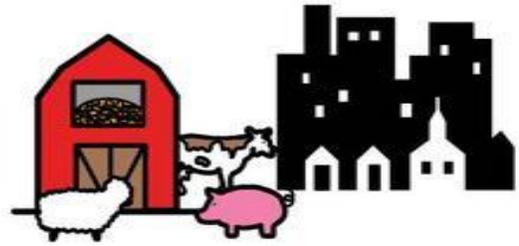


# Old Farm HOA News

June, 2016



## 2016 Board of Directors

Thanks to everyone to attended the rescheduled 2016 annual meeting of the Old Farm Homeowners Association in April! Good discussions were held on community concerns, and two seats were filled on the HOA Board of Directors. At its first meeting in May, the Board chose its officers:

- Gary Spitalsky, President
- Randy Jones, Vice President
- Cathy Gordon, Secretary
- Gary Kantner, Treasurer
- Jodie Gergel, Member-at-Large

Board meetings are held monthly, at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Grace Community Christian Church (less than a block up Yellow Springs Road past the northern end of Old Farm Drive). All homeowners and residents are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions or would like to place an item on the Board's agenda, please contact our managing agent, Diana Booth of Sunshine Management, at [dianab@sunshinemanagement.net](mailto:dianab@sunshinemanagement.net).

## Community Standards

As homeowners, we are all concerned that our community remain clean, safe and well-maintained. Toward that end, the Board employs companies for landscaping/lawn maintenance and snow removal to care for common areas.

Individual homeowners and renters are also responsible for keeping their property clean and well-maintained. Many standards are enumerated in our covenants documents, which are available on the HOA website ([www.olfarm.org](http://www.olfarm.org))

Some specific concerns have been raised recently about homeowners putting out recycling, lawn refuse and other items well before the pickup date. Please note:

- **Yard waste** is picked up very early on the **FIRST and THIRD TUESDAYS** of each month. Paper bags of yard waste and/or appropriately sized branches should be put out at the curb **ONLY** on the night before pickup. **Do NOT leave them in the**

**street or in front of your home at any other time!**

- **Recycling** is picked up **every other Thursday (dates on our website)**. Bins should be put out Wednesday night and removed by Friday morning. **Recycling bins should be OUT OF SIGHT at all other times.**
- **Garbage** is collected **early Friday mornings** in our community. Any garbage should be properly bagged and placed in appropriate bins for pickup.

Any changes to the outside of your property – including (but not limited to) fences, decks, sheds, new doors or windows, siding, pools, new roof or any permanent structure – must be submitted in advance to the Covenants Committee for approval (in addition to getting City approval, if necessary). Please contact Diana Booth (# below) or download the application form from [www.oudfarm.org](http://www.oudfarm.org).

### **Bulk Trash – Metal**

The Board is reviewing options for a one-time pickup of bulk items **made of metal** (appliances, motors, grills, batteries, etc.) Individual homeowners are responsible for proper disposal of non-metal bulk items.

### **Neighborhood Advisory Council 1**

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 meeting dates.

### **Facebook**

For the latest info on community and city events, check out the **Old Farm HOA group on Facebook**.

### **Welcome to New Neighbors!**

Our community has always been very stable – but, at the same time, we welcome new family members and new neighbors each year. There has always been a wonderful sense of community among the residents and owners (like the “shoveling parties” that had neighbors working together during our historic blizzard last winter!) Special thanks to all those who reached out to neighbors to help. As summer begins, let's continue to look out for each other – by driving responsibly, picking up after your dogs, offering to help mow when a neighbor is ill or away, or other acts of kindness.

### **Resale packages**

If you are selling your home in Old Farm, you are required to let the buyer know at settlement that they are part of a community association, and are governed by a set of covenants and guidelines. Please contact Diana Booth to purchase a resale settlement package.

### **Property Management**

Diana Booth of Sunshine Management is our property manager. Diana can be reached at 301-663-8383 or [dianab@sunshinemanagement.net](mailto:dianab@sunshinemanagement.net).