



## Community News - December 2016

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### Upcoming Board Meetings, 7:30 pm

Dec. 20, Jan. 17 (Annual Mtg. at Paint Branch HS),  
Feb. 21 3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station, Public Mtg. Room, 1002  
Milestone Drive, Silver Spring, MD

### TRESURER'S REPORT

#### One Very Good Reason to Pay Your Annual SMHOA Assessment BEFORE 1/31/17

The end of the year marks the holiday season and a time of good cheer shared with family and friends. It's also the time for all SMHOA residents to plan for and pay our annual assessment. By now you should have received:

- A letter from the SMHOA Treasurer offering the **DISCOUNTED** assessment of \$220 for 2017 if paid before/by 1/31/17!
- An instruction sheet explaining the two ways to pay - by check or online.
- A payment coupon & return envelope.
- A copy of the approved 2017 SMHOA budget.

*(If you have not received these items, please contact Community Associations right away at 301-258-7711).*

Please note the word **“DISCOUNTED.”** The discounted assessment is \$220, a \$30 savings off the regular assessment of \$250. **THUS, SAVE \$30 BY PAYING YOUR 2017 DISCOUNTED SMHOA ASSESSMENT OF \$220 BY 1/31/17 – IT JUST MAKES SENSE!**

### HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS

With the holiday season upon us, many of us visit friends and relatives leaving our homes unattended for days or weeks. Criminals are aware of this fact and that's why there is often a spike in burglaries and thefts from cars during this time of the year! Here what you can do to help protect your home and car:

1. Make your house look occupied by leaving on a few lights or getting a light timer you can set to come on at night.
2. Leave your car empty and locked!
3. Report ANY & ALL suspicious activity to law enforcement right away!

In an emergency, DIAL 911. For non-emergencies call the Anonymous Crime Tip Line at 240-773-TIPS (8477) or call the Montgomery County Police Non-Emergency number at 301-279-8000.

For end of year specials on ADT home security systems for residents of Snowden's Mill, call 301-980-3186.

## **LEAF REMOVAL IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Montgomery County does NOT provide leaf collection services to Snowden's Mill. Homeowners are responsible for collecting and properly disposing of fallen leaves from their property and from the street/curbside in front of their house. Collected leaves must be placed in recyclable paper bags and placed curbside on recycling day. Also, please do not rake your leaves onto the Association's common areas. Finally, it is illegal to stuff leaves or grass clippings down storm drains (as this causes flooding) or to pile them along the curb or in the street (unsightly & a serious public safety hazard for cars, walkers, children, and school busses). Such violations are serious and are enforced by Montgomery County code inspectors with fines of \$500. Proper leaf removal is YOUR responsibility and helps keep our community safe and looking nice.

### **Here are a few other winter landscape tips include:**

During **the non-growing** season it is recommended to do the following:

1. End of season flowerbed and lawn/yard maintenance should include pulling or spraying for weeds and a final mow of the lawn.
2. Rake and pick up any remaining leaves that have fallen or blown onto your property as they can smother the lawn and plants if left on the ground, and transmit diseases and pests to a lawn or flower bed.

## **USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

For medical and other emergencies **911**. Following are other useful numbers:

<b>County info./services</b>	<b>240-777-0311</b>
<b>PEPCO (Outages)</b>	<b>877-737-2662</b>
<b>Miss Utility</b>	<b>800-257-7777</b>
<b>Missed Trash / Recycling</b>	<b>240-777-0311</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>240-773-5960</b>
<b>Poison Control</b>	<b>800-222-1222</b>
<b>Police Non-Emergency</b>	<b>301-279-8000</b>
<b>Street Light Outage</b>	<b>240-777-0311</b>
<b>Street Tree Damage</b>	<b>240-777-7623</b>

## **NEW NEIGHBORS**

Please give a friendly welcome to our new neighbors in the community:

*Snan, LLC, Agate Drive  
Fiona Divecha, Aquamarine Terrace  
Endale Tefera, Tufa Terrace  
Katarzyna Drozda & Lukasz Bojarowski, Mica Drive*

## **TRASH & RECYCLING**

Community wide trash and recycling pickup is every Thursday morning. Garbage and recycle bins should be placed at the end of your driveway by 6:30 am Thursday and no earlier than 7:00 pm Wednesday.

## **SMHOA WEBSITE**

The Snowdens Mill HOA community website at [www.snowdensmill.com](http://www.snowdensmill.com) allows you to quickly access and download SMHOA forms, including the PIR form, the Complaint form, HOA covenants and Bylaws, and policies adopted by the HOA. The Board is always looking for web content contributors and ideas to make our website more useful and interactive. Send ideas to [Melissa@communityassn.com](mailto:Melissa@communityassn.com).

## **YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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