



OakLeaves



South Run Oaks Neighborhood News December 2016



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A Message From The Corner Lot



As the leaves continue to fall and we tirelessly bag the remnants, we often find ourselves in the midst of a greater hustle - the holidays.

It's nearing time for the South Run Oaks Holiday Decoration Contest. As approved by your Board of Directors (BOD), this contest will pay-out prizes during the month of December for the top three best-decorated homes in our community. **Our team of volunteers will judge the decorated homes and pick their three favorites.** The top prize is \$100, with 2nd place and 3rd place receiving \$75 and \$50, respectfully. Don't miss this opportunity to have fun, and get into the holiday spirit.

Speaking of decorations, when we first moved into South Run Oaks in 1997, we noticed that most homes in our community had large wooden candy canes at the mailbox each December. With homes turning over and new folks moving in, the candy cane theme has faded a bit - but not the interest. In fact, it seems like every year, someone will ask, *'where can I get those candy canes for my mailbox?'* While I can recall making four sets one year (one for our home, and three to give to neighbors), we made four more sets from a sheet of plywood, several years later, and gave them to others, new to the community. They are easy to cut-out with a jig saw and paint - if you feel crafty and would like to make a set (or sets for you and your neighbors), please drop an email to Tamara Padgett, Property Manager, and she can get you a template from the BOD. Of course, I'd be glad to loan you mine...It would be great to see all the mailboxes again have candy canes this year, in the spirit of community, and the holidays.

Warm regards,

Chris Chessnoe

President, South Run Oaks

Homeowners Association

WEBSITE

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

ADVERTISING

Future issues of OakLeaves will include a Classifieds section. If you are interested in advertising your business, including community services such as babysitting, snow shoveling and lawn care, contact Betsy Ryan anotherbetsyryan@gmail.com for costs and scheduling.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

THE SRO STREAM REMEDIATION PROJECT IS COMPLETE!

The purpose of the stream remediation project was to control severe erosion of the stream that begins near the intersection of South Run Oaks Drive and Oak Hollow Lane, meanders through SRO open spaces, and merges with South Run. About half of our stream runs through a Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Area. Over the years storm water had eroded the stream banks and scoured silt out of the bottom of the stream, eventually depositing it into South Run and then on to the Chesapeake Bay. A very heavy storm in 2010 caused extreme erosion and damaged bridge footings near the source of the stream. Because the stream runs through SRO open space property, we were responsible for controlling the silt runoff and rebuilding the bridge.

The first phase of the stream remediation project began in 2013, and included rebuilding the damaged bridge. The work started 100' above the bridge and continued downstream to the bridge over South Run. The work on the second phase started at the source of the stream and ended at phase one. The total cost of the project was over \$60,000.

We need your help to maintain the stream work and prevent more erosion:

The erosion damage was caused by a combination of water and debris. Some of that debris was yard waste (broken and pruned tree branches, shrub clippings, dead shrubs and trees, grass clippings, Christmas trees, and leaves) that was dumped into the common area adjoining the stream, and then washed down into the stream in heavy rain.

Your SRO trash service from Trash Away includes yard debris pickup every Monday. Please bundle your tree branches in 3' lengths, bag your clippings and leaves, and bundle or bag your shrub pruning and dead shrubs. Put your yard debris on the curb in front of your house no earlier than Sunday evening for Monday pickup.

Trash Away also picks up Christmas trees in January. Please don't throw them in common areas.

Thank you for helping us protect and maintain the stream and our open spaces for the entire community to enjoy!

SRO HOA Board of Directors

COLLECTION REMINDERS

Christmas trees will be collected the first two weeks in January. Place your trees out for collection on your normal yard debris day. All tinsel and decorations should be removed. Please do not place trees in plastic bags.

Yard debris season officially ends December 24th. If you have yard debris to be collected after this date, place your items curbside on your 2nd collection day of the week until the season resumes the 1st week of March.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

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.

What: SRO ladies gather at a host neighbor's home, bringing a dish to share.

When Different dates, once a month

How: 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

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Home of Melinda Fortunato
9505 Oak Stream Ct.

Please bring a gift (\$15 limit) for our annual holiday gift exchange. Please note, as not all participants celebrate the same holiday, gifts should not be holiday specific.

We may have some planned entertainment too.

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

Snow Removal

VDOT made changes to the South Run Oaks snow removal coverage. They have taken into consideration the large number of cul-du-sacs in our neighborhood and adjacent neighborhoods with which we share a plow. The plan is to add an addition plow to our neighborhood to avoid last year's poor results.

ARB

The SRO community maintains its property values by adhering to the community guidelines established and managed by volunteer members of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). **The committee is looking for volunteers to help with the task of assessing properties** To volunteer contact Jessica Mattran

j.mattran@cardinalmanagementgroup.com. The ARB standards can be found in the Documents section of the South Run Oaks Website www.southernrunoaks.com

HOA FEE ASSESSMENT

Homeowners received a letter the end of November detailing the 2017 assessment and payment options. Signing up for electronic payment is encouraged. Payments can be made using a credit card or an e-check by logging onto www.cardinalmanagementgroup.com and clicking on "Online Assessment Payments." Contact Melody Ford 703 565 5302 with any questions.

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THANK YOU!!!

Dear Neighbors,

As most of you know, our house was destroyed in a fire at the beginning of September. We are writing to thank our wonderful neighborhood community for all your help since that time.

We have been touched and overwhelmed by so much kindness and support. We can't thank you enough for all the cards, messages, gift cards, and gifts we've received. Your thoughtfulness and generosity has been amazing! Your cards, including handmade cards by many children, have cheered us up on some tough days.

Thank you so much for the delicious dinners that we all enjoyed. Knowing this was taken care of, every night, was a huge relief for us. We feel very lucky to have all of you as neighbors.

The rebuilding of our house will start as soon as possible, and will take about a year to complete.

We plan to be back on Oak Crest Lane soon, in the best neighborhood ever. We appreciate everything so much, and wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Love,

Julie, Gal, Ben, Jake and Max Borenstein

MAIL TAMPERING

Please be advised that recently, an owner on Oak Crest Lane was a victim of mail tampering. A check was taken from the owner's mailbox, altered and cashed.

We also learned this week from other reports, this may not be an isolated incident. With the holiday season in full swing, we ask that you be aware of your property and surroundings, cautious, and report any suspicious activity to the Fairfax County Police Department immediately.

Additionally, as this occurrence of crime happened before in 2013 within the South Run Oaks Community and also in neighboring Crosspointe, a large blue USPS Mailbox was installed in front of the CVS store on Silverbrook Road. It is recommended you use this mailbox for outgoing mail, or perhaps the commercial mailbox at your place of work.

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

Daniel Lustig, a Boy Scout from Troop 688 has been given permission to conduct his Eagle Scout service project in the South Run Oaks area. Under his management Scouts and other volunteers will be installing three benches along our paths.