

RICHLAND FOREST

NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to the Winter 2006 edition of the newsletter.
We would like to introduce our new board members and committee chairs:**

Jack Jernigan, President
Jeffrey Long, Vice President
Natalie Rose, Secretary
Sheryl Dufour, Treasurer

Directors:
Shonnie Dennis
Sheila Singleton
Pamela Valatka

We also have new committee chairs and we are looking for residents to volunteer to help with these committees:

Architectural Control: Jack Jernigan
Landscape/Snow Removal: Sheila Singleton/Pamela Valatka
Developer Closeout: Shonnie Dennis
Traffic & Parking: Jeffrey Long
Communications: Natalie Rose

All of this information and more can be found on our web site: www.richlandforest.com.
We would like to thank Myriad Network (www.myriadnetwork.com) for offering us free web hosting for our community web site.

We are also looking for someone who would offer to design our web site. Please contact Natalie Rose (Natalie@richlandforest.com) if you are interested.

Board News:

The Board is working on cleaning up the tot lots, replacing the dead trees throughout the neighborhood. We now have a sidewalk at Ducksprings & Augusta. Later this Spring, look for our "Richland Forest" signs.

If you have any questions about dead trees on your property, please contact Shonnie Dennis (shonnie@richlandforest.com).

Reminder About Architectural Rules:

Just a few reminders about the architectural rules as found in your homeowner documents:

- Paint colors for trim and doors are specified in the handbook
- Major landscaping needs approval and your neighbor agreement
- Decks and fences are specified and need approval
- Outdoor antennas are not permitted

Please make sure to complete an Application for Architectural Change for any enhancements you are planning for the exterior of your home. The forms can be found on our web site at www.richlandforest.com or in the Architectural Design Guidelines. If you fail to file an application and seek approval from the Architectural Control Committee, you may be fined \$10 per day, up to \$900 per violation.

Trash: (also found on the web site)

A reminder that trash pick-up is Tuesday and Friday. Yard debris and recycling is Wednesday. Trash receptacles are to be placed out the night before collection, at earliest, and to be removed promptly in the evenings of collection day. Trash and recycling receptacles are to be stored out of sight from your homes frontage.

Use of Play Areas and Picnic Grounds of the Community

Many of you may or may not know that the Richland Forest Community has two play areas and one gazebo amongst our acres of common area. What many of you don't know is that the Richland Forest Board has not funded regular trash pick-up of the waste receptacles in these areas, so if you want to be a good citizen, help pick up these areas and bring a new trash bag taking the trash home if you see it accumulating. In this manner you can do your part for your community. We, of the Board of Directors, thank you in advance for your efforts in making your community the best home of all.

Parking & Traffic:

The Board will be reviewing a draft proposal to control parking during weekday hours to limit the overflow of vehicles from the high school. This is currently an annoyance, but could become a significant issue in the coming years. Ultimately, each household may need to approve a plan, if that is decided as reasonable. Please watch the website and upcoming newsletter for more information.

The Board is also considering traffic controls on Mayapple and Ducksprings during commuting hours. A draft proposal will be presented in March to the Board, and the future actions will be decided from that meeting. Look for more information on the website.

Upcoming Events:

Be a part of the Richland Forrest Extreme Makeover! Alright, it is not an extreme makeover, but a clean up day. Over the last few seasons there has been an increase in the amount of debris in the common area. We are asking that neighbors take a trash bag and fill it with waste and litter in the common areas on May 6 & 7 (rain date), then place this trash bag in your regular trash for collection Tuesday, May 9.

This project can also be credit for community service requirements for the Loudoun County Schools.

So, come out, join us, and take some pride in your neighborhood!

Please contact a board member if you are able to help out with coordinating this event!

Let Us Hear From You

Do you have a question, comment or suggestion? The Board encourages any homeowner to responsibly write, e-mail or call any member of the Board concerning any aspect of Richland Forest. Board members will respond as quickly as they can, but please remember that Board members are all volunteers with jobs and families and so your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

All contact information can be located on the web site; general comments can be directed at info@richlandforest.com.