

THE TIMBERS - APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER

Volunteer Neighborhood Watch

We are all volunteers for this important duty; you can help by reporting anything suspicious to ECM or to the police department. If you know of a neighbor who is traveling, offer to keep an eye on their home while they are away. By keeping our porch lights on all night we help everyone in our neighborhoods stay safe! It's best to use a long lasting energy-efficient bulb.

Fairfax County Police non-emergency: 703-691-2131

This Newsletter Is To Inform Residents of Important Events and Respond to Your Questions & Concerns

Residents are welcome to attend and present any questions or concerns promptly at 7:00 p.m., in a three-minute time limit. Please send a written copy at least 7 days prior to East Coast Management so your concerns may be fully addressed.

The Board meeting is April 28th at 7:00PM at the Pool House.

Spring Cleaning

- * There has been year to year increase of large item dumping and house gutting in the common areas throughout The Timbers. This can occur at any time but is often now seen at the end of month. The Board continues to try to identify offenders but needs the assistance of **all residents** to stop this persistent blight on our community. If the dumping continues unabated, the Board will have no other option but to levy **special assessments** to residents. To prevent this from happening we need your help. If you see someone dumping, please notify East Coast Management immediately so that we can extend the cost directly to the offending residents rather than having to place the burden on the community as a whole.
- * Remember Trash Away clearly states that they do not take construction waste (toilets, drywall, windows/doors, paint) in the weekly pick-ups. Please do not put this on the curb for normal pick up. If you are doing renovations please make special arrangements for said materials with your contractor, Trash Away, or another trash removal vendor.
- * After the long cold winter and now windy spring, if everyone could pick up loose trash they find around the neighborhood. Be sure that your garbage bags are properly tied, and loose materials that can blow around are properly weighed down so they don't blow throughout the property.
- * Finally, with the snow now a memory, be sure to scoop the poop that was hiding on lawns...

Read these Most Commonly Made Mistakes

Get AECC approval BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING TO YOUR EXTERIOR: Review current guidelines on our website or contact ECM if you have questions. A site inspection letter will be mailed for any violations. You are held responsible for compliance to that letter.

Help keep our NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN: by picking up litter, your dog's waste, and keeping toys and other objects properly stored. Bring in your trash containers asap after pick-up.

CHECK YOUR PARKING PASS : Make sure it is a valid one and is facing out when hanging from the rearview mirror. If you lose your pass you must pay \$400 for a new one.

Review Timbers RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR TRASH: Place your trash in front of your homes between 6:00 PM Sundays and Wednesdays and 6:00 AM on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycled trash is only picked up Thursday mornings and you must call Trash Away at 703-339-4560 for large item pick-ups.

Trash can be a lure for wild animals, ensure you have it properly contained when left out overnight.



With Spring and Summer upon us a reminder: Drinking is prohibited in the common areas of The Timbers. You are responsible for your guests, if they remove glass bottles from your property to the common area it is your job to pick them up. Please keep all our residents safe whether they have two or four feet.

What if I want to make exterior changes to my home?

- All exterior changes need to be approved AECC via the form that can found at: <http://www.timbers-hoa.org/downloads.htm>. We suggest that once your change is approved that you keep a copy for your files. We also suggest passing those approvals along when you sell your home.
- We have an approved color palette for the Timbers. It can be found here: <http://www.timbers-hoa.org/downloads.htm>. We have on occasion approved other colors with a variance. We would prefer that you provide a picture of your home with a guide as to where each color will be applied.
- When in doubt please reference the Environmental guidelines on the Timbers website: <http://www.timbers-hoa.org/downloads.htm>
- If you have any specific, questions please contact East Coast Management.
- Next month: Let's discuss decks!

East Coast Management: 8107 Ainsworth Ave., Springfield, VA 22152 * 703-569-9880 * EastCoastMgmt@aol.com

Newsletter: Questions\Comments\Suggestions\Requests—email: timbersnewsletter@gmail.com

Additional information in regards to The Timbers can be found at www.timbers-hoa.org

Gardening

- ◆ In the Timbers, you are allowed to have plant beds in 1/3 of your front yard. The rest of the yard should be grass with no obstructions for Blade Runners to mow.
- ◆ Your flower beds should have mulch and proper coverage in the form of shrubs or plantings (not the leftover leaves from last Fall) all year around. Stones are not considered proper ground cover for flower beds in The Timbers.
- ◆ Each home originally had shrubs along the foundation, if you decide to remove those shrubs please reference the Environmental Guidelines on page 4. If they are above 48 inches tall their removal must be approved by the AECC.
- ◆ Vegetables gardens are preferred to be placed in the backyard of the property. You may mix them in with your front yard as long as they don't exceed 25% of the plantings in your front yard.



We are discussing moving to an electronic newsletter and Facebook page. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically send your request to: timbersnewsletter@gmail.com



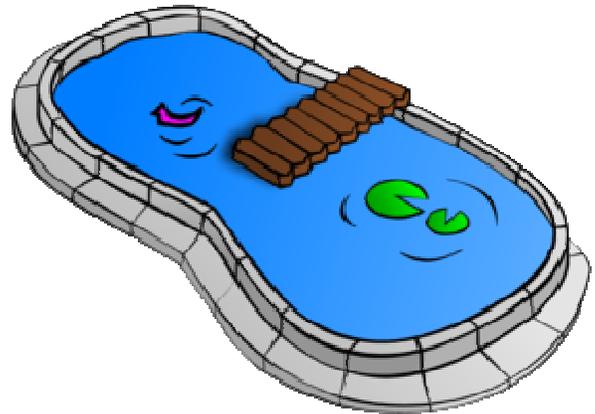
Trash Away LLC is a local, small business based in Lorton, VA. We were able to negotiate for pick-up on the days after Federal Holidays (for example, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's). If you would like a new recycle bin, please contact East Coast Management. The trash schedule will still be Monday and Thursday with Thursday being large trash and recyclable day. If you need large trash picked-up, please call 703-339-4560.

Break down boxes and put them with recycling, or they will not be picked up.



In Next Month's Issue:

- Let's talk decks and patios
- Use of common areas including parking areas
- Kick off of the Swim Season



COMMUNITY TEENS CLASSIFIEDS

Baby Sitting or Dog Walking:

Tyler Moorhouse -440-724-8266

Michelle Burela—703-855-5303

Emily Lasher—703-942-6682 or 703-801-5282

Grant Murray will walk your dog -703-408-8153 or gsmurray99@gmail.com

Shabnam Ahmadi -703-509-9103 or ahmadischabnam@yahoo.com

Kaela Peters will babysit or walk dogs—703-489-5656

Email TimbersNewsletter@gmail.com if you are a teenager interested in adding your name and service to this list.

Disclaimer: The Homeowners Association is not responsible for the services listed. Services rendered are contracted between the home owner and service provider.



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Lights on for safety!

