

# Olney Oaks

SINGLE FAMILY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Post Office Box 293, Olney, Maryland 20830  
[www.olneyoaks.org](http://www.olneyoaks.org)

## Summer 2018

### 2018 Annual Meeting Summary:

#### President's Report - Carolyn Knight

We discussed projects in 2017, plans for 2018, and the need to update our covenants. Added to the 2018 plan is a nicer sign for our Hwy 108 entrance and updating the two playgrounds.

#### Presentation by the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, Brendan Bonita - VP and Michael A. Kelley, Fire Chief

They discussed several serious fires in Olney that occurred late in 2017, the contributing factors, and emphasized the following information:

#### New Smoke Detector Law

- Replace older battery-operated smoke detectors with tamper resistant units run by a 10-year lithium battery. Revised law was phased in but took full effect January 1.
- SSVFD will assist vulnerable populations to install the new detectors in the correct locations
- SSVFD can provide special smoke detector units for the hearing impaired

#### Fire Safety Best Practices

- Develop a fire escape plan
- Have a family meeting place in case of fire
- Close bedroom doors at night
- Call the fire department first – 911 if a fire!

Contact SSVFD for a fire prevention inspection.

#### Treasurer's Report – Jay Feinberg

Income was higher than budgeted because of referral fees of \$400 from Solar City, more resale package fees than expected, and 61 households paying the \$15 late fee. Expenses came in \$2,081 under budget, though more money was spent on trees than budgeted. We spent \$7,500 on path repairs. We only spent \$940 for snow/ice removal out of a budget of \$3500. All households eventually paid. Based on the findings of the capital reserve study conducted by an outside firm

in 2014, a specified amount was added to the reserves for future expenses.

Complete minutes of the annual meeting are available by request.

### Community Yard Sale - Sat, June 2!!

#### Sign up at [recreation@olneyoaks.org](mailto:recreation@olneyoaks.org)

If you did not email get notice of this weeks ago, it is because we do not have your current email! This could become an annual event.

### Playground Planning:

Anyone interesting in joining a workgroup to replace and update our two tot-lots, please let us know ASAP: [recreation@olneyoaks.org](mailto:recreation@olneyoaks.org)

### Take Action: Mosquitoes & Disease

Mosquitoes are a growing problem in Maryland since the arrival of the Asian Tiger Mosquito in 1987. They behave and breed differently than the native mosquitoes and control requires very different strategies than what we used in past decades. Please use the excellent online resources, particularly "Check Your Home – Preventing Standing Water,"

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito/check-your-home.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mosquito/check-your-home.html). It contains the video *Check Your Home – Avoid breeding Mosquitoes in Your Backyard*. This 4-minute video includes much information, including:

- The small open recycling bins cannot be stored outside without catching/retaining rain water, whether they are stored right side up or upside down. Keep these inside or under cover.
- A very common product used in many of our backyards is a hazard to your family and your neighbors. Find out what it is in the video!

## Home Maintenance Overdue?

- Remove green algae on siding
- Paint wooden garage doors
- Replace or paint shutters
- Trim bushes/trees back from the sidewalks and paths, up 8 feet where people walk and 12 feet over the roadway
- Repair fences
- Repair or seal driveways (no weeds)

## Parking Reminders

- Cars parked in driveways must not block sidewalks. This is a county law violation.
- No vehicles can be parked within 20 feet of an intersection. Violators can be ticketed.
- Vehicles cannot be parked on grassy areas.

## Fences

Fences may be put around the back yard and along the sides of houses in Olney Oaks. Fences may not enclose any portion of front yards. A county permit is required for the installation of any new fence or retaining wall over 30 inches high OR if the fence replacement varies in height, design, or footprint from the original. Contact the Department of Permitting Services at 240-777-0311 or MC311.

## Reserving the Olney Oaks Pavilion

Email [recreation@olneyoaks.org](mailto:recreation@olneyoaks.org). Volleyball equipment is available. Please clean up and take all trash when you leave.

## County Recycling Services

- Find the **holiday schedule** or sign up for email reminders and recycling news at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/holidays)
- **Yard Waste must not be left curbside** until after 5 PM on Wednesday evening. Paper bags are best kept under your eaves so they stay dry.
- **Not all plastics can be recycled.** All polystyrene (Styrofoam) must go into the trash. Many plastic containers are also polystyrene. If they are labeled #6-PS, they cannot be recycled in Montgomery County.
- **Polystyrene packing peanuts** may be accepted for reuse at Mailboxes or UPS stores. Otherwise, bag them to put in the trash.
- Place **shredded paper** in a closed paper bag in your big bin to prevent a neighborhood mess.

- **Plastic bags** go to the grocery store (clean, dry and empty), never in your recycling bin.
- **Scrap Metal** - Call the county MC311 no later than Wednesday weekly for curbside pickup.

## Website & Email List

Be sure to visit [www.olneyoaks.org](http://www.olneyoaks.org) for more information about our community. The website was recently updated and will continue to be improved. You can also sign up to be on the email list and contact Olney Oaks Board members.

## Reporting Violations

Any member of the HOA who wishes to have any alleged violations addressed by the Board must submit a written complaint (via paper mail or email) at [www.olneyoaks.org](http://www.olneyoaks.org). All is confidential. Include your address and a phone number.

## Resale Package

You are required to give the buyer a new copy of the Olney Oaks Covenants, board of directors list, annual budget and related documents. The version on the website cannot be used for this purpose. The cost is \$30. Contact: [treasurer@olneyoaks.org](mailto:treasurer@olneyoaks.org)

## Important Phone Numbers:

Street lights/ missing signs 311 or 240-777-0311  
(more fun: go to the MoCo streetlight map)  
Non-emergency police 301-279-8000  
Animal complaints 301-279-8000  
**Transco Pipeline emergency** 800-440-8475

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