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### **Community Parking Districts (CPD)**

The following restriction has recently been approved for the Springfield District.

Community Parking Districts (CPD), which covers our district, prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles greater than or equal to 3 axles, vehicles with a GVWR greater than or equal to 12,000 lbs., and vehicles transporting greater than or equal to 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas. Vehicles parked in violation are subject to a \$75 fine for each violation and may be towed at the owner's expense. Maps of existing CPDs are posted on the CPD maps page. See fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtp.htm.

# **Burglaries**

In the past few months, there have been GPSs, and various other items stolen from cars in our neighborhood. Remember to lock your cars and close your garage doors. Following is an article in the Herrity Report regarding this issue.

Parts of the County Experiencing a String of Burglaries/Protect Yourself and Help the Police Solve these Crimes

Parts of Fairfax County are experiencing a string of burglaries and robberies that are thought to be linked to the same person or group. These incidents began in mid-August. As of this morning, there are now 87 related incidents. Of those, 57 are burglaries or attempted burglaries of occupied dwellings. The remaining 30 incidents are larcenies from vehicles, suspicious persons and suspicious noise complaints. The string appears to have started in the Fairfax Station area. It has since spread throughout the northern end of the county and most recently into the Fairfax/Annandale area.

For complete information, go to www//fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/herrity-report-newsletter

Always report an incident, vandalism, stolen items, etc. The police do keep track of these.

#### **Huntsman Lake Dam**

The dam on the lake will have work done off and on during the next year to meet safety regulations. See <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/huntsman.htm">www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/huntsman.htm</a>.

#### **Snow Removal**

Just a reminder that it is a homeowner's responsibility to shovel the walk of your homes in front of, or around the corner for corner lots. If there is a school bus stop by your house, be a good neighbor and shovel a path for the children and/or keep the piled snow low so drivers can see the children. Have a teenager in the house? Give them that job.

To report road hazards and pot holes, contact VDOT service Center 24/7 at 1-800-367-7623.

#### **Trees**

We've had a lot of trees come down on homeowner property and common property. Be aware of leaning trees on your property and report any on common property. If the tree(s) are on common

property, the HOA will assess it and cut it down if deemed a hazard. If the tree is on common property, and you cut it down before we've had a chance to do it, it's at your expense. Contact Dan Kolcun of any tree problems.

#### **Paths**

In the spring, we will be checking the paths for repairing and/or asphalting. If you are near a path and notice a particularly hazardous place, let us know. Also, it would be very helpful, if homeowners who have a path next to or near their home to sweep leaves or cut back any ivy or grasses that are infringing on the path.

## **AAA Trash and Recycling**

The HOA has an agreement with AAA for a rate of \$69 a quarter. They have initiated a new policy that asks that you fill out a form and send it to them. The person to contact at AAA is Mark. He can email you a form to fill out and send by e-mail back to him.

AAA was to send the form to the homeowners, but many did not receive it. After getting our bill of \$75, I called them and a credit of \$6 will be on our next bill.

#### **Architecture Review Committee**

If you are planning to add an addition or change the exterior of your house, see the web site for restrictions, form and contact person (Al Brooks).

### **Common Property Maintenance**

We now have a new contractor, Premium Lawn and Landscape, to maintain our common property including the areas around the signs at the entrances of our neighborhood. They did a great job this year as a VDOT contractor for keeping our streets plowed.

## **Cash for Schools Program**

Giant and Safeway are again sponsoring this program for schools. Register your school by going to <a href="https://www.giantfood.com">www.escrip.com</a> for Safeway. It you don't have any school age children, you can still register. Our neighborhood schools are Orange Hunt Elementary, Washington Irving Middle School and West Springfield High School.

### **Street Lights Malfunctioning?**

Contact Dominion Virginia Power at 1-888-667-3000 or go to their web site to report it. They just need your address.

#### **E-Mail Addresses**

If you haven't given the HOA your e-mail address or need to update it, please send the change to Pete Misuinas at our web site. These addresses will be kept private and not given out to anyone or any organization.

Check out our web site at lakeforestcommunity.org for e-mail and phone numbers of the board members.