



SENECA RIDGE RUNNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SENECA RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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\$\$ Like low dues? \$\$

Then volunteer for the Board!

HOA expenses will likely go up

IF we don't get new board members in November!

Currently the management of our association is all done with volunteer homeowners. This has helped keep our dues some of the lowest in Northern Virginia! But if we cannot fill our upcoming vacancies, we may be forced to hire a management company to take up the slack, which will significantly increase expenses that will in turn cost us all down the road!

If I become a board member, what is expected of me?

- **Attend 1 monthly meeting** (currently 2nd Thursday @ 7:00 PM)
- **Other duties as fits your interests & schedule!**
(We are busy homeowners like you & are very accommodating!)

So how do I get more information?

Contact our VP, Paul Southwick, at PLSouthwck@verizon.net (note no letter 'i' in name in email) or call him at 703-618-2654.

And whether or not you can volunteer, please mark your calendars and come to the **Annual Meeting of the Members on November 9 at the Cascades Library Meeting Room B @ 7:00 PM!** More details will arrive later.

SAVE THE DATES



OCT 27: DHS Homecoming Parade
OCT 29: Halloween Parade
NOV 09: Annual Meeting

Traffic Alert ... Rolling Road Closures Friday Oct 27

On Friday October 27, the **Dominion High School (DHS) Homecoming** will take place near the entrance to our community and the Loudoun County Office will implement rolling closures along the parade route. Expect road closures/delays on the roads between Meadowland Elementary School and DHS **between the hours of 4:45 and 6:30 PM**. Come on out to the entrance of our community to cheer on the parade marchers!



Parade
Sheriff's

Halloween Parade Sunday October 29 @ 4:00 PM



Goblins and ghouls, princes and princesses, gather around at the common grounds where Silver Ridge Drive and Seneca Ridge Drive meet for a costume parade! **Sterling Volunteer Fire Department** will lead us, and you just might get some **candy** (grownups – come on out and toss some candy to the little ones!) We will also be serving **light refreshments & snacks** after the parade. **Children must be accompanied by an adult**. Post card reminders will be mailed to all households. Come on out one and all to cheer on our little friends for this special event! **Volunteers needed!** Please contact Zeleste Henry at bazhenry@gmail.com for more information.

Socially Speaking: Our Community Listserv

Did you know that one of our neighbors maintains a listserv just for us? The **Seneca Ridge Homeowners E-mail Listserv** is only available to Seneca Ridge residents for their personal (non-commercial) use. The listserv is easy to use and provides valuable information to all. It is handy when you need to find a contractor or would like suggestions from neighbors in the community on a home project you are using. It's helpful during major weather events such as snowstorms. And many a lost pet has been recovered thanks to our listserv.



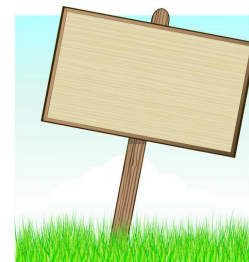
The listserv is set up to avoid spam and block non-residents from accessing.

If you are a Seneca Ridge resident who would like to join OR your email address has changed, just click the blue button marked "Listserv Sign-up" on the home page of our website, www.senecaridge.org, and you'll be directed to the link to join/rejoin.

Once signed up, you can also make changes to your name and delivery options. Many thanks to Stephen Mann and Vicki Rundquist for all their work to provide this invaluable service to our community!

Election Day is Nov 2: Campaign Sign Reminder

1. **Display time period:** Signs may be displayed beginning 45 days election and are to be removed 3 days after. So this year that means that **be displayed from September 19 to November 5.**



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2. **Number:** Only one (1) temporary campaign or campaign-related political support sign per issue, party, or candidate may be erected during a political campaign.

3. **Size:** Signs may not exceed 6 square feet in area and 3 feet on an edge.
4. And of course, signs may only be erected with the permission of the owner, i.e., no one can put a sign on your property without your permission.

Please remember that everyone in our community is bound to these rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

Common Grounds Committee News (by Greg Swiatocha)



Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Annual Seneca Ridge Community Cleanup**. We are happy to say that the amount of trash in the neighborhood has decreased since last year, and it was short work with the volunteers we had on-hand. For those of you who could not make it out, please keep an eye out in the first newsletter of the year for clean-up information.

Also, thank you for letting the Board know of common areas that need attention. Over the last year, we have taken down a number of **trees** that were in danger of falling on resident's properties or the paths themselves.

Finally, we **graded** along those areas of the paths where significant erosion occurred for safety reasons. We thank the residents that have brought these areas to our attention, and we welcome any help in keeping the Common Grounds in good shape.

Want Firewood? As a result of our tree cutting, we have a few areas where logs have been stacked on our common areas. If you would like any logs, you are welcome to them but we ask that you keep the remaining wood neatly stacked.



Leaf Season is Coming!

With the lovely colors of fall comes a deluge of leaves. Loudoun County Public Works asks all residents to please keep leaves out of streets, culverts, drainage ditches and storm drains. This impedes the flow and drainage of storm water. Compost those leaves or follow your waste disposal company guidelines for proper removal.

Have a Snow Plan for your Sidewalks?

Remember the great snow storm of January 2016? Well, it won't be long before the

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flakes fall again. So make a plan to clear the sidewalk in front of and alongside your home (if adjacent to a public street) following the end of a snowstorm. We are often asked if this is the responsibility of the HOA but Loudoun County Ordinance Chapter 1022.01 requires property owners remove the snow. If the job is too great, consider asking for help from your neighbors by utilizing our **community listserv**. Go to our website, www.senecaridge.org, and click on the blue "Listserv Signup" button. And if you are an older adult or an adult with disabilities contact **Loudoun County's Chore Corps Program** for assistance with snow shoveling at [703.779.8617](tel:703.779.8617). Be prepared!

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) News

Lea Nigon, Chair; Abul Tareque, Vice-Chair; and Stephen Mann, member

Neighborhood Walkthrough: In June, a 3-person ARC team did an external inspection of the entire neighborhood and sent out letters to some homeowners, mostly for maintenance issues. We continue to have fewer violations each year. Please inspect the outside of your property periodically for needed paint and/or repairs. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to maintain our neighborhood as a high-quality community.

Trash Cans: Store waste receptacles as per Article VII of the Amended Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions.

Signs: Please be reminded that there are some restrictions on campaign signs, as well as other types of signs. You can find all the restrictions in your Amended Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, Article VII.

Home improvements: Fall is often the last chance we get to make exterior changes to our homes until the spring. If you are considering changes fill out and submit the **Application for Architectural Improvement Form 100 found on our website www.senecaridge.org**. Please allow up to 30 days for committee review before entering into that project. It could save you time and money and is required by the Covenants and Restrictions. Complete instructions can be found on our website.