

THE MANOR MONITOR

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Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

* The January 2011 meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the Vint Hill Manor Homeowners Association (HOA) was held on Tuesday, the 3rd, at 7PM, in the Conference Room at the Vint Hill Conservancy/VHEDA offices at 4263 Aiken Drive. The regular, monthly BOD meetings are open and all members are invited to attend.

* At the beginning of each monthly meeting, there is an opportunity for members to make comments and/or present questions for the BOD's consideration, as well as advise concerns, or offer ideas. Minutes of the previous meeting, as well as current financial statements, are made available to all attendees. Significant items addressed at the meeting are covered in the Newsletter.

New Trash and Recyclables Containers – WHEELS TO THE CURB!!!

Recently as (hopefully) everyone knows, County Waste took over the contract previously held by JD. On Tuesday, January 31, 2012, County Waste provided every home in our community with a new 'small-size' (35 gal) wheeled container for Recyclable Materials, and collected the Blue Bins previously used for this purpose. The company also provided a packet of informational material with each container. *Please read the material in the packet, especially the listing of acceptable and non-acceptable materials for recycling.*

PLEASE do NOT put items in the Recyclable Materials Container in 'plastic bags'. Just dump your paper, cans, bottles, etc., loosely and freely into the container. Remember, from now on, RECYCLABLES COLLECTION DAY IS FRIDAY.

On Tuesday, February 7, County Waste will provide every home in our community with a 'large-size' (95 gal) wheeled container for Trash and will provide another packet of informational material. They also will collect any large green containers, previously used for Trash, that are out at the curb.

So, whether you have Trash to be collected or not, or even if you have a little bit of Trash, put the old, big, green container out on Tuesday (2/7/12), with Wheels to the Curb.

In addition to the information about the County Waste Programs, the packet contains a phone number to call to arrange for a different size container FOR EITHER TRASH OR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS. In other words, we can get a larger container for Recyclables, or we can get a smaller container for Trash.

For those residents who were not home when the new Recyclable Container was delivered and/or will not be home when the new Trash Container is delivered, just put them out for collection at the next appropriate opportunity – in other words, if you still have your Blue Bin, put it out next Friday or any succeeding Friday. If you still have

your big green container after Tuesday (2/7/12), put it out the following Tuesday or any Tuesday thereafter.

Please remember, in order to accommodate the new 'automated' collection system, it is important for the containers (both the Recyclables Container and the Trash Container) to be placed at the curb correctly so that the mechanical arms can grasp the containers and dump them into the respective truck. There is information inscribed on the lids; but, the easiest way to remember how to situate the containers is **WHEELS TO THE CURB!!!**

Finally – and this is just a suggestion/observation – it is probably NOT a good idea to place either container (or vehicle, for that matter) anywhere in close proximity to the mailbox in order to preclude any interference with the delivery of mail. Use the curb space on the opposite side of the driveway.

Security Reminder

Keep your vehicles, that you park outside, locked at all times. Recently one of our residents, upon leaving her home, surprised a youth that was in her vehicle and who, when discovered, ran off in the direction of one of the other Vint Hill communities. This and other incidents of vehicle break-ins, that have been reported in the past, seem to be random and would fall in the category of 'crimes of opportunity'. So please remember to keep your vehicles that are parked outside – even if in your own driveway – locked at all times.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Activity

* **Stan Manvel**, acting Chair of the ARC, and serving as the non-voting representative from the BOD, advised that there was no meeting in December due to the holidays and that the ARC currently was in receipt of no modification requests. **The next ARC meeting was scheduled for January 31, 2012, at 7PM, at 3596 Sutherland Ct.** ARC meetings are regularly scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month.

* The ARC is always more than ready and willing to meet with any homeowner to provide guidance and/or assistance with the necessary application(s) *which are required before exterior modifications are made to our homes*. In a spirit of cooperation, please help the ARC 'maintain' its goal of Complete Compliance! **Manor Pride!**

* **Anyone interested in serving on the ARC, and/or willing to take on the Chair position, is encouraged to contact Stan Manvell, BOD Liaison to the ARC. Stan can be reached at 341-2886, or at – stanvell@comcast.net .**

Programs (Repeat)

* **Who** – Motorists 50 and older.

* **What** – AARP Driver Safety Program

- * **Where** – Fauquier Hospital, Sycamore Room (Use main entrance and stop at Information Desk for directions) Room capacity 35.
- * **When** – Tue, Mar 20 and Thu, Mar 22, 2012 – 9AM to 1PM each day.
- * **Why** – It’s an opportunity for motorists, 50 and older, to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely. The course takes into consideration the physical changes of the maturing driver and identifies ways he/she may compensate for those changes. A side benefit is the potential for savings in car insurance costs.
- * **How** –
 - Call 540-316-3588 and get more info and/or register.
 - Go on-line to – www.fauquierhospital.org /Click on “Classes and Events” / Advance the calendar to March 2012 / Click on the date/box March 20 / Detailed information will be presented, plus an opportunity to register.
- * **How Much** – The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Bring a CHECK payable to AARP the first day of class. Do NOT attempt to pay by cash or send checks through Fauquier Health. If you register on-line, you have the option also to pay on-line and receive a payment confirmation via e-mail.

Note: Attendees are welcome to purchase lunch at the hospital’s “Bistro on the Hill” restaurant.

**Vint Hill Manor Homeowners’ Association
Board of Directors’ Meeting Agenda
January 03, 2012**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Membership Comment Period**
- 3. Minutes of Previous BOD Meeting**
- 4. Financial/Treasurer’s Report**
- 5. ARC Report**
- 6. Workgroup Reports**
- 7. Unfinished Business**
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Annual Meeting Details**
 - b. Common Grounds Contract**
- 9. Adjournment**

BOD Vacancy

Advance Notice: Three (3) positions will need to be filled at the Annual Membership Meeting in March 2012. Please give some thought, in the interim, to stepping up and applying for one of these positions.

ARMI

* The Austin Realty Management and Investment Company (ARMI), as part of its service under contract to the Vint Hill Manor HOA, is positioned to serve as a liaison between the community and the BOD and/or the ARC members. **Fred Austin**, owner of ARMI, advises that direct contact with his company results in all BOD and ARC members, as the case may dictate, being advised.

* ARMI's address, where our monthly HOA assessments are sent, is: PO Box 3413, Warrenton, VA 20188. Phone: 540-347-1901, Fax: 540-347-1900
Website: www.ARMIVA.com.

* Reminders:

– Members will be charged a \$5 fee if the HOA assessment payment is received after the 25th day of the month.

– For those members needing **Envelopes for Payment of HOA Assessments**, please contact **Tom Daily** at – tomrdee@comcast.net or **540-341-7606**. Be sure to include your name, address, and the number of envelopes you will need. Tom will deliver them to the receptacle beneath your mail box within a few days of your ordering them.

Deliveries have already been made to those who have requested them. If you did notify Tom and do not yet have your envelopes, please contact Tom again.

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