

CROWNE MEADOWS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Winter Newsletter - December 2021)

SEASON'S GREETINGS

WELCOME CROWNE MEADOWS (CM) RESIDENTS:

The Board Members want to thank the volunteers who have helped us with their ideas, suggestions, and most of all *volunteering* with projects that have been completed over the last 2 years. There have been more than ten homes sold in this community within the past two years -- community improvements and upkeep have helped homeowners obtain top dollar for their property.

PROJECTS COMPLETED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS:

- **New Brick Retainer Wall
- **New Dog Park with Four Poop Stations
- **Repaving of the Tennis Court
- **Repaying of the Foot Path / Jogging Trails (Phase 1...Phase 2 in 2022)
- **Upgrade of Community Light Fixtures / Bulbs now using LED bulbs for greater illumination and longevity

HOA ASSESSMENTS / DUES INCREASE 2022 (\$82.00): There has been no increase in dues in the last two years, as we held off as long as possible in increasing the Assessments. Due to community operations costs, it is important now to increase our HOA dues, while endeavoring to keep it competitively low compared to other communities. As always, it is the Board's goal to use resources responsibly.

It was announced—over a year ago, that the Association will no longer provide coupon booklets - that too is helping to cut costs. You can still write a check to Crowne Meadows HOA, and mail to Allied Realty. Effective January 2022, the HOA Assessments are increased by \$3.00 from \$79.00 to \$82.00 monthly. There is a late fee if received on time -- This info is found on our CM website. You are encouraged to pay electronically / online...setup an account https://crownemeadows.com/online-hoa-payments/.

The Assessments are for: Property / Association Management, Insurance, Landscaping, Security, Snow Removal, Parking Lot Maintenance, Electricity Service, Lighting Repair, Replacement of Mailboxes, Social, General Maintenance, Grounds / Poop Station Servicing, Improvements, and much more.

ARCHITECTURAL: Any time you are making an architectural change to your home/property, an approval is needed prior to making the change. Note, no approvals are needed for replacements of *exact* kind, color, size, and material. Approvals are needed when there is a change of some of sort. Changes can occur as a result of new construction / installation or replacements. Approvals are only granted after an Architectural Application is submitted by the homeowner to the Association, and the Association reviews and responds with an Approval. Architectural Applications can be found on the CM website. Residents are to submit an application for approval in the following instances (including, but not limited to): New Fencing (board on board only) permit required, New Decking (permit required); Solar Panels, (show example). Please note that there is no change of picture windows (front window) and bay window designs. If any questions,

contact Allied and/or Board Members. Also, the paint color of your front door and shutters must match/be the same, and Front Door Wood Frames are to be White or Beige only. For more information or to get a copy of the Architectural Application, visit: https://crownemeadows.com/community-docs/.

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES – ALL RESIDENTS/HOMEOWNERS:

(Including garage units) All CM homeowners/residents MUST register their vehicles. Increased enforcement is under way for violations of this requirement. Violators of this requirement will be subject to enforcement which includes towing and/or fining. By December 15, 2021, all homeowners/residents need to be in compliance. Note, vehicles must have MD license plates to get CM parking stickers. You may request a 60-day temporary hang tag from Allied with an application (see CM website) to obtain stickers. Please follow instructions as to where to place the CM parking stickers. Be aware, visitor parking hang tags are for your visitors only -- 72-hour period at a time. You may contact Allied for an extension if needed. Motorcycles/Motorbikes also are to be registered, and only one vehicle is allowed per parking space.

CAR COVERS:

Contact Allied if you desire to have a car cover permanently placed on your vehicle. Note, your MD license plates must still be visible, and they must be valid in order to park in assigned parking spaces. MD license plates must be on the **front and back** of your vehicle, whether your vehicle is covered or not. This is being monitored.

COURT CAPTAINS:

Not interested in becoming a Board Member? -- How about being a COURT CAPTAIN! We need one or two homeowners to alert Management and the Board if lights are out, trees fall down, and mailboxes fall over, etc. Basically, this is just keeping your eyes on what is happening in your court and reporting it (can be anonymous).

SPEED BUMPS:

Some residents have volunteered to contact Councilman Streeter regarding the proposed speed bumps on 5200 Hil Mar and Regency Lane. More info to come.

RENTING OF YOUR PROPERTY:

You must obtain a Prince Georges County permit (application with the County). To do this, Allied will need to give you a good standing letter. They will need 7-10 days to provide you with the needed information. Please build in response time accordingly.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR PIPES:

.... contact WSSC, 301-206-4002. WSSCwater.com/winter ready

BOARD MEMBERS and ALLIED MANAGEMENT WISH ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS



BE SAFE

SEE SOMETHING SAY/DO SOMETHING