



# Community Newsletter

September/October 2020

**'The Board of Directors'  
meet the third Monday  
of each month at 6:30pm  
Please attend to be  
informed.**



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## *The Ashland Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting*

Will be held  
19th October at 7:00pm  
Ashland Clubhouse

The 2021 Budget and  
State of the Association.

To stay informed, all residents are  
strongly encouraged to attend.

Masks will be required.  
Please Observe Social Distancing

# ASHLAND DIRECTORY

**ASHLAND COMMUNITY CENTER.....703-878-6733**

Office Hours - Monday to Friday ..... 8:00am to 5:00pm

EXTENDED HOURS - WEDNESDAY .....8:00AM TO 7:00PM

## COMMUNITY MANAGER:

Jeffry Gardunio, .....ashlandgm@comcast.net

## ASHLAND FITNESS CENTER/POOL

Alex Hubley.....[ashlandfitness@comcast.net](mailto:ashlandfitness@comcast.net)

Mon to Thurs.....3:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday ..... 9:00am-12:00pm..... **703-670-7963**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Costa.....President

Frank Falgiano.....Vice President

Brian English.....Member

Mark Solomon.....Member

Steven Matias.....Member

## COMMITTEES

### ARCC

Dave Harris..... Mike Hubley

Christa Denny..... Robert Martin

### EVENTS

Nerene Rouse.....Reno3233@comcast.net

Paige Wilmeth.....

### NEWSLETTER

Alex Hubley.....ashlandfitness@comcast.net

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Positions available.....

### POOL COMMITTEE

Positions available.....

### OPEN SPACES

Positions available.....

### WELCOME COMMITTEE

Positions available.....

### STREET CAPTAIN CO-ORDINATOR

Kim Brosnihan .....Kimsb42@aol.com

**WEB SITE**.....[www.AshlandConservancy.com](http://www.AshlandConservancy.com)

**FIRST SERVICE RESIDENTIAL**.....301-495-6600...x 4158

Property Manager-.....Michael.Constant@FSResidential.com

Re-Sale Packages-Jennifer Norris.....301-495-6615

Email.....Jennifer.Norris@FSResidential.com

HOA Account Information-Duane Dennis.....301-495-6648

Email.....Duane.Dennis@FSResidential.com

Send HOA Dues Coupon & payment to:

P.O. Box 62028

Newark, NJ 07101-8060

## USEFUL NUMBERS



Non-Emergency Police..... 703-792-6500

Animal Control..... 703-792-6465

.....after 5pm.. 703-792-6500

County Supervisor Andrea Bailey.....571-217-5454

PWC Dept. of Public Works..... 703-792-6820

Virginia Dept. of Transport..... 703-383-VDOT

## UTILITIES

American Disposal..... 703-368-0500

Comcast Cable..... 1-800-934-6489

NOVEC Electricity..... 703-335-0500

Columbia Gas.....1-800-543-8911

PWCSA -Water.....703-335-7950

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Call Miss Utility at 811 at least 72 hrs before you start to dig.

## DEVELOPER CONTACT

Elm Street Development.....703-734-9730

K. Hovnanian.....703-885-7100

## DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE:

Audit of Financial statements

ARCC Design Guidelines

ARCC Inspection Checklist

ARCC Exterior Modification Application

Mailbox Post Color Information

Committee Volunteer Form

Clubhouse Rental Application

ABC License Application

FSResidential Direct Payment Form

Recycling Guidelines

**Please remember  
to store your  
trash bins out  
of view on  
non-collection  
days**



# Managers Corner



Dear Ashland Conservancy Community,

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you. As your new General Manager, I look forward to serving the community and helping maintain the neighborhoods' beautiful houses and grounds. The people I have met are lovely, kind, and helpful in learning more about Ashland Conservancy.

I grew up in a small town in Colorado before joining the U.S. Army as a Public Affairs Specialist. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration while also working for over 11 years in Property Management. My family and I reside in the Stafford area and have lived in Virginia for more than 15 years.

I want to echo what Dave Costa, President of Ashland Home Owner's Association, said about working with you to help the community. We can do better together by having community involvement in volunteering for the Communications Committee, Open Space Committee, Architectural Review Covenants Committee (ARCC), and several others. There are 880 homes in our Conservancy, and a few minutes from your busy schedule will help the neighbor maintain its premier status.

One of the responsibilities I have here is to perform inspections of the grounds and your homes. Constant communication with our landscapers, Trash Company, and other contractors is essential to building and maintaining a partnership for investing in Ashland Conservancy. The most important relationship I create here is with you. Under the current circumstances, we can do that with emails, phone calls, letters, and responsible in-person visits. I want to hear your ideas and any issues you see in the community.

Being a homeowner myself, I can understand receiving the courtesy reminder letters with different opinions and emotions. In my opinion, the goal is to help everyone understand their responsibility for their part of the Associations' ARCC. Before too long, Fall will be here, and outdoor housework will be harder to check off on our to-do lists.

I look forward to serving the community and thank you for helping maintain our beautiful neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Gardunio

Greetings Ashland Community.

Below is a summary of the August Board of Director's meeting.

1. Five board members, Regional Manager Michael Constant, and new General Manager Jeffry Gardunio, attended. There were no owners in attendance. Up to 15 owners were allowed to participate in the meeting. The Board observed parliamentary procedures and approved July's minutes.
2. The Board agreed to make the tennis courts on Fincastle a hybrid to include pickleball. Events and usage of the clubhouse remain prohibited because of recommendations from the Association's Attorney and Insurance Agent's concern for liability. The Board would love to help the community and have the clubhouse and gym facility available. However, they have made the difficult decision to follow the recommendations and keep these areas closed.
3. The boards address the need for the Architectural Review Covenants Committee to continue its monthly meetings. They have offered to give any support if the committee needs them to attend or provide guidance. The next hearings and modification's meetings are on September 2, 2020.
4. The Board approved landscaping improvements around the townhomes and recommended repair or replacement of the irrigation system in next year's budget. The Board moved the financials to add storage shed at the clubhouse for 2022.
5. The Board approved to repair and paint the tennis courts and basketball courts on Fincastle. The Board approved the moving of the nets from Fincastle to the clubhouse and to purchase new nets.
6. Financials continue to be on target. Multiple projects have been paid for, which include repairs to the tennis courts and basketball courts by the clubhouse. They also created a timeline and deadline for the 2021 budget. Yes, there is a funding surplus, but expenses such as legal fees will impact the variance throughout the year. The Board is working to keep the community in a financially healthy situation
7. Winkler Pool Management completed the swimming pool repairs to the motor and seal. Continued maintenance to clean the main pool and winterize the baby pool. The Board decided to close the pool for the season. Due to the attorneys' and insurance agency's recommendations, most amenities will remain closed for the foreseeable future.
8. The Board discussed plans to phase in a plan to start replacing playgrounds. No significant issues were discovered, but the units are over 20 years old. They would like to see investment in these areas for the future.
9. Trash removal is improving but remains a challenge. The Board asked the management to continue to monitor and partner with American Disposal to ensure that emptying common area trash cans and grounds are clean. They understand we see an increase in trash and recycling due to COVID.
10. The official community website needs improvement. The Board discussed the options to have the Ashland Conservancy website managed by Ashland Management or First Residential Services. The Board asked for an estimate on the cost for each solution..
11. The Board held an executive session and discussed the annual meeting for October 19, 2020.



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## Request to Address the Board of Directors

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain in detail what you would like to discuss at the Board of Directors Meeting.

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Please return this form to the management office by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month in order to be placed on the agenda.

\*\*You will be allowed between 3 & 5 minutes to speak at the meeting.

# Ashland Community Fall Yard Sale 2020

**When:** Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
(Rain Date -10<sup>th</sup> October)

7:30am - 2:00pm

**Where:** Residents Garages or at the Clubhouse

Please notify Kay Wright at  
[krnw456123@aol.com](mailto:krnw456123@aol.com)  
if you plan on participating at  
the Clubhouse.

Please place Yard Sale on  
your subject line.



**Please follow the Covid-19 Restrictions**  
**Wear mask, Social Distance, Use Hand Sanitizer**



# ASHLAND HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

All homes decorated by

14<sup>th</sup> October are automatically entered.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place plus 3 Honorable Mentions  
will be awarded prizes.

**You will be notified by email with the date  
that the homes will be judged.**



**AN AWARD SIGN WILL BE PLACED IN THE YARD OF EACH WINNER**

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL NERENE - [RENO3233@COMCAST.NET](mailto:RENO3233@COMCAST.NET)**





# Ashland

## Christmas Home Decorating

### Contest 2020



All homes decorated by  
December 12th  
are automatically entered.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plus 3 runner ups  
will be awarded.

You will be notified by email with the date that  
the homes will be judged

Questions: Email Nerene at [Reno3233@comcast.net](mailto:Reno3233@comcast.net)



## FITNESS & POOL

Ashland Fitness & Pool 703-670-7963  
E-Mail: Alex Hubley at Ashlandfitness@comcast.net

Monday to Thursday  
3:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am to 12:00pm

### **MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

All residents over the age of two years are required to have a Membership Card in order to use the Fitness Center/Pool and Recreational Facilities.

If you are new to the neighborhood, please come down to the Fitness Center to fill out an application and have your picture taken.

If you have lost your membership card, now is the time to come in and get a replacement made.

*There is a \$5 charge for replacement membership cards, payable by check only.*

### **APPLICATIONS AND PICTURES ARE TAKEN**

Monday to Thursday  
3:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturday  
9:00am to 12:00pm



If you are a new homeowner please bring a copy of your settlement paper and some proof of ID. Renters will need to bring a copy of the rental lease.

### **THE FITNESS CENTER IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

Admittance is with an electronic key fob.

If you haven't picked up your key fob, please do so at the office Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:30pm with extended hours Wednesday 7:00am - 7:00pm. Please bring your Ashland Membership card with you. Only homeowners are allowed to sign for a key fob. The first key fob is issued free of charge, you can purchase extra keys for a \$10 fee.

Residents must be 18yrs. old to use the fitness room. Minors 15yrs. to 17yrs. can use the fitness room without an adult as long as the parent/legal guardian has signed a waiver and purchased a key fob. Minors 13yrs. to 14 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult .

Please remember children under the age of 13 yrs. are not permitted in the fitness facility.

Guests are not allowed to use the fitness facility.

*For your convenience you may pick up  
the key fob after business hours at the Fitness Centre*

### **POOL GUEST POLICY**

All guests must pay a \$3.00 daily fee or \$15.00 for a 5-day punch card. **Payable by check only.**

There is a limit of five guests per household.

Guests must be accompanied by a resident 15 yrs. or older.

A copy of all the Rules and Regulations is available at the Fitness Center.

**\*\*\*WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH\*\*\***

## **MAILBOX POST COLOR**

Residents have inquired about the appropriate color to repaint the fading and chipping mailbox posts.

To make it easy for residents, we have set up an account specifically for the Ashland mailbox at the following **SHERWIN-WILLIAMS** paint store.

If you ask for **MAILBOX-ASHLAND CONSERVANCY**, the correct color will be mixed with no hassle.

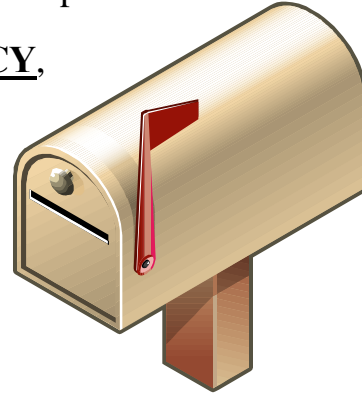
### **SHERWIN-WILLIAMS**

Store # 3450

4119 Cheshire Station Plz

Dale City, VA 22193-2200

703-670-3960



This is in the shopping plaza at the intersection of Dale Blvd and Minnieville Road.

## **MAILBOX POST PAINT**

The Home Owner's Association has authorized the community manager to purchase several quarts of the mailbox post paint.

Paint can be borrowed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details please contact the management office at 703-878-6733.

## **REPLACING THE POST AND MAILBOX**

The post and mailbox can be purchased at **MAINSTREET MAILBOXES** in Centreville.

Call 571-379-8454 Monday to Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Ask for the **MP-27** or the **Ashland-K.Hov. Post**

MAINSTREET MAILBOXES can install this and paint it, but please use the paint color we've supplied at SHERWIN-WILLIAMS.

**Any other type of mailbox post or color will be considered in violation.**

# NOTICE

Pursuant to requests received from owners, the Board of Directors has changed the age limit for the use of the fitness facility without adult supervision from 17yrs. to 15yrs.

The following requirements will need to be met:

The exercise facility waiver listing name of the minor needs to be completed by the parent/legal guardian. A fob will be issued to the minor (\$10 charge will be incurred by the parent/legal guardian).

## The Potomac Magisterial District Supervisor welcomes your questions, comments or advice



**Supervisor Andrea Bailey** welcomes suggestions and questions, If you want to stay informed, please access <https://www.supervisorandreabailey.com> and familiarize yourself with the future development projects scheduled for the neighborhood.

We will also try to provide an update in each edition of the newsletter.

<http://twitter.com/PotomacDistrict/status/1226924433182425090>

## The Ashland Community Website

Check it out at:

[www.AshlandConservancy.com](http://www.AshlandConservancy.com)



If using IE browser you need to add the site in compatibility mode.

## Ashland Resident E-Mail List

Would you like to get all the up to date information on the happenings in Ashland?

Contact Alex Hubley  
[Ashlandfitness@comcast.net](mailto:Ashlandfitness@comcast.net)  
to sign up.

Please use Ashland Conservancy E-Mail List in the subject line.

Please provide your house address for verification.

## DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE:

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Recycling Guidelines

## **ADVISORY**

**Please be reminded that the fitness room doors and windows are protected with an alarm system.**

The signs posted on the emergency exit door and on all the windows, are clearly stating this fact.

Anyone caught opening these windows and doors will be held responsible for the false alarm fee that the police department charges the community.

## **Please be reminded that picking up after your dog is not a choice.**

It is a responsibility.

For your convenience, pet stations have been placed throughout the community.

### **Ashland Conservancy's Pet Policy states that:**

- All dogs must be on a leash when on any common ground, including the sidewalks.
- Pet owners must pick-up after their pets immediately.



Thank you.

### **Friendly reminder**

Residents are advised to keep the post lamp and/or the porch lights lit during the night. It helps to have as many lights as possible around your property in order to deter vandalism.

## **Are you planning to rent your home?**

In order for us to communicate pertinent issues with regards to your home and the Association, please provide First Residential with your forwarding address.

Email - [Duane.dennis@fsresidential.com](mailto:Duane.dennis@fsresidential.com)    Tel. 301-495-6648



# Prince William Recycles



## RECYCLE ALL YOU SHOULD (clean, dry & un-bagged)



No plastic bags!



Mixed Paper:

Newspaper, magazines, "junk mail," office paper and paperboard boxes (cereal, tissue, etc.)



Aluminum & Steel Cans



Cardboard (please flatten)



Plastic Bottles & Jugs

## PLACE IN TRASH ONLY



Diapers



Styrofoam



Hose or Wire



Container Glass\*

\* Glass will be recycled at special purple bins located at the Landfill and Balls Ford Road Compost facilities. See website for additional details.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION (not in recycling or trash)

Accepted at Landfill and Balls Ford Compost Facilities:

Accepted during regular business hours

- ◆ Motor oil, anti-freeze, oil filters and auto batteries
- ◆ Scrap metal and appliances
- ◆ Household batteries

Accepted at Landfill Household Hazardous Waste Program:

Hours: Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10am—5pm

- ◆ Paint, pesticides, unwanted fuel and other household chemicals
- ◆ Electronics (computers, televisions, etc.)
- ◆ Fluorescent bulbs

# When in doubt, leave it out!

[www.pwcgov.org/recycling](http://www.pwcgov.org/recycling)





*Ashland Conservancy Inc.*  
 5550 Fincastle Drive, Manassas, VA 20112  
 Tel. 703-670-7963

## Ashland Community Newsletter Advertisements 2020

The Ashland Community Newsletter is posted online six times a year. Advertising in the newsletter is accepted on a first come, first serve, and space available basis. The newsletter editor reserves the right to edit or postpone printing certain articles/ads.

**All ads can be emailed as an attachment to [ashlandfitness@comcast.net](mailto:ashlandfitness@comcast.net) or originals need to be submitted camera ready and accompanied by a check payable to Ashland Conservancy. There is a \$35 fee for any and all returned checks.** While we try to have the newsletter online within the first week of the month, we cannot guarantee a specified date.

To place an ad in the upcoming issue, please complete the form below along with your camera- ready ad and payment to our office.

If you need further assistance or have questions, please contact Alex Hubley, Newsletter Editor, at 703-670-7963 or

E-mail [Ashlandfitness@comcast.net](mailto:Ashlandfitness@comcast.net)

**Please check the appropriate spaces:**

	Issue Requested	Deadline for Payment and Ad Receipt
	January/February	December 1
	March/April	February 1
	May/June	April 1
	July/August	June 1
	September/October	August 1
	November/December	October 1

**Cost per Issue** (please circle selection)

	Resident	Non-Resident
Full Page: 7x10	\$180	<b>\$200</b>
Half Page: 7x4	\$90	<b>\$100</b>
Quarter-Page: 3.5x4	\$45	<b>\$50</b>
Business Card: 3.5x2	\$30	<b>\$35</b>
Classifieds: (40 words)	\$15	<b>\$25</b>

Payment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Requesting Ad: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Ashland Conservancy Inc.  
 5550 Fincastle Drive,  
 Manassas, VA 20112

15 October 2019



## ASHLAND CLASSIFIEDS

**YARD CLEANUP, MULCHING, BUSH TRIMMING,  
LAWN VACUUMING - LEAF REMOVAL,  
LICENSED AND INSURED. FREE ESTIMATES.  
WIDEWATER C.S.INC. CALL;: 571-276-5001**

Fall is here and it's time to take care of your checklist before it is too cold. Walk around your property. If you spot any that needs repair, schedule it before winter weather hits.

- \*Ensure lamp post is in good condition and working order
- \*Replace your filters for your home
- \*Clean the mildew from siding of the home
- \*Clean gutters and downspouts
- \*Prune your trees and shrubs after the leaves turn to encourage healthy growth.

Daylight savings ends on November 1, 2020. It will be here before you know it.

### Copperhead Snakes

Copperheads are usually found in wooded areas among rocks, or at the edges of streams or ponds. They are good swimmers. This snake can be seen in the day time during **Spring or Fall**, but in Summer they are mostly nocturnal.

Copperheads hibernate in the winter.

Ashland is surrounded by woods and this particular snake is common to our area. Please be careful when doing yard work and keep an eye on your children and pets at all times.

The Copperhead is Northern Virginia's only venomous snake.



The Copperhead can be identified by its triangular shaped head and vertical pupils (the black part of its eyeball goes up and down instead of left to right). Copperheads can grow over four feet long. They have patterns of brown crossbands over a body which can be copper, orange, or pinkish-brown. The top of the Copperhead's head is unmarked. It has a pit on each side of its face, which is used to help it detect bodyheat from prey.

Young Copperheads have a yellow-tipped tail. They use this as a lure to attract small animals, such as frogs.

<http://www.virginiaherpetologicalsociety.com/venomous-look-a-likes/copperhead-look-a-likes/copperhead.asp>

# SEPTEMBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31	1	2 <b>**ARCC**</b> MEET 7PM CLUBHOUSE	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  <b>EVENTS</b> COMMITTEE MEET 7PM CLUBHOUSE	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  <b>BOARD</b> <b>OF</b> <b>DIRECTORS</b>  MEET 6:30PM CLUBHOUSE	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

# OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	1 DEADLINE FOR Nov-DEC NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	2	3	4
5	6	7 **ARCC** MEET 7PM CLUBHOUSE	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 HALLOWEEN Decorating Contest	15	16	17	18
19 ANNUAL MEETING  7PM CLUBHOUSE	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1