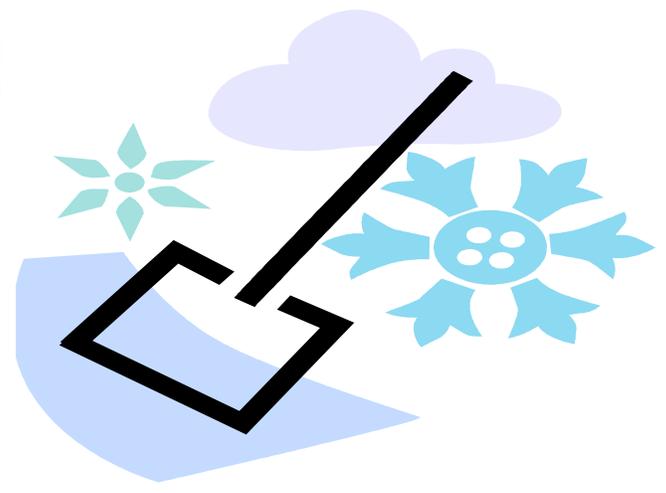




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Record December Storm!



The last weekend before Christmas a record snowfall event left the Carter's Cove community blanketed in snow. Local malls and shopping centers were shut down, roads were clogged and Governor O'Malley declared a state of emergency. The Ravens Sunday football game was in doubt but due to some remarkable efforts M&T Stadium was cleared in time for the game. If you had not done your holiday shopping by that weekend you knew what to expect when things finally cleared up. Through it all, McDonogh Farms, Carter's Cove's snow removal contractor performed admirably and there were no significant problems reported. It took additional amounts of time to completely clear the streets of ice and to this day there may still be ice and snow remnants hanging around! Winter is not over but let us hope we have seen the worse of it.

You're Invited

To All Board Meetings!!

All meetings of the Carter's Cove Board are open to all homeowners and residents. The board meets on the third Thursday of every month typically at Guilford Elementary School. Homeowners in attendance will be afforded an opportunity to comment on homeowner association related matters.

Check this box for upcoming community events!



Snow/Ice Removal Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of homeowners to clear their property's sidewalks and the sidewalks in front of their property and stoop within 24 hours of a snow/ice event. When it snows more than three inches (3") the snow removal contractor will provide maintenance of common area sidewalks and streets. When using ice melting products please be sure to use products that are concrete safe. Contact Tidewater Property Management (443) 548-0191 for ice melt product recommendations.

Home Improvements & Repairs



In the fall of last year, after a site inspection of all homes, notices were sent to homes determined to be in need of repair and/or maintenance. Come late spring, homes will be re-inspected. At that time, in the absence of completion of the requested fall maintenance and repairs, Covenant Violation Letters will be issued. Notice of the re-inspection date will be given a month in advance. As the weather turns, please provide the requested maintenance yourself or contact your local home improvement contractor. Also, the Carters Cove Architectural Committee must approve all architectural improvements or changes. **EVEN IF YOU ARE SELLING YOUR HOME.** This includes house paint, decks, patios, and any other exterior changes. When you are ready to sell your home, you need to request a letter of compliance from our Homeowners Association through Tidewater Property Management. An inspection of

your property will be done and a letter will be issued. If you have completed any architectural changes and DID NOT go through the approval process, it is a good idea to do that now. You can find the forms on our website www.CartersCove.info. Of course, if you are contemplating any changes, it is much easier to get approval before you start. Below are some of the most important standards for the most common home outdoor alterations.

Decks

- A building permit is required from Howard County's Department of Licenses and Permits.
- Decks/stairs shall be constructed of pressure treated lumber or composite materials (Trex like). All other deck components may be pressure treated lumber, cedar, redwood or other composite wood products (Trex like) as approved by the Architectural Committee.
- Clear sealant is the preferred finish treatment. The Architectural Committee permits natural wood stains subject to BEFORE THE FACT approval.
- Decks shall not be built within one foot (1') of any property line.
- A deck built on an end unit may extend past the end of the house, but may not extend around a corner or toward the front of the house.
- Railings on decks shall be a minimum of forty inches (40") in height, measured from the horizontal surface to the top of the railing.



Fences

- Fences shall be constructed of pressure treated lumber, composite materials (Trex like) or white vinyl.
- Fences must be of board-on-board (alternate board) style and must be six feet (6') in height.

- Posts must be capped with metal covers.
- With a "block" of townhouses, fences should align at the rear consistent with property boundaries.
- For end units, a fence may extend along the side of a house, but not past the mid-point of the house.
- Fences shall follow side and rear property lines and lie within these boundaries.

Are you a TRASHY neighbor?

Last month we welcomed the new season...Winter. As you begin to put away your holiday decorations and prepare for spring cleaning inside your home, don't neglect the outside as well. If you see trash around your parking space, in your yard and even around the mailbox HELP by picking it up.



Answer the three questions below to decide if you're a TRASHY neighbor:

- ⇒ Do you place trashcans at the curb before 6:00PM the night before scheduled pickup? — Trashcans should be placed (in designated areas only) after 6:00PM the night before the scheduled pickup.
- ⇒ Do you leave your trash cans at the curb side until Saturday or later? — Trashcans must be brought back from the curb by 6:00PM the day of pickup.
- ⇒ Do you leave your trash bags at curbside without placing them in a trashcan? — In an effort to keep OUR neighborhood clean and keep the HOA dues low, YOUR trash MUST be placed in a trashcan.

If you answered NO to all of these questions GOOD! You are not a TRASHY neighbor. But if you know one, report them anonymously to Rick Jordan, Tidewater Property Management, Inc. (443-548-0191).

Don't Forget Fido

Do you clean up after your dog? — Please be kind to your neighbors and always remember to pick up after your dog, especially from the sidewalks where children play and people walk!



HOUSE CLEANING

With a little cabin fever, maybe you have started cleaning up the inside of your house. Here are a few ideas to consider:

* Consider donating used clothes to someone who might need them. The Salvation Army on Route 1 is close by and easy to access. They will come to your door (call 1-800-229-7156) and so will Purple Heart (410-712-0109).



* The Howard County Library accepts donations of books, CDs, videos, and DVDs at any branch. The East Columbia Branch on Cradlerock Way is our closest branch and could use our support.

* Drop off your "treasures" to the Alpha Ridge Landfill-Residents' Area. They accept clothes, old books, old electronics, and more. It is also a good place to look for an item you might be in need of (like parts or equipment you can fix up). Visit www.howardcountymd.gov/DPW/recycling_area.htm for more information.

* Hazardous waste can be dropped off at the Alpha Ridge Landfill on Saturdays, April through November.

* Alpha Ridge also accepts usable building materials, oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, scrap metal, tires, propane tanks, latex paint, and polyurethane foam.

The Landfill is open Monday-Saturday from 8AM to 4PM. From Rt. 29 North, take 170 west to Exit 83. Turn right onto Marriotsville Road. The Landfill entrance is on the left. There are no fees for Howard County residents. Call 410-313-6419 if you have questions.



Tree Service

Is your home missing a tree? Or maybe your trees are in need of replacement. The Cypress King 302-337-0405 offers free delivery and plantings of Leyland Cypress trees. They also offer white pines and arborvitae.

*This company is not a Carters Cove contractor nor is it endorsed by the Carters Cove HOA.



Helpful Telephone Numbers

Howard County Police Department:

Emergency	911
Non-emergency	410-313-2200
Southern District	410-313-3700
Drug Tip Line	410-290-DRUG
Report Gang Activity	410-313-STOP
Website	www.hcpd.org

Other Numbers:

Animal Control	410-313-2780
License & Permits	410-313-2455
Trash & Recycle	410-313-6444
Water & Sewer	410-313-2058
Child Protective Services	410-872-8700
Consumer Affairs	410-313-6420
Traffic Engineering	410-313-2430
Metro Crime Stoppers	1-866-7LOCKUP
FBI	410-265-8080

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This is your community newsletter and your comments and articles are welcomed. Send information you would like to dispense to the community such as informative articles, meeting notices, bulletins, etc. to Tidewater Property Management at: rjordan@tidewaterproperty.com or email the board at: <http://www.carterscove.info/contact-us>

*The Carter's Cove Board is actively seeking volunteers for Committee roles — if you are interested please email the Board at the above address.