

# 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=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:  
(301) 258-6370 OR  
[recycle@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV](mailto: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

## VANDALISM – TIRE SLASHING

The individual responsible for slashing tires has been recorded on multiple video feeds and the information has been forwarded to the Gaithersburg Police Department for further investigation.

### To the individual or individuals who slashed a member of the Board of Director's tires:

This will **NOT** deter the Board from patrolling the community, it will **not** deter the Board from having vehicles parked in violation of the regulations removed and once the videos are reviewed by the Gaithersburg Police Department further action(s) will be instituted!



## IS IT NECESSARY TO RAKE LEAVES?

The fiery brilliance of fall is beyond compare. The reds, oranges, and yellows that fill our landscape are a visual representation of the seasons changing; but with that change comes the fact that, eventually, these beautiful leaves will fall. Raking leaves might be a tedious chore, but there are ways to make your job a little easier.

While you might be tempted to leave that lovely layer of colorful foliage, there are a few reasons why raking your fallen leaves is important:

- When you remove the layer of leaves, your lawn will be able to get adequate sunlight and, therefore, stay alive throughout the colder seasons.
- Piles of dead leaves can attract pests and insects that are harmful to your property and your lawn.
- It makes your property look clean and neat.
- Some neighborhoods and HOAs require tidy lawns, including raked leaves during fall.

Once you've finished raking and have **disposed of your leaves properly—or turned them into mulch or compost**—there are still a few projects to tackle so your yard looks great for fall and you're ready for winter. Preparing your yard for the colder months might seem like an extra step, but your outdoor space will thank you later!



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN



It's not surprising that Halloween is a favorite for parents and children! Kids love to dress up, go trick-or-treating, and eat candy. Halloween night can also be dangerous. Make sure to follow these safety tips to ensure a safe and fun evening!

**1. Enforce Traffic Safety on Halloween Night:** Parents should never let their guard down, especially when it comes to following traffic safety.

Parents and children should obey traffic signals, walk on sidewalks, and cross at crosswalks. And most importantly, **parents need to put their phones away and keep their heads up!**

**2. Make Sure Everyone Follows Safety Protocols:** Young children under the age of 12 should always have an adult present, but if your child is old enough to trick-or-treat with friends, make sure everyone stays together, is aware of what time to come home, and only trick-or-treats at houses with brightly lit porches. Children should also memorize their home phone number and address in case of an emergency.

**3. See Something, Say Something:** Make sure to remain vigilant throughout Halloween night, and if you notice any suspicious individuals or behaviors, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1. Choose brightly lit walking paths that you're familiar with, and if necessary, make practice runs ahead of Halloween night.

**4. Make Costume Safety a High Priority:** Make sure to dress children in weather-appropriate layers, especially if Halloween night calls for rain or cold weather.

**5. Provide Children with Bright-Colored Accessories:** On Halloween, the days grow shorter, nighttime comes on fast, and drivers need to be able to spot children. When choosing a costume: **a)** Add reflective tape or bright-colored materials. **b)** Choose a safe, flame-retardant costume. **c)** Apply non-toxic face paint instead of a face mask. **d)** Make sure your child's costume fits properly. **e)** Avoid loose clothing as it can be a tripping hazard, catch fire, or cause strangulation. **f)** Avoid swords and canes with sharp edges.

**6. Thoroughly Examine all Candy Before Children Indulge:** Feed kids a full meal before heading out, and they won't be tempted to sneak treats along the way. **Teach kids about candy safety:** **a)** Make sure children know not to accept **any** baked goods. **b)** Large candies are a choking hazard. Keep them away from young children. **c)** Teach children to ration candy to avoid tummy aches. **d)** Tell children not to share candy with friends that have food allergies. **e)** Examine all candy for strange lumps, smells, rips, defects, and expiration dates.

## UPDATES & REMINDERS

**Special Meeting, Annual Meeting and Election – Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>  
Gaithersburg Middle School 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS** – - 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](mailto:Board@audubonsquare-fallbrookmd.com)

**AMENDMENT OF THE DECLARATIONS** - The Rental Limitation Amendment - 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 will have a Special Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting to review and discuss the amendment to the Declaration, Article VII, Section 8; Residential Use – Leasing.**

**AREA CLEAN-UP** – The Community Cleanup Program is designed to revitalize, enhance, and help maintain unincorporated areas of the community. During the spring and fall seasons, Audubon Square works with the homeowners to provide a concentrated focus of County cleanup and maintenance. Refreshments, gloves, and trash bags will be supplied. **Team up with the Board members on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 12:00 Noon to help clean-up the community. We will meet at the top of Sternwheeler and Fallbrook. Student Service Learning (SSL) is a Maryland state graduation requirement. This is a fantastic way for students to earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours.**



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