

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

Gaithersburg Regional Library
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD, US 20879
Piano Room 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



Please join us in welcoming Elizabeth Baldwin, Director at Large. Elizabeth will be sharing the current responsibilities with the Board of Directors.

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a special thank you to Election Inspectors Faye Bobb-Semple, Tamsyn Ryan-McLaren and Clark Van Leer for their hard work and dedication during this year's election process.



Montgomery County K-9 Demonstration

On July 19th, 2019 Audubon had the pleasure of welcoming Chad Eastman, K-9 Officer and Joey to perform a K-9 demonstration for the community. The community came out and learned about how K-9 dogs like Joey are utilized by the Gaithersburg Police Dept.



HELP SAVE KELLEY PARK

The City of Gaithersburg is considering **selling Kelley Park**, including most of the athletic fields, playgrounds, and green space, so that an elementary school could be built on the land.

The proposed school **already has land to be built on** which can accommodate the needs and traffic of a large school. **"All but the main field will be used for the new school (9 acres), amenities will NOT be available during school hours and tennis courts will be removed."**

With lack of community involvement thus far in this decision, it is important to understand what is at stake, and how to let your voice be heard.

Attend the Gaithersburg City Council meeting on Monday, August 12th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Arrive at 6:40 to find parking and a seat. The address is 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. The building is next to Griffith Park. Take action and sign the petition by going to: <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/396/667/356/>



Audubon Square HOA Accomplishments

HOA changed the streetlights to LED lighting. Audubon seen a decreased electricity costs January – June 2018 v. 2019: \$2007.21 v. \$1166.07 or a **42% decrease**, despite adding 16 additional light poles to the community.

The repair of the sidewalks in the community will be underway in 2019, and the asphalt project is 2020.

The HOA has submitted to the City of Gaithersburg a matching grant application for funds to put towards improvement of the tot lots. The City of Gaithersburg will likely choose recipients of this match grant at their September HOA meeting.

The Board joined the Community Association Institute this year and sent a representative to their Expo.

The Board is involved in working with the City of Gaithersburg regarding legislation of short-term rentals.

Parking Regulations in Audubon Square

Please be reminded that Audubon Square has parking regulations for both residents and visitors. Failure to abide by parking regulations can result in a ticket or even you or your guest car being towed. Please take time to review the parking regulations in our community.

- **Each home is assigned two parking spaces and if they are in good standing, they are issued a parking pass to be used in a VISITOR space. The Visitor Parking spaces are for VISITORS ONLY and NOT for a third car of residents for the duration of parking use, this is enforced 24 hours.**
- Without a permit visible, the vehicle will be towed.
- No parking in fire lanes or double parking is allowed. Violators will be automatically ticketed and towed.
- Also, commercial vehicles- including vehicles with removable company stickers or magnets, are prohibited from parking in any parking space overnight. **They will be automatically towed.**



Vehicle Theft Prevention

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), most vehicles are stolen during the summer months. **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.
- When parking, turn the tires toward the curb and always use your **emergency brake**.
- Use a car alarm and/or anti-theft device.
- Use a vehicle locator device.
- **REMEMBER:** If you **SEE** something, **SAY** something! Call the Montgomery County Police non-emergency number at **301-279-8000** (24 hours).



Real Trash Talk: Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a frequent complaint. Residents can help clean up the neighborhood by reporting illegal dumping to 311 or by calling your community manager. **Only call if the illegal dumping is in progress.** Get involved! **Tele-A-Phone, Tele-A-Graph, Tele-A-Neighbor!** (Just MY "Real Trash Talk"). In Audubon Square, if your **address is found in the bulk trash**, you **MAY** be fined, *real talk*...It's a violation.