

The Gazebo

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Afton Glen
Homeowners Association



2022 Annual Meeting and Other News

2022 Annual Meeting To Be Held Dec. 1

The 2022 annual meeting of the Afton Glen Homeowners Association will take place on Thursday, Dec. 1, at St. Raymond's church, beginning at 7 p.m.

The main official business item on the agenda will be to elect replacement members for two vacant positions on the Board of Directors. The terms of Board members Jane Markowitz and Matt Herman are expiring.

Members of the Board will also present the association's approved budget for 2023. The Board will also review major activities during 2022 and upcoming activities in 2023.

Holiday Trash Pickup

Republic Services does not pick up trash on Thanksgiving Day.

Because the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays both fall on Sundays, trash and recyclables will be picked up as usual on the following Mondays.

Remember that Republic will not pick up large, bulk items such as furniture or appliances unless you

request a special pickup. To do so, call Republic customer service at 703-818-8222.

Use Most Current ARB Form for Project Approval

When submitting an ARB request, be sure to use the most current version of the form, which is now dated October 2022. This PDF form can be downloaded, filled out electronically, and either emailed or sent by postal mail to our property manager, CSH Management. If you have any old copies of the form, throw them out.

You can always find the most current form online at the Afton Glen web site, under the tab for **Procedures > ARB Guidelines**, at <https://www.aftonglenhoa.com/ARCHITECTURAL%20IMPROVEMENT%20REQUEST%20FORM%20--%20October%202022.pdf>

Planning an Exterior Project With Drainage Consequences?

If you're planning any kind of exterior construction, hardscaping, or landscaping project, think about how the final result will affect drainage and stormwater runoff in the direction of your neighbors' yards.

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Take care to incorporate mitigating features such as gravel beds, riprap, swales, French drains, or drain pipes with pop-ups to redirect runoff water away from neighboring lots toward the street stormwater drains.

Check Your Crape Myrtles for Bark Scale Disease

Many of the homes in Afton Glen are adorned by crape myrtle trees, which bring welcome summer blooms and fall color. But are you aware they're under attack?

Crape Myrtle Bark Scale disease, which was once confined to the U.S. Southwest, is now rampant in our area. If left untreated, this scale disease can ruin trees.

The scale appears as a fuzzy white or gray insect, often near pruning sites and branch crotches. The first sign is often a black, sooty mold on the tree bark.

If you find this on your trees, prune off and dispose of dead or affected branches in the trash. An arborist or tree service can advise you on treatments for your trees, such as applying horticultural oil in the fall or spring, as well as other chemical solutions.

Avoid Creating Street Obstructions

Here are just a few reminders to help minimize traffic obstacles on Afton Glen streets:

- ▶ Mailboxes: Don't park your cars or put trash cans in front of them. If your mailbox is blocked, the Postal Service can refuse delivery to your house.
- ▶ Fire hydrants: Keep cars and trash bins away from hydrants. Fairfax County law states that

parking is prohibited within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, and no special curb marking is required for enforcement.

- ▶ Basketball hoops: These should not be in the street. Position them up behind the curb not blocking the sidewalk, or in your driveway. Anyone may report hoops on the street to VDOT as traffic hazards and, if not moved, they can be confiscated and removed by VDOT.

Your Yard Leaves Don't Belong in the Creek or Storm Drains

Fall colors are, alas, accompanied by the annual chore of cleaning up fallen leaves.

Although it might seem convenient, dumping piles of your leaves in the creek or storm drains can clog the local watershed and plug the walking path culverts, causing erosion and damage to the path.

Please dispose of leaves properly, by composting them, using them for mulch in landscape beds, or putting them out for Wednesday yard waste pickup in paper (not plastic) bags or a dedicated reusable container.

Remember to Take Down Holiday Lights After 1 Month

With the holidays coming up, be aware that your holiday lights and lawn decorations must be removed within 1 month after the holiday.

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