



Valleyfield Homeowners Association Newsletter

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VHOA Newsletter is Back!

In our continuing effort to better communicate with the community the Valleyfield Homeowners Association Board of Directors is releasing a new newsletter on a quarterly basis to keep the community up to date with ongoing events. Our hope is to use this newsletter to provide everyone in the neighborhood with some of the decisions that the Board has made during the previous quarter, communicate some

of the issues that have been brought to our attention, and plans for upcoming events in the community.

In this issue, the Board has decided to address several problems that have been brought to our attention, plus provide an update on the community's website and inform everyone of the upcoming community town hall meeting on April 20th.

To give homeowners the opportunity to communicate

with their neighbors, we will now be accepting articles from all members of the community. We are hoping to continue sending out these newsletters on the first of each quarter (January/April/July/ October). New articles for the coming quarters will be accepted up to the 15th of the month prior to the newsletter's release.

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Quarterly Meeting Announcement

As discussed at this year's annual meeting back in January, we want to give homeowners a chance to meet with the Board on a regular basis. We have instituted a quarterly community "town hall style" meeting with the Board of Directors. This meeting will be where interested homeowners can come and discuss with the Board

items of interest to them.

This will be a forum to bring your concerns, complaints, ideas, suggestions, etc. We want to hear from everyone about what is important to them. We hope that through these town hall meetings, we will be able to better serve the needs and wishes of the community.

Our first town hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 7pm at the Hunt Community Center. Signs will be posted around the neighborhood a few days in advance to remind everyone. Attendance at this meeting will be noted, and used as a determine for future community meetings. We hope to see you all there!!!!

Spring has Sprung in Valleyfield

April showers and late night walks; these are some of the things that you can enjoy this time of the year. What you don't want is to step into dog waste left on our sidewalks and around our community. We have had this problem for some-time now and we think that this is a community-wide problem. So, we are sending out a passionate plea...if

you are a dog owner please pick up after your pet. We have personally counted 20 piles at the corner of Morton Farm and Grigsby Roads. This is where 10 to 15 children get on and off the bus every day. Those of you that walk our community know this to be true.

We would also like to remind pet owners not to allow their dogs to roam free and to re-

spect the Wake County leash law. Animal Control will be making routine patrols through our community to pick up any strays. We feel that this will help with the overall dog waste problem.

Together we can put the smell of spring back in the air.

For additional information, see the "Special points of interest" section to the right.

Special points of interest:

- Town of Holly Springs Animal Control—552-7110
- Wake County Animal Control Ordinance can be found at <http://www.wakegov.com>
- Valleyfield HOA Website: www.valleyfieldhoa.com or www.valleyfieldhoa.org
- Get a satellite photo of the Valleyfield community at <http://maps.google.com/>
- See the VHOA Website at the address above for access to a color copy of the newsletter.



Community Safety Concerns

The Board has had several residents voice concerns regarding speeding vehicles in Valleyfield. We have discussed various ways to alleviate this ongoing problem which resulted in the Holly Springs Police department doing a traffic speed survey on Blooming Meadow this past Fall.

The Board is grateful for the

survey, however the results indicate that only a small percentage of the vehicles checked were speeding.

As a result, the town has determined there is no need for further measures to be taken in our community. At this time, the town would not agree to installing speed bumps or make extra patrols to curb speeding.

The Board has agreed to stay

proactive on this issue, but for the time being there will be no changes. We are looking to continue to work with the Town of Holly Springs to find a solution before a tragedy occurs.

Please remember, the speed limit in our community is posted at 20MPH. We thank you all for your efforts to keep the community safe.



Message from the Architectural Review Committee



With Spring comes plenty of outdoor chores like staining the deck, painting the porch, and improving your landscape. These chores seem like they are never end, but these items are part of the joys of being a homeowner.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of one more item on your list of chores. Many of our mail box posts seem to need a fresh coat of paint or a good cleaning. This is a small but necessary item to keep our neighborhood looking it's best.

Another reminder: homeowners planning

to make exterior changes or improvements to their homes, need to submit an application/proposal to the ARC/Board. Approval must be granted to homeowners by the ARC prior to the beginning of your project. The Community Design Guidelines contain all items requiring ARC approval and the application/proposal forms. Copies of the Design Guidelines can be obtained from the website or the Board.

Thank you and have a great Spring!

Carolina Property Associates

Carolina Property Associates (CPA) have served as our property management company for the past couple of years now. They are a local organization here in Holly Springs and their responsibility is to help the Board conduct business on a daily basis. For those of you unaware, CPA is

the organization that sends out the quarterly dues statements and provide an accounting of the funds collected from homeowners. They are also responsible for making payments to the various contracts that the community maintains.

Recently, several homeowners have made comments to Board members in reference to the availability of CPA to community members wishing to drop off their dues payments. To the right, is the contact information for the owner of CPA and the hours they are in the office.

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Better Homes and Gardening Tips

LAWN AND GARDENING TIPS

Hurrah! It's spring! Here's the rundown of your top garden tasks this month. It's time for:

- * Annual flowers and vegetables (Tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, petunias and the like).
- * Bare-root Trees, Shrubs and Roses.
- * Dividing Perennials (Wait to divide those that bloom in the spring).

- * Deadhead spent flowers on spring blooming bulbs.
- * Pruning (Wait to prune any blooming trees or shrubs. You may prune these immediately after they're done flowering).
- * Lawn care - There are plenty of websites and information available on this topic based on the type of lawn you have and problems you are experiencing.
- * Fertilize - Local hardware stores carry various brands for the types of vegetation

you are growing and have helpful employees to make the correct selections.

- * Water! Water! Water! April showers bring May flowers.
- * Then sit back and enjoy what you have created.

For more useful gardening tips go to bhg.com at the link above.



Street Sign Renovation Committee

As you may have noticed, time and the elements have started to take a toll on some of the street signs throughout the neighborhood. Most are in need of some touch-ups: painting, caulking, and straightening.

To save the community some

money, we are forming a volunteer group to help us fix up the street signs. Anyone willing to help save the community money for other projects and interested in committing some of their time to help fix up the signs, should contact Eileen Sheldon at 567-2340.

The more volunteers we can get will greatly reduce the amount of time this will take. Together we can work to keep our community attractive and inviting.

Look forward to hearing from you all soon.

VHOA Website is Online

As many of you know, the Valleyfield HOA website has been offline since the end of last year. The homeowner who was volunteering his experience and resources to operate our website could no longer dedicate his personal time to ensure our site was online. We, the Board, would like to extend our personal thanks to Darrin Brannon for all the hard work that he put into the site last year and working with us to get the site back online this year.

The new Board was approached by several members of the community to get the website back online. A few weeks ago, the Board met and discussed several proposals received from website design organizations, and decided to hire BeachSite Designs to create and host the communities website.

This past week, the VHOA Website came back online and can be accessed by anyone with Internet access at the addresses to the right. The

website is currently still going through the initial design and creation issues, and some links are still in development. Some things currently available on the site are:

- * VHOA Documents (Covenants & Restrictions, Bylaws, and Design Guidelines).
- * A link to e-mail all Board members.
- * Minutes of previous Board and community meetings.
- * Links to other community related websites in the area.

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www.valleyfieldhoa.com/
www.valleyfieldhoa.org/

Please feel free to e-mail the Board with questions, comments, additions, and corrections to the website at anytime. We are trying to make this website as user friendly as possible and interesting enough to ensure regular visits by all members.



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We are looking to fill two openings on the Board of Directors for the Valleyfield Homeowners Association, Inc. At the April 20th meeting, we will ask for volunteers and hold elections, if necessary, at the end of the meeting to fill the openings.

If you are willing to dedicate your time, experience, and effort to help make our community a better place to live, or know someone who can, please come out to the Hunt Community Center on April 20th at 7:00 PM to volunteer or nominate someone. Thanks!