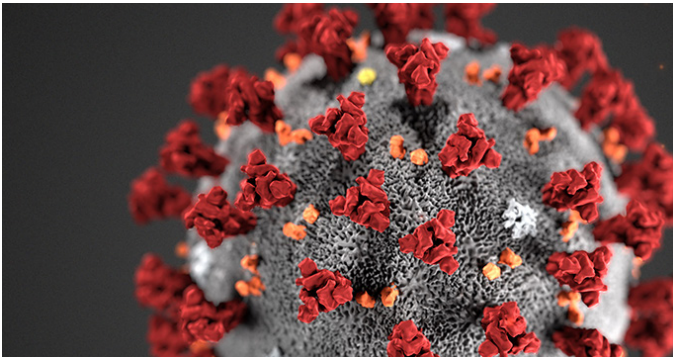


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CORONAVIRUS & SAFETY AT HILLCREST



The Hillcrest Cluster Association Board understands the seriousness of the global health pandemic that has introduced itself as COVID-19 and the anxiety which it brings to our daily lives across the country. Several residents have reached out to the Board of Directors looking for guidance. Never did any of us imagine having to be in this position to write this message, and we share your concern. The next few months will be challenging for everyone. Please stay informed and prepare where you can.

Follow all guidance provided by public health officials, and orders, bans and policies issued by federal, state and local government agencies. Most importantly, use common sense, and air on the side of caution when possible. If you or someone in your household are experiencing symptoms or believe you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus, please seek a medical professional and follow their direction, which may include self-quarantining.

The best sources of information on updates on COVID-19 can be found at the following websites:

Center for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov
Virginia Department of Health: www.vdh.virginia.gov
Fairfax County Department of Health:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health

Just as important as staying informed, is how we act as a community to support those in need. Hillcrest Cluster is a very diverse community many of whom may be the most at risk for severe symptoms of the illness. If anyone in your household is in need of assistance, or are willing to offer assistance, please contact the Board at info@hillcrest-cluster.com. The Board will do its best to connect volunteers with those in need.

The business of the management of the cluster will continue remotely, and we have no reason to report any impact on trash collection or other services yet. Should this change, all residents will be contacted with any updates.

EASTER EGG HUNT & OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In lieu of the COVID-19 situation, the cluster Annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as all other social activities have been **cancelled** in guidance with CDC and Virginia Department of Health direction for social distancing.

When celebrating holidays this season with your family, please stay healthy and safe.

While we are terribly sad to have to cancel these events, the health & safety of all residents comes first. We look forward to the resolution to this crisis and future cluster social activities when safe to do so.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Board has received an increase in the number of reports from residents regarding parking violations in the last month or so. We would like to remind residents that the RA Protective Covenants and By-Laws of the Hillcrest Cluster Association require that all motor vehicles parked or operated on cluster property must comply with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Virginia and



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Fairfax County. This means that:

- All vehicles parked in Hillcrest Cluster must display a valid state-issued license plate and be registered in Virginia within 30 days of moving into the state.
- Vehicles must also pass the state inspection, and display a current, valid inspection sticker before they can be legally driven in Virginia.
- Fairfax County requires payment of a personal property tax on automobiles, trucks, and certain other vehicles.
- Any person operating a motor vehicle on cluster property must have a valid driver's license.

More information on Virginia and Fairfax County regulations may be found at www.dmv.state.us and www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

The following Rules and Regulations adopted by the Hillcrest Cluster Association apply to all property owners and residents. Owners are responsible for notifying their tenants and guests of the regulations.

1. Only owners of record or their tenants and guests may park a vehicle on Hillcrest Cluster Association property. Vehicles must be parked within a marked parking space.
2. Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking overnight on cluster property, but may be parked during the day while service is being rendered to a resident.
3. Motorized recreation vehicles (RV's) within the size limits (7 feet wide and 20 feet long) may park on cluster property. Non self-propelled vehicles such as trailers, boats, and motorhome attachments may park overnight, but must be removed within 24 hours.
4. Junk vehicles, defined as those which cannot be operated in their existing condition, may not be parked or stored on cluster, and are subject to towing. Vehicles which have been parked on cluster property for over 30 days without being moved may be considered abandoned under state law, and will be reported to the police.
5. Storage pods may be parked within a marked parking space for no more than four days, but the cluster board must be informed of the dates before it is placed.

6. Motorcycles, mopeds, mini-bikes, dirt bikes, and ATVs should share parking spaces with other vehicles to the extent possible, provided they do not extend beyond the marked parking area. Vehicles of this type may not be driven on sidewalks, paths, or common property.
7. Only vehicles of residents may be repaired on cluster property. Repairs and servicing must be done during daylight hours only. Vehicles may not be left unattended on blocks or jacks, and may not be left with the motor running. Vehicles which are found to be leaking oil, transmission, or other fluid are to be repaired within five days after the owner is notified. All fluids drained from a vehicle must be sealed in leak-proof containers, and properly disposed of at one of the two county recycling centers listed in Appendix X. The vehicle owner may be liable for any damage by automobile oil or other fluid to cluster property.
8. Any vehicle parked in a designated fire lane — where the curb is painted yellow — or within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, is subject to immediate towing.

The Board understands the difficulty that may arise for vehicle inspections and registration at the moment as a result of COVID-19. As a result of this understanding, we will relax the parking enforcement for this violation **ONLY**. If your vehicle receives a notice regarding this issue, please contact the Board at info@hillcrest-cluster.com, if the delay has been a result of the impact of COVID-19. All other parking regulations related to special vehicles, commercial vehicles, and storage pods will still apply in **FULL** effect.

As a reminder. The enforcement process if your vehicle is in violation of these policies is as follows:

1. A notice will be placed on the vehicle stating the nature of the violation.
2. If the issue is not resolved within 10 days, it will be towed upon re-inspection.
3. If you vehicle is towed from cluster property, call Henry's Towing at 703-698-8900. The vehicle owner is responsible for all towing and storage expenses. The Hillcrest Cluster Association is not responsible or liable for any damage to the vehicle.



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TRAFFIC LAWS STILL APPLY

A reminder to all residents that though Saffold Way is a private road owned by the Hillcrest Cluster Association, all traffic laws still apply. The posted speed limit on Saffold Way is **15 miles an hour**. All drivers must observe this limit, and come to a **FULL stop at all stop signs**.

The Fairfax County Police have been granted authority by the Board of Directors to enforce these rules as well as all other rules which fall under the County Code of Motor Vehicles and Traffic.



ANIMAL WASTE REMINDER

Here in Fairfax County, we love our dogs and clean water, too. We can have both if dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets.

Pet waste contains fecal coliform bacteria and can transmit diseases and parasites such as salmonellosis, cryptosporidiosis, and hookworm - just to name a few. These can make both humans and pets sick. Decaying pet waste can also contribute to fish kills in local streams and the Potomac River.

Always clean up after your pet. **IT'S THE LAW**. Failure to properly dispose of dog waste is a Class 4 misdemeanor and **subject to a \$250 fine** (County code, Section 41.1-2-6).

CLUSTER STANDARDS WALKTHROUGHS

Last year during the resident feedback survey, a commitment to maintaining standards and the condition of properties in the cluster was identified as a top priority by a majority of residents. The Board has finished their inspection of all 173 homes, with the notices of violations for the Bridges section of the community as the most recent to go out.

Thank you to those who have responded to letters and addressed concerns across all sections of the cluster.

A reminder to residents that if the violations noted in the recent letter were not included in the disclosure packet when you bought your home, it **DOES NOT** mean that the home did not have any violations at the time of sale. It simply means that the reviewer at the time did not note any. In As the standards have been updated over the years through a rigorous process with the Reston Design Review Board, the standards documents have become clearer and easier to follow and enforce. Some of these standards also have deadlines after which a home which is out of compliance will be recorded for the violation.

When we conduct a walkthrough for a section, multiple board members are present to ensure a thorough and fair assessment of each property. Sometimes this results in finding errors that a previous reviewer may have missed.

A reminder if you are concerned about a violation that has been cited, that you can always reach out to the Board for clarification at info@hillcrest-cluster.com.

If you undergo any exterior home projects, including painting, be sure to check with the Design Standards for your section which can be found online at www.hillcrest-cluster.com/cluster-standards/, and if you have any questions email the board at info@hillcrest-cluster.com.



RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE: GUTTER CLEANING

Spring is around the corner, and that means there are many projects around the home demanding your attention. One thing that often goes overlooked is your gutters.

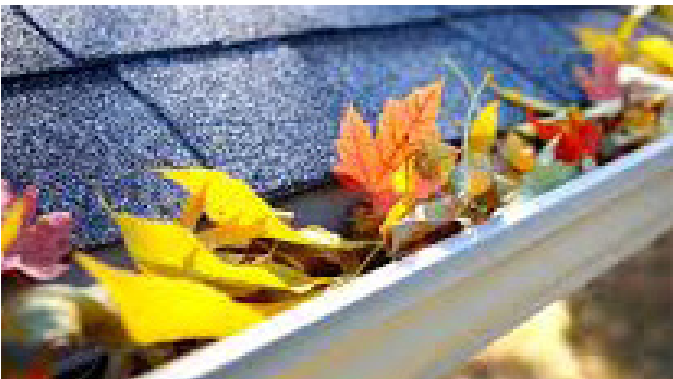
Gutter cleaning is an integral part of maintaining your home, but recognize that it is often at the bottom of your list of things you want to think about.

Clogged gutters can wreak havoc with the natural drainage of water away from your home. This can result in damage to fascia, soffit, roofing, or even begin leaking into your home. Additionally, water damage can ruin the very foundation of your home - something you **NEVER** want to happen.

Some benefits of gutter cleaning are:

- Prevent water damage to your home
- Avoid nesting areas for termites, birds, mosquitoes, and other insects
- Prevent destruction of expensive landscaping
- Maintain value and beauty of your home

Make sure to schedule your gutter cleaning in the spring and the fall each year, and while up there, make sure that no debris is on your roof, which can lead to wear and damages as well.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Following the 2019 Annual Meeting, the newly elected Board of Directors for Hillcrest Cluster Association had 3 vacancies. Recognizing this, the Board has reached out to a number of residents who had expressed interest in serving on the board, but who did not apply to run prior to the Annual Meeting. In accordance with the Cluster By-Laws, a vote for appointment was taken for each candidate. We are proud to announce two new board members who have agreed to serve, and were confirmed by vote:

ROBERT CREEGAN (11081 Saffold Way)

Rob has lived in Hillcrest Cluster since 2007 after living next door at Forest Edge Cluster for 4 years. He is a plant geek, who majored in horticulture at Virginia Tech. He has had jobs managing nurseries and doing landscape design. He currently works as a designer for irrigation systems and installed gardens on the side. He previously participated in the Cluster landscaping committee, and is excited to join the board and see some landscaping projects through to completion.

SONIA PATTERSON (11124 Saffold Way)

Sonia opted to get engaged after seeing the community involvement at the January Happy Hour at Lake Anne, and agree to step into a social chair role for the Cluster planning similar engaging events to enhance the sense of community across the neighborhood. She is committed to helping the board where ever possible in maintaining a sound fiscal policy, good record-keeping, and consistence enforcement of all rules and regulations.

Please join us in welcoming these two new Board Members, who as appointed members will serve a 1-year term which expires at the Annual Meeting in December of 2020. With these appointments, that leaves one vacancy on the Board. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about serving on the Board or is ready to volunteer, please reach out at info@hillcrest-cluster.com.