



Woodwinds News



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CORONAVIRUS

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic impacts the health and well-being of people far and wide, upends daily lives, and causes anxiety and fear, the Board wants to communicate some important details to the owners and residents at Woodwinds.

Our first concern is the health, safety, and well-being of residents and guests on our property. We urge everyone to continue to follow state and federal guidelines for preventing the spread of COVID-19 by staying at home except for necessary trips and exercise, maintaining appropriate social distance, limiting group size to 10 or fewer people, and washing hands frequently. A source of information about coronavirus is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Our second concern is our collective financial well-being. The collection of community association assessments is a very serious and important responsibility of the Board. Failing to collect assessments may impair Woodwinds' ability to pay its bills, provide essential services, and obtain financing for continued operations. It may also impact the ability of a potential purchaser to obtain a mortgage. Woodwinds Association is a non-profit entity and works on a tight zero-based budget, so it is critical that all unit owners pay their assessment in a timely manner.

The Woodwinds Board has adopted the following guidelines suggested by the Community Associations Institute (CAI):

- If a homeowner is unable to pay assessments on time, he or she should notify the property manager to work out a payment plan. Homeowners with a financial hardship are encouraged to apply for government assistance, if available.
- Woodwinds Association will waive late fees and penalties for owners who face temporary financial hardships due to COVID-19 through June 2020.

- Woodwinds Association will continue to record liens to protect its interests.

The Board is willing to work with you but you must initiate the request if you need assistance. Please contact our property manager for more information.

TRASH RULES

Trash continues to be a challenge for our community. Many new residents – both owners and renters – seem unfamiliar with the rules regarding placement of their trash outside of their units.

The board recently distributed a fact sheet with important information about your trash. This information is included in the disclosure packet you received when you purchased your unit at Woodwinds; if you are a renter, your landlord should provide these rules to you since they apply to everyone. If you did not receive a copy of this fact sheet, highlights include the following:

- Trash should be set at the curb only on scheduled trash pick-up days (Mondays and Thursdays). **Trash may not be set out before 8:00 pm the night before trash pick-up** and should not be set out after 6:00 am on trash days.
- Recycling pick-up is provided on Mondays only. Metal, and paper recycling materials should be set apart from the regular trash to facilitate pick-up. *Glass is no longer collected in Fairfax County.*
- The outdoor trash receptacles are intended for incidental trash and pet waste. They should not be used to dispose of personal trash that accumulates between scheduled trash pick-up days.
- You can take your excess trash to the Fairfax waste station on West Ox Road if you cannot store it until trash day. **You are responsible for your trash until it is on the trash truck.**

FIOS AT WOODWINDS

After several years of working with Verizon, the Board announces that, as of March, FiOS is now available at Woodwinds. Fios by Verizon is a 100% fiber-optic network and offers residents another option for



internet, phone, and data services. Verizon installed the fiber network throughout Woodwinds so that it is accessible to each unit. If you are interested in FiOS, contact Verizon.

BUILDINGS CLEANED

The brick buildings have been professionally power-washed, removing harmful lichen, unsightly water stains, and greatly improving the curb appeal of the community. Soggy soil and the shut-down of non-essential businesses interrupted this task, so the remaining portions of the buildings will be cleaned in early Fall 2020.

PARKING DECALS

Distribution of the 2019-2020 parking decals will resume this month. Many residents have registered their vehicles with Woodwinds Association and received new decals. If you have not yet registered your vehicle (excluding motorcycles) and have not received a new parking decal, please contact Diana, our property manager, as soon as possible. Properly registered vehicles will help with parking enforcement in the community and are a valuable tool for identifying your vehicles when onsite maintenance requires moving them out of harm's way.

RULE REMINDER

Water Shut-off – Water mains in the garden condos serve many units in addition to yours. For non-emergency plumbing tasks that necessitate turning off the water in your building, please remember the following guidelines:

- You must make arrangements with the property manager at least 4 days in advance of the proposed shut-off time
- Notices will be posted at the entrances of affected buildings 72 hours in advance
- Water may not be shut off before 9:30 am or after 4:30 pm
- Water may not be shut off on weekends or holidays
- Water may not be shut off for more than 3 hours
- Work with your plumber to minimize the impact of shut-off time and length.

Landscaping – All areas outside of your unit are Association common property. Changes to the landscape, including planting, removal, thinning, pruning, or trimming of trees, shrubs, and flowers and addition or modification of edging, terracing,

stonework, or pavers requires written permission from the Board of Directors.

Storage – No bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, baby carriages, other vehicles, toys, or other personal articles shall be allowed to stand in hallways, entranceways, stairwells, sidewalks, or paths.

BOARD VACANCY

The Board is looking for volunteer candidates who are willing to serve the community and protect our collective investments. If you have an interest and can spare a minimum of 2 hours per month, please contact our property manager.

BOARD MEETINGS

Woodwinds Board meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month. All owners and residents are encouraged to attend board meetings. Please contact the property manager prior to the meeting for the meeting location. Future meeting times and locations will be posted on the Woodwinds website.

WOODWINDS WEBSITE

The Woodwinds website has news and information relevant to our community including by-laws, rules and regulations, and forms for frequent services. The URL is <http://www.woodwindsreston.com> To receive electronic notifications of updates to the information posted on the website, please scroll down to the bottom of the main webpage, click **Follow** at the bottom right side of the page, enter your email address, click **Sign Me Up**, and follow the prompts

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