



# SENECA RIDGE RUNNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE SENECA RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## Message from the President

Hello everyone!

I hope your year is going well so far.

As we navigate winter and hope for the early spring we want to let you know of upcoming SRHOA activities. These are not as fun as the Halloween parade or seeing Santa, but they are still activities to get together with your neighbors.

Mark the date for the community clean-up day in April and the community wide yard sale in May.

Over 3/4 of the community has paid their annual dues. I would like to thank everyone who has paid their dues and remind the others to please make arrangements to make the payment. It saves our volunteer board time and reduces cost if we don't have to send out reminders in the mail.

Last, as we move forward into spring more and more children will again be playing outside, so please watch your speed and slow down in your own neighborhood. We all live here and need to keep it safe for all.

Thanks for reading and talk to you next time. If you have any questions, please contact a board member.

## NOTES FROM OUR HOA BOARD

We welcome our HOA community to participate in our monthly board meetings. Generally, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Cascades Library. Please check our community website to ensure we have not made a last-minute change in the schedule.

Any comments or suggestions you have can be sent to **STEVE.HONARD@VERIZON.NET**. Perhaps you have a suggestion or an idea for the newsletter or HOA. Please let us know.



## SPRING CLEAN UP

18 APRIL 9 a.m. to NOON

It is that time again!! We ask our community to bring their muscles, desire to work for a few hours, and love of seeing our community glow with its natural beauty instead of plastic bottles and garbage. Please help clean up! We will meet at Trail Ridge Court cul-de-sac. Bring your gloves (possibly wear boots if getting near the stream or marshy area) and enthusiasm. Bags will be provided. Steve Honard and Rafael Gonzalez will oversee the clean-up. If you have any questions, please contact them at [Steve.honard@verizon.net](mailto:Steve.honard@verizon.net) or [Rafachupy@hotmail.com](mailto:Rafachupy@hotmail.com). We hope to see you there!



## ANNUAL YARD SALE

16 May 8 a.m. to Noon

Are you ready to get rid of all the “extra keepsakes” you have in your home or maybe that really ugly lamp your loving family member won’t remove from the living room? Do you want to make a few extra dollars doing it? Our annual community yard sale is a great way to have fun and remove those things you really don’t want (or need) and make some money. Our annual SHROA Community Yard Sale will be facilitated by John Lee. Contact him at [John.lee@seas.com](mailto:John.lee@seas.com) for any questions or information.

Set out those items and prepare to have your treasures replaced with money. (Be aware, many people do show up earlier.) You can get a few neighbors together and have a multiple-family sale as you enjoy coffee and donuts together, or you can set your items out in your garage or driveway. Many of our community members will place signs at strategic areas in the community to point people in the direction of their specific yard sale. Just remember that if you put signs up, you are responsible to remove them as soon as your sale is over. As always, our SHROA Board will advertise the upcoming event. John Lee will work hard to get the word out, so we have lots of interested people.



Yes, once again, we are having to remind members of our community to clean up after their dogs.

Please, use the curb side of the grass, not your neighbors' yards.

For those community members who have sidewalks along their yards, it is sometimes shocking to see how far pet owners will allow their dog to enter the yards (at times almost to the porch), just to sniff and walk around or relieve themselves.

Do you know that many times dog urine kills grass and plants? So many community members work hard on their yards and homes. Treat their yards with thoughtfulness.

As a reminder, Loudoun County does have fines for failure to remove the waste.

## INFORMATION ON COMPOSTING

Spring will soon be here. The Farmers' Almanac says the last frost is April 28 for our area this year.

Board member, Josee Arel, found crocus and hellebore blooming mid-February this year in our neighborhood!

Once all the rain-soaked earth is dried up a bit; it will be time to rake up any leftover debris and put compost into the gardens.

You can compost most vegetable and fruit peelings along with coffee and tea. Then, to make sure it's not too sweet, and deter the fruit flies, add some dirt and grass clippings. Stir it occasionally, and watch it decompose into black gold for your garden.

Enjoy the warmer weather and the changes!



## WEATHER INFORMATION

Board member, Val Faircloth, has set up a "Weather Underground" to view the exact weather forecast our Seneca Ridge HOA. For any questions or information, contact Val at [srhoa1983.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:srhoa1983.secretary@gmail.com). It is available 24/7/365

- Go to [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)
- In the Search Locations box at the top of the page, enter "Sterling, VA"
- Pick Sterling, VA from the pick list.
- Val's station is named "SENECA RIDGE STATION". If that displays under the Sterling, VA Weather Conditions, You're there! If not, press the CHANGE link next to the name of the station and click the link "Seneca Ridge (KVASTERL51)". You're all set! Still having problems? Contact Val.

## (ARC) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW NEWS

### *Annual Home Community Inspection will be held in June*

In June the ARC Committee will be conducting an external inspection of our entire community in its role of overseeing the appearance of our community.

Please take a moment to see if your exterior could use improvement in these common problem areas.

- \* **Siding** (mold, mildew, damaged or missing pieces)
- \* **Garage Doors, Storm Doors, and Trim** (missing, damaged, or worn paint)
- \* **Mailboxes and Posts** (broken, falling, rusting, lacking paint, or in poor condition)
- \* **Fencing** (broken, fallen, missing boards, or worn stain)
- \* **Driveways** (crumbling or in poor condition)
- \* **Porches, driveways, yards** (junk, debris, construction material not currently being used for repair, tools, indoor furniture, garbage cans, or recycling containers)
- \* **Roofs** (missing shingles or gutters in disrepair)
- \* **Yards** (unmaintained grass, flowerbeds, bushes, and trees)
- \* **Changes** required to have ARC approval that have not received an approval.

*(NOTE: Neighborhood inspection vehicle will be marked for identification purposes)*

## CONSIDERING 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 Form #100 from the SRHOA website [www.senecaridge.org](http://www.senecaridge.org) and allow up to 30 days for Committee review before beginning that project.

It could save you time and money. Approval is required by the Covenants and Restrictions.

Colleen Kerrigan is the ARC Chairman contact her for questions or information at [colleenksrhoa@gmail.com](mailto:colleenksrhoa@gmail.com).

## County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

Before putting out your large household waste or hazardous waste, contact your local waste management companies to learn what they will accept. To dispose of waste they will not accept, you can view these sites: <https://www.loudoun.gov/hhw>, [www.loudoun.gov/bhwp](http://www.loudoun.gov/bhwp), and [www.loudoun.gov/landfill](http://www.loudoun.gov/landfill). If you have questions, contact Loudoun County's recycling specialist, Tony Hayes. His office number is: 703-771-5514.