

Raven Pointe



Autumn 2017 Newsletter

Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting Notice

October 3, 2017

7pm

Millwood Fire Hall

If you can't attend, please fill out a proxy vote form and give it to a neighbor who will be there. Contact the Board or visit our website for a form.

Annual Picnic

Date: October 1, 2017

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Cul-de-Sac at the end of Taggart

Volunteers Needed For:

- Loaning of tables for food
- Setup of tables & tents (tents only if the sun is hot that day)
- Use of trash cans and removal of trash

What To Bring:

- Chairs and drinks for your family
- A side or dessert to share
- If you have children, bring a toy or game for them to play.

As always, meat and water to drink will be provided. Stay tuned to your email inbox for more!

Mowing Along Inverlee

Most, if not all, of you have noticed that the developer, Glaize LLC, has discontinued mowing of the grass along Inverlee and have inquired whether or not the HOA would take care of that. We have spoken individually to all those who have asked, but wanted to take time now to share with the rest of you what is happening with that area.

Most importantly, there is no property there that belongs to Raven Pointe Homeowners' Association. The property along the road belongs to VDOT and areas further away belong to Glaize and have not been turned over to the HOA.

The Board is not authorized to use funds collected from homeowners as dues to maintain property outside of Raven Pointe. All Board members, however, share your frustration that the area was not being maintained by the property owners. Our president, Bill Melvin, began a campaign of calling and emailing VDOT to get this taken care of and the grass has since been mowed twice. We will continue to advocate for this to happen and we appreciate the patience of our neighbors while we tried to get this taken care of. We all benefit when these areas are maintained.

If you have any further questions, contact the Board at board@ravenpointehoa.org.



Special Thanks

Philip & Monica Schultz
for landscaping and mowing
around the Cahille Drive entrance sign

Brenda Goodwin
for being our unofficial welcoming person and for
maintaining and distributing the neighborhood directory.

Alex Hewes
for untold hours of pro bono guidance and
administrative assistance to the Raven Pointe HOA Board.

Tom Tandy
for his longstanding service to the community,
keeping things tidy and for reporting streetlight outages.

Pete Sherman
for maintaining and updating the website.

Landscaping and Maintenance

We are very fortunate to live in a neighborhood where so many take such great care of their properties. The warm months are great for tackling those big projects on your list. When you are scheduling maintenance, please be sure to notify your neighbors of anything that may effect them such as along property lines. There have been some occasions when, in complete innocence, we have had neighbors' plantings and trees damaged by paint, stain, pest treatments and fertilizers that are sprayed past the property line. Allowing our neighbors the courtesy of a heads-up in these occasions allows them to cover any vulnerable plants. And, remember, liquids being sprayed inside your fenced yard tend to find their way to the other side of the fence.

Also remember that it is always worth the extra cost to have a surveyor confirm your property lines before installing a new fence. Many neighbors have learned this lesson the hard way and the Board encourages residents to take this step to ensure correct installation the first time.

Annual Dues & Maintenance

As most of you are aware, our annual dues have been lowered to \$95/year for the past several years. The Board has been able to keep dues low because of all the volunteer time given by our residents. You can help keep our dues low with simple tasks such as yanking out any weeds you see around the sign at Inverlee or picking up trash.

Your HOA Board

Bill Melvin—President
Pete Sherman—Vice President
Natalie Evernham—Treasurer
Brandy Schwab—Secretary
Valerie Kramer—Director

Please feel free to contact the Board at
board@ravenpointehoa.org

Other Items of Interest

- If you are not currently in the directory and would like to be, please contact Brenda Goodwin at 540-723-4236. She will be happy to get you included and deliver a directory to you. Please help pass the word to new neighbors.
- Don't want to be in the directory but also don't want to be left out of communications from the Board? Send an email to board@ravenpointehoa.org. Let us know your address (so we know with whom we are communicating) and we will add you to our email list that doesn't get shared with anyone.
- With the coming of the new school year and more activity around the neighborhood, please help to keep a watchful eye and report any suspicious activity to the Frederick County Sheriff's office at 540-662-6162.