

# Raven Pointe



## Winter 2019 Newsletter

### Annual Dues

Dues for 2019  
\$80.00

Dues notices will be sent with this newsletter to all lot owners. The Board has been able to keep dues low because of all the volunteer time given by our members. 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.

Thank you for being such great neighbors!



### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on October 1, 2018 at 7pm at the Millwood Fire Hall. To read the draft minutes from the meeting, visit our website [www.ravenpointehoa.org](http://www.ravenpointehoa.org) and click on "Important Documents." This is the section to find all our meeting minutes, forms and communications. The members will discuss the minutes and vote to accept them at the next Annual Meeting.

### Your HOA Board

Bill Melvin—President  
Joe Dewald—Vice President  
Natalie Evernham—Treasurer  
Valerie Kramer—Secretary

Please feel free to contact the Board at  
[board@ravenpointehoa.org](mailto:board@ravenpointehoa.org)

### Opening On the Board of Directors

Brandy Schwab has resigned from the Board of Directors, effective December 4, 2018. If you are interested in serving on the Board to fill her office until the next Annual Meeting, please contact us at [board@ravenpointehoa.org](mailto:board@ravenpointehoa.org).

### Keeping Our Community Safe

The Frederick County Sheriff has encouraged all residents to keep their homes lit to deter crime. This includes outdoor as well as indoor lighting. It is important to make it look like someone is home at all times. We thank the Sheriff for his helpful advice and service to our community.

This being said, there is nothing in our Covenants which requires us to light our homes either inside or out. The Board asks you to use your own good judgment as to what is right for your family and your property.

In addition, please keep your homes and vehicles locked and do not keep valuables where they can be seen.

If you are the victim of a crime, please report the incident without delay to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Their non-emergency telephone number is 540-662-6162.

Finally, we hope we will all keep the spirit of community that Raven Pointe is known for alive in the coming year. We are full of people willing to help out their neighbors with everything from picking up mail and packages to shoveling snow.

*A little among neighbors is worth more than riches in a wilderness. - Welsh Proverb*



### 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.*

### Selling Your Home?

If you are selling your home or plan to in the near future, please direct your realtor's attention to our website [www.ravenpointehoa.org](http://www.ravenpointehoa.org) under the "Important Documents" section. There is a Frequently Asked Questions page for our dues as well as all the documents the new owners will need.

In addition, please be sure they list the schools as  
Evendale Elementary School  
Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School  
Millbrook High School

For help and information through this process, you can contact [treasurer@ravenpointehoa.org](mailto:treasurer@ravenpointehoa.org) and we will assist you to the best of our ability.

### Home Improvements

To streamline the process of requesting Board approval for home improvements, the Board has adopted a policy for Lot Owners to follow when requesting home improvements. The Board is not requiring anything new for homeowners, but has put all the requirements onto one form to submit for consideration.

The form, as with all of our documents, can be found on the website [www.ravenpointehoa.org](http://www.ravenpointehoa.org) under the "Important Documents" section.

### Snow Event Information

When snow threatens, please keep these in mind:

If possible, move cars from the street to driveway until after the plows have been through.

Be aware that VDOT is responsible for clearing the roads and your HOA has no control over when or how well the roads are cleared. If you have any concerns about the plowing, please contact VDOT.

Know the location of vents for your furnace and make sure they remain clear of snow.

Homeowners are **required** to remove snow from the sidewalks in front of their homes after snow. This keeps our sidewalks safe for walkers and children who use them to get to their school buses.

Do not push snow into the streets. While it's unrealistic to expect 100% of the snow to make it onto your yard, more snow left in the streets usually means dangerous, icy conditions for a longer period of time until everything dries.

If you have a snowblower, a sturdy back and a little extra time on a snow day, please consider helping someone near you if the HOA sends an email looking for help or simply ask neighbors if they need help.

If you have an elderly neighbor, please check in to make sure everything is okay.

Lastly, stay safe and warm, everyone.

*The problem with winter sports is—follow me closely here—they generally take place in winter.*  
- Dave Barry