

From Your HOA Board Budget 2014

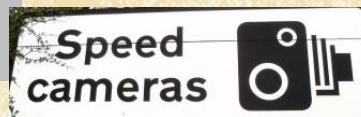


Congratulations to the HOA Board – early this year, they successfully renegotiated the pool contract to a substantially lower price and were able to include pool covers for our main and baby pools. Protecting the pools with covers adds safety and reduces the maintenance required to maintain the pools.

It is almost the end of 2013 and with this comes the time to address the 2014 budget. Most of us remember the shock of the \$10 increase in January and we are all holding our breath hoping the Board has worked to keep the costs down. As a recap, the HOA Board successfully renegotiated every contract at a lower rate. While some of the new contracts did not go into effect until mid-2013, the combined savings were in the tens of thousands of dollars. Everyone should have received the draft budget in the email, but if not, check out the HOA website and download a copy for your review. This important topic will be discussed at the HOA Board meeting on Thursday, 7

November, from 8:00-9:00 pm at the community clubhouse.

Bring your questions and concerns and participate in the discussion. All homeowners are welcome.



SLOW DOWN

Thank you PG County for placing a speed camera on Owings Avenue. Please slow down and take caution for pedestrians and other vehicles.

PONDS ... FOUNTAINS ... TREES

Oh how beautiful the ponds and fountains are looking! The HOA Board has worked diligently with the contractor to get the ponds cleaned and beautified. The fountains are working well with the additional rain we received this past month makes it a pleasure to drive in and around the neighborhood. The fountains will be stored for the winter in early November. Centex-Pulte continues to make final transitions as they prepare to depart. This past month they completed repairs on the Clubhouse and replaced trees as noted in the transition study from 2012. While there remain a number of trees that need replacing, the HOA Board is working with the County to replace any remaining trees.

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*Questions about the Architectural guidelines?
Wonder what the HOA Board is discussing?
Looking for upcoming events?
Check out the community website at
<http://lakeviewatbrandywine.webstarts.com>*

Community Safety

The Neighborhood Watch reports no serious incidents of crime occurring at Lakeview this past month. We called in a number of suspicious cars and individuals and the Police responded to our calls in a timely manner.

In coordination with the Neighborhood Watch, our Community COPS officer reported an increase in property crime, specifically thefts from sheds in our area (District V).

- When purchasing a shed, buy one made of quality material and with a strong lock not easily cut open with bolt cutters and that covers the hasp. Quality doors have a rod that go into the floor of the structure so that it cannot be pried open.
- Have adequate lighting surrounding your shed. Motion censored lighting can be efficient (can come battery powered) and scare perpetrators away.
- Consider a shed alarm. There are battery powered ones available with an audible alarm.
- Take pictures of your property and make sure that you record serial numbers, make, models, colors and the value of each item in the event that you need to make a police report. Engrave your driver's license number in items that do not have serial numbers so that the police may contact you if your stolen property is recovered.
- Keep smaller items, like tools, in a strong box and chain it to the structure or large equipment.
- In the event of a theft, make a police report and do not touch anything until police have the opportunity to process for fingerprints.
- When you purchase items, break down the boxes and place them in a trash bag/can. Do not put boxes on the curb side. You are essentially advertising to thieves what you have just purchased.
- If your shed has windows, plant protective planting under them such as thorn or holly bushes.
- Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other's property.
- Do not assume that your home owners insurance covers the contents of your shed. Some items may need to be insured separately.
- Report any suspicious vehicles or subjects carrying bags/backpacks in your neighborhood to police. Please note: height, weight, age, race, details of clothing, hair style and complete vehicle description. Crimes in progress are to be called into 911. If you are reporting suspicious activity please call the non-emergency 301-352-1200 or 311(Monday-Friday 7:00am-7:00pm)

Animal Welfare

Lakeview prides itself in the number of unique and lovable pets in our community. We enjoy seeing our residents walking their dogs along the ponds and throughout the neighborhood. The Board is placing "***Scoop Your Dog's Poop***" stations throughout the community and continues to remind everyone to clean up promptly after your pet, even along the ponds. Do not allow your pet to urinate or defecate on any part of your neighbor's yards.

Be Pet Courteous

Daylight Savings

Fall back an hour on Sunday, November 3rd



Thank you Social Committee for hosting a spectacular Fall Party. The kids LOVED it!



Community Reminders

- Cars need to be properly tagged and in good working order. Cars parked on the street with expired tags will be towed. Cars with expired tags or inoperable vehicles stored on driveways will be reported to the county.
- Winterize hose bibs and sprinkler systems.
- Basketball hoops need to be stored during the night
- BBQ units should not be used or stored in front of the house.