



OLD HUNDRED MILL
COMMUNITY
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****FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL****

This is Old Hundred Mill's final hard-copy newsletter. Going forward, newsletters will be sent via email to residents. Homeowners and renters alike are strongly encouraged to sign up for Old Hundred Mill Newsletters which are typically distributed 4-6 times each year. The Newsletter allows you to stay apprised of neighborhood events, concerns, and other matters that require attention. This also includes you on Quick Alert updates with information regarding Board Meetings or neighborhood notices such as lost pets, suspicious behavior, or crime alerts. To sign up for the OHM Community Newsletter and Quick Alerts, please send your email address to ohmhoa@gmail.com. *Please be sure to include your family name and address.*

✂ NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS ✂

The Board is constantly looking for ways to improve and maintain the appearance of our Old Hundred Mill community. Recently all street signs and other posts were updated from standard 4x4s to white posts with finials matching neighborhood mailboxes. To maintain consistency, the fence posts at the front entrance were also changed from round finials to the spire finials on the new street posts and mailboxes.

In addition, lights were placed on both sides of each tree in the entrance median and both Tot-Lots received a thick new carpet of mulch. We are pursuing bids for removal of the shrubs that currently obscure our entrance sign. Due to plumbing and electrical considerations, professional service is required. The Board considers all expenditures very seriously before moving forward with any improvement. All expenditures enhance the value, perception, or safety of Old Hundred Mill homes and our residents.

💻 WE NEED YOUR TALENT! 💻

Are you a webmaster or a student who would like to bolster your resume with actual experience? The Board is seeking a volunteer to manage our website and make sure the information is current. We'd like someone who can dedicate some time at least once every three months at your convenience. If you are interested, please email us at ohmhoa@gmail.com.

❄ SPRINKLER SYSTEM WINTERIZATION ❄

If you haven't had your sprinkler system winterized (blown out), consider contacting a landscaping or sprinkler company before a geyser is noted. The cost is generally is about \$50. For those who would like to perform your own winterization, instructions can be found at <http://www.hunterindustries.com/winterizing-your-irrigation-system>.

SAFETY FIRST!

Residents – and children especially – should always be dressed in light clothing or clothing with reflective materials while participating in outdoor activities after dark.

2016 OHM HOA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Home Owners Association Board meetings will be held at 7pm on the 4th Monday of each month effective February 22, 2016. The exception will be the Annual Board Elections meeting which will be held on Monday May, 9th. Board meetings take place at the Swift Creek Middle School cafeteria when school is in session. During the summer months, please note the location which will be on the meeting sign placed in the entrance median prior to the meeting. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

COVENANT CORNER

We Love Our Neighborhood Critters!

From time to time, our pals get lost - or found. In addition to posting signs around the neighborhood, please be sure to notify the Board at ohmhoa@gmail.com with all the information so that we can issue a Quick Alert. This puts the information in the hands of all residents immediately and provides access to your contact information without having to run out and find the sign. For lost pets, please be sure to update us at the same email address when your pal is found.

Doggie stations with waste bags are positioned throughout the neighborhood for your convenience. Please remember that Chesterfield County does have leash laws.

For our feline friends, please be sure that your outdoor cat is tagged with a name and phone number. We ask that owners of outdoor cats be sure to spay and neuter their pets to prevent unwanted pregnancies. OHM is home to a few feral cats that have been spayed and neutered. They can be identified by the notch in their ear. We are especially grateful to the residents who have provided for their care and feeding through the years.

If you believe a feral colony is establishing in your area, please contact the Richmond SPCA. The Richmond SPCA offers free spay/neuter surgeries and rabies shots for feral cats at their Smoky's Spay/Neuter Clinic at the Clinic for Compassionate Care by their volunteer caretakers. Richmond SPCA also provides rabies booster shots for feral cats at no charge to community volunteers. For information about Trap-Neuter-Return and assistance, visit them at <http://www.richmondspca.org/page.aspx?pid=553> and <http://www.richmondspca.org/page.aspx?pid=554>

Parking

Section 5.16 states "No commercially licensed vehicles, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats, disabled vehicles, vehicles without a current state license or state inspection sticker, machinery, or other equipment shall be visible from the street for a period of exceeding twenty-four hours. Any screening of such vehicles must be approved by the Committee". This covenant directly reflects Chesterfield County Ordinance Section 13-42.

Chesterfield County Code of Ordinance Sec. 13-42. - Parking trucks on residential roads:

No truck having wheels of the dual-tire type in excess of 6,000 pounds and no trailer, semitrailer or cab for such trailer shall be parked on any road in the county within any residential district as defined in the zoning ordinance.

We respectfully request that all residents refrain from parking any vehicle in the street. ***It is every resident's responsibility to make Old Hundred Mill an esthetically safe and beautiful community.*** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Basketball Goals

Please remember that basketball goals are not to be placed in the street or in your front yard. Please relocate them to your driveway or backyard.

The OHM Architectural Review Committee General Guidelines state:

Basketball goals are subject to the following criteria:

- a) Portable goals may be used in the driveway or yard.*
- b) As per county*

These and other guidelines can be found at http://oldhundredmill.org/uploads/OHM_ARC_guidelines_master.pdf
Per ARC guidelines, portable basketball goals are not allowed to be stored on the street.

We strive to maintain a neighborhood that is family friendly and comfortable to all residents and it is never easy to broach these types of situations. All basketball goals are to be removed from neighborhood streets and front lawns including concrete drainage covers.