

# Audubon Square / Fallbrook Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

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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**

### **LABOR DAY RECYCLING - PICK-UP SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>!!!**

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@gaithersburgmd.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®**

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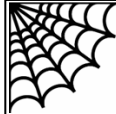
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## Simple Steps for an Extra Safe Halloween

Kids love the magic of Halloween, but costume and traffic safety are essential for trick-or-treaters. These tips can help make a safe and happy holiday for everyone.

### Costume Safety

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, here is a compiled list of [Halloween safety tips](#). Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- Opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.



### When They're on the Prowl

Here's a scary statistic: Children are [more than twice as likely](#) to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the community grounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home/car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street
- If available – place electronic tracking device on your children, such as an "Air Tag".

**Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween**



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**Community Clean-Up Day!**

**Mark your calendar!!!** November 5<sup>th</sup> residents in Audubon Square/Fallbrook community are being invited to take part in the Community Clean-Up Day.

As months progress and the fall season draws to a close, we enter into a crucial time of transition for properties and residents. While temperatures may still be hovering comfortably in the 80s, November is a perfect time to have a community clean-up event. Sometimes this particular season brings new energy for community work, as people settle down from summer and as children and students head back to school. Refreshments and supplies will be provided

**This is also a great opportunity for students to Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for school.**



**Clean-Up Location: Sternwheeler & Fall Brook**  
**Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm**

**Fall Yard Cleanup Musts**

While yard cleanup isn't always our favorite project to complete, if you break it up into chunks and stagger it out over a couple of weeks, it should be a lot more manageable. Here's a handy list of all the things you need to get done for a complete fall yard clean up in the area.

- **Rake Your Leaves:** This is perhaps the most essential part of fall lawn cleanup. Making sure all those leaves are packed up and disposed of will ensure that your grass doesn't get smothered and damaged, so you won't have to reseed any bare spots later.



- **Trim Rogue Branches:** Trim up dead, damaged, or diseased branches you didn't get to in the summer. Prune out-of-place tree branches that may cause trouble during the winter. You don't want any branches breaking and falling during the snowfall to come.
- **Prune Any Plants That Require It:** Some fall pruning can help a great deal in keeping your lawns looking well maintained and healthy, but make sure you don't prune any spring flowering plants that develop growth on old wood.
- **Clean Your Gutters:** It's everyone's least-favorite yard clean-up task but making sure your gutters are draining correctly can help prevent damage to your home by ensuring water doesn't pool around the edges.
- **Give it One Last Mow:** Set your mower to a low setting and give the lawn a close buzz before winter sets in. This helps the soil dry out more quickly in the spring, which leads to a lush lawn
- **Dry Everything Out:** Drain all water from hoses, drip irrigation systems, and other water features, and store them in a dry place. Water left standing over the winter may damage your equipment if it freezes.
- **Protect the Deck:** Prevent the growth of mold and mildew by giving the deck a good power wash. If you don't have a pressure washer, you can rent one. Once the deck is clean and dry, add a weatherproofing stain to protect the wood from moisture damage over the winter.

**If you follow this checklist, you're bound to have a wonderfully winterized yard that will be ready to wow you with lush, green bounty once the warm weather returns.**

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

## Safety First - Crime Prevention Resolutions for 2022

### I resolve to:

- **reduce my chances of becoming a victim of a vehicle break-in.**  
Vehicle break-ins are a common crime in Roseville. Remember: Do not leave valuables inside your car. TAKE your valuables with you. LOCK your car. HIDE the things you cannot take before you arrive at your destination.
- **keep doors closed and locked, even when at home.**  
It may seem nice to leave your doors open on a nice day, but thieves just love the easy access they get with an open, or even just an unlocked, door. Simply getting into the habit of shutting and locking the door behind you can prevent many problems. Not a habit now? Make it one!
- **be a good neighbor.**  
If you something suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police immediately. By working together with your neighbors and law enforcement you can help deter crime in your neighborhood.
- **ask for a valid ID or credential before letting anyone in my home I don't know.**  
Criminals are always looking for ways to gain entry into a home. If someone you don't know shows up to your home unexpectedly, be suspicious.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:** Due to the number of crimes recently in neighboring communities, the Board would like the community to be careful, keep an eye out and to be **more** aware of your surroundings.

## Visitor Parking Tag

The "Visitor Parking Tag" is meant for people who are visiting homeowners, residents, or renters.

The "Visitor Parking Tag" is not meant to be used by homeowners, residents, **or** renters, who have multiple vehicles. If you live in the community, you must park any additional vehicles legally on the street. If you reside in the Audubon Square, **DO NOT USE THE VISITOR TAG FOR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES.**

The Policy Resolution for the Parking Rules & Regulations, Guidelines for Visitor Parking Section II, No. 7 state:

*Visitors must park in the same court as the homeowner they are visiting.  
Parking a vehicle on one court in a visitor space and walking over to another court is prohibited.*

**Homeowners continuing to violate the Parking Rules & Regulations may lose Visitor Parking privileges.**

## TIME FOR ELECTIONS!!!

The Board of Directors requests your attendance at the 2022 **Budget Meeting** of Audubon Square Community Association, Inc. to be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 7:00pm.**

The Board of Directors requests your attendance at the 2022 **Annual & Election Meeting** of Audubon Square Community Association, Inc. to be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00pm.**

### To Join the Zoom Meetings:

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