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*From the Desk of the General Manager*  
**Mr. Ron Crigger**



♦ **Inspections** - Exterior and yards of homes are inspected on a regular basis and each year every home gets inspected for compliance. We check to make sure the grass is being mowed, for weeds, trash or other debris in the yard or driveways, siding for power washing or damage, basketball hoops laying on the ground or missing the nets and we check to make sure window coverings are in order, trash cans are not in view and anything on the exterior that could be considered a violation. Depending on the violation you can get 5 to 7 days to comply for grass or 30 days when an expense is involved. After the time limit a second and final notice will go out if you have not cured the violation. After that we will hold a hearing before the Covenants Committee, and they will determine if a fine will be imposed. They are allowed by Virginia State Code to do a one- time assessment for non-compliance of \$50.00 and can also choose to fine owners \$10.00 a day until the violation is cured, up to \$900.00 which is placed on your account and is considered a delinquent amount until paid. The Covenants Committee can elect after the fines have been imposed to turn the matter over to the Board of Directors to pursue legal action.

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♦ **Parking Violations** - The police are driving through on a regular basis and tagging vehicles parked on State Streets (single family except Mountain Laurel Loop). Vehicles are given notice and then if compliance is not met, there will be fines imposed and possible towing. River Ridge from Wayside Drive to River Heritage is not a drop off point for wrecked or abandoned vehicles and is monitored on a regular basis. Parking violations in the townhomes and Mountain Laurel Loop and Locust Creek are handled by Southbridge.



♦ **See Something, Call the Police** - If you happen to see anything or anyone that does not seem normal, please call the police immediately. Do not wait to call the office as then it is too late. Residents may also contact Eagle Patrol at 703-895-2029.

♦ **Snow Removal** - Just a friendly reminder that VDOT handles all single-family home streets except Mountain Laurel Loop and Locust Creek Drive. Townhome sections along with Mountain Laurel Loop and Locust Creek are handled by Southbridge. When and if you can, when it snows requiring plowing service try not to park in the street, especially those streets that are tight. This will allow the plows to have plenty of room to work. In the townhomes, snow will be plowed to visitor parking spaces and other non-parking areas and depending on the amount of snow, the plows may come back to push the snow into other areas.

♦ **Community Room Rentals** - The Community Room is open for rentals on either Saturday or Sunday for a \$325.00 rental fee and the room is open from 10:00 A.M. until midnight. A deposit of \$325.00 is due the day of when you inspect the room which is returned if everything is clean. Dates are going fast; January and February are already filled. The application and rental fee will save your date.

## **Happy New Year**

## **Wishing everyone a very Happy 2023!!**

### Baked Garlic Parmesan Wings Recipe

#### Ingredients

- ⇒ 2 lbs. wing portions wingettes, drumettes, or a combo of both
- ⇒ 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- ⇒ 1 tsp. lemon juice
- ⇒ 4 cloves garlic crushed
- ⇒ ¼ tsp. black pepper
- ⇒ ½ – 1 tsp. red pepper flakes
- ⇒ ½ tsp. salt
- ⇒ 2 Tbsp. cornstarch tapioca or arrowroot starch
- ⇒ ⅓ cup Parmesan cheese plus more for serving
- ⇒ Fresh parsley finely chopped
- ⇒ Italian or Ranch dressing

#### Instructions

- ⇒ Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
  - ⇒ In a large bowl combine lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, both peppers, and salt. Whisk ingredients together until a slightly thick sauce forms. Add wing portions and toss to coat.
  - ⇒ Sprinkle cornstarch over wings to distribute evenly. Toss wings again to coat them completely.
  - ⇒ Lastly, add parmesan cheese incrementally to try and cover all the wings completely.
  - ⇒ Line a large baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper and then place a wire rack on top. Layer wings in a single layer, skin side-down, being careful that none of the skin is touching.
  - ⇒ Bake wings in preheated oven for 40-45 minutes, flipping halfway through.
  - ⇒ Sprinkle wings with additional Parmesan cheese and parsley.
- Serve wings immediately with ranch or Italian dressing and enjoy!





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Potomac District Supervisor  
You can follow Supervisor Bailey  
Twitter: @AndreaBaileyVA  
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### **Chimney Safety**

There's nothing as serene as a warm, crackling fire on a cold, winter night. There's also nothing more dangerous if your chimney is damaged.

Broken or cracked chimneys can let heat, smoke, and toxic gasses, such as carbon monoxide, into your home. Your home could even catch fire. Chimney damage is often obvious, but sometimes it can be hidden. Use the following checklist, provided by Ready Virginia! to help ensure that you can enjoy your fireplace and avoid problems—or even a disaster:

- \* Check to see if bricks have fallen or the chimney is leaning.
- \* Look for shiny areas on your exterior metal chimney pipe. This could mean the chimney has shifted—during the recent East Coast earthquake, for instance.
- \* Look for cracks at joints where the chimney connects to the firebox, at the roofline and in the attic.
- \* Check for debris that may have fallen into the fireplace.
- \* Use a screwdriver to check the mortar between the bricks or stones. If it crumbles when you pick at it, the chimney may be a hazard and probably needs work.
- \* When in doubt, consult a licensed engineer or contractor. For the name of an inspector, call your insurance or mortgage company.

Remember, disasters can happen even in the best of homes. That's why every home should be equipped with carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Here are a few tips:

- \* Install carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in sleeping areas and on every level of your home and away from air vents. Interconnected smoke alarms are best, because if one sounds, they all sound.
- \* Test smoke alarms monthly and change alkaline batteries at least once a year. Use a familiar date, such as your birthday or when you change your clocks, as a reminder.
- \* Prepare and practice a fire escape route with everyone in your home, including children.

For more information, visit [www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms](http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms).

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# Visit With Santa



No holiday season is complete without a visit to the man in red!

Santa Claus brings holiday joy to the children all across the world.





### **Tips for a less stressful relocation**

Whether your new home is just down the street, in a nearby town or across the country, moving can be stressful. There's a lot of work to be done before that final box is unpacked more than many expect and it's easy to overlook the details that pile up the closer you get to your departure date.

First, we'd hate to see you go if you're leaving the community, and we hope you enjoyed your time here. But before you head out, here are some important tips to help make your move smoother:

**Shipping Notes:** If you're shipping items, keep the shipment registration number with you. You may need this number when calling your mover.

**Bed Ready:** Put your sheets and towels in a dresser drawer so you don't have to go searching through all your boxes for them the first night in your new home.

**Freshen the Fridge:** If you're bringing your refrigerator, thoroughly clean and dry the inside. Then, put a handful of fresh coffee, baking soda or charcoal in a sock inside to keep it smelling fresh.

**Pack Wisely:** Heavy items go in small boxes; lighter items go in larger boxes.

**Safe Memories:** If some item is particularly significant to you, like a picture, take it with you in your car. If it's irreplaceable, you don't want regrets later. Place sheets or blankets between framed photos or art for protection.

**Protect Plates:** Plates should be packed on end vertically, rather than flat and stacked.

**Bare Necessities:** Cell phones and chargers, toilet paper, toiletries, snacks, drinks, soap, flashlight, screwdriver, pliers, can opener, paper plates, cups, utensils, some pans, paper towels and cleaning supplies are some of the essentials you may need upon arrival. Pack a box with these items and load it last.

**Bulb Basics:** Remove light bulbs from your lamps.

**Involve the Kids:** Ask your children to write their names and new address on the boxes for their rooms. It'll help them remember the address.

**Pet Care:** Ask a friend to watch your pet at his or her house on moving day. It'll keep your pet calm, safe and out of the way.

**Plant Care:** Try not to let foliage rest against car windows; the leaves could burn due to glass intensifying sunrays.

Take the time to implement these tips to properly prepare for the move it may seem like more work upfront, but ultimately it can save you lots of hassle in the long run. Good luck, and don't forget to drop off your entrance gate transponder and clubhouse pass before you go!



**The 2023 Summer Swim Season is approaching for our very own Southbridge Seals!**  
**Come join the 2022 Black Division Champs as we race against other swim teams in PWC.**

**Check out the team's website at**  
[www.teamunify.com/team/recpwsisst/page/home](http://www.teamunify.com/team/recpwsisst/page/home)

**Scan the QR code below for more information or to reach out to the team with any questions.**

**Registration opens April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 and older swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool unassisted, see you at the pool!**







Autumn or sometimes known as fall is the most beautiful where the weather starts to cool down a bit after a scorching summer and the leaves change their color into golden looking.





## Thoughts Entering the New Year

As we begin another year, we members of the Association Board offer some thoughts about how we all can make our community an even better place to live in the new year and beyond.

**Responsibility.** We all take responsibility for adhering to rules and meeting our financial obligations to the community so we can avoid the costly and unpleasant task of pursuing legal actions.

**Sharing.** We share our ideas, perspectives, and concerns so we can all work together to build an even better community.

**Fellowship.** We actively participate in the recreational and social activities of the community.

**Involvement.** We attend association meetings and take the time to review important information about our community.

**Inclusiveness.** We actively welcome new residents, making all owners and renters feel part of the community.

**Pride.** We are proud to live in this community and recommend it to others who are looking for a good place to call home.

As members of the elected board, we will certainly strive to do our part. It's our goal to serve as neighborhood facilitators and regard our authority as a temporary stewardship, even as we plan for a future well beyond our tenure on the board.

We wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Sincerely,

Your Association Board

# HOW TO High School

## 7th & 8th Grade Workshop

### @ SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, January 7, 2023 Noon - 4:00pm



## Free! Lunch included!

RSVP: [www.jpthegreat.org](http://www.jpthegreat.org) or use QR Code

[admissions@jpthegreat.org](mailto:admissions@jpthegreat.org) · 703.445.0246

17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA 22026

Snow Date: Saturday, January 21, 2023

## 17 Winter Flowers That Will Thrive During the Coldest Months of the Year



- \* **Mahonia's**
- \* **Leucojum**
- \* **Pussy Willow**
- \* **Glory of the Snow**
- \* **Camellias**
- \* **English Primroses**
- \* **Witch Hazel**
- \* **Cyclamens**
- \* **Winter Aconite**
- \* **Pieris**
- \* **Winter Jasmine**
- \* **Winterberries**
- \* **Black Tulips**
- \* **Hellebores**
- \* **Daffodils**



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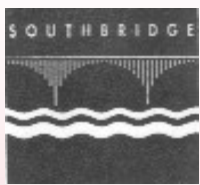
As soon as spring rolls around gardeners everywhere head outside with new bulbs and tools in hand. However, gardening doesn't have to be a warm weather-specific hobby because there are plenty of winter flowers that thrive in the cold. That's right, even when the temperatures fall below freezing and a thick blanket of snow covers the ground, some flowers can grow tall. Many perennials, annuals, and shrubs actually bloom during the coldest months of the year. The level of difficulty is more dependent on the flower than it is on the season, so if you're worried you may not be able to keep your florals alive, be sure to read about their care before planting.



So if you're looking to break out your gardening gear or to try out your green thumb for the first time, there's no need to wait until May. We've done some digging and rounded up 17 floral species that prefer winter over spring. Everything from pansies to black tulips would also make for a beautiful pop of color against bright white snow. That said, before adding these plants to your garden, check the USDA Hardiness zone where you live to be sure they'll survive winters. Once you find your perfect petals, grab your shovel, apron, and gloves, and get to work.

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