# 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?p wd=MWZXRTRRa2RWNUImbGRYYIVydz RVZz09

Meeting ID: 526 839 0540 Passcode: Audubonsq

<u>Trash Pick-Up is Tuesdays & Fridays</u>
Trash in a secured container

<u>AFTER</u> 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@gaithersburgmd.gov

#### CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

"ON DEMAND BULK PICK-UP" Schedule a Pick-Up (301) 258-6370

### Henry's Wrecker Service

(301) 869-4800 8321 Beechcraft Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20879

# Back to School Be Safe – Be Smart

As summer draws to a close and children start heading back to school, family life can get pretty hectic. It's important to remember – and share with your children – some key tips that will help keep them safe and healthy throughout the school year.

**Transportation Safety Tips:** Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school:

<u>Walkers</u> • Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available; when on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic • Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming • Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections.

<u>Bike Riders</u> • Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file • Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street. • Stay alert and avoid distracted riding. • Make sure your child always wears a properly fitted helmet and bright clothing.

Bus Riders • Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus. • Teach your children to stand 6 feet (or three giant steps) away from the curb. • If your child must cross the street in front of the bus, teach him or her to walk on the side of the road until they are 10 feet



ahead of the bus, your child and the bus driver should always be able to see each other.

#### **DRIVERS, SLOW DOWN!**

Drivers should slow down as children head back to school. Know that yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists <u>must</u> stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus <u>must</u> also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

Be careful when leaving early in the morning, look out for the kids. Put your phones <u>away</u> and keep your eyes on the road!

# **Fall Community Cleanup**



Audubon Square Community Cleanup brings volunteers together to clean, repair, and improve areas that have been neglected, vandalized, or misused.

Cleanups show that homeowners/renters who use an area, care about its appearance. Crime is less likely to occur when a community is clean, well-lighted, and used frequently by residents and their friends. By reclaiming the

playgrounds, eliminating tall weeds and debris, or sprucing up sidewalks, you'll be making the community less attractive to criminals and more attractive to the community.

November 4<sup>th</sup> (Rain date November 5<sup>th</sup>) 10:00am to 1:00pm Meet on the corner of Sternwheeler and Fallbrook

Students can earn Student Service Learning (SSL) credits toward the required hours needed to meet graduation requirements. Light refreshments will be provided.

## **Reconstituted Meeting - Amendment of the Declarations**

<u>The Rental Limitation Amendment</u> - A reconstituted meeting regarding the Amendment of Declaration for voting to limit the number of units (homes) that can be used as rentals in the community.

The Board is planning a meeting to review and discuss the amendment to the Declaration,
Article VII, Section 8; Residential Use – Leasing

This is your community so please get involved! If you need a replacement proxy, please contact our management team, or a member of the Board of Directors. You may also return your proxy via a simple email to our management office at 15316 Spencerville Court, Unit 102, Burtonsville, MD 20866 c/o Paul Gallagher. Anyone who has not filled out and returned their proxy, please do so. If you do not return you proxy, your voice cannot be heard.

**DATE & TIME - To Be Announced** 

#### **UPDATES & REMINDERS**

<u>UPCOMING ELECTIONS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> - The Board is inviting interested homeowners and/or residents with a desire to serve your neighbors, to please consider submitting yourself as a candidate. There are currently two positions up for reelection. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, submit your contact information to: Board@audubonsquare-fallbrookmd.com

<u>INSPECTIONS</u> – Exterior inspections are primarily focused on the exterior structures of the property within the community, whether those be individual residences or common property. **Examples of outside components: Gutters, drains, windows, vents, roofs, decks, lawns, fences, etc. If you need an extension, please contact the Board and request additional time to complete the work that is needed.** 

HOW TO PREVENT CAR THEFT AND BREAK-INS – Even with thefts and break-ins on the rise, you don't have to become a statistic. 1) Don't leave your keys in the car 2) Lock your doors 3) Don't leave your valuable items in plain view 4) Turn your steering wheel towards the curb 5) Park in well-lit areas 5) Install vehicle anti-theft devices and 6) Use Common Sense - Using common sense and staying alert can help you prevent the majority of car thefts, break-ins, and other crimes. Don't leave your car running unattended, keep your car doors locked while driving to prevent carjackers from getting into your vehicle, and making it a habit to be aware of your surroundings will help protect both you and your vehicle.

