

Audubon Square / Fallbrook Newsletter

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BOARD MEETINGS

Gaithersburg Middle School
Third Tuesday of each month
Room 104 at 7:00 pm

AUGUST MEETING VENUE CHANGE

Gaithersburg Regional Library
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD, US 20879
At 7:00 p.m.

Trash Pick-Up

Tuesdays & Fridays

MUST BE PLACED IN A

SECURE CONTAINER WITH A LID

AFTER 7:00 pm on Mondays & Thursdays

Recycle Pick-Up

Mondays

MUST BE PLACED IN A

GREEN RECYCLE BIN

AFTER 7:00 pm on Sundays

Bulk Pick-Up

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Only items accepted by the
City of Gaithersburg Bulk Pick-Up Program

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Annual Meeting Election for Director on Tuesday, July 16th at Gaithersburg Middle School, Room 104 at 7:00 pm. All homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend the annual meeting. Homeowners with accounts delinquent more than 60 days may not vote on agenda items. Tenants may not vote on any matters concerning the HOA.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM EDT

Casey Community Center

810 S. Frederick Ave

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Bring the family to National Night Out, a fun-filled, kid friendly event bringing together neighbors, law enforcement, and local officials. Enjoy FREE food, live music, children activities, giveaways and a raffle drawing.

What You Should Know About FIREWORKS



Montgomery County Fire and Rescue officials want to make sure you know: All fireworks are illegal in Montgomery County, unless you happen to be running a pre-approved public fireworks display.

MCFRS will continue a zero-tolerance policy on fireworks this July 4 week.

Maryland's Fireworks Laws:

- Fireworks include any firecracker, skyrocket, or Roman candle. Toy caps are only permitted if the explosive content is under .25 grains and they are designed so the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in use.
- In Maryland, private use and possession of fireworks, including sparklers, is illegal and carries a **\$500** fine.
- Penalties for possessing or setting off fireworks, including gold label sparklers, could earn you a fine of up to **\$1,000** and/or six months in jail.
- Public firework displays require proper permits and insurance.

Celebrate Wisely!

- Teach children that fireworks are NOT toys. Explain the dangers of explosives and fireworks to your children.
- Do not allow your children to handle fireworks, including sparklers.
- Obtain the proper permits and insurance before holding any public fireworks display.
- Enjoy the thrill of fireworks and pyrotechnics at public displays by licensed professionals.

To report violation involving fireworks, call **301-279-8000**. Do NOT call 911 unless you have a life-threatening emergency and need immediate help. Non-emergency 911 calls can delay getting assistance to people with actual emergencies.



Independence Day Celebrations Around the Area Information

Gaithersburg Summerfest

Celebrate America's independence at SummerFest, Gaithersburg's illuminating summer festival on the expansive grounds of Bohrer Park at Summer Hall Farm. The family-friendly event features live music, food and fun activities, all leading up to a spectacular firework display and SummerGlo After Party.

Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 5:00 pm - 11:30 pm

Please note that no skateboards, rollerblades or bicycles are allowed at this event, except at the Skate Park. Smoking & vaping are not permitted in public spaces in Gaithersburg. Coolers are permitted, but all glass, outside alcoholic beverages & weapons, real or facsimile, are prohibited.

While dogs are allowed at the festival, we strongly suggest you leave them at home. The park will be crowded, and fireworks are disturbing to many of our canine friends. If you do bring your dog, it must be on a leash.

If the fireworks are cancelled due to inclement weather, select SummerFest activities will be moved inside the Activity Center at Bohler Park on **Saturday, June 29**, and the fireworks only will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 30.

King Farm Independence Day Celebrations

Thursday, July 4, 2019 from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm, Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

Parking

Free parking is available in lots along Shady Grove, and Gaither Roads as well as on Piccard Drive. These lots are conveniently located near the event site. There is no parking available in the King Farm neighborhood.

Please use main roads such as Route 355, Gude Drive, and Shady Grove Road to access these parking lots. There will be ample signage directing people to public parking.

Germantown Independence Day Celebrations

Germantown Glory begins with a concert at **7:00 pm on Thursday, July 4, 2019** at the South Germantown Recreational Park, 18041 Central Park Circle, Boyds. Parking is available on-site.

Fireworks displays are scheduled to begin at 9:15 pm. However, the time is approximate and may change due to weather. The rain date for the fireworks only is July 5. Low lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers are welcome at both events. Food vendors will be on site. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

July Is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

July is a hot time for hot cars: Most vehicles are stolen during the summer month, which is why the NHTSA has dubbed it National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month. **Make your vehicle less appealing!** We're talking about visual deterrents that let would-be thieves know your car won't be an easy steal and anti-theft systems that keep them from driving your vehicle away.

These include:

- Keep your vehicle keys with you at all times; not in or on your vehicle. Never leave a spare key or valet key in your vehicle. Valet keys can sometimes be used to start the vehicle.
- Close and lock vehicle windows and doors when parked.
- Don't leave a vehicle running if unattended.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas.
- Park in a garage if possible and make sure that the garage is secured.
- Use a car alarm and/or anti-theft device.
- Use a vehicle locator device.

Trash Can Compliance in Audubon Square

Residents must comply with the Audubon Square's rules that stipulate that trash cans and recycling bins must be **stored out of sight**.

Trash cans and recycling bins must be removed following trash collection days and are **NEVER** to be stored in the front of the house **or** remain in public view.

Trash must be stored in secure containers with a lid and set out after 7:00 pm only on collection days, Mondays and Thursdays, with recycling on Mondays.

There are always hungry animals who view trash days as a great food source. Trash cans and recycling bins left in front of the house are a more likely target for loose dogs, raccoons and other wildlife.

Identity Theft - It is important to remember that your trash may contain information from bank statements to other very personal information that someone could take and use to steal your identity. While this may seem unlikely to you, it happens more often than you may think. Storing trash cans and recycling bins away from public view is one of the simplest ways to prevent identity theft. If they can't see or get to your garbage or recycling bins, they can't steal information from them.