

Old Farm HOA News

March, 2015

Annual Homeowners Association Meeting

Please plan to join the homeowners and residents of the Old Farm community at our annual association meeting, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Yellow Springs Elementary School. 8717 Yellow Springs Road.

In addition to choosing at least two new members of the Board of Directors of the association, we will update you on projects that the Board and others have done in the past year, including our website, Facebook page, repairs, maintenance, and efforts to enhance the appearance and value of our homes and common areas. The meeting will also offer an opportunity to bring up any ideas or concerns you have for 2015.

Please mark your calendars and come! If you can't attend in person, please make sure you give your proxy to a trusted neighbor in the community so that your voice (and vote!) can be heard on any matters that are discussed.

See you there!

What's going on?

Want to know when the next recyclables pickup is? When the next Board of Directors or NAC 1 meeting is? How to apply to build a fence or deck? Or how to get a resale package to sell your home? Check out the Old Farm HOA website at www.olfarmhoa.com for this and other community information.

Also check out the Old Farm HOA page on Facebook, where Frederick community events, alerts, and news are shared.

A Sense of Community

The Old Farm community is now more than 30 years old (counting from when the first homes were built). We have new generations, both families who have grown in the community and those who have recently moved here. There has always been a wonderful sense of community among the residents and owners. Recently, our weather has made this tough for some. Special thanks to all those who have reached out to neighbors to help – whether by checking in on those who

might need something, or helping shovel driveways or sidewalks. As our winter turns to spring (hopefully, soon!!!), please continue that sense of community by helping any neighbors who might need a little assistance – whether shoveling snow, mowing lawns, or checking on them in inclement weather.

If you know of someone special who has gone out of their way to bring this great sense of community to Old Farm, please let our management agent, Diana Booth, know so we can recognize them on the website and Facebook page.

Resale packages

If you are selling your home in Old Farm, you are required to let the buyer know that they are part of a community association, and are governed by a set of covenants and guidelines set down more than 25 years ago. Like you, they will be responsible to contribute to the maintenance of the common areas in the community. You will need a resale package to give them at settlement. Please contact Diana Booth to purchase the settlement package.

External changes to your property

Remember that you need to get prior Covenants Committee approval for any external changes you make to the outside of your home or property. And there are some changes that are not permitted under the community's Covenants (for instance, you are not allowed to change the color of your roof). These covenants –

and the form to request approval - can be found on our website, www.oldfarm.org.

The Scoop on Poop

Thank you to everyone who picks up after their dogs (even in the snow!) It is much appreciated. For those who don't, we ask that you follow the city regulations and pick up each and every time your pet defecates. Thank you!

NAC 1 Meetings

Old Farm is part of the City's NAC 1. Meetings are held six times each year at Whittier Elementary School. Check out the Old Farm website for dates of upcoming meetings.

Board of Directors

Joan Willoughby, President
Randy Jones, Vice President
Cathy Gordon, Secretary
Vacant, Treasurer
Gary Kantner, Member-at-Large

Covenants Committee

Gary Spitalsky
Gary Kantner
Joan Willoughby

Property Management

Diana Booth of Sunshine Management is our property manager. Diana can be reached at dianab@sunshinemanagement.net or 301-663-8383 ext. 217.