

PROPHECY TOWN NEWSLETTER

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings, Prophecy Community!! A special welcome to all new homeowners and renters. Our Annual meeting is Thursday, May 6, 2021, 7PM By way of ZOOM You will received the information in the mail. We look forward to seeing the Prophecy Community at this meeting.

Spring is here and summer is only two month away, the children will be out of school soon, the summer fun is about to begin. Prophecy Board of Directors appreciates all suggestions to help better our neighborhood and community. The clean up from the winter storms is under way. There are trees and branches we are removing and trimming, along with other areas of concern from the ferocious snowstorms we had a few moths ago.

If you haven't started your spring-cleaning, this is the perfect time to get started. Let's remove some of the clutter from our garages and closets. If you haven't used or worn it in a few years, you probably don't need it. Bag up the items and donate them to the shelter or any organization that provide services to the less fortunate.

REMINDER TO OUR NEIGHBORS

- PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF BULK OR OTHER LARGE TRASH ITEMS IN THE COMMON AREA
- PLEASE DO NOT PUT OUT BULK TRASH ITEMS MORE THAN 12 HOURS BEFORE PICK-UP
- CALL BULK TRASH AT 301-952-7600 FOR ITEMS OTHER THAN HOUSEHOLD TRASH
- HOMEOWNERS WILL BE CITED WITH A LARGE FINE FOR VIOLATING
- LET'S KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN



LOVE YOUR DOG, BE THE OWNER THEY DESERVE

We love dogs. We also love our community. These are the reasons why the association is committed to enforcing the County Animal Control Ordinance on association property.

Leash Law - It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large may be impounded. A Violation Notice may be issued by a County Police Officer or Animal Control Officer to the owner of an animal found at-large.

Did you know that according to the U.S. Humane Society, an unleashed dog has an average life span of less than four years? Allowing your dog to run free threatens your dog's health and welfare and the happiness he/she brings to you.

Removal of Excrement - The owner or custodian of any dog or cat is required to remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste can be a serious problem. Fellow dog-parents; if you are ever tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawn, please remember the appearance and quality of the community are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly. Not to mention, uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.

We trust we can count on you for voluntary compliance with the law. We don't like to call animal control, but all residents are entitled to enjoy our community.

SAFETY TIPS

Crime in the County is on the rise, the Board and management can help keep you informed, but residents can do more to protect themselves and their property than the Association can do.

Residents are reminded of these Burglary Prevention Tips:

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don't allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.

DO NOT hesitate to contact the police with any suspicious activities.

Emergency call 911

For non-emergency police assistance

301-333-4000

You can register to receive alerts from local agencies (including crime alerts) at www.nixle.com

Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute - Link to crime safety brochures

www.dpscs.state.md.us/aboutdpscs/pct/ccpi/brochures.shtml

BE SMART CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Considering installing a mailbox, planting a tree, building a deck? If you are planning any project that requires you to dig in your yard, remember to call 811. 811 is a national number to have the underground utility lines marked. Do not begin digging until the lines have been marked or cleared as "no conflict". Damage to any type utility line, can result in serious injury. Protect yourself, your family, your property, and neighbors, **CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!**

Source: Pepco & Washington Gas Newsletters

PGPD URGES CAUTION AFTER RESIDENTIAL ROBBERIES

The Prince George's County Police Department's Robbery Unit is urging citizens to use caution after two residential robberies in which the suspects posed as local utility workers. The robberies occurred on the morning of April 2, 2010 in the 1700 block of the Addison Road South in Forestville and on the evening of April 18, 2010 in the 3400 block of Andover Place in Suitland. In both incidents, the suspects knocked on the door and indicated that they were from a local utility company performing work in the area and were in need of a signature on a form. When the victims opened the door, the suspects then produced weapons and robbed the occupants of the home of their valuables.

Prince George's County Police Department is offering the following safety tips:

1. Keep your doors locked when answering a knock
2. Demand workers to show photo identification
3. Call the person's place of business to verify their identity and reason for being at your home
4. Call 911 to report suspicious persons in your neighborhood
5. Check your surroundings before entering and exiting your home or vehicle
6. Never let anyone you do not know into your home
7. Follow all the above guideline for any solicitor at your door

Anyone with information about the suspects is urged to call the Robbery Unit at 301-772-4905. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 866-411-TIPS or text PGPD plus the message to CRIMES on your cell phone, or go to www.pgpolice.org and submit a tip online.

INSPECTIONS

As a homeowner we have the responsibility to maintain our homes in a clean and sanitary condition. As a member of the Prophecy Community Association we are required to adhere to the governing documents.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Mowing the front and back yards
- ✓ Weed Control
- ✓ Pruning trees and bushes
- ✓ Power washing the siding and decks
- ✓ Painting or replacing doors, storm doors, and shutters due to fading or rust.
- ✓ Repairing or replacing broken screens, gutters, fascia, etc.
- ✓ Cleaning, repairing, or replacing fences, sheds, decks, etc.
- ✓ Adhering to all parking regulations
- ✓ Proper storage of trash/recycle bins, tools, yard tools, and cleaning equipment

Check around your property for these and other maintenance needs and take action. Quality 1 Property Management is conducting routine inspections. Citations will be issued for covenant violations. Continued or repeated violations can result in fines.

Exterior Alterations - Do not forget to submit an Application for Exterior Alteration prior to beginning your outdoor home improvement projects. What type of projects need approval? Any alteration that will change the outside appearance of your home; for example building or replacing a deck or fence, changing the color of the trim, or replacing door or siding.

Although routine inspections will be conducted, common area issues may arise in between these inspections. Please contact Quality1 Property Management to report any common area issues. Don't depend on your neighbor to call; he/she might be depending on you. The written requests (violation disputes, extensions, etc.) and Application for Exterior Alterations may be submitted by e-mail: Office@quality1propertymanagement.com, or fax 240-260-0755. Questions regarding these issues will be addressed by Steve Marsh.

HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Prince George's County has minimum requirements for property owners. They have compiled these responsibilities into a Homeowner's Guide to Property Maintenance. Below are a few of the highlights:

- Exterior Structures must be clean, safe, and sanitary; peeling, flaking or chipped paint; gutters and downspouts must be in good repair; and stairways, decks, and balconies must be safe
- Grass should be no taller than 8 inches
- Inoperable/unlicensed Vehicles are not allowed on streets, driveways, or public right-of-ways
- Outside storage of appliances, furniture, vehicle parts, building materials, tree limbs, etc. are prohibited

FAQ

Q. Who do I call to register a complaint regarding a vacant lot that needs to be cleaned?

A. If the lot is located outside a municipality, contact the Community Services Division at 301-883-6100.

Q. Can I operate an auto repair business out of my house?

A. No. According to the Zoning Ordinance, once repair activity has been verified, a violation notice will be issued ordering the responsible person to cease repair activity within 30 days or face legal action, fines, or both.

Q. My neighbor's grass is knee high. Who should I call to report this problem?

A. If the grass is higher than 12 inches, this is a code violation and you should notify CSD at 301-883-6100.

This guide is available online by clicking on the publications link on the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) page at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DER/>. You may also request a copy by calling 301-883-5810.

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

County Information 301-350-9700

Department of Environmental Resources

Animal Control 301-499-8300

Bulk Trash 301-952-7600

Housing Complaint 301-883-6100

Abandoned Vehicles 301-952-1873

Health Centers/Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital 301-552-8118

Prince George's Hospital Center 301-618-2100

Police (non-emergency) 301-333-4000

Prince George's Public Schools 301-952-6000

STATE OF MARYLAND

Dept of Housing & Community Dev 800-756-0119

General Assembly 301-858-3000

Motor Vehicle Administration 800-950-1MVA

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Citizen Information Center 800-FED-INFO
www.firstgov.gov

Consumer Information Center 888-8-PUEBLO
www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Health & Human Services 877-696-6775

Identity Theft/Internet Complaints 877-FTC-HELP

Internal Revenue Services 202-283-8097
www.irs.gov (local number)

Social Security Administration 800-772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov

Veterans Affairs 800-827-2344
www.va.gov

