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# the ASHLEY RIDGE

## Newsletter

A Publication of the Ashley Ridge Homeowners' Association

### A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Another year is upon us at Ashley Ridge. The new year will bring opportunities and challenges for all. In 2008, the Board of Directors will hold their meetings every two months. This increase in meetings will provide the community ample opportunity to take part in helping shape the direction of the community. I encourage each and every one of you to try and make to at least one meeting this year. At every meeting, there is an open forum for the community to make comments, offer suggestions, or to ask questions that are important to them. In addition, the various committees provide a report on the work that they have been doing to improve the community. The meetings generally last about an hour or so and begin at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are generally held at one of the local public schools. We hope to see you there.

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#### *Calendar of Events*

- March 12 Board of Directors' Meeting
- March 15 Trash Pick-Up Day
- April 26 Ashley Ridge Neighborhood Yard Sale

#### **Time To Clean Out Your Closets**

The Ashley Ridge neighborhood yard sale will be held on April 21 from 7:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. No sign-up necessary; just set up on your driveways.



## *Let's Keep Our Community Safe!*

Two weeks ago, our Vint Hill Road stone sign was the target of vandalism. The letters "FP" were spray-painted in the colors black and red on the stones. In addition, two homes on Aqua View Court were also spray-painted. There were police reports filed and the investigation is still ongoing. We have the responsibility as homeowners to keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful. (Thank you to the resident on Aqua View Court that voluntarily cleaned off the stones!) As our neighborhood watch program will soon begin, we all need to look for signs of vandalism and "just when something doesn't seem right". Please keep the **Prince William County Police** non-emergency number handy, **703-792-6500**, and use it! Look for strange or disabled cars, late night parties, loud music and yelling.....listen to your instinct. If a situation seems questionable, it probably is. You can remain anonymous and no one will ever know who called the police. The result is that we can all sleep better at night knowing that our neighborhood is taking all of the necessary steps to keeping EVERYONE safe. .

## *Ashley Ridge Trash Pick-up Day*

We are looking for lots of volunteers to come out on March 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and help pick up trash and debris that have been left in common areas, pond, street, etc. within our community. We have never had an event like this; it's a dirty job, but your help and participation will be greatly appreciated. Trash bags will be provided for your convenience. Tell a neighbor, phone a friend, plan to participate to beautify the neighborhood. Please write to [communications@ashleyridgehoa.org](mailto:communications@ashleyridgehoa.org) if interested or just show up on March 15 ---- see you then!



# Sidewalk Savvy

Thank you to everyone who ensured their sidewalks were clear and safe after the last snow fall. Especially at this time of year when we have snow that blocks access and can make it unsafe for our children to get to their bus stop or those walking/exercising. If you live on a corner, remember that your neighbors need you to clear the entire sidewalk and not just the portion in

front of your home. Also, don't forget the postal carrier – if you don't clear snow from around the mail box to allow access, they may not deliver your mail. Lastly, be sure if you have a fire hydrant near your house that it is kept clearly visible and not covered. You never know when it may be the difference between life and death for you or a neighbor.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

NEXT BOARD of Director's Meeting – March 12th and then bi-monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month beginning with May 29th. See the website for details (time/location/agenda).

## GE PROFILE RECALLS

Does your kitchen include GE Profile appliances? If so, you need to be aware of a recall for the dishwashers and microwave combo wall ovens.

Dishwashers – Sold between September 1997 through December 2001, the liquid rinse-aid can leak from its dispenser onto the dishwasher's internal wiring which can cause an electrical short and overheating, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Microwave Combo Wall Ovens – Sold between January 2000 to December 2003, the door switch in the microwave oven can overheat and ignite plastic components

in the control area, posing a fire hazard to consumers. The lower thermal oven does not pose a hazard.

Please see the U.S. Product and Safety Commission at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) website for details.



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