

# Montgomery Meadows Newsletter

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### BOARD MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 the Board Meetings will be held via teleconference. Phone number and Access Code will be sent to Homeowners via Piler.com

### Trash Pick-Up

Tuesdays & Fridays  
**MUST BE PLACED IN A  
SECURE CONTAINER WITH A LID**  
**AFTER 7:00 pm on Mondays & Thursdays**

### Recycle Pick-Up

Tuesdays  
**MUST BE PLACED IN A  
GREEN RECYCLE BIN**  
**AFTER 7:00 pm on Mondays**

### BULK PICK-UP

**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG BULK PICK-UP PROGRAM  
HAS RESUMED!**

**First Tuesday of the Month  
ONLY SET OUT BULK PICK-UP  
MONDAY AFTER 7:00pm**

**Only items excepted by City of Gaithersburg  
Bulk Pick-Up Program will be collected**

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## DUE TO COVID-19

**The Tot Lot/Playground and Tennis Court Areas Are Closed!  
These Areas Have NOT Been Disinfected!**

We appreciate that this is a conservative approach from a liability perspective and such an announcement may cause alarm, but we believe it is important to notify all residents that tot lots and tennis courts have not been disinfected for COVID-19 and will continue to be closed.

## National Night Out

National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The state of Maryland and select areas celebrate the first Tuesday in October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are strongly recommending that all National Night Out 2020 areas celebrate on **October 6th, the first Tuesday in October.**

## Annual Pool Party



**The Annual Pool Party has been postponed for Saturday, June 29, 2019.** We wanted to provide all our members a new update given the fluid situation that we are all living with during the Corona virus pandemic. We are sorry to report

that due to continued government restrictions our pool opening will be delayed and we will **not be opening Memorial Day weekend as planned.**

On May 18, 2020 Montgomery County health officials announced that public and private community pools - including homeowners association - will not open Memorial Day weekend for the traditional start of summer, due to COVID-19 restrictions affecting the health and safety of patrons and employees. Restrictions apply to pools operated by Montgomery County Recreation, as well as apartment and condominium complex pools, and private swim clubs know that many in the community equate pool openings with the official start of the summer season, but ongoing COVID-19 restrictions make it impossible to safely open so that swimmers and employees are protected from the spread," said County Health Officer Dr. Travis Gayles.

Therefore, Georgetown Aquatics and the Montgomery Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc. will not be able to open the pool as planned for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

## Important Safety Reminders

Stay Home.  
 Venture out only when necessary.  
 If you are sick, stay inside.  
 Avoid close contact with people who are sick.  
 Practice social distancing. Stay at least 6 feet away from others.  
 Gathering of 10 or more people are prohibited by the Governor's Order.



**REMEMBER: DO NOT PLAY ON PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OR THE TENNIS COURT  
 THE CORNOA VIRUS CAN LIVE ON CERTAIN SURFACES FOR SEVERAL DAYS!**

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT DURING CORONA VIRUS

While you might not see us in person, the City of Gaithersburg is here for you during this difficult time. We stand at the ready to assist by phone or by email. Please call with any needs, ideas, or suggestions.

We thought these links and resources might be of interest to you:

### Maryland Information at Maryland Unites

<https://governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites/>

### Montgomery County Information

Montgomery County Call Center – 311  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mc311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mc311)

### City of Gaithersburg Emergency Assistance, Support and Volunteer Resources

[www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/community-services](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/community-services)

### City of Gaithersburg Neighborhood Services

Email: [neighborhoods@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:neighborhoods@gaithersburgmd.gov)

### City of Gaithersburg Community Services

Email: [Communityservices@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:Communityservices@gaithersburgmd.gov)



Food: MCPS offers free breakfast, lunch and dinner meals for students at 40+ schools and mobile sites. Manna Food Center and MCPS have been collaborating for the past few weeks on bulk distributions of weekend bags to support families when MCPS meal sites are not operating (usually Saturday & Sunday). We have been selecting sites based on convenience to multiple meal site locations as well as in an attempt to address specific needs of communities that don't have an MCPS meal site nearby.

**School buses are also being provided in collaboration with Manna Food.  
 Call or email: (301) 424-1130 [info@mannafood.org](mailto:info@mannafood.org).**

## NEED A PAYMENT PLAN OR A WAIVER?

If you need an application for a Payment Plan or a Waiver, Reimbursement, please contact Community Association, Inc., Accounting Department at (301) 258-7711 Ext. 130 to request the required documents for Board approval.

The Community Association representative will be happy to assist you.



## TOWING Is In FORCE!

Montgomery Meadows has contracted with A&M Repair & Towing to monitor the parking in the community. **If your vehicle is not displaying the Visitor Hang Tag properly, abandoned or parked in an inappropriate space**, your vehicle may be towed at the owners' expense. Look for the NEW Tow Signs!

### Montgomery Meadows Parking Rules and Regulations

1. The only type of vehicles **allowed** to park within the community are: Automobiles, trucks (pick-up) or other vehicles having 3/4 ton or less load carrying capacity or not more than two axles, small vans, motorcycles and mopeds
2. Vehicles that are **not allowed** to park in the community are: Trailers, tractor trailer trucks, boats or boat trailers, camper, commercial/work, any other recreational vehicle or any house trailer.
3. **T-Bone Parking, double-parking, parking on common ground and parking on the fire ramp is not allowed, EVER!!**
4. **Guest/Visitor Parking - Visitor parking spaces are not to be used by homeowners/renters/residents.** These spaces are for visiting guests with the Visitor Parking Permit displayed on the rear-view mirror **only**. Homeowners/renters/residents abusing these visitor spaces may be towed and/or fined at the discretion of the Board.

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Every now and then we need to be reminded of the Parking Rules and Regulations.

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5. **Additional Vehicles** - Homeowners/renters having more than two vehicles must park additional vehicles legally on public streets.
6. Please remember to **"Respect your neighbor designated parking spots, they are not yours for the taking."**

### FIRE LANES & T-BONE PARKING



Parking in a fire lane is illegal. Yet, many homeowners/tenants do just that every day. The space outside of a home is not a loading zone if it is designated as a fire lane; it is not a special use parking space, nor is it a place to wait for passengers. So, what is the fire lane for? The fire lane is an area reserved for fire and/or medical personnel responding to an emergency to stage, park, at a useful distance from a structure. The fire lane is the department's launch pad for interior firefighting or other emergency response.

The penalty for **parking** a vehicle in, allowing the **parking** of a vehicle in, obstructing, or allowing the obstruction of a designated **fire lane**, is a fine of \$150.00. Each day or part of a day during which the unlawful act or violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

### What Is the Grant of Limited Agency and Indemnification Agreement?

The **Grant of Limited Agency and Indemnification Agreement** provides the towing company with proof that you have authorization to have vehicles towed from your reserved parking space. Don't wait - if you think there may be a problem, fill out the Grant of Limited Agency and Indemnification Agreement and return it to [Brenda.Lanier@CommunityAssn.com](mailto:Brenda.Lanier@CommunityAssn.com), to be reviewed and signed by the Board. **Please have a "Witness" sign on the left-hand side of your signature.**

Units have previously been assigned a numbered reserve space. These numbered reserve spaces will remain the exclusive use of the owner. The owner may tow from his number reserve space if they have completed a Grant of Limited Agency and Indemnification Agreement and it is on file with the Management Agent.

The Homeowner will be assigned a numbered parking space and receive one hang tag for the common area to be utilized in a visitor parking space. If a homeowner's vehicle is parked in a visitor spot without a valid hangtag, it will be subject to towing WITHOUT warning. If the hangtag is misplaced, lost, or stolen the homeowner should contact the management company immediately at (301) 258-7711 Ext, 180. That hangtag will become invalid and the management company will provide the homeowner with a replacement hangtag for a \$35.00 fee.

All guests must use one of the residents two (2) spaces; either their reserved or an unnumbered visitor spot using the owners' hangtag allocated to each unit.

Vehicles parked in either a numbered or unnumbered spot must have valid license plates and be in good running order.



#### **Illegal dumping is depositing solid waste at a location other than a legally accepted facility.**

Common examples of illegal dumping:

- Disposing of your trash in dumpsters or containers that you do not own
- Disposing of your trash along public roadways or in vacant lots, fields, wooded areas, stream valleys, parklands, or any other unacceptable location
- Dumping chemicals, pesticides, used automotive fluids and other pollutants into storm drains, into waterways, or on the ground
- Improperly disposing of yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, brush and natural wood waste) by throwing it over your fence or dumping it in a nearby wooded area
- Burning solid waste
- Burying solid waste
- Dropping off solid waste at any location other than a legally accepted facility

#### **Penalties for Illegal Dumping**

Illegal dumping is a serious offense that can result in criminal prosecution. Every case of illegal dumping is investigated. Illegal dumpers are subject to a minimum \$500 civil fine and possible criminal prosecution.

Illegal dumping can be costly, but the costs of legal disposal are minimal (if incurred at all). Montgomery County provides one of the most extensive solid waste disposal and recycling programs in the nation. Take advantage of the many facilities the County offers to properly dispose of, or recycle, your unwanted materials.



## CITY OF GAITHERSBURG ENFORCEMENT OF TRASH RULES

Montgomery Meadows Board of Directors has recently been informed that the City of Gaithersburg will begin enforcing its trash rules within our community. Fines could be up to \$500.00. To avoid these fines, residents should be aware of the trash, bulk pick up and recycling rules.

All trash must be in durable metal or plastic containers with tight fitting lids. The City Code also says that residents must "...dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner..." if the residents do not have trash receptacles, the city may go through your trash to determine responsibility.

1. Trash and recycling bins should have a secure lid to keep the crows and wildlife away. The City now offers a doomed latching lid for the green recycle bin. Call directly at 301-258-6370 or you may email [recycle@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV](mailto:recycle@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV).
2. Trash bins cannot be put out in advance of trash day.
3. If your trash is not picked up, anything left out after trash day could be considered dumping and is subject to a dumping fine.
4. Piling of trash or bulk items is specifically prohibited and may be considered dumping.
5. Your trash container and recycling bin must be stored out of sight on non-trash or recycling days.
6. Do not under any circumstances use the community receptacles for disposal of household trash or bulk items. Using these facilities comes with a hefty fine and is considered a trespass.

### COMMUNITY RULES

1. Appropriate storage locations for trash cans and recycle bins is in the rear yard and out of sight. Not in the front of your property or on common area.
2. On trash days, containers should be placed at the end of the sidewalk leading up to your home. Recycling bins should be placed as close to the curb in front of your home by the street as reasonable as possible. '
3. Trash cans should be returned to their appropriate storage location no later than 12:00 midnight the day the removal service was rendered.

### Notice

Recycling will be collected as scheduled. **Bulk pick up collection will resume June 1.** Spring loose leaf collection will be rescheduled. Requests for new or replacement recycling containers will be delivered when Public Works resumes operations.

For more information contact [recycle@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV](mailto:recycle@gaitHERSBURGMD.GOV).

**RECYCLE RIGHT**  NEVER put Recyclables in Plastic Bags. Place items directly in your cart/bin.

**YES!** These can go in your cart/bin 

 CANS rinsed	 ALUMINUM FOIL cleaned	 GLASS JARS & BOTTLES rinsed	 NARROW-NECK PLASTIC BOTTLES rinsed	 MIXED PAPER no pizza boxes	 CORRUGATED CARDBOARD flatten
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**RECYCLE RIGHT** If any of the following items are found in your cart/bin, your recycling will NOT be collected. Remove offending items & we'll pick up your Recyclables the following the week.

**NO!** Throw these in the trash 

 PLASTIC BAGS Recycling is ONLY available at grocery stores	 MOTOR OIL, ANTIFREEZE OR PESTICIDE CONTAINERS	 PIZZA BOXES OR FOOD SOILED CONTAINERS	 STYROFOAM & POLYSTYRENE Polystyrene is marked with RIC-6 symbol 
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