

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

Tidbits of information about Hillcrest Cluster

April 2019

Spring Has Sprung!

With the return of warmer weather (and the sun!) many of us will be doing maintenance work on our homes in the coming months. Please remember to check the Cluster Standards for your section of the neighborhood before doing any work on the exterior of your property. The standards can be found on the Cluster website at <https://www.hillcrest-cluster.com/cluster-standards/>. If you are unsure which section of the Cluster your property is in, there also is a map on this part of the website to help you figure that out. Finally, if you have any doubt about whether you need to get approval for making any changes to the exterior of your property, please contact the Board by sending your query to info@hillcrest-cluster.com.

Note: The Board will be conducting a walk-around inspection of the Fairfield Section of the neighborhood on Sunday April 28, 2019 and sending violation notices shortly thereafter.

Trash and Recycling

The Board has selected our new trash vendor. American Disposal Service (ADS) will begin servicing our community on June 1st, 2019, and we are beginning to work on the transition plan with our new representative. The Cluster will continue to have two trash pick-up days, one day for recycling and yard waste pick-up. Optional homeowner-scheduled special pick-ups will also be available for a fee. ADS will be providing totes and recycling equipment a couple of weeks before they begin servicing our community. As we get closer to the June 1st date, we will provide more specific details in a memo along with fridge magnets for everyone on which you can write our collection dates. A formal cancellation notice has been sent to Bates Trucking & Trash. Our current contract with them expires on May 31st 2019. Nathan and Laura are taking the lead on making the transition as smooth as possible and will be continuing to communicate with residents between now and June so everyone knows what to expect and is prepared.

Community Meeting on Parking

Please join the Hillcrest Cluster Board to discuss the proposed move to a reserved parking plan that will feature one reserved parking spot per residence. As previewed at the Annual Meeting in December, in last year's community survey of Hillcrest Cluster residents, a significant majority of respondents identified parking as their most troubling issue. The Board considered a number of options, and after consulting with the Cluster's legal counsel, selected a one reserved spot system as the most equitable and workable option.

When: 17 April 2019, 7:30 to 9:00pm OR 30 April 2019, 7:30-9:00pm

Where: Forest Edge Elementary School, Cafeteria

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The Board will open the meeting with an explanation of the parking issue within the Cluster, how a one reserved spot system could work, and provide a draft map depicting the proposed parking system. The bulk of the meeting is for a discussion among residents. The Board is interested in hearing from as many residents as possible, and we will request that residents limit their opening statement to two minutes, with the opportunity to respond for one minute to a direct question. The Board looks forward to the upcoming discussions and hopes to see many of you there.

Sidewalks and Road Repairs

Repairs to sidewalks and curb & gutter in the Fairfield Section of the cluster will occur May 13 to 17. Asphalt work will follow on May 28 and 29. Additional information will be made available to residents as we get closer to those dates.

Cluster Dues

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2019 Cluster Dues. For those who haven't yet paid, the amount is \$1320.00 until June 30th, 2019. Beginning on July 1, 2019 there is a 1.5% interest charge on all outstanding balances. Please make checks payable to Hillcrest Cluster Association and mail to: HCA c/o Capitol Property Management, 3914 Centreville Road, Suite 300, Chantilly VA 20151. If you would like to be set up for ACH payment, please contact wmelore@capitolcorp.com.

Road Work

This is the fifth phase of a six phase project to repave the entire cluster and to repair damaged sidewalks and curbs. The last phase of the work—main Saffold Way from Ring Road to the 4-way Stop and the last cul-de-sac on the exit side— will be completed in 2020. Repaving is not anticipated for another 20 years, 2040, though minor repairs may be required.

Reminder: Without prompt payment of dues, it is not possible for the Association to pay contractors and implement projects contained in the budget.

Mark Your Calendars!

There are two community social events happening in April:

1. **Saturday, April 20th -- Hop on Over to the Easter Egg Hunt!** All ages welcome.

Where: The Playground

When: 9:30AM to 10:30AM

If you would like to volunteer and/or contribute treats and eggs, please contact Ramon Bonzon at rlbonzon@gmail.com or 11095 Saffold Way.

2. **Saturday, April 27th – Join in the Spring Cluster Clean-up!**

Who: Anyone who wants to contribute to keeping our community looking awesome.

Where: Meet at the Basketball Court

When: Coffee and donuts at 8:30AM; Clean-up activities start at 9:00

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If you would like to volunteer or have questions about Cluster Clean-Up, please contact Chris Topoleski at chris_topoleski@yahoo.com or just show up at the Basketball Court on the 27th.

Dog Poop

We have a chronic problem with residents not cleaning up after their dogs. It is and continues to be disgusting, and we on the Board continue to be baffled by this lack of respect for our community.

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If you have any questions or concerns, it's always prudent to first check the Cluster website at www.hillcrest-cluster.com. And as always, please feel free to email us at info@hillcrest-cluster.com.