



A Community Note:

I am excited to have the opportunity of serving on the Mirror Ridge HOA Board again this year. I would like to welcome our new HOA Board members: Alex Landesco, Len Weiser, and Neil Falcone as well as welcome Irv Chilcoat back as HOA Vice President, Dayle West as our Landscaping Chairperson, and Ed Talhame as our ARC Chairperson.

A few months ago, the HOA Board initiated the process of building new entrance signs for the community. I am pleased to say the final building permit application is under review with Loudoun County and we anticipate approval to occur within the next week or two. Once approved, the actual building of the signs will commence. The signs will be composed of brick with a concrete inlay engraved with "Mirror Ridge."

One item of particular concern to me is the safety of the children and pedestrians in Mirror Ridge as they are playing or walking outside. The weather has been nice and the kids are everywhere: playing on the playgrounds, riding on bikes, playing soccer and basketball, flying kites, and many other activities. Parents are pushing strollers and pet owners are walking their dogs. I would like for our community drivers to be particularly aware of the children and pedestrians as we drive through the neighborhood. All drivers should be observing the speed limits of 25 MPH on Mirror Ridge Place/Mirror Ridge Court and 15 MPH on all other community roads. Additionally, parents should be responsible and ensure their children are well supervised at all times and that the children are aware of traffic safety rules. Children on bikes and skateboards are often difficult for drivers to see at dusk and should not be riding on the main roads. So please everyone, be careful and watch out for our community children. We all deserve to be able to run, play, and get some fresh air in the safety of our own neighborhood.

Some specific objectives our HOA Board hopes to achieve this year are to improve our neighborhood cleanliness, promote community interaction and participation, initiate more community activities, and improve the communication of community rules and events.

Our HOA Board welcomes the comments, concerns, and suggestions of all homeowners. Additionally, I greatly encourage the participation of our residents to attend the monthly board meetings, to join our committees, and to assist with our neighborhood watch program. Please feel free to contact me directly via phone or email: president@mirror-ridge.org or contact any of our other Board members.

With Warm Regards,
Shelley Grandy, HOA President

HOA Board & Committees

- **Shelley Grandy, President:**
- **Irv Chilcoat, Vice President: 703-430-8289**
- **Alex Landesco, Treasurer:**
- **Len Weiser, Secretary, 703-450-6535**
- **Neil Falcone, Member-at-Large: 703-421-8989**
- **Dayle West, Landscaping: 703-444-9449**

Property Management Contacts

Should you have any concerns regarding the Mirror Ridge property, please contact **Catherine**

Payne at Capitol Property Management:

3914 Centreville Road, Suite 300

Chantilly, VA 20151

phone: (703) 707-6404

fax: (703) 707-6401

e-mail: cpayne@capitolcorp.com

HOA Meeting Dates(6:30 pm-New Time)

HOA meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Cascades Library.

All homeowners are encouraged to attend these meetings. Next meeting dates:

- **Thursday, June 9th** (Loudoun County Sheriff's Department Deputy Gonzalez will be present and review the Mirror Ridge Neighborhood Watch Program @ 7 pm)
- **Thursday, July 14th**
- **Thursday, August 11th**



ANNUAL MEETING

After quorum was not achieved at the April 14th meeting, we reconvened for the annual meeting on May 12th at the Cascades Fire Department. The required quorum of 45 attendees was met with the attendance/proxies of 48 homeowners. Thanks to all of you who took the time to send in a proxy, and those of you who came out to join us at the meeting – as you can see every proxy and attendee counts!

At this annual meeting, we had three Board positions open for election. We welcome Len Weiser, Neil Falcone and Alex Landesco! All have served on the Board in previous years and we are glad to welcome them back. We would like to express our appreciation to Michelle Baker who served as Member-At-Large for a one year term and we would also like to give a very large thank you to Ed Talhame for the vast amounts of time he has given the community in previous years as a member of the Board of Directors. *Thank you Ed!*

SPEED LIMITS



Please remember that the speed limit on community streets is 15 mph. Speed limits are set for a purpose – for the safety of residents, especially children of the community – please be sure to adhere to these limits whenever driving on community streets.

Welcome New Neighbors

Mirror Ridge extends a warm welcome to our new neighbors at 46612 Silhouette Sq., 21086 Gladstone Dr, 46658 Clearview Terrace, 100 Reflection Way, 21109 Surrey Way, 46672 Paragon Terrace, 21102 Chandler Ct, and 303 Signal St.

We are happy to have you join our community!

The Mirror Ridge Most Beautiful Yard Contest

July 16th, 2005

It's time to begin pulling weeds, planting flowers and making sure our lawns are as green as they can be. The **Most Beautiful Yard Contest** is already turning out to be even more competitive than last year. Some residents have already started planting flowers, mulching, and pruning to ensure their curb appeal is beautiful enough to be considered in this year's contest. Last year's event proved to be a good way to promote neighborhood beautification by competing with our neighbors and setting a trend for the rest of the community. **The Mirror Ridge HOA will hold the "Beautiful Yard Contest" on July 16th, 2005.**

The judge's panel will consist of HOA board and committee members. Judges will consider overall landscaping, composition and use of seasonal color. (front yard areas will be reviewed). If you would like to nominate a particular yard, please email: president@mirror-ridge.org or call Catherine Payne at (703) 707-6404.

Winners will be contacted within one week of the contest date. Winning house numbers will be published on the Mirror Ridge website: www.mirror-ridge.org and announced in our next newsletter.

- **First place: \$50 Lowe's gift certificate**
- **Second place: \$25 Lowe's gift certificate**
- **Third place: \$15 Lowe's gift certificate**





MIRROR RIDGE SPRING CLEAN!

On Saturday, May 14th the Mirror Ridge HOA Spring Cleanup was held from 10 am to noon. Members of the HOA Board, Landscape Committee, and homeowners were present to work hard to remove trash and debris throughout the property.

There were several areas of accumulated trash collected in the wooded areas on and surrounding the common grounds. The ongoing problem of loose trash in open containers and/or not secured will likely result in more occurrences as we have windy days and animals getting into the trash. Homeowners should try to use large containers to store and secure their trash. This would also make it easier for the collection service to pick up. A little forethought by many will greatly reduce the problems of having large areas to clean up in the long run. Our cleanup volunteers did notice the increased attention residents seem to be paying to their yards – something all of us can appreciate!

We plan to hold another community cleanup day this Fall and hope residents will be willing and able to come out and help! Families are encouraged to participate in the Fall Clean-up: drinks and snacks will be provided for participants, incentive prizes and other fun! Additional information will be sent to residents at a later date.



MIRROR RIDGE COMMUNITY YARD SALE

After Saturday, April 16th, some Mirror Ridge residents should feel a little lighter, have a little more room to breathe, and a little extra storage space at home. Why? You guessed it... the community yard sale was held on the 16th.

Special thanks to Michelle Baker for organizing the event, placing ads in papers, and taking care of signage for the event. We were very pleased with the participation from our community members, and hope participation only gets better with every community event held.



LANDSCAPE UPDATE

It was nice to see the Kousa Dogwoods we planted a year and a half ago on the corners of Twinridge Square (at Mirror Ridge Court & Mirror Ridge Place) bloom this year for the first time. The new Katuratrees along Mirror Ridge Place seem to have survived last year's cicadas, and even the one broken by the falling Bradford Pear has leafed out. Unfortunately, the hollies continue to struggle, and the crepe myrtles on Mirror Ridge Court at Chandler Court have had a lot of branches broken off.

Anyone willing to help water vulnerable plantings during the dry summer months, please contact Dayle at (703) 444-9449.

- Dayle West, Landscape Committee



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Within the last year, our neighborhood has seen several isolated incidents of illegal activities. The most prominent incident has been alcohol consumption in common areas, especially at the playgrounds, resulting very often in glass containers and cans being left in these locations. The vandalism of cars has also been a problem and seems to increase during the spring and summer months.

At our next HOA meeting, scheduled on 6/9/05 at the Cascades Library, Deputy A. Gonzales of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will meet with us and review our Neighborhood Watch program. He will explain our current availability to have immediate response as part of the "Community Outreach Program" that they provide. We are also looking to enlist residents by sections throughout the community and increase communications using a basic Neighborhood Watch program.

If anyone is interested in participating, please call one of the HOA Board members and let them know or plan to attend the HOA meeting on 6/9/05.

As always, if there is an immediate situation that requires assistance, dial 911 for emergencies or contact the Sheriff's Office at (703) 777-1021 for non-emergencies.

Thanks, Your Member At Large
–Neil Falcone

CHANGE IN TOWING

Battlefield Towing has closed its Leesburg Location, and as of April 15th, opened a new closer location in Sterling. Please note that should your car be towed, the new location for pickup is:

Battlefield Towing

1106 W. Church Road, Sterling, VA

phone: (703) 430-9007

This change in location does not in any way alter the current parking policy.

- **All visitor vehicles must have a visible visitor's pass displayed.**
- **Residents are not allowed to park in visitor parking at any time.**



Want to help make the Mirror Ridge Community better? Get involved!

We have positions available on the Architectural Review Committee, Landscaping Committee, and Newsletter Committee.

If interested in donating a little of your time to any of the above committees, please contact Shelley Grandy via email: president@mirror-ridge.org or contact Catherine at (703) 707-6404 or via email: cpayne@capitolcorp.com.





TRASH, RECYCLING & DAYS

TRASH – Monday / Thursday

- Household waste only. No construction, remodeling, or hazardous waste such as pesticides, paints, oil, gas, antifreeze, corrosive chemicals, etc.

BULK ITEMS – Thursday

- Notify customer service at American Disposal at least 24 hours in advance. 703-368-0500

RECYCLING – Monday

- Acceptable items are newspapers, glass food & beverage containers; aluminum & steel cans; #1 & #2 plastic bottles and jugs. Plastic containers used for insecticides, herbicides, petroleum products, or automotive fluids are not acceptable. No plastic bags please.

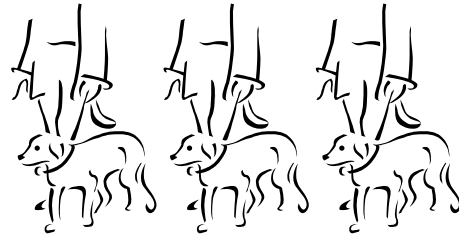
HOLIDAYS

No pickup on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's Day. Trash or recycling will be picked up on the next scheduled collection day. Recycling bins can be purchased for \$10.00 by calling the number below.

Have trash/recycling at curbside by 6:00 am on collection days.

American Disposal Services

Customer Service: (703) 368-0500



DOGGIE DROPPINGS

Doggie droppings in public places are a smelly reality everywhere, even here at Mirror Ridge. There's no dignified way to scoop a canine's poop. Yet it is unfair and unsanitary to leave it behind for others to encounter.

Pet owners, please keep in mind the most important reason for picking up after your pet is for health and sanitation reasons. Dog droppings pose a health hazard to children and also to other dogs being walked in the common areas.

Reasons for picking up:

- It's the law
- Environmental reasons
- Hygiene/sanitary reasons
- Neighborhood courtesy
- Keep the common area clean
- **Provision of CLEAN and HEALTHY areas for our children to play and pets to be walked**

VISITOR PARKING PASS

As a reminder, the **blue** visitor parking permits are currently valid. (do not use the red passes, these have expired). Visitor vehicles must have a visible **blue** visitor's pass displayed at all times. Residents are responsible to ensure their guest display the visitor's pass when parking in spaces marked as "visitor."

Residents are not allowed to park in visitor parking at any time and resident vehicles will be towed if found parked in a visitor space.



Classified Advertisements

*This service is free for Mirror Ridge residents without any endorsement or guarantees.
Please email cpayne@capitolcorp.com to place an ad. Non-residents are invited to place ads for a small fee.*

Alterations Specialist Any Sewing Requirements

Contact: Mrs. Nguyen
703-406-3913



Real Estate

For sound advice on buying or selling homes in Mirror Ridge, contact :
Faye Talhame at 703-980-3170
faye@1realtor4loudoun.com

FREE White landscape rock.
Contact Dayle (703) 444-9449

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