

# Audubon Square Fallbrook Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

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Board Meetings are held at the Gaithersburg Middle School on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
In Room 104

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

### Trash Pick-Up is Tuesdays & Fridays

Trash in a secured container  
**AFTER** 7:00 pm on Monday & Thursday

### Recycle is on Mondays

Set out **AFTER** 7:00 pm on Sunday  
**MUST BE PLACED IN A GREEN RECYCLE BIN**  
If your recycling is missed, call: 311

### Bulk Pickup

First **Monday** of the month  
and only items accepted by the  
City of Gaithersburg  
Bulk Pick-up Program

Community Association, Inc.  
15742 Crabbs Branch Way  
Rockville, MD 20855  
P: (301) 258-7711 F: (301) 258-6283  
[www.communityassn.com](http://www.communityassn.com)

### **COMMUNITY MANAGER:**

**Melissa Wells**

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## CURB YOUR DOG



Pet ownership can be a pleasure, but they are often a common cause for complaints. Dogs are always welcomed in Audubon Square / Fallbrook community, but what is not welcomed by the neighbors (and is the number 1 complaint reported) is when a dog is allowed to roam freely through other yards and common areas or leaving their "calling cards" for someone

else to pick up (instead of the dog's owner) or barking morning, noon or night while others (including babies) are trying to sleep.

Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, or is in a dog exercise area. **1<sup>st</sup> offense \$100 - \$500 for each subsequent violation**

**"Pooper Scooper" Law:** An owner must not allow an animal to damage or defecate on property outside of the owner's property. If an animal defecates on common property, the owner must immediately remove the feces by picking it up with a plastic bag and putting it out for disposal in normal household trash. To report a pet owner not cleaning up pet waste, please notify the Montgomery County Police, Animal Services Division via the police non-emergency number at (301) 279-8000. *County Code, sec 5-203(a)(2)*

**Animal Noise Control:** An owner must not allow an animal to cause noise that is loud enough and persistent enough to disturb another person's quiet enjoyment. *County Code, sec 5-203(a)(6)*

**Stay inside:** Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are resistant than people to cold weather because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be kept inside. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather; but no pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather.

## FINING COMMITTEE

The Fining Committee is continuing their work to develop Audubon Square's fining policy and present it to the board for approval. The committee will be holding another working meeting on Saturday, November 10th from 11 AM to 1 PM at Gaithersburg Middle School, Room 100. If you cannot make it in for the meeting, you can call into the meeting by dialing in to the following:

Dial In Number: 1 (712) 770-88022 Conference Code: 656136

## HOLIDAY PARKING

Thanksgiving is a time for friends and family and to be thankful for all the things we are blessed to have. It is also a time when many relatives or friends come to visit.

If you have relatives or guests who will be visiting over the Thanksgiving holiday, please ensure that they park in compliance with the Association's Parking Rules.

Visitor parking spaces are not to be used by homeowners/renters. These spaces are for visiting guests only. Homeowners/renters abusing the visitor spaces will be towed at their expense. If you have more than 2 vehicles, they must be legally parked on public streets.

**REMEMBER: IF YOU HAVE VISITORS OVER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER, THEY MUST EITHER PARK IN A VISITOR SPOT, USING THE VISITOR PARKING TAG OR PARK ON THE STREET TO AVOID GETTING A TICKET OR FINE.**

**DEEP FRYING THAT THANKSGIVING FOR TURKEY?****Outdoor Cooking and Recreational Fires near Multi-Family Buildings**

Montgomery County Division of Fire Prevention and Code Compliance would like to share with you the criteria for cooking outdoors and recreational fires near multi-family dwellings to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer. "Multi-family" is any building that has three or more separate living units. This includes garden-style apartments, mid and high-rise apartments, and some condos. Some apartment buildings have amenity areas with grilling or fire features on their rooftop; this is only permitted with written approval from the Department of Permitting Services.

**Fire Attendant:**

All outdoor cooking or recreational fires must be constantly attended by a responsible person at least 18 years of age until the fire is extinguished. A garden hose or other extinguishing equipment has to be nearby and readily available for use. A clear space free of ignitable materials not less than ten (10) feet in diameter shall be maintained around the fire. Grills or recreational fires cannot be used to burn trash or other combustible waste. If the fire department is contacted and determines your situation to be hazardous, the fire department will extinguish your fire.

**Recreational Fires:**

Recreational fires include campfires, fire bowls, chimineas, and in-ground fire pits. Recreational fires must be kept at least 25 feet away from any building. Any fire that is part of a special event such as a large gathering of people or is larger than three (3) feet across may require permits from the Division of Fire Prevention and Code Compliance and the Department of Environmental Protection. Fires are not permitted on Code Orange or Code Red Air Quality days.

**Outdoor Cooking:**

Outdoor cooking includes any gas-fired, charcoal, or electric grill. All outdoor cooking must be done at least 20 feet away from any building. It is not permitted on balconies, under overhanging portions of buildings, or on roofs. Gas-fired, charcoal, and electric grills cannot be stored on balconies.

**After the fire:**

Dispose of all ashes in a safe manner. After 24 hours have passed, all left over hot ashes should be thoroughly dampened, cooled and stored in a metal can that is solely used for ash storage. Do not discard hot ashes in a compost pile, paper bag, cardboard box, or anything that is combustible. Be careful handling partially burned wood that may still be smoldering as it can cause serious burns.

**Snow Shoveling Information & Tips**

You will probably have your own snow removal to do where you live, whether it is to shovel your driveway, car or sidewalk. Please try to avoid throwing snow back into streets that have been cleared. Doing so can produce more hazardous conditions or lead to unnecessary melting and refreezing conditions on your street. Your street may not get plowed again as crews that have worked long hours by this point may have been sent home for rest.

**Avoid the "Second Shovel!"**

People can play a part in ensuring the ends of their driveways remain clear of snow even after their local snowplow comes through. Shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway will help keep that same snow from being pushed into the driveway in an icy, heavy pile. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the "second shovel."

The City plows public streets only. Private streets, mews, alleys, driveways, parking lots, head-in parking spaces, and entranceways are the responsibility of the property owner.

Many people in our community rely on public transportation, and once school has resumed, children need a safe place to walk. Please help us keep people from having to walk in the streets by doing your part. If a sidewalk is adjacent to your property, you are responsible to clear snow and ice off of that sidewalk within 12 hours of the last snowfall or freeze. You are responsible for shoveling your porch/stoop, walkway and the sidewalk in front of your home as well as your numbered parking space. Shoveling snow from an unnumbered space doesn't mean you staked a claim, but common courtesy is if you didn't clear the space, don't park in it.

If there is a fire hydrant in your yard or on a public right-of-way near your home, mark it with some type of safe marker such as a wooden stake and keep it clear of snow. It may be your home for which the fire department needs water.

**Shoveling Courtesy** - Don't throw snow into the street or push in front of islands. It will freeze, turn to ice and when the plow comes through again, the snow will end up behind vehicles again. If you live next door to an elderly person, be considerate and shovel their sidewalk and parking spot too. I'm sure you will be greatly appreciated.

Ensure the mailman can get safely to the mailboxes, that storm drains are open to allow faster exit of melting snow and fire hydrants need to be exposed.

**Snow on Your Car** - When clearing the snow, please remember your roof. The snow blowing from a rooftop can be blinding to the car behind you. And those lights and license plates need to be visible too.

**Snow on Your Trash & Recycling Can** - This time of year, it is more important to have your cans out for as short a time as possible. They can freeze in place, making it difficult to move, and the snowplow has to maneuver around them. Remember if weather is severe, the County trucks may not collect on schedule but assume they will.

**Contact Information:**

**City of Gaithersburg, 240-805-1345**  
**snow@gaitersburgmd.gov**  
**Montgomery County: 311 or 240-777-0311**  
**Maryland State Highway Administration**  
**410-582-5650 / 1-800-543-251 5**