



# SENECA RIDGE RUNNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SENECA RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> @ 9:00 AM



Come join your neighbors to keep our neighborhood looking clean and beautiful! In partnership with Keep Loudoun Beautiful, the HOA is sponsoring this family-friendly event. Meet in the cul-de-sac of Trail Ridge Ct. @ 9:00 am. Trash bags provided --- Bring work gloves, bring the kids! Water, snacks, and pizza will be served! (Rain date will be April 8<sup>th</sup>.)

## THINKING ABOUT AN EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENT?

Spring and summer bring forth lots of home improvements! **If you are considering changes to the exterior of your home/property, be sure to download and submit ARC forms from**



**the SRHOA website [www.senecaridge.org](http://www.senecaridge.org) and 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.

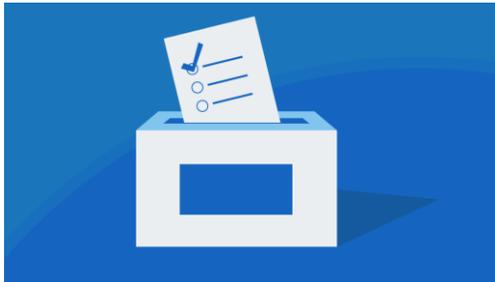


## Save the Dates!

- ✓ APRIL 1: COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY
- ✓ MAY 6: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION IN ASHBURN (SEE FLYER)
- ✓ JUNE 13: DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES (SEE ARTICLE)

# LOUDOUN COUNTY 2017 VOTING INFORMATION

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The Loudoun County Office of Elections has asked HOAs to remind residents that there will be Democratic and Republican Primaries on June 13, 2017 in the run-up to General and Special Elections on November 7, 2017. Registration deadline is May 22, 2017, and absentee voting begins April 28, 2017. For more information, contact [Jennifer.Beckley@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Beckley@Loudoun.gov) or call 703-777-0381.

## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) NEWS

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

### Neighborhood Inspection

In the coming months, the ARC Committee will be conducting an external inspection of our entire community in its role of overseeing the appearance of our community. Properties that are well-maintained help make our community safer, more attractive to buyers and give a sense of pride to all. **Please take a moment to see if your exterior is in tip-top shape in these common problem areas:**



- ✓ Siding (algae, dirty, damaged, or missing)
- ✓ Garage Doors & Trim (missing, damaged, or worn paint)
- ✓ Mailboxes & Posts (broken, falling, rusting, or lacking paint)
- ✓ Fencing (broken, fallen or missing boards, or worn stain)
- ✓ Driveways (crumbling)
- ✓ Porches, driveways, yards (junk/debris/construction materials/tools/indoor furniture)
- ✓ Roofs (missing shingles)
- ✓ Unmaintained look to front yard – grass, flowerbeds, bushes, and trees

And homeowners are reminded to store waste receptacles as per Article VII of the Amended Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation everyone!

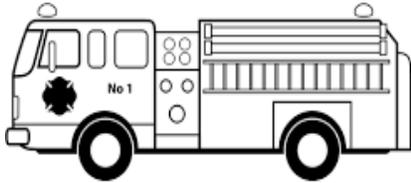
**\*\*Homeowners:** please note that the neighborhood inspection vehicle will be marked for identification purposes.

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## IS YOUR HOME CLEARLY MARKED FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS?

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If there were an emergency at your home, would first responders be able to locate your home easily? According to Seneca Ridge **resident David Payne**, Vice President of the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company, **your address should be clearly marked on your mailbox AND your dwelling.**



“It’s not always guaranteed that a unit from Sterling will respond to your house. We have units from Reston, Herndon, Great Falls, and Ashburn respond to our area frequently, so they may not be as familiar with the area,” says Payne.

**So please take a moment to look at your property, particularly at night, and see if your house could be easily identified by first responders.** The little time it takes to mark your home just might save your life.

And for current trends and issues in fire safety within Loudoun County, Lisa Braun, Public Education Manager of Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue, encourages residents to subscribe to their fire safety newsletter by going to [www.loudoun.gov/firerisk](http://www.loudoun.gov/firerisk).

**REMEMBER: AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE!**

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**GOT AN IDEA FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?**

SEND US AN EMAIL AT [SRHOANEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SRHOANEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM).

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME!!!

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## LAWN CARE TIPS FROM LOUDOUN COUNTY

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Good lawn care contributes to healthier, cleaner streams and water supplies. Here are some tips from 'The Resident's Guide to Lawn Care for a Cleaner Environment':

### Yard Waste

- Compost grass clippings, fallen leaves, and yard trimmings.
- Keep leaves and grass out of streets, drainage ditches, and storm drains.

### Fertilizers & Pesticides

- Fertilize in the fall, if at all.
- Use fertilizers sparingly and test your soil for nutrient levels before applying fertilizer.
- Consider organic fertilizers because they release nutrients slowly.
- Do not fertilize before it rains.
- Do not throw leftover pesticides down the sink, toilet, or storm drain.
- Apply pesticides in accordance with the label instructions.
- Try nontoxic or less toxic alternatives to chemicals

### Lawn Specific Tips

- Make your lawn easier and cheaper to maintain by mowing high – 3 inches is the rule
- Avoid over-watering your lawn – it needs about 1 inch of rain per week.

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## THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

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Are you planning on selling your home? Several homes in the community have recently sold or are currently for sale. The state of Virginia mandates that new owners be provided with a packet containing the association covenants and bylaws, among other documents. It is the responsibility of the sellers or their realtor to contact the association treasurer at [SRHOATreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:SRHOATreasurer@gmail.com) to obtain this packet for the new homeowners. Complete instructions are available on the community website, [www.senecaridge.org](http://www.senecaridge.org), under "Selling Your House".



**Thanks to all the homeowners who regularly clean up after Fido.**

Your diligence is greatly appreciated by all in our community!