



The Reflection Homes Association Community Newsletter

June 2023



RHA Board & Committee News:

Upcoming Meetings:

Board	June 12
ACC	June 5 July 3
Recreation	June 14
SA	June 7

Until further notice, all meetings will be **online** at 7 p.m. & are subject to change.

The RHA website has instructions on attending online meetings.

www.rha-homes.org

Important Dates:

June 6	D-Day 1944
June 7	HHS Graduation at EagleBank Arena 
June 14	Flag Day 
June 16	FCPS last day of school
June 18	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth
JUNE 19	Bulk Item Pickup Day
June 21	First Day of SUMMER!
June 25	Korean War starts, 1950
July 4	Independence Day



RHA Board

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Charles Marts

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Nicholas Viau

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John Hanchulak

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Don Nuss

At Large:

Mike Olson

FirstService Residential (FSR):

703-385-1133

800-927-4599 (24 hour)

Board of Directors:

by Charlie Marts, Board President

From the May 8 RHA Board Meeting:

-- RHA's First Service Residential Property Manager, Swati Krishnamoorthy, is leaving the company. We thank her for her outstanding support and wish her well in her future endeavors. Until a replacement is named, RHA business will be handled by the Regional Director. We should continue to use the call center numbers: 703-385-1133 and 800-927-4599 (24 hour).

-- The annual **Bulk Item Pick-up** is scheduled for **Monday, June 19**. (See page 3 for more info.)

-- The annual **Creek Cleanup** was held Saturday, May 20th, on a sunny, clear day, with refreshments provided afterwards by Charlie Marts. (See below and on page 4.)

-- New 2023-2024 Townhome parking stickers will be mailed this month to TH owners. Please look for them! Renters should contact their landlords to receive stickers. (see page 4)

Architectural Control Committee:

by Brenda Brown, ACC Secretary

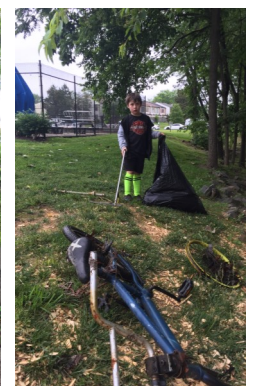
At the May ACC meeting there were 3 requests that had been approved over email prior to the meeting: two for roofs and one to replace a concrete slab in front of the house. Two requests were approved at the meeting: one for solar panels and one to build/attach a new garage. Two information requests: approved fence colors and window replacements, will be answered by email.

The Committee discussed having First Service Residential send an addendum to homeowners who rent their property, on the rules and regulations of RHA such as: upkeep, trash, Townhome parking rules, etc.

The Committee meets once a month on the first Monday (June 5 this month). If you wish to submit an application for change, please do so two to three weeks prior to the meeting so that any questions can be answered before the meeting.

DID YOU KNOW ... Including your home address on all communications with the ACC, by email or on ACC request forms, will immensely speed up action on your item! (continued on page 2)

***** RHA/LHA CREEK CLEANUP 2023 *****



ACC (continued from page 1)

DID YOU KNOW...When submitting a change application, **ALL** details should be included in the application’s description. Please do not submit an application stating that you want to install windows “like the ones in the brochure” and that’s all you write. If you want to change your windows, in the description you should state the material, the style, the color, and whether there are mullions (grids). For example, in the application’s description, it should state: “I want to install vinyl, double hung, white windows with mullions.” That tells the ACC the material (vinyl), the style (double hung), the color (white), and whether there are mullions. If you also wish to include a brochure, you may do that **in addition** to the application.

DID YOU KNOW ... applications for change must be submitted by the homeowner, not a contractor, and must include the change application form at: <https://rha-homes.org/acc-committee>

DID YOU KNOW...Last year the Board approved a change to the guidelines. You are now able to plant vegetables and herbs in your front yard **WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:**

- Each vegetable or herb has a maximum height of 4 feet
- No part of any plant shall extend beyond the owner’s yard
- After the growing season, plants must be removed.
- Failure to comply may result in an ACC violation/fine.

The next ACC meeting will be Monday, June 5 at 7pm via Zoom.

Recreation Committee, Inc. (RCI): by Lourdes Umana, RCI Chair
Gene Harper, RCI Treasurer

The meeting scheduled for May 10 did not take place due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14.

... More Spring Blooms in RHA



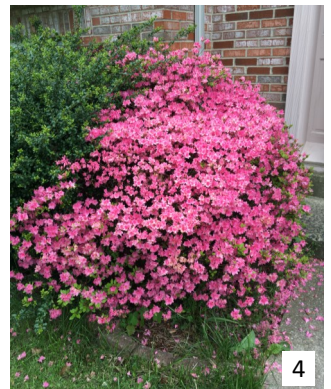
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- 1. Roses 2. Fringe Tree
- 3. Iris 4. Azaleas 5. Roses
- 6. Euphorbia and Violas
- 7. Yellowwood Tree



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Pool season started during Memorial Day weekend on **Saturday, May 27, and will end on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4.** Normal pool hours are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you haven’t received your pool passes and you are a renter, contact your landlord. If you own your RHA residence and need status info about your pool passes, contact Sequoia Management Company at 703-803-9641 or at rci@sequoiamgmt.info. If you are an owner and forgot to apply for your passes, go to: <https://swimmingpoolpasses.net/reflection-recreation>



The Riptides Swim Team began practices on **May 30** and will meet weekdays from 5:15 p.m. till 7:35 p.m. through **Friday June 16**. Weekday morning practices commence on **Monday, June 19** at 7:45 a.m. See full details on practices by age groups at <https://reflectionriptides.swimtopia.com/>.

Swim meets splash off on Saturday June 17 and will end on Wednesday July 19. Both meets on those dates plus three others will happen at the poolhouse. If they’re on Wednesday, the pool will cease normal operations at 4:30 p.m. to accommodate pool lane and deck set-up. The pool parking lot will be closed to neighborhood residents at the same time to accommodate vehicles of visiting team families and friends.

Saturday home meets will begin at 8:30 a.m.; the pool will open to residents as soon as meets end, usually around noontime. See the full Riptides team competition schedule at https://reflectionriptides.swimtopia.com/swim_meets.

During summer months, residents are asked to show kindness toward swim team families and regular pool customers: Leave parking spots empty close to the poolhouse for their easy access.

Community-Wide Bulk Item Pickup — June 19

We want to make sure you all have Monday, June 19 on your calendar! This is the day of the community-wide bulk item pickup provided by **Waste Not Want Not Trash Removal Services, LLC** as part of RHA’s trash collection contract!



Let them take away your **unwanted large furniture, appliances, rugs/carpets, tables/chairs, desks, etc.**

We request you place your bulky items out for collection no earlier than 4pm Sunday afternoon.

WNWN will start pickups approximately 6:00am, Monday morning.



BUT, there are some things WNWN will NOT pick up:

- liquids; combustible materials
- tires; batteries
- dead animals;
- dirt; rocks;
- items identified as hazardous (including paint, antifreeze, motor oil)
- Construction materials including drywall, concrete, bricks



2023 Riptides Begin After-School Swim Practices!



****NOTES****

Herndon Farmer's Market opened May 4: Local produce and other foods are back for the season every Thursday from 8am - 12:30pm between May 4 and Nov 7, by the Red Caboose in Old Town Herndon, in the 700 block of Lynn St.

Creek Cleanup Tally: 20 sacks of miscellaneous stuff plus: 1 bicycle; 1 satellite dish; 2 shopping carts; 2 car tires. Huge THANKS to Leron and Isaac Culbreath; Robert, Alex and Abby Johnson; the Throckmorton family; Earl Blaes; board members Mike Olson and Charlie Marts.

Herndon High School Graduation Ceremony: Will be Wednesday, June 7, from 7:30-9:30pm at the EagleBank Arena (formerly named the Patriot Center) on the GMU campus. Go Hornets! Congratulations to all the RHA 2023 graduates!



2023-24 Townhome Parking Stickers: Now being sent to TH owners are square and green this year. Mount the new ones as soon as they arrive, but please do not remove your current (2022-23) stickers until after July 1.

World Music Day, June 21, is a celebration of all things related to music. It originated in France, where there is an event called La Fête de la Musique (Music Festival). It takes place on the 1st day of Summer, mostly in public outdoor spaces and it's free to everyone. Due to its popularity, other countries started celebrating music day. Over 125 countries celebrated it in 2021.



The picture on the upper corner of page 1 is of Rhododendrons and Azaleas blooming on Berger Pl.

RHA Newsletter submissions: Inputs/comments/suggestions for the June 2023 RHA newsletter are due by May 20. Send inputs to newsletter@rha-homes.org



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 (May) Pentecost	29 Memorial Day	30	31 World No Tobacco Day	1	2 National Egg Day	3 World Bicycle Day
4 Trinity Sunday	5 7:00-9:00pm ACC online meeting World Environment Day	6 6 June 1944 D-Day Anniversary	7 7:00-9:00pm SA online meeting National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 World Oceans Day	9 National Best Friend Day	10
11 Corpus Christi	12 7:00-9:00 Board online meeting Tony Awards	13	14 7:00-9:00pm RCI online meeting Flag Day	15 World Blood Donor Day	16 FCPS Last Day of School	17 Swim Meet 8:30am-noon
18 Father's Day	1865 June 19th Bulk Item Pickup Celebrate Freedom! Happy Juneteenth!	20 World Refugee Day	21 Happy First Day of Summer!	22 World Music Day	23 Take Your Dog to Work Day	24 International Widows' Day Swim Meet 8:30am-noon
25 1950 Korean War Starts	26 First day of Hajj	27 National Ice Cream Cake Day	28 Eid al-Adha Starts Swim Meet 4:30-8:30pm	29 National Camera Day	30 National Handshake Day	1 (July) Happy Canada Day!

This newsletter is created by the Board of Directors of Reflection Homes Association in order to inform you about its work, and to keep you updated on things important to our neighborhood. If you have any questions, suggestions, or contributions to this newsletter, please email them to: RHAboard@RHA-Homes.org and/or newsletter@RHA-Homes.org Visit: <http://rha-homes.org> to read past newsletters, or to request email newsletter delivery.