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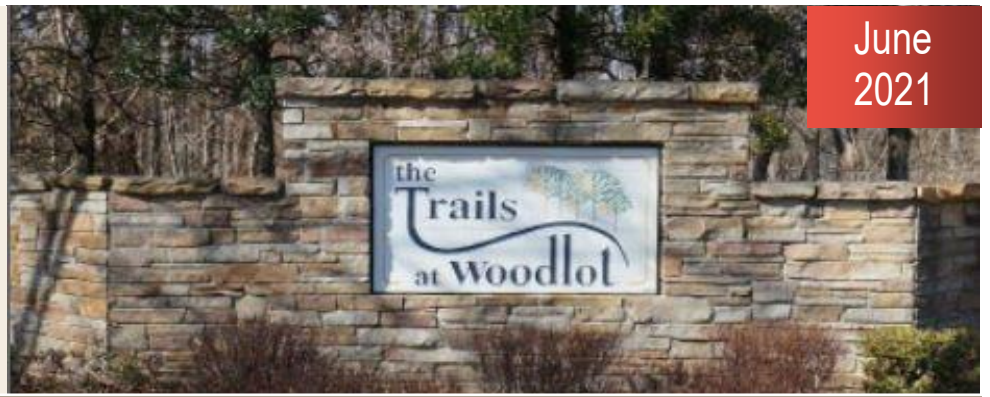
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Move to Online Billing

On June 1, 2021, the TAWL HOA townhouse fee statements will be emailed to townhome residents instead of being sent through the mail. The plan is to use email for all HOA fee billing going forward.

During the pandemic, many residents experienced lost, late, and returned payments. Using email to send invoices will reduce costs for supplies, postage, and labor and ensure that residents receive their statements on time.

If you want to receive your statement at a different email address than was used for this newsletter, or if this newsletter was delivered in hard copy to your home, please send an email with your preferred email address to Stacey or Carole at thetrailsatwoodlot@gmail.com. Each household is permitted to have two email addresses on file.

Methods of payment will continue to be check, money order, or bill pay through your bank.

Making a good first impression counts!

Creating Curb Appeal

This past year, a Howard County Department of Highways employee, who visits neighborhoods throughout the county, visited our community to install house number signs for our flag lots. He commented, "You have a beautiful community, and I am impressed."

This is a familiar comment when guests visit our community. Part of the appeal of our neighborhood is due to the effort our residents put forth in maintaining their properties. To support those efforts, volunteers who serve on the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) conduct an annual walk through and provide feedback on areas that need attention. Prior to the walk through, the checklist used by the ARC and additional information will be posted on the HOA website at https://thetrailsatwoodlot.com/architectural_comm.html.

This year's walk through will begin on **Friday, June 11**, with a rain date of Monday, June 14, and be completed by the last week of June. Feedback from volunteers will be provided in two categories:

- **Deficiencies**—potential issues that generate a violation letter if not corrected before the September follow up walk through, and
- **Recommendations**—suggested actions for improving curb appeal that are not required by the HOA Bylaws and will not generate a violation letter if not completed.

Deficiency and recommendation notices will be emailed to residents by the end of June. Questions about notices can be emailed to thetrailsatwoodlot@gmail.com, ATTN: ARC.

Dumping Prohibited

Placing lawn clippings, leaves, sod, dirt, rocks, wood, branches, dead plants, or any other items onto HOA or Howard County open spaces is prohibited by our bylaws and county ordinances and may result in violations and fines. Please dispose of waste properly in your compost or trash containers and remind contractors doing work on your property that they are responsible for removing debris from the premises.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We have openings and provide training!

- Board members
- Website manager
- Picnic setup/cleanup
- Newsletter editor

Join now and you'll have six months to train with the current volunteer. Offering your time ensures our community remains self-managed and helps keep our HOA fees lower. Email thetrailsatwoodlot@gmail.com and include your areas of interest.



HOA Computers For Sale

The HOA has two used computers and an external hard drive that are no longer needed and would like to offer them for sale to TAWL residents before advertising to the general public.

Dell Inspiron 15" 3000 Series 3580 **\$400**
Purchased new 7/20—used for 6 months

Dell 5558 15" **\$50**
Good for a younger student or someone who does some Internet browsing and email. Left side CTRL key is frozen.

My Passport 1TB External Hard Drive **\$40**

Email Jayne Kaiser at jaynekaiser@verizon.net for more information or to schedule an appointment to see the items.

Coming Soon...

- The Architectural Review Committee has revised the Architectural Application and streamlined the application process. The new application will be posted soon on the HOA website at www.thetrailsatwoodlot.com.
- Townhouse paint colors have been translated to Sherwin Williams paint colors and will also be added to the website.

coming soon >>>

Save the Date for the Annual Picnic—Saturday, September 17th*

With so many new residents, we are excited to bring back our neighborhood picnic, but would like to hear from you! Current plans include an outdoor event with the HOA providing a boxed meal and dessert and residents bringing their own beverages and chairs. Please let us know your interest in attending and/or volunteering by emailing Carol at carol.gleason@icloud.com.

*Rain date—Sunday September 18

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