



OakLeaves



South Run Oaks Neighborhood News January 2017



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A Message From The Corner Lot

Dear South Run Oaks Homeowners,

Here are some helpful snow storm tips:

1. Park your vehicles in your driveway - Aside from the community not looking cluttered with vehicles parked on the streets, there are other considerations: parking on the road keeps plows from clearing the whole road, curb to curb as they travel, and your cars are at a greater risk for damage from other vehicles, etc. Also, parking in the cul-de-sac makes it virtually impossible for the plow to push snow at the end, and very difficult for them to turn around. Please park in your driveway or garage, especially during inclement weather.
2. When shoveling your driveway apron, pile the snow to the right - Looking down your driveway towards the road, shovel to the right. This reduces the amount of snow which is plowed back in the apron, as the plows continue to push snow.
3. If you live near a fire hydrant, please keep it clear of snow- Clear snow and ice away from all hydrants so that they are easily visible in the event of a fire. Residents are also reminded that parking is prohibited within 15 feet of a fire hydrant located along the curb line or edge of any public or private roadway. No special curb marking is required for enforcement.
4. Keep storm drains clear of snow and ice - In especially heavy snows, flooding may occur when it begins to melt.
5. Do not place your trashcan or recycle bin in the road/curb gutter on snow days when it is heavy enough to plow - Trashcans and bins create obstacles, which at best, plow drivers will simply go around or accidentally punt into your yard. Chances are that trash service will be suspended anyways for that day, so hold off on putting out your bins until the following scheduled trash day.
6. Mark your driveway apron before the snow - Mark the edge of your driveway with a pair of temporary stakes, which will aid plow drivers in knowing the boundaries of your apron. Plow drivers are not aware of where your driveway begins or ends, as they are often not familiar with the community. This is especially true at the ends of a cul-de-sac, where snow is often pushed and piled.

Speaking of plows, in the past, we have received many compliments for how our roads look. While the BOD would certainly like to take credit for this, it has actually been VDOT (contract) workers plowing SRO. Now, and in the future, you can track plows and follow their locations at: <http://vdotplows.org/>. This website also provides area roadway web cameras to view live conditions.

Please remember, the SRO HOA contract plow generally isn't called until after the snow has ended. VDOT has taken the initiative to hire hundreds of contract plow operators in the region, many who clear communities such as ours. The results over the past couple years have been great, and as a savings to our community, we did not have to touch our snow removal budget again last year!

This year, as a result of a VDOT contract plow going MIA on the Flaming Oak-side of the community, VDOT will add a third plow to supplement the two plows assigned to that area (which is shared with the Barrington Community). We will monitor the roads and call VDOT for hot spots, if needed.

We hope this information is useful - stay safe and warm this winter!

Best regards,
Chris Chessnoe
President, SRO HOA

LADIES OF SOUTH RUN OAKS

Join your neighbors for a monthly get together in the neighborhood. It's a wonderful way to network and to get to know your fellow South Run Oakians.

Thank you very much to Melinda Fortunato for hosting our December meeting in her beautiful home.

**Our January meeting will take place on:
Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m.
Home of Regina McGloin
9619 Laurel Oak Pl.**

At this meeting, we'll also have our fourth (optional) White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a gift or other treasure that you don't want or need anymore, that's worth around \$15. It could be a decoration, kitchen item, jewelry, etc., and each person can bring up to 2 items. Please wrap your gifts.

Bring yourself, a neighbor, and a dish to share. Let us know if you need a ride.

Get on our email mailing list at julborenst@icloud.com and/or request to join our Ladies of South Run Oaks Social Group Facebook page.

For more information contact Leslie Sandler at lsandler@cox.net or Julie Borenstein at julborenst@icloud.com

WEBSITE

For more information about our community , including architectural change forms, HOA meeting content and updates visit:

www.southernoaks.com

SPREAD THE WORD!

Let your neighbors know OakLeaves is now online. In order to receive an electronic newsletter go to www.southernoaks.com and create an account including an email in your profile.

HOA FEE ASSESSMENT

Residents are encouraged to sign up for online assessment payments using a credit card or e-check. To make a payment online, please log onto www.cardinalmanagementgroup.com and click "Online Assessment Payments".

If you mail a payment the address as of January 1, 2017 is
South Run Oaks HOA
c/o Cardinal Management Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 52358
Phoenix, AZ 85072-2358
Contact Melody Ford 703 565 5302 with any questions.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Thank you for helping us protect and maintain the stream and our open spaces for the entire community to enjoy! Please remember to keep yard waste (broken and pruned tree branches, shrub clippings, dead shrubs and trees, grass clippings, Christmas trees, and leaves) out of common area.

We have renewed our contract with Custom Care, the common area grounds maintenance company.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The committee is looking for a Chairperson and additional volunteers to help with the task of assessing properties. To volunteer contact

Jessica Mattran
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Thank you to Stewart and Carol Liles for their hard work as they step down from the ARB.

The ARB standards can be found in the Documents section of the South Run Oaks Website
www.southernoaks.com

YARD DEBRIS PICK UP CHANGES

New county regulations for yard debris pick-up will be in place beginning July 2017. From the county's website:

All haulers servicing customers in Fairfax County will be required to pick up yard waste in reusable containers or paper bags starting next year (2017); no plastic bags will be accepted starting July 1, 2017. When there is no alternative but to dispose of yard waste, please use paper lawn bags. Using paper instead of plastic bags reduces the yard waste facilities' cost for the labor and equipment used to open the bags. It also eliminates the need and cost to remove any small pieces of plastic caused when ripping open the bags either manually or mechanically. Eliminating plastic bags for yard waste collection helps ensure all local yard waste management facilities are providing the end-users the highest-quality end-products for use on residential and commercial lawns and gardens. Plastic is currently acceptable (until July 2017), and paper bags have always been acceptable for curbside collection of yard waste.

For more details visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/yardwaste.htm>

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

First Place

9618 Flaming Oak

Second Place

9698 Holly Oak

Third Place

9707 Chapel Oak

This January and February...



Have a Heart

**Valentine's Day
Special**

Help keep SCHS graduating seniors and our community SAFE on graduation evening

*Buy an All Night Grad Party (ANGP) ticket during January or February in honor of Valentine's Day and that student will receive **14 bonus raffle tickets** to win amazing prizes at the party!*

(You can donate a ticket, too!)

What is ANGP? ANGP is a "Party with A Purpose" created by MADD to help keep graduating seniors and their communities safe on a dangerous night (graduation evening). ANGP is a parent-chaperoned, drug, alcohol and smoke-free 6-hour party held at SCHS attended by hundreds of students each year. It features all-you-can-eat-food, dozens of inflatables & fun activities, & chances to win amazing and useful prizes for post high school life. ANGP has been an effective and much-anticipated tradition at SCHS and dozens of high schools state-wide for years.

For more information and to purchase a ticket, visit <http://southcountypptso.org/angp/ticket-sales/>

SOUTH RUN OAKS CLASSIFIEDS

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