



## SMHOA Board of Directors

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### SMHOA Board Meetings

*2018 Board Dates:* 3rd Tuesday/Month – 7:30PM  
Feb. 20, March 20, Apr 17, May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17,  
Aug 21, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Police Station, Public Meeting Room  
1002 Milestone Drive, Silver Spring, MD  
**All homeowners are welcome to attend meetings.**

### SMHOA Newsletters

March, June, September, December. **Do you have information to share?** The **Communications Committee is always looking for newsletter content:** area happenings; financial, health, home care and seasonal articles; recipes; and questions for the SMHOA BOD. Send ideas to [Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com](mailto:Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com).

### Welcome New Neighbors!

Blanca A. and Rene Abarca Orellana, Ruxton Road  
Ermias Y. Bosho and Senayit G. Melese, Lodestone Drive  
Henok A. Satinu and Beement G. Tafesse,  
Aventurine Way  
James H. and Alba Steele, Tufa Terrace

### Volunteers Needed

SMHOA is looking for members to **serve on the Rental Oversight Committee**. There are roughly 15% absentee owners in Snowdens Mill. Renters

frequently don't have access to our covenants, rules and regulations so although they want to be good neighbors, they don't know what they can and can't do. The purpose of the rental oversight committee is to ensure our rental neighbors are part of the SMHOA; via information on these covenants, rules and regulations. **If you are interested in serving, contact [Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com](mailto:Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com).**

### SMHOA Covenant Enforcement Update

We have had a very productive covenant enforcement process this year. We are nearing almost 85% compliance with our requests to fix violations. In the history of our HOA we have never had this good of a response. The BOD would like to thank those of you who fixed their violations. By maintaining your homes and property this keeps your and your neighbor's property values up as well as maintaining the beauty of our neighborhood.

In case you're wondering, the top three violations were mold or discolored siding, trash/materials not kept out of street view, and unkempt landscaping.

The next covenant enforcement inspection will commence in 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the SMHOA Covenant Enforcement Committee at [SMHOA.CE@communityassn.com](mailto:SMHOA.CE@communityassn.com).

### **Seasonal Tip: “Benefits of Composting”**

Beyond physically improving the water- and oxygen-holding capacities of the soil, compost contains a galaxy of beneficial bacteria and fungi. Once in the soil, these microbes make plants healthier and more vigorous, trees among them. Achieving this while you’re keeping yard waste on your site is an obvious plus. Gardeners are getting the message that this soil biology is important in their plant beds. What isn’t so obvious is that – in a season when everyone is spreading, collectively, tons of synthetic fertilizer and herbicides on their lawn – a top dressing of compost might be a better way to go. Compost in itself is not a fertilizer, but it will feed the microbial web that indirectly makes for healthier grass. Conversely, synthetic fertilizers and fungicides degrade soil structure and harm the soil biology, according to organic lawn gurus. For more information, check out WaPo April 25 article by Adrian Higgins:

[https://wapo.st/2qVZqqo?tid=ss\\_mail&utm\\_term=.77b1ca1c8b10](https://wapo.st/2qVZqqo?tid=ss_mail&utm_term=.77b1ca1c8b10)

### **Trash/Recycling Information**

Community-wide trash/recycling pickup is every Thursday. Trash and recycle bins should be placed at the end of your driveway Thursdays by 6:30 a.m., no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Wednesday. Trash pickup and recycling moves to Friday during weeks with a Monday holiday.

### **Neighborly Goods and Services**

Michael Ngo is available to cut grass and shovel snow during college breaks. Contact 301-204-3671 or [michaelngo99@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelngo99@yahoo.com).

For all real estate needs, contact Becky Meadows, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc., 202-253-9405; 301-236-4300 or [becky.meadows@longandfoster.com](mailto:becky.meadows@longandfoster.com).

Bonne Vie Bracelets, by Jazlyn and Taylor. Bonne Vie means *good life*. Follow on Instagram @bonneviebracelets.

### **Useful Telephone Numbers**

For medical and other emergencies, call 911.

Following are other useful numbers:

County Info/services	240-777-0311
PEPCO (Outages)	877-737-2662
Miss Utility	800-257-7777
Missed Trash/Recycling	240-777-0311
Animal Control	240-773-5960
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Police Non-Emergency	301-279-8000

Street Light Outage	240-777-0311
Street Tree Damage	240-777-7623

### **Area Happenings**

#### ***July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Weekend Kickoff Concert w/ Live Music***

**Friday, June 29** from 6:30-8:30PM

Fountain Plaza Stage, Downtown Silver Spring

#### ***Silver Spring Arts & Crafts Summer Fair***

**Sunday, July 8** from 2-8PM

Veterans Plaza, 1 Veterans Pl., Downtown Silver Spring

#### ***World Music Festival***

**Sunday, July 15** from 1-8PM

Veterans Plaza, 1 Veterans Pl., Downtown Silver Spring

#### ***Labor Day Holiday Weekend Kickoff Concert w/ Live Music***

**Friday, August 31** from 6:30-8:30PM

Fountain Plaza Stage, Downtown Silver Spring

### **SMHOA Website**

Snowdens Mill HOA community website

([www.snowdensmill.com](http://www.snowdensmill.com)) allows you to quickly access and download SMHOA forms, including: Complaint forms, HOA Covenants and Bylaws, and HOA-adopted policies. The Board is always looking for web content and ideas to make our website more useful and interactive. Send ideas to [Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com](mailto:Melissa.Wells@communityassn.com).