



SMHOA Board of Directors

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SMHOA Board Meetings

2018 Board Dates: 3rd Tuesday/Month – 7:30PM
Feb. 20, March 20, Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug
21, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18
3rd District Police Station, Public Meeting Room
1002 Milestone Drive, Silver Spring, MD
All homeowners are welcome to attend meetings.

SMHOA Newsletters

March, June, September, December. The
**Communications Committee is always looking for
newsletter content:** area happenings; financial, health,
home care and seasonal articles; recipes; and questions for
the SMHOA BOD. Send ideas to
Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com.

Welcome New Neighbors!

Analiza S. Pagarigan & Sonny Rodrigo, Tourmaline Terr.
Askale Ambaye & Wondiyirad Hiruy, Turquoise Terr.
David Hwang, Olivine Ct.
Gustavo S. Barahona & Juan S. Orellana, Aquamarine
Terr.
Maher and Silvia Kafrune, Tinstone Ct.

Seasonal Tip: “Guide to Exterior Spring Cleaning”

Gutters. There’s no easy way to clean gutters other than to
climb on a ladder and get your hands dirty. It’s important
to get blockage and weight out of your gutters, because if
you don’t, it can turn into a much larger problem. If
climbing up high isn’t your cup of tea, hire a professional
to take care of the job.

Power Washing. Your house is a dust collector and winter
months can exacerbate this issue. Now is the time to bust
out the power washer and take care of exterior paint on
your home, which is likely a shade darker than it was at
the start of winter season. Be careful, however, because
power washers can strip paint off your home. After you
finish your house, tackle walkways and get all the built-up
dirt out of the cracks. Paying attention to these areas will
go a long way toward getting your home back to its
former glory!

Touch Up the Paint. Spring is typically the best time to
touch up paint, both inside and outside your home. For
exterior, consider painting after you’ve taken the time to
power wash the structure. Repainting your entire home
can increase the property value, but if you don’t have the
time or funds to have it professionally done, go around the
outside of your house and patch up faded areas with a nice
coat of paint.

Tackle Your Lawn. Now is the perfect time to get grass
and flowers growing again. Give grass a good cut, then
head to your local home improvement store and pick up
some fertilizer and other lawn care products. Getting your
lawn back to looking beautiful is no easy feat, but if
you’ve already invested time into cleaning the exterior of
your home, the last thing you want is for your lawn to
look dead and patchy. And don’t forget to add some
flowers or small plants, as this will get you in the mood
for spring!

Clean the Windows. The finishing touch to every spring
cleaning project should be your windows. Just grab some
window cleaner and make those windows sparkle. If your
windows show signs of condensation, it might be time to

install new windows. Installing new windows can be one of the most satisfying home improvement projects.

What are the HOA Rules Regarding Exterior Modifications to My Home?

Did you know that any alterations to the exterior of your home need to be approved by the Snowdens Mill Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before construction begins? According to the SMHOA governing documents, all requests for improvements must be submitted in writing to the ARC for review. These changes must also comply with the HOA covenants provided to you when you moved in. If you can't find your copy, you can find them on the website at www.snowdensmill.com. This approval process applies to all modifications to the exterior of your home, including but not limited to roofs, siding/trim, fences (metal fences are prohibited), driveway replacements, new style windows/doors, exterior painting (new color only), patio covers and sheds. To request approval, fill out a Property Improvement Request (PIR) with a description of the improvement and submit drawings/diagrams for illustration. Please include building materials, size of the structure or improvement, applicable paint or stain colors, etc. PIRs can be found on the HOA website under documents. We will do our best to process these forms as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact our management company.

Financial Tip: "New Form of Identify Fraud Soars as Crooks Switch Tactics"

Criminals increasingly are opening credit card and other accounts in victims' names, says a new identity fraud report by Javelin Strategy & Research, a firm that advises the financial industry. Rather than seeing suspicious charges show up on monthly statements – as would happen if a criminal used your existing credit card number – you might not spot new account fraud unless you were checking your credit report. **New-account fraud jumped 113% in 2016** and now represents 20% of fraud losses. **Monitor your credit report:** Cobble together regular free access and monitoring from sites like creditkarma.com, creditsesame.com, etc. Learn more about how major credit reporting bureaus offer consumers the ability to up-load documents to support their case when challenging inaccuracies. **Secure your mobile device:** Smartphones and tablets have become high profile targets. Apply software updates when they become available. **Exercise good password habits:** Strong, unique regularly updated passwords reduce their value to fraudsters if they're stolen in data breaches or through malware. **Place a security freeze:** If you don't plan on opening new accounts soon, a credit report freeze can prevent anyone else from opening accounts in your name. **Sign up for account alerts:** Banks, credit card issuers and brokerages can send emails or texts about suspicious activity. **Seek help fast:** The sooner banks, credit card issuers, or other service providers are notified that fraud has occurred on an

account, the sooner they can limit the damage. **Be alert for international transactions:** Let your financial institution know when you are planning to cross borders.

Trash/Recycling Information

Community-wide trash/recycling pickup is every Thursday. Trash and recycle bins should be placed at the end of your driveway Thursdays by 6:30 a.m., no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Trash pickup and recycling moves to Friday during weeks with a Monday holiday.

Neighborly Goods and Services

Michael Ngo is available to cut grass and shovel snow during college breaks. Contact 301-204-3671 or michaelngo99@yahoo.com.

For all real estate needs, contact Becky Meadows, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc., 202-253-9405; 301-236-4300 or becky.meadows@longandfoster.com.

Bonne Vie Bracelets, by Jazlyn and Taylor. Bonne Vie means *good life*. Follow on Instagram @bonneviebracelets.

Useful Telephone Numbers

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

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

Area Happenings

SHRED DAY! Bring your old bills, personal files, etc.

Saturday, March 24 from 9AM – 12PM

Long & Foster Real Estate/Burtonsville Parking Lot
3901 National Drive, Burtonsville, MD

Health & Wellness Expo / Dance Fitness Festival

Sunday, June 3 from 1 – 9 PM

Silver Spring Civic Center

1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD

26th Annual Giant National Capital Barbecue Battle

Saturday, June 23 from 11AM – **Sunday, June 24** 7PM

555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

SMHOA Website

Snowdens Mill HOA community website

(www.snowdensmill.com) allows you to quickly access and download SMHOA forms, including: Complaint forms, HOA Covenants and Bylaws, and HOA-adopted policies. The Board is always looking for web content and ideas to make our website more useful and interactive. Send ideas to Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com.