Additional Vaccine Doses Booster Shot and Third Doses

### 1 Eligible People

These groups can currently get additional doses (booster shots and third doses):

- Residents with compromised immune systems ( Pfizer or Moderna recipients, at least 28 days after second dose)
- Residents age 65 and older ( Pfizer recipients only, at least six months after second dose)
- Residents age 18 and older with underlying medical conditions ( Pfizer recipients only, at least six months after second dose)
- Residents aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting risk ( Pfizer recipients only, at least six months after second dose)

***Additional doses of J&J vaccine are not yet authorized.***



### 2 Available locations

Use Maryland's vaccine locator at: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine> to find pharmacies and other providers. Your healthcare provider may have vaccine, too. Go to a location offering Pfizer. (If you are immunocompromised, you can get Pfizer or Moderna for your additional dose).

### 3 Items to bring to your appointment.

- Your vaccination card - Get a copy at: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/vaccine/#copy>
- Personal identification - see examples of identification
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***You will be required to self-certify underlying medical conditions and age.  
You do not need a doctor's note or medical history.***

## Audubon Square Dog Park Registration

The community dog park is located at the intersection of Fallbrook Street and Girard Street.



In order to keep the Audubon Square Dog Park safe from non-vaccinated and unlicensed dogs, and those not compliant with the rules, it is required that all dogs visiting the dog park be licensed with the City of Rockville and the license displayed on the dog's collar while visiting the park.

The dog park is available for the exclusive use of members of the Audubon Square Community Association. To gain entry, please complete a Dog Park Registration Form, found in the Document Library and on the community website.

Remit the \$10.00 processing fee for your key. Be sure to include your dog's vaccination records with your registration form. The rules of the Dog Park can be found in the Document Library on the community website. The Homeowner Association maintains records of all the dogs registered using the park.

Dog licensing is handled by the Neighborhood Services/Animal Control Division of the Rockville City Police Department. All dogs older than four months are required to be licensed.

Residents can complete a Pet Registration Application and submit with payment either in person or by mail to the Rockville City Police Department, Neighborhood Services/Animal Control Division, 2 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

### NOTICE

**As of June 14, 2021, walk-in lobby services resume Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masking & physical distancing requirements reinstated for all staff & visitors over the age of 2 in all indoor spaces of City facilities as of August 2, 2021. You may be asked to wait outside the building to limit the number of people in the lobby.**

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