



## 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  
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: Derek Whitmer  
Ext. 180

## Happy New Year from the Board of Directors

### How to Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

The new year has arrived, and you have already drawn up your resolutions. Now, how to stick to your plan?

#### Steps:

1. Put it all on paper. Write your resolutions down, and keep them in an accessible place as reminders - tape them to your mirror, write them in a journal or put them on your refrigerator door.
2. Mark your calendar. Set deadlines for yourself to tackle each step toward reaching your goal, one at a time.
3. Start as soon as possible. Go out and purchase the necessary equipment or literature; call now and set up an appointment with your dentist, your doctor, your trainer, your accountant....
4. Find a role model. Is there anyone who has succeeded in fulfilling an ambition like yours? Look to this person as a reminder that it is possible to achieve your goal.
5. Check your progress regularly, and give yourself an occasional reward for your efforts. Make sure the reward isn't contrary to your resolution; celebrate a cigarette-free month with a weekend trip or a new outfit, not with a cigarette!
6. Inform friends and family of your goals, and recruit them to regularly remind and support you in your endeavors.

Tips: • Don't sweat the setbacks; persistence is the key.

## How to Recycle / Dispose Christmas Trees

The County accepts Christmas trees year-round in the curbside yard trim collection. Set your Christmas tree at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day.



Christmas trees are given a new life after being composted or chipped for mulch, so keep the tree in a natural state.

- Remove the stand and all decorations, including lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garland. Be sure there is no metal attached to the tree.
- Remove any plastic bags from your tree.

"Live" Christmas trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be collected as yard trim. You can also recycle branches and needles at home by placing them under trees and shrubs as a temporary winter mulch -- or chop them up and add them to your compost pile!

## Is This Trash or Bulk?

The Board of Directors has received a number of complaints regarding trash. Plastic bags are being put out for trash collection and the black birds (Ravens) are tearing open the plastic trash bags. Trash is being spread onto resident's yards and onto the common grounds.



**Trash** - The Department of Environmental Protection, Montgomery County, Maryland (County Code-Chapter 48, Section 24) requires that proper containers must be used for trash collection. ***All trash must be placed at the curb in proper containers by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. [Tuesday and Friday]. NO EARLIER THAN MONDAY OR THURSDAY AFTER 7:00 PM!!***

***Proper containers for the storage of trash or garbage collection must be rigid metal or plastic containers having tight-fitting, overlapping lids with a capacity of 15 to 45 gallons. Your set-out items of trash must consist of accumulated materials from normal housekeeping activities. Uncontained piles of trash, garbage, and overflowing containers cannot be collected.***

**Bulk Pick-Up** – G&G Refuse offers the residents of Audubon Square bulk pick-up each year. Please call (301) 762-6023 to schedule a pick-up and to make sure what you have picked up are acceptable items.

- **Acceptable items:** Mattresses and/or Box Springs, Sofa, Love Seat, Cushion chair, Wooden chairs, Televisions, Carpet Rolls-CANNOT be larger/wider than 4 feet, Dining room tables, Coffee tables, End tables, Patio tables (must be broken down), Book-cases, Small entertainment centers, TV Stands, Desks, Dressers (must be broken down), Sinks, Toilets, Small vanities, Printers, Monitors, Computers, Children's Toys, Mirrors (must be duct taped in an X, corner to corner to prevent shattering- large mirrors must be broken and placed into a box) and Countertop Appliances
- **Not Acceptable:** Concrete, Brick, Rock, Dirt, t Paint (cans that are completely dried with the lids removed are acceptable), Dry-wall, Construction materials, Tires, Liquids, Propane Tanks or tanks under pressure, Grills, Lawn Mowers, Bicycles, Yard Waste, Metal Items, Batteries

**Note: There may be other items that cannot be collected as a bulk pick-up. Please call to confirm G&G Refuse at (301)762-6023**

## What is “DUMPING”

Illegal dumping is dumping of any waste, whether it is oil, furniture, appliances, trash, litter or landscaping cuttings, etc., upon any public right-of-way, City property or private property, without consent of the owner.



The community has been having significant problems with trash being dumped in common area. When trash and debris are left in common areas, the Homeowners' association has to bear the cost of its removal. Often the removal is expensive because of the size and weight of items that are being dumped. If this continues to happen with such frequency, the entire community will pay the price. As we all know, when the cost of one of the community's budget items increases, so does the amount of the Homeowners' association fees.

We can all do something to stop the problem. If you're dumping your trash in the community common areas, **STOP!** If you see your neighbors leaving trash in the common areas, notify Community Association, Inc. at (301) 258-7711. If the homeowners' association knows who is responsible for leaving the trash, they can be held responsible for the cost of its removal. **Unless the responsible parties can be notified, EVERYONE PAYS!**

## REMEMBER: Snow Emergency Vehicle Towing

**Fallbrook Street is a Snow Emergency Route.** A County snow emergency route displays prominent red and white signs that designate certain roads as snow emergency routes that are kept clear throughout storms for police, fire and other emergency vehicles. The State and County do not always declare snow emergencies at the same time. **If a vehicle is not moved off a snow emergency route, when a snow emergency has been declared, the City of Gaithersburg will tow the vehicle to a re-determined lot.**

The resident will incur a fine for parking on a snow emergency route during a declared snow emergency, a towing fee AND an impound fee.



## HOA Snow Reminders

Snow is coming... of that we can be certain... and frustrations can mount during a snow event. Please adhere to the following to avoid any escalations:

1. **Park only in a space you cleared.** If you expect guests, clear a spot for them. Common decency dictates that you not use a space that your neighbor cleared.
2. **The County requires all residents to clear sidewalks within 12-hours after snowfall stops.**
3. Residents are responsible for fully clearing sidewalks in front of their homes, leading up to their homes, steps, cars and parking spaces.
4. **When clearing snow from cars and sidewalks, deposit snow ONLY onto common grounds and your own front yards.** Do not pile snow into otherwise unoccupied parking spaces or in such a way as to interfere with pedestrian traffic or site distance. 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.
5. **If you have neighbors that need assistance, please help where and when you can.**
6. **Trash Cans and Recycle Bins should be 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 the weather is severe, the County trucks may not collect on schedule, but assume they will.

**City of Gaithersburg Public Works reminds us of the following:** 1) plowing of city streets begins after snow accumulates 2-inches on the road; 2) shovel after crews have finished clearing roads; 3) do not throw snow into the streets or courts; 4) shovel in the direction of traffic.

## COUNTRY APPLE DUMPLINGS

### Ingredients

2 Large Granny Smith Apples, peeled  
2 (10 oz.) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough  
1 cup of butter  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 (12 fluid oz.) can Mountain Dew



### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
2. Cut each apple into 8 wedges and set aside. Separate the crescent roll dough into triangles. Roll each apple wedge in crescent roll dough starting at the smallest end. Pinch to seal and place in the baking dish.
3. Melt butter in a small saucepan and stir in the sugar and cinnamon. Pour over the apple dumplings. Pour Mountain Dew™ over the dumplings.
4. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes in preheated oven, or until golden brown.

**Tip:** Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly and make clean-up easier.