

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=-MWZXRRRa2RWNUlmbGRYYIVydzRVZz09>

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

CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

"ON DEMAND BULK PICK-UP"

Schedule a Pick-Up 301-258-6370

Big Tow Towing & Recovery

301-424-4869

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Rockville, MD 20850

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NEW GREEN 2022 "VISITOR" TAG



By now, you should have received your new green visitor parking sticker. All parking stickers were mailed to the owners. If you are a tenant/renter, and have not received the parking sticker, please contact your landlord.

The Parking Rules and Regulations have not changed.

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.

Any vehicle not displaying a parking permit will be treated as an unregistered vehicle, and may be towed.

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 two vehicles, all additional vehicles ***must*** be legally parked on public streets.

If you have outstanding assessments or have violations on your property, the new 2022 parking sticker was not mailed to you. Please email BLanier@Comsource.com if you have any questions regarding payments or violations.

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

TO SHRED OR NOT TO SHRED THAT IS THE QUESTION

Can someone legally dig through your trash looking for tasty credit card receipts, account numbers, or your social security number (SSN)?

The U.S. Supreme Court implies that the answer is "**YES**". The Supreme Court stated that the "expectation of privacy in trash left for collection in an area accessible to the public... is unreasonable."

In other words, when you throw something in the trash, it is available to anyone willing to overlook the disgusting smells and textures of your trash can or dumpster.

What document shredding should you do? The easy answer – anything that has a signature, account number, social security number, or medical or legal information (plus credit offers).

SPACE HEATER SAFETY GUIDE: TURN UP THE HEAT WITHOUT RISK OF FIRE

Space heaters can keep you cozy during the winter months, but they can be a major hazard if used incorrectly.

Space heaters can be a welcome supplement to your central heating system or a handy and inexpensive way to heat a space without fixed heat. But exercising great caution and care when using a space heater is extremely important. No matter which type of space heater you use, check to see what size room the heater is designed for, and generally keep to devices appropriate for the room in which you plan to use them.

Extra safety features are good to keep in mind -- especially if you plan to use the heater in certain contexts. If you have pets or children, tip-over switches and nonmetal faces are important features to consider. Likewise, if you plan to use the heater without constantly monitoring it yourself, you will probably want to consider an automatic shut-off feature, or a thermostat that allows you to set a certain target temperature.

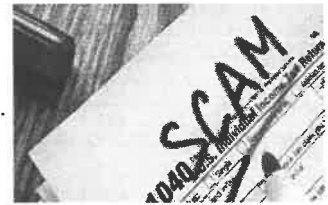
Space Heater Safety Tips:

Space heaters have caused many house fires, injuries and deaths over the years. If you plan to use a space heater during the cold winter months, you'll want to make sure you are using it properly to avoid potentially fatal mistakes.

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from flammable items and objects, such as papers or curtains.
- Avoid leaving a space heater unattended -- especially for long periods of time.
- Do not plug space heaters into extension cords or power strips.
- Unplug space heaters when not in use.

STAY SAFE THIS TAX SEASON

Tax season has officially arrived which means it is prime time for tax scams and identity theft. It is important to protect your valuable personal and financial information. To help you, NEBAT has rounded up a few tips to stay safe this tax season.



Tax Season Safety Tips for Filing Your Taxes Online

- Be cautious of cybercrime. Avoid phishing and malware schemes by being on the lookout for messages that prompt you to click a link to share private data. These links often contain malware that installs on your computer or mobile device without your authorization or even knowledge. Cybercriminals use malware to steal your personal information.
- Keep your security software, web browser and operating system up-to-date to defend against unwanted viruses and malware.
- Guard your online accounts by enabling authentication tools and creating strong passwords.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi when filing your taxes online (or any tasks that contain private information). Public Wi-Fi connections are not secure, making it easier for cybercriminals to intercept your personal information.

7 WAYS TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WARMER MONTHS

Emerging from the colder months into spring and summer is typically a positive shift for most people. For homeowners, warmer months come with an extensive checklist of errands before the community is all set to enjoy the long, warm summer nights. Here's everything to do for your HOA in summer and spring to make the transition from colder to warmer months.

It's necessary to plan out checkups for seasonal maintenance just as winter clears out. After the checkups, the specific types of maintenance required and the scale of it will be evident.

What kind of maintenance does that include? Any damages to:

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| 1) Roofs and gutters | 2) Decks and patios | 3) Fences | 4) Interior / Exterior walls |
| 5) Chimneys | 6) Basements | 7) Parking Lots | |

These are the features most likely to undergo damage throughout colder months but it's best to do a general checkup of anything else that may require the attention of a professional.

**To Schedule a Bulk Pickup on Your Recycle Day, call 301-258-6370
DO NOT PLACE BULK ITEMS ON FALLBROOK!!**