SUN VALLEY

Official Monthly Newsletter of Sun Valley Homeowners Association



HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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UPDATES

Are you interested in getting electronic newsletters, notices, updates, etc.? Please go to the website and submit your contact information.



Did you know that Sun Valley HOA has a website? Check it out at sunvalleyhoa.org

MONTHLY HOA ZOOM MEETINGS

Attend The Sun Valley Homeowners Association Board meetings, which are held the 2nd Thursday of each month via Zoom (please check the website for any changes or updates) Click **here** **NEXTDOOR APP**

Are you using the Next Door App to keep up with what's happening in your community and surrounding communities? Download the NextDoor application for trusted connections and exchange of helpful information, goods, and services.

SPEED LIMIT

Since we are vastly approaching the summer months, schools will be out before we know it. Again, we are asking all residents to be aware of pedestrians, bikers, joggers, etc. Please adhere to the posted speed limit signs in our community.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As neighbors let's look out for each other's property. Don't forget to lock your vehicles at night and remove any items that might give crooks an opportunity for you to become a victim. If you hear any unfamiliar sounds during the middle of the night, call the Sheriff's office.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS!!!

Locations:

• Waldorf Hilton Garden Inn. Located at 10385 O'Donnell Pl, Waldorf, MD 20603. Saturdays 9AM - 1PM

 La Plata Parking Lot. Located at Talbot St. & Washington Ave. Wednesdays 9AM - 2PM; Main Parking Lot, Charles County Courthouse Saturdays 9AM - 2PM

HOME IMPROVEMENT

If you are planning to perform any architectural improvements to your home, please submit an Architectural Application to the Board for review and approval. Making any alterations without prior approval is a violation of the Sun Valley Resident Guidelines. If this occurs, you may be required to perform alterations at your cost. The application can be found on the website. Thank you for adhering to the Sun Valley Architectural Guidelines.

POWER WASHING

Your home's exterior should be done to clean and eliminate mildew on siding and other surfaces such as sidewalks, front porch, steps, and driveways.

GUTTERS

Are they unclogged? Installing gutter guards reduces clogging from leaves and other debris which impedes drainage of water away from your home and foundation. Ensure that the gutters are still in good condition and do not sag or leak.

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Are you a small business owner residing in Sun Valley? Maybe you have a lawn cutting business, roof repairs, gutter business, painting, etc. Would you like for your business to be featured in a Newsletter for the community? If so, please use the website http://www.sunvalleyhoa.org and click on the "Contact Us" button to send us information for your business. Maybe your neighbor(s) will be able to utilize your services.

HOME EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE & UPGRADE

Most homes in Sun Valley Estates are over 10 years old. Check to see if any parts of your exterior need to be replaced or refurbished.

HOME EXTERIOR ROOF

Does your roof need to be replaced or repaired? Have a professional check for wear and tear.

LAWNS AND LANDSCAPING UPGRADE IDEAS

Do you want more outdoor living space, such as patios, concrete walkways, or improved landscaping in your property? Reach out to professionals to help you realize your dreams

> The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) can use volunteers. It requires site visits for decks, house additions, and other things that may impact property lines. If interested, please send an email to the Board.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation in support of maintaining the beauty and comfort of our neighborhood!

PARKING & TOWING

Please remember the Parking Guidelines in the community. To avoid any towing fees, please park in designated parking only.

POTHOLES

Potholes are to be reported directly to the County.

Call 1-800-595-7623. The pothole location will be placed on the assignment sheet for the repair crew.

Please do not report potholes to the Board.

STREET LIGHTS

If you see or have a street light out follow the procedure below:

Street Light Out - For streetlight repairs please contact SMECO by calling 1-877-747--6326 (1-877-74-SMECO) and provide the pole# and location and SMECO will initiate a repair ticket.

PET WASTE

Cleaning up after your dog is your responsibility as a pet owner. Even if you keep your dog contained in your own yard, taking the time to regularly clean up after your dog helps keep your family and community safe.

DOG POOP DANGERS

Dog poop smells bad and no one likes stepping in it, but it is more than an inconvenience: it is a legitimate danger. Dog poop dangers come in several forms.

- It poisons grass and lawns.
- It carries hookworms, ringworms, tapeworms, and more.
- It transmits human diseases, too!
- It pollutes waterways and is in the same EPA category as oil and mine runoff!

YARD WASTE

It's that time again! April showers brings May flowers. Spring has sprung! It also brings us to getting outdoors to do some yardwork. Let's continue to keep our community looking good. Please use bags designated for lawn removal only (lawn bags). They can be found at your local hardware store. If your lawn/yard waste is not in these bags they will not be collected by the refuse trucks. Here's a handy phone number for Charles County Recycling 301-932-5656. Blue receptacles are only for recycled waste. Trash will NOT be collected in these bins.

CHARLES COUNTY NOISE ORDINANCE

We have received several noise complaints regarding Evergreen Disposal, Inc. coming to empty trash cans before 5:00 am on Tuesday's and Friday's. The trucks are extremely loud and the noise is disturbing to the residents in the community. Evergreen Disposal was contacted and reminded that the Charles County Noise Ordinance is from 7:00 am - 10:00 pm. As a concerned resident of Sun Valley you may also contact Evergreen Disposal at 240-468-6677 to voice your concerns regarding the loud noise.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We are being reminded by our government partners of the risks to local infrastructure by hackers, especially those associated with Russia. Below are a few quick steps that you can take today to make sure your family is safe, and reduce hassles, no matter what risks lie on the horizon!

Keep your car topped up with gas. Virtual attacks can impede the supply chains, as well as credit cards and membership swipe card options. Which brings us to the next point.

Stop by the ATM now. It's always worth keeping a few hundred dollars on hand for your family. Whether a cyberattack, or sustained power outage, cash means you can keep buying food and other necessities until systems are restored.

Please do not click on links – in work or personal email – unless they come from sources you do trust. Remember, if you're working from a machine that is not actively behind a firewall (e.g. from home), you have even less protection from hackers looking to deliver malware, or steal your information.

Please share with you family and friends!

Congratulations THE 2022 GRADUATES!