

The Village Green Shady Grove Village Community Council August 2010

Back to School Social Friday, August 27, 2010 6:30 p.m. Tot Lot # 2

Plans are underway to hold an end of Summer/Back to School Social for our residents. Come out for a visit, and enjoy a special treat (Shush – we are hoping for ice cream for the first 100 attendees!) Tot Lot #2 is behind Blue Silo Court and Silver Kettle Court.

See you Friday 8/27!

By Laws, Covenants and Declarations Changes Planned

Many things have changed in the 40+ years since Shady Grove Village was built- after all, Nixon was President, gas was 35¢ per gallon, and the average cost of a new house was \$15,500. What hasn't changed are the official documents that govern how our homeowner's association operates. In the next few weeks, the current board of directors will be asking you to vote on a slate of changes to our Covenants and Bylaws. The goal is to delete outdated language and topics that no longer apply, as well as to make it easier for the board to carry out the business of community.

MTM Management will send out packets soon that will include the revised documents and voting

information. There will be an explanation for each of the changes being sought, and you will be asked to vote in person at our September 1st community meeting, or to vote before the 1st by proxy.

Please look for your packet, and please vote. If you have a question, you should send them to Donna Menze at MTM (donnam@mtmmgmt.com). A board member will try to respond to your question as soon as possible.

Architectural Committee News

The Architectural Committee would like to thank everyone for contributing to the beauty of our neighborhood by maintaining your homes in such wonderful condition. Our area experienced record-breaking snowstorms but the spring inspectors still found many homes with no violations and the majority with only minor issues. Don't forget to make necessary repairs noted on your inspection form before the re-inspections which are scheduled for September 2010.

Help our Trees

Have you noticed the new trees in the neighborhood? After the storms and snowstorms last winter, we have replaced a number of damaged trees. Please help keep these new trees watered. We are contracting with the landscaping company to provide water, but everyone can help with this task.

Dog Etiquette

What a great time for our pets to be outside during the spring, summer and fall. We all love this time of year. So, we would like to remind all pet owners, according to the City of Gaithersburg, pets must be leashed at all times in public areas. There is a Dog Park less than a mile from Shady Grove Village for the dogs to get their playtime unleashed. Please go onto the City of Gaithersburg website to register for a city dog license if you do not already have one.

It is also against the city ordinance to not pick up after your pet defecates. Shady Grove Village has installed and maintains several waste baskets around the neighborhood for residents to place their trash and dispose of doggy "doo" bags. Please help us keep the neighborhood clean and safe for our children and pets.

Parking

Please be polite and share our parking. Visitor parking is reserved for visitors – NOT your 3rd and 4th car! We are fortunate to have 2 assigned parking spaces. Extra cars should be parked on Story Drive.

If you know of chronic abuse, please call MTM and request these cars be towed.

Curb and Parking Painting

Parking spaces and numbering will be repainted soon. We plan to paint your parking number on the street and we will strip your parking space so it's easier to park your vehicle in a straight line. Yellow curbs will be painted at the same time.

Be on the lookout for the notice for the specific date for painting and plan to move your car, or be prepared to pay the towing fee.

If you are out of town or on vacation, make arrangements with a neighbor to move your car to avoid the towing fee.

Halloween Parade

Plan to show off your Halloween Costume in a Village Halloween Parade this fall. Join the Social Committee to plan this fun event. Email Donna Menze donnam@mtmngmt.com to volunteer.

