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# MEETING SCHEDULE

COUNTRYSIDE ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 11TH @8PM (VIRTUAL)

COMMITEE MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY

## **Reminders and News**



### LOOKING FOR MINUTES?

Visit the CountrySide website to view the latest Meeting Minutes at <a href="https://countryside-va.org/">https://countryside-va.org/</a>



# IN DECEMBER!

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#### **RESTON'S WINTERFEST**

Visit the Enchanted Forest, food trucks, and Vendor Village! Held at Browns Chapel Park.

16 & 17

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Enjoy the performance of The Fairfax Ballet with The Fairfax Symphony, held at George Mason University. Tickets can be purchased online.

8-23

#### **CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

Held at the Leesburg Animal Park, there will be lots of festive fun for the whole family!

# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	Winter Celebration @ 1PM - 3PM!
3	4	5	6	7 ¥ Happy Hanukkah!	8	9
10	Annual Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	WINTER	22	23
24 Christmas Eve New Years Eve 31	25 PMP CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 HAPFY KWANZAA!	27	28	29	30

## 2024 CountrySide Budget

The CountrySide Board of Directors unanimously approved the 2024 operating budget at the November 1, 2023, Board of Directors meeting. The 2024 assessment rates are indicated below.

#### 2024 CountrySide Proprietary Approved Consolidated Budget

	2024
Total Income	\$3,269,979.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$627,411.00
Total Insurance & Tax Expenses	\$47,232.00
Total Community Relations Expenses	\$33,600.00
Total Pool & Community Center Expenses	\$381,557.00
Total Grounds & Maintenance	\$544,710.00
Total Single-Family Home Only Expenses	\$418,770.00
Total Townhouse Expenses	\$331,126.00
Reserve Expense	\$713,783.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$3,269,979.00
Operating Income vs. Expense	\$0.00
Total Reserve Projects	\$878,813.00

#### Capital & Townhouse Reserve Balance Information for December 31, 2023

Projected Capital Reserve Balance as of December 31, 2023 in Study prepared by Reserve	\$1,684,657
Advisors	
Estimated Capital Reserve and Contingency Reserve Fund Balance as December 31, 2023	\$1,918,076
Projected Townhouse Reserve Balance as of December 31, 2023 in Study prepared by Reserve	\$1,201,261
Advisors	
Estimated Townhouse Reserve and Snow Contingency Reserve Fund Balance as December 31,	\$1,395,829
2023	

**Note**: The Projected Reserve Fund balances at 12/31/23 may vary from the estimated balance at 12/31/23 as certain components may have been replaced prior to the anticipated schedule, certain components may have exceeded their estimated useful life expectancy, or actual projects performed since the study was conducted could have cost more or less than projected in the study.

Our 2024 budget will continue to provide residents with the community activities, grounds and facilities upkeep, and services they have enjoyed.

Unfortunately, we had to raise assessments to cover rising inflation costs (3.7%) to manage the community, as well as the increases for software improvements, landscaping, our trash and pool management contracts, and administrative expenses.

#### **2024 MONTHLY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

(Amounts are per unit per month)

Single Family/Manor Homes	\$93.00
Town Homes	\$115.00
Villas	\$71.00

If you opted in to receive a coupon book but do not receive a new coupon booklet by December 27, 2023, please contact Property Management People at 301-694-6900.

If you currently pay through ACH, the new assessment amount will be deducted beginning January 1, 2024. No action is required.

If you pay through an automatic scheduled "Bill Pay" feature with your bank, please adjust the amount as indicated above to begin on January 1, 2024.

Homeowners paying online on Property Pay (firstcitizens.com) will also need to adjust to the new amount.

#### CONSIDER PAYING YOUR MONTHLY ASSESSMENT VIA DIRECT DEBIT

It's easy to use this service.

The authorization form is available on our website at <a href="www.countryside-va.org">www.countryside-va.org</a>

# Vote on Amendments - Message from the Board of Directors

We regret to report that the vote to amend the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions has failed to meet the required threshold of votes to effect changes. A total of 853-854 votes were cast, with an additional 20 ballots uncompleted. Please note that paper ballots submitted were converted to proxy ballots in the ezVote system, so those votes are included in the totals below. The breakdown of votes was as follows:

Description of Issue	Approve	Disapprove	Total
Article X, Section 1: quorum/votes required for amendment	522	332	854
Article X, Section 9: First Mortgage Holders required to "opt in" for notices	590	263	853
Article X, Section 9 (f): Remove the veto power of First Mortgage Holders	560	293	853

Since this document requires a minimum of 1,270 affirmative votes for an amendment to be adopted, none of the amendments passed.

We thank all our residents who took the time to read the supporting documentation and cast votes.

#### Statement on Resolution 260 from the Board President

Resolution 125 requires the Board President and Secretary to evaluate new and revised Resolutions for their impact on the rights and privileges of owners (Members of the Association).

In the opinion of the Board President and Secretary, Resolution 260, as amended on September 27, 2023, does not have any effect on the rights and privileges of Members of the Association. The main purpose of the 2023 revisions is to make the Horsepen Run Committee a standing Committee, as opposed to the Ad Hoc Committee it has been since its inception in 1993. The purpose of the Committee remains unchanged: "to generate recommendations for Board consideration for the planning within Horsepen Run and for a land management and maintenance plan for Horsepen Run".

Revised Resolution 260 is under consideration by the Board of Directors, and comments regarding the revised Resolution are scheduled to be heard at the Board of Directors meeting on January 3, 2024. Written comments on the proposed revisions may be submitted to the Board President prior to that meeting.

# Short Term Rentals in CountrySide – Loudoun County Zoning Administrator Opinion Letter

At the request of the CountrySide Board of Directors, the Loudoun County Zoning Administrator has issued an Opinion Letter clarifying the requirements for the operation of Short Term Rentals within CountrySide. The Opinion Letter can be read in its entirety below.

Inasmuch as this is an opinion issued by the Zoning Administrator of Loudoun County (and not by CountrySide Proprietary, its staff or agents, or Board of Directors), any questions on the letter, its restrictions and requirements, interpretation, enforcement, or suspected violations should be directed to the Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-777-0246 or <u>LEx - Loudoun Express Request | Loudoun County, VA - Official Website.</u>

The Board of Directors is grateful to Supervisor Juli Briskman and her staff for their assistance in obtaining this clarification of the Loudoun County Zoning Office's policy on Short Term Rentals within CountrySide.



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loudoun.gov/planningandzoning

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

October 19, 2023

Todd A. Sinkins, Esq. Rees Broome, PC 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700 Tysons Corner, VA 22182-2706 tsinkins@reesebroome.com

RE: ZCOR-2023-0239: Zoning Determination Regarding Short-Term Rentals in Countryside

Mr. Sinkins:

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 23, 2023, requesting a Zoning Administrator opinion regarding the requirements and restrictions that apply to "short-term residential rentals" for the properties located in Countryside Proprietary Inc. ("Countryside").

As noted in your letter, the original development of the property that became Countryside was subject to litigation regarding its rezoning in *Lee Jackson Development Corp. et. al. vs. The Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County* (Chancery No. 5247). The complainant and the County reached an agreement to resolve the litigation and the terms of the agreement were memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding, dated June 7, 1978 ("MOU"). The MOU required that the development of Countryside be governed by the provisions of the zoning ordinance then in effect which was the 1972 Zoning Ordinance of Loudoun County ("1972 Zoning Ordinance"). The properties in Countryside are zoned Planned Development-Housing 3 (PD-H3) and administered as PD-H12 under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance.

The recent amendments to the <u>Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance</u> ("1993 Zoning Ordinance"), established regulations for the following "short-term residential rental" uses (ZOAM 2018-0001): (1) "Short-Term Rental-Residential Accessory" (STR-RA) use, which is an accessory use to a principal dwelling unit; and (2) "Short-Term Rental-Commercial Whole House" (STR-CWH) use, which is a principal use that permits what otherwise would be considered a single-family detached dwelling to be used solely for a short-term rental use (collectively "STRR uses").

The Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance is an inclusive ordinance, that is, only those uses specifically enumerated in the 1972 Zoning Ordinance are permitted. *See, Gilbert's Corner Ltd. Pshp. v. Loudoun Cty. Bd. of Zoning Appeals*,1990 Va. Cir. LEXIS 472, at \*7 (Cir. Ct. Sep. 11, 1990), citing, *Wiley v. Hanover County*, 209 Va. 153 (1968). Since STRR uses (both the STR-CWH principal and STR-RA accessory uses) are not enumerated uses in the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, they are prohibited. However, the rental of property for a short duration (in the same manner contemplated by 1993 Zoning Ordinance for STRR uses) may be allowed under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance as described below. With respect to your requests, I respond as follows:

<u>Request 1</u>: How does the 1972 Zoning Ordinance apply to short-term rentals within the [Countryside] Proprietary and, if short-term rentals are permitted under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, what are the requirements and restrictions associated with individual homeowners engaging in short-term rentals within the Proprietary?

**Response:** Under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, the short-term rental of either a portion, or the entirety, of a dwelling unit that also is the owner's primary residence would be permitted as a "permitted accessory use" in the PD-H12 Zoning District as a "Home Occupation" as a "Bed and Breakfast Home Stay Establishment" pursuant to 1972 Zoning Ordinance, Sections 1002; 602.1.3; 701.5.2; and Article 10 and the following is required:

- 1. The dwelling unit must be owner's primary residence;
- 2. A maximum of 3 bedrooms may be available for rent;
- 3. The rental is for a maximum of 5 guests;
- 4. The rental period is for a maximum of 7 consecutive days;
- 5. The owner must obtain a zoning permit for the short-term rental use designating the dwelling unit as a "Home Occupation (Bed and Breakfast Home Stay Establishment)";
- 6. The dwelling unit must be located on a State-maintained road;
- 7. No restaurant shall be permitted. Food service for guests shall be limited to breakfast only;
- 8. No amplified music, outdoor parties (e.g., wedding anniversaries, birthday parties, or graduation parties) or similar activities for commercial purposes shall be permitted;
- 9. Off-street parking must meet the following:
  - a. One space shall be provided for each guest room.
  - b. Parking may be provided off-site in a public lot or in a parking space with written permission of the owner.
  - c. Such parking shall be located a convenient distance from the dwelling unit.
  - d. The parking area shall not be located within required setbacks or yards; and
- 10. All applicable requirements of the Health Department, the Fire Marshal's Office, the Uniform Statewide Building Code, and the Code of Virginia shall be met.

<u>Request 2</u>: Under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, are the requirements and restrictions regarding short-term rentals different for a commercial rental of a home within the Proprietary? If so, can you please specify those requirements and restrictions?

**Response:** Under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, the short-term rental of a dwelling unit that is <u>not</u> the owner's primary residence is a permitted use in the PD-H12 Zoning Districts under the definition of dwelling unit, pursuant to 1972 Zoning Ordinance, Section 701.5.1 and Article 10. Such short-term rental would be subject to the following restrictions:

- 1. The rental period must be for a **minimum of 7 consecutive days** (Article 10, "dwelling unit");
- 2. The rental is limited to **one family** (Article 10, "single family dwelling unit")<sup>1</sup>; and
- 3. The owner must obtain a zoning permit designating the dwelling unit as a non-owner occupied short-term rental.

Furthermore, pursuant to Loudoun County Codified Ordinances ("LCCO") Section 1470, *Short-Term Residential Rental Registration*, all operators of a Short-Term Residential (under either the 1972 Zoning Ordinance or 1993 Zoning Ordinance) must register the property annually with the County's Short-Term Residential Registry (LCCO, Section 1470.02), unless they qualify for one of the listed exemptions. (LCCO, Section 14703.03).

I have also included selected provisions from the 1972 Zoning Ordinance and 1993 Zoning Ordinance for your reference.

PLEASE NOTE: This opinion is valid only as of this date, and this opinion does not and shall not relieve the owner or any occupant of the property in question from the obligation to comply with all applicable Zoning Ordinance and other County Ordinance requirements. This opinion is based upon the text of the Zoning Ordinance as it exists as of the date of this letter and such text is subject to change.

This determination applies solely to the referenced property and is not binding upon the County, the Zoning Administrator or any other official with respect to any other property. No person may rely upon this determination with respect to any property other than the referenced property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term "family" is not a defined term under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance. However, as has been an established practice of the County, my office interprets "family" as defined in Article 8 of the 1993 Loudoun Zoning Ordinance.

Please be advised that any person aggrieved, or any office, department or agency of Loudoun County affected by an order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative officer in the administration or enforcement of the provisions of the *Zoning Ordinance* may appeal said decision within 30 days to the Board of Zoning Appeals in strict accordance with Section 15.2-2311 of the *Code of Virginia*. This decision is final and unappealable if not appealed within 30 days. An application packet and additional information regarding the filing of an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals may be obtained by contacting the Department of Planning and Zoning by phone at 703-777-0246, by email at dpz@loudoun.gov, or by visiting the Board of Zoning Appeals website at www.loudoun.gov/bza. Two copies of the completed appeal application must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Zoning, along with payment of the \$350.00 appeal fee, within 30 days from the date of this letter. Applications and fees may be either submitted by mail to the Department of Planning and Zoning P.O. Box 7000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177 or may be placed in the Planning and Zoning Department drop box located in the lobby of the Government Center. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 703-771-5394, or by email at Mark.Stultz@loudoun.gov.

Regards,

Mark Stultz

Zoning Administrator and Assistant Director

#### **Enclosures**

- Selected Zoning Ordinance Provisions
- Zoning Opinion Request Letter ZCOR-2023-0239
- List of Properties in Countryside with STR Complaints (attached to Zoning Opinion Request Letter)

cc: Property Owners in Countryside provided ZCOR-2023-0239
Juli E. Briskman, Algonkian District Supervisor
Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator
Erin McClellan, Deputy County Administrator
Joe Kroboth III, PE, Assistant County Administrator
Leo Rogers, County Attorney
Hugh Green, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Daniel Galindo, Director, Planning and Zoning
Judi Burkitt, Deputy Director, Planning and Zoning
Michelle Lohr, Deputy Zoning Administrator
Ryan Reed, Deputy Zoning Administrator

#### SELECTED ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS

#### 1972 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance

#### Article 10

BED AND BREAKFAST HOME STAY ESTABLISHMENT: A single-family dwelling in which the principal use is permanent residential quarters; and in which, as an accessory use, no more than three bedrooms are made available for transient occupancy, generally for not more than seven days, by no more than five guests for compensation.

DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY: A residential dwelling unit other than a portable dwelling, designed for and occupied by one family only.

DWELLING UNIT: One room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly, or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities and containing not less than 600 square feet of residential floor area.

602.1.3 Bed and breakfast home stay establishments within R-1 Districts Countywide and R-2 districts located in a County designated Historic Cultural and Conservation District or Historic Site District, are subject to the following criteria: (Adopted July 21, 1986)

#### a. Locational Criteria:

Located on a State-maintained road with dirt access to the State-maintained road. Direct access shall mean an entrance located on the same property as the bed and breakfast establishment.

#### b. Use Criteria:

- 1) No restaurant shall be permitted. Food service shall be limited to breakfast and to resident guests only.
- 2) The establishment shall be owner occupied and managed.
- 3) No amplified music, outdoor parties (e.g., wedding anniversaries, birthday parties, graduation parties) or similar activities for commercial purposes shall be permitted.
- 4) A Home Occupation permit is required.

#### c. Site Development Criteria:

- 1) Off-street Parking:
  - a) One off-street parking space shall be provided for each guest room.
  - b) Parking may be provided off-site in a public lot or with certification of permission of off-site owner. Such parking to be located a convenient distance from the bed and breakfast.
  - c) The parking area shall not be located within the setbacks of the required yards.
  - d) In the A-3 and A-10 zoning districts the parking area shall be located at least 50 feet from any adjacent, residentially zoned property boundary or shall be adequately screened.
- 2) All requirements of the Health Department, the Fire Marshal's Office, the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Code of Virginia shall be met if required.

#### **Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance**

#### Article 8

Family: A group of people living together consisting of:

- a. One or more persons related by blood or marriage together with any number of natural, foster, step or adopted children, domestic servants, nurses and therapists and no more than two roomers or boarders; or
- b. No more than 4 unrelated persons;
- c. Any group identified in Section 15.2-2291 of the Code of Virginia.



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Todd A. Sinkins Shareholder Admitted: VA, DC tsinkins@reesbroome.com

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August 23, 2023

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

LOUDOUN COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING

Daniel Galindo, Director Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning P.O. Box 7000 Leesburg VA 20177

Re:

Countryside Proprietary, Inc.

OPINION LETTER REQUEST

Dear Mr. Galindo:

This firm serves as general counsel to Countryside Proprietary, Inc. ("Proprietary"). The purpose of this correspondence is to request that the Zoning Administrator for Loudoun County issue an opinion regarding short-term rentals within the Proprietary.

As way of background, in 1979, a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") was entered into by the Declarant that developed the Proprietary and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to resolve pending litigation regarding the development of Countryside Proprietary, Inc. The MOU decreed that the parties are permanently enjoined from interfering with the agreed use of the property, provided that said use and development is in accord with the MOU and with the Loudoun County Zoning Regulations for Zoning District Classification PDH-12, as the same existed in the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance of Loudoun County in effect as of the date of the MOU. Accordingly, despite Loudoun County's Zoning Ordinance being amended in 1993, the 1972 Zoning Ordinance is the Zoning Ordinance that applies to the Association as it was the zoning ordinance that was in effect at the time the MOU was entered into by the parties. The Proprietary is currently zoned as PDH-12 under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recently passed amendments to the current 1993 Zoning Ordinance and created a Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance. Among the amendments

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Daniel Galindo, Director Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning August 23, 2023 Page 2

that were passed was ZOAM-2018-0001. ZOAM-2018-0001 addresses restrictions and requirements related to short-term rentals ("STR") for Loudoun County. In the case at hand, the 1972 Zoning Ordinance to which the Association is subject does not contain the same provisions governing STRs, which creates questions as to whether there are circumstances under which a home in the Proprietary can be rented on a short-term basis. Based on the foregoing, we are requesting an opinion letter with regard to the following:

- How does the 1972 Zoning Ordinance apply to short-term rentals within the Proprietary and, if short-term rentals are permitted under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, what are the requirements and restrictions associated with individual homeowners engaging in short-term rentals within the Propriety?
- 2. Under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance, are the requirements and restrictions regarding short-term rentals different for a commercial rental of a home within the Proprietary? If so, can you please specify those requirements and restrictions?

To assist you in issuing your opinion, I have included copies of all written complaints that the Association has received regarding short-term rentals within the Proprietary. Please address your response to:

> Todd A. Sinkins, Esq. tsinkins@reesbroome.com Rees Broome, PC 1900 Gallows Road, Suite 700 Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (703) 790-1911. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

REES BROOME, PC

Enclosures

cc: Board of Directors

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	6 Berkeley Ct	Commercial vehicle, Parking complaint		
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	5 Berkeley Ct	Property manager complaint		
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## **2024 Board of Directors Candidates**

## **Roddy Dean - Morven**



I have served on the board since August 2019 and as Treasurer since July 2022, and previously served on the NAC and the Finance Committee. I would like to continue to serve on the CountrySide Board of Directors representing Morven Woods in 2024. I have lived in CountrySide since 1984 and have seen many changes. I want an opportunity to help with future decisions and continue to serve as a voice of reason while we work on difficult tasks of updating and maintaining our community. I have 45 years of financial and management experience in banking. My banking background has given me experience with contractors, employee management, risk analysis, real estate values, customer service and budgeting. I believe I am organized and think problems through. Thank you for your signature and your vote. I look forward to continue working in the community.

## Penelope Francke - Oakridge



I've been a CountrySide resident for over 18 years. Since joining the Board in 2016, I've served as Chair for three major standing Committees: Facilities, Community Relations, and Grounds. I've also served as Vice-President of the Board for 6 years, and President for 2023.

I've worked on most of the Board's major initiatives in the last 3-4 years, including the review of our Governing Documents, the votes on changes to those documents, the rebid of the management contract last year, and the upcoming lease renewal on our office space. I've consulted with our legal counsel on a number of issues to ensure CountrySide's best interests are protected, and I've liaised with Supervisor Briskman's staff to improve communications on subjects of concern to CountrySide. All of these projects have deepened my knowledge of the workings of CountrySide and

have given me a better understanding of the needs of our community.

I'm retired after a diverse career in the chemical and software industries, in a variety of technical, customer service, project management, and business management roles. As a Board member, I've worked to improve communications with residents, both through Board leadership and through Courier articles on budgeting, assessments, and other subjects of interest.

I believe the OakRidge Director has an obligation to represent both our neighborhood and the CountrySide community as a whole. I take the representation and fiduciary responsibilities very seriously, giving many hours of research and preparation for Board, committee, and budget meetings; my attendance record is well over 95%, reflecting my deep commitment to this volunteer position. I hope you'll let me continue to serve OakRidge in 2024. Thank you!

## **2024 Board of Directors Candidates**

### **David Barrie - Oatlands**



Currently I serve on several CountrySide committees and as the Oatlands representative to the Board of Directors. I would like the opportunity to continue my service to Oatlands and CountrySide. This will allow me to "give back" to the community, both Oatlands and CountrySide. The preservation of our open space and the upkeep of our properties are paramount to me. CountrySide includes Horsepen Run, a fantastic wetlands nature preserve of over 370 acres that needs to be protected for the community to enjoy.

I strongly support annual home exterior inspections to ensure the value of CountrySide properties are being maintained. Maintaining the beauty of our common area is also important to me as that serves to enrich our property values. Over the years that I have been a member of the Board of Directors, CountrySide has been financially prudent, balancing the requests of the residents, the expenses of a multi-million-dollar

operational budget and the requirements to maintain our reserves for the future expenses. My commitment to Oatlands and CountrySide reflects my enjoyment of living in a community which fosters property appreciation, maintenance of our CountrySide grounds and financial responsibility.

## **Kumar Sangaran - Rokeby**



I've been a CountrySide resident for over 20 years, and I have served on the Board of Directors multiple times. I've served as Secretary on the Board, and I have served as the DRC Liaison, as well. My experience on the Board and as a long-time CountrySide resident means that I understand the issues facing our community. I think residents want a Board that enforces guidelines, to help maintain property values and protect the lifestyle we enjoy in CountrySide. I hope you will continue to let me serve the Rokeby neighborhood on the 2024 Board of Directors.

# CALL FOR CANDIDATES 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCIES

Included in this edition of the Courier on the next page, you will find a petition of candidacy for the Belmont, Foxfield, and Welbourne Directors on the CountrySide Board of Directors for 2024.

Participation on the Board is an opportunity for you to make a personal contribution to your neighborhood and an investment in CountrySide's future. We hope you will take the time to carefully consider representing your neighborhood on the Board of Directors next year. Every CountrySide homeowner in good standing is eligible and encouraged to participate.

Please include a brief statement of your reasons for seeking election to the CountrySide Proprietary Board of Directors and a summary of specific qualifications that would make you well suited for the position.

We would appreciate any personal information that you would like to share, such as length of residency in countryside, other committees you have served on and community service experience.

Your petition will be presented to the board at the January meeting. Petitions must contain the signatures of owners of ten (10) properties, in good standing, from your neighborhood who support your candidacy. The petition of candidacy form has been formatted to accept electronic as well as physical signatures.

All petitions must be received in the proprietary office by 4:00 pm on December 22, 2023. You may drop your petition off at the proprietary office or mail it to:

CountrySide Proprietary Attention: Elections Committee 2 Pidgeon Hill Drive, Suite 560, Sterling, VA 20165

Please feel free to call the proprietary management office or another board representative if you have any questions about the election process or need further information about board positions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Neelley Community Manager Catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com (703) 430-0715



#### **Board of Directors Vacancy for Belmont**

There is a vacancy on the CountrySide Proprietary 2024 Board of Directors for the **Belmont** neighborhood. We are currently accepting applicants to fill this position. The CountrySide Proprietary Bylaws state, "in the event of a vacancy, his/her successor shall be selected by the remaining Elected Directors and shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor." If you are a homeowner in the in the **Belmont** neighborhood and would like to contribute to your community, please consider applying to represent your neighborhood on the Board of Directors. Representing your neighborhood will challenging, rewarding, and an educational experience. All Board members are volunteers who serve the entire community. To apply, fill out the application below and return it to the Proprietary Office. Please include a brief statement with your reasons for serving your community. This statement will be published in a future edition of our monthly publication "The Courier." If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Catherine Neelley, Community Manager, at 703-430-0715 or via e-mail at catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com.

**CountrySide Proprietary Petition of Appointment For The 2024 Board of Directors** 

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#### **Board of Directors Vacancy for Foxfield**

There is a vacancy on the CountrySide Proprietary 2024 Board of Directors for the **Foxfield** neighborhood. We are currently accepting applicants to fill this position. The CountrySide Proprietary Bylaws state, "in the event of a vacancy, his/her successor shall be selected by the remaining Elected Directors and shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor." If you are a homeowner in the in the **Foxfield** neighborhood and would like to contribute to your community, please consider applying to represent your neighborhood on the Board of Directors. Representing your neighborhood will challenging, rewarding, and an educational experience. All Board members are volunteers who serve the entire community. To apply, fill out the application below and return it to the Proprietary Office. Please include a brief statement with your reasons for serving your community. This statement will be published in a future edition of our monthly publication "The Courier." If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Catherine Neelley, Community Manager, at 703-430-0715 or via e-mail at catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com.

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### **Board of Directors Vacancy for Welbourne**

There is a vacancy on the CountrySide Proprietary 2024 Board of Directors for the **Welbourne** neighborhood. We are currently accepting applicants to fill this position. The CountrySide Proprietary Bylaws state, "in the event of a vacancy, his/her successor shall be selected by the remaining Elected Directors and shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor." If you are a homeowner in the in the **Welbourne** neighborhood and would like to contribute to your community, please consider applying to represent your neighborhood on the Board of Directors. Representing your neighborhood will challenging, rewarding, and an educational experience. All Board members are volunteers who serve the entire community. To apply, fill out the application below and return it to the Proprietary Office. Please include a brief statement with your reasons for serving your community. This statement will be published in a future edition of our monthly publication "The Courier." If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Catherine Neelley, Community Manager, at 703-430-0715 or via e-mail at catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com.

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#### THE COURIER

The snow months are just around the corner so here is a reminder about snow plowing on your street. Please read below to see whose responsibility is it.



Any street located in CountrySide not listed above are owned and maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) including CountrySide Boulevard and Algonkian Parkway.

Please report unplowed roads on VDOT owned streets and hazardous conditions to novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov or call 1-800-367-7623. To see the status of plowing Northern Virginia neighborhoods: www.vdotplows.org.

### **Events**



# CountrySide 2023 Event Schedule



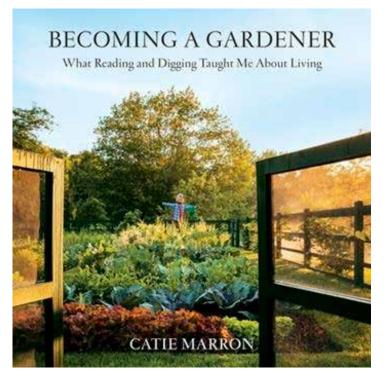
Event	Date	Time	Location
Spring Fling	April 1st	1pm-3pm	Parkway
Spring Clean-Up	April 22nd	9am-Noon	CountrySide
Spring Yard Sale	May 6th	8am	CountrySide
Spring Shred/Paint Recycle	May 20th	9am-Noon	Parkway Parking Lot
Concert #1	June 10th	6pm-8pm	Parkway
Family Fun Night #1	June 24th	5pm-8pm	Parkway
Concert #2	July 8th	6pm-8pm	Parkway
Family Fun Night #2	July 22nd	5pm-8pm	Parkway
Fall Shred/Paint Recycle	September 16th	9am-Noon	Parkway Parking Lot
Fall Yard Sale	September 23rd	8am	CountrySide
Fall Fest	October 7th	Noon- 4pm	Parkway
Boo Fest	October 21st	1pm-3pm	Parkway Meeting Room
Winter Celebration	December 2nd	1pm-3pm	Parkway Meeting Room

## **Book Review**

Becoming A Gardener—What Reading and Digging Taught Me About Living (2022)

By: Catie Marron

No doubt many of us jump into gardening first, then learn more later. While I was always careful to read labels, I probably didn't start reading what gardeners had written until much later. Too bad, as I could have saved myself some rather painful experiences; i.e., demise of plants I loved, \$\$ down the drain, wrong plant wrong place, etc. etc. I've learned over the



years that in listening to other knowledgeable gardeners and reading books authored by many others, there is much to be learned and there's always more to be learned. So when this book came out among on the library's new listings, I thought it might be worth a look.....and was it ever! The first line of the Introduction captured me: "If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need" written by Cicero more than two thousand years ago.

While this book contains many pictures, both real and watercolors, they are used selectively to inspire the reader and to provide a 'breath of fresh air' to the soul. This author, aside from being a creative gardener, is also a storyteller. The journey upon which she takes the reader is intriguing and interesting, one some of us may have experienced as we've moved from one home to another. However, in her 'dream home' Marron felt disconnected, a bit like she didn't belong there. This book follows her every effort to reverse that feeling by submerging herself into her small library of gardening books with the idea of creating a space of her own where she could "work in the dirt, be involved with nature, and produce the flowering plants of my imagination." To accomplish this hope, she remained patient, read more widely and moved forward carefully and thoughtfully. This book is about her education from dreaming to doing. She expands on the principles she followed, how she 'built' her garden, her choices, sustaining her garden, and the 18 months she took to accomplish it. Also included is the practical information found in many garden books such as an annual to-do list in addition to recommended literary garden mentors, reading and viewing.

This book is not a hard read, rather one of pleasure.....perhaps during a winter day beside the fire and with a glass of wine. I encourage you to check it out.

By: Pamela McGraw Master Gardener







## Your #1 CountrySide Agent

As a 20 year CountrySide resident, I know what makes our neighborhood special. I also know the thought of moving can be exciting and overwhelming at the same time.

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"When it came time to sell our home the decision to contact Julie to sell our home was a no-brainer.

Watching homes sell in our area for the past few years, Julie was always the selling agent for many of the top comps. While we expected to get a great price for our home, we had no idea the depth of detail and communication that went into Julie's process.

From her reliable list of contractors to her frequent checkins, follow-ups, and status updates, Julie would make sure we all knew what was going on so that our journey from "coming soon" to "just sold" was smooth and without errors.

Bottom line: Selling a home and moving can be majorly stressful but with Julie's expertise it was as easy as it could possibly be. We would recommend her to anyone looking in the area."

- David & Awanda



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## **THANK YOU**

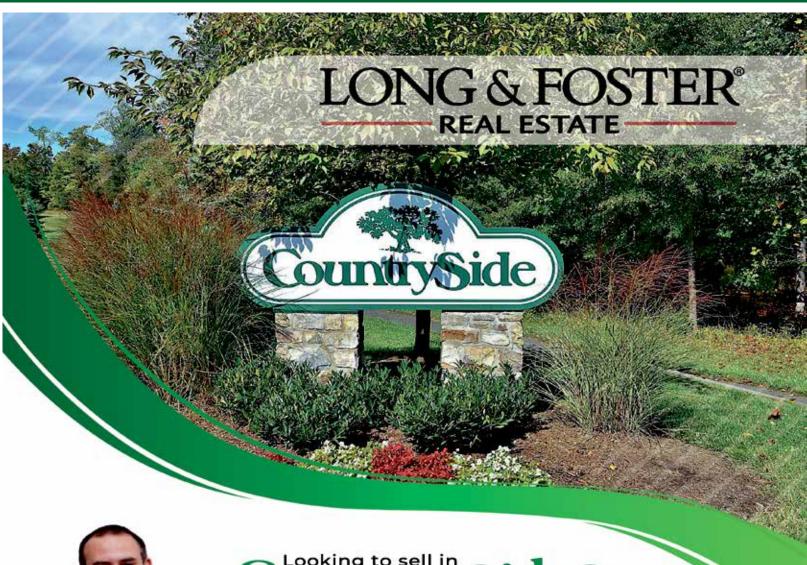
At Tennis DNA, we were delighted to help improve your and your kid's tennis and pickleball game with our committed coaches throughout the Fall Season 2023.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding Villas property, condo fees, trash information, or Villas community issues, contact Karen Conoy, Villas Property Manager at kconoy@nrpartnerllc.com. For questions about Amenities and CountrySide Assessments, contact the Proprietary Office.

FOR VILLAS AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES: 703-476-3639 for "life or property threatening situations ONLY." Note: CountrySide Proprietary cannot respond to these calls.

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# Lived in Countryside Long?

- Want to use your equity for a second home?
- Thinking of renting out your current home as you buy up?
- Want to sell without the hassle of "going on the market"?
- Need a cash offer & quick close?

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## NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

SERVICE	NAME	PHONE
Townhouse Mowing	Zack Daughtry	571-277-6820
Pet Care	Carys Singh	703-850-7525
Baby Sitter/Pet Care	Emma Angel- Wallen	804-761-5857
Pet Care	Megan McNulty	703-909-1022
*Available in Foxfield, Oakridge, Oatlands, Morven,and Welbourne only		



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## 2023 HOA Dues

Single Family/Manor Homes ..... \$90.00

Town Homes \$112.00

Villas \_\_\_\_\_ \$69.00

Pay to the order of: CountrySide Proprietary

# WHY DO TOWNHOUSES PAY A HIGHER ASSESSMENT?

Residents who are new to the HOA community, or unfamiliar with the operating budget of CountrySide, might ask why the townhouse monthly assessments are higher than the single family home assessment. The answer is fairly simple: It's a question of who pays for what. As an example: CountrySide single family homes are on VDOT streets—streets that are maintained by, and are plowed in winter by VDOT. That maintenance and plowing is all funded by the taxes paid by single family homeowners, and those taxes can easily run double what townhouse taxes are. By contrast, when a townhouse street needs to be repaired, repaved, or even totally rebuilt, those expenses have to be paid by the homeowners who benefit from the improvements. There are other townhouse-only expenses, but road maintenance is the biggest single difference.

The CountrySide Board of Directors accounts for townhouse-only expenses separately, so that assessments fairly reflect the share of expenses incurred by both categories. Separate Reserve funds are maintained for townhouse-only expenses, and those delineations are shown on the summarized budget presented to the residents after each budget cycle. If you have further questions on this subject, please feel free to contact the Proprietary Office or the Board of Directors.

SELLING YOUR HOME? YOU WILL
NEED TO ORDER A PROPERTY
OWNERS' ASSOCIATION DISCLOSURE
PACKET NOTICE, OR POA.



#### **HOW TO ORDER A POA PACKAGE**

- Go to https://pmprent.condocerts.com/resale to order.
- Register, place your order, and your documents will be processed.

#### **WESTWICK COURT VILLAS**

• Go to https://pmprent.condocerts.com/resale and select the package for "The Villas."

When the Proprietary receives an order for a POA packet it initiates a physical inspection of the entire property.

- The inspection of exterior maintenance items includes peeling paint, algae on siding, broken window seals, wood rot, fences in need of repair, etc.
- Exterior modifications/enhancements are noted and checked for previous approval.
- If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you have submitted an application for those exterior modifications.





Virginia Property Owner's Act (Contract Disclosure Statement; Right of Cancellation).

"A. Subject to the provisions of Article 2 of 55-509, a person selling a lot shall disclose in the contract that (i) the lot is located within a development which is subject to the Virginia Property Owner's Association Act; (ii) the Act requires the seller to obtain from the property owners' association an association disclosure packet and provide it to the purchaser...."

Questions? Call Alicia McKenna-Graves at CountrySide Proprietary for more information.



#### **Townhouse Parking**

Each townhouse property has two assigned parking spaces. Residents should use their assigned spaces for parking.

#### Visitor Spots...

...are for visitors! A vehicle parked in the same space or visitor spots in the same neighborhood three (3) times in a thirty (30) day period is considered a repeat or chronic offender.

#### Towing



If you see a bright orange sticker on your wehicle, do not ignore it! Your final warning before towing will be clearly marked.

#### Commercial Vehicles



This applies to any vehicle designed or maintained for business/profit purposes and to vehicles with a rate capacity 1.5 tons or more. Vehicles may not bear commercial signs, advertising, or visible commercial equipment.

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#### Other Prohibited Vehicles

Inoperable vehicles, abandoned vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles

#### Be Courteous!

We recognize that townhouse parking is tight. Be courteous and considerate to your neighbors by not monopolizing the visitor parking. We don't like to call Al's Towing & Storage, but we will

### Use Your Assigned Spot

Homeowners are able to call Al's Towing & Storage themselves if they find their assigned parking space occupied by a non-authorized vehicle.

Al's Towing & Storage 11 Douglas Court Sterling, VA 20166 703-435-8888

# TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION

Trash must be in a receptacle with a lid. Trash/Recycling must be placed curbside before 7:00 am. Do NOT place trash on common areas.

For large items or bulk pickups, please email your request to hoa.nova@republicservices.com



FOXFIELD, OATLANDS, AND MORVEN
TRASH DAYS ARE MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

ROKEBY, WELBOURNE, BELMONT, AND OAKRIDGE

TRASH DAYS ARE TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS





FOXFIELD, OATLANDS, AND MORVEN
YARD WASTE ON MONDAYS
RECYCLING ON THURSDAYS

ROKEBY, WELBOURNE, BELMONT, AND OAKRIDGE

YARD WASTE ON TUESDAYS RECYCLING ON FRIDAYS







Yard waste must be in a paper bag or containter & clearly marked "YARD WASTE"

#### NO PLASTIC BAGS

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected Wood waste: Cut into 4-foot lengths & bundle

Per Republic Services: "If the contractor misses a stop, the contractor will go back and make that pick up that same day when reported to the contractor by 3:00 p.m. If after 3:00 p.m., then the pick up will occur the very next Contractor's business day." Please report missed collections to

hoa.nova@republicservices.com.

# Trash & Yard Waste Reminders

#### **USE A COVERED TRASH CAN**

#### **CountrySide Regulations state:**

Article VI, Section 6. Prohibited Uses and Nuisances. (e):

"Trash and garbage containers shall not be permitted to remain in public view except on days of trash collection. No incinerator shall be kept or maintained upon any lot. Garbage, trash and other refuse shall be placed in covered containers."

What this means is you **MUST** use a covered trash receptacle. Trash placed out in bags is in direct violation of the Governing Documents. Also, the use of bags attracts unwanted wildife leading to an unsightly and unsanitary mess.

#### YARD WASTE HANDLING

- Brush and limbs must be cut to 4 ft. lengths and bundled with twine in arm-full size bundles.
- Tree stumps and tree limbs (that are larger than 6" in diameter and longer than 4 ft.) will NOT be collected.
- Grass clippings and leaves should be put in PAPER bags (no plastic bags) OR in a container marked "Yard Waste"

## CountrySide Proprietary does not have an official Facebook page

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Several unofficial Facebook pages are maintained by CountrySide residents.

These pages are **not affiliated** with or monitored by CountrySide Proprietary. We remind residents that any official announcements concerning the community are posted on the website, sent to residents via email, or announced in The Courier. This includes any changes to services, such as recycling collections, scheduling, events, and anything else which directly affects the CountrySide Community.

When in doubt, call or email the office! We're here to help!



# 2023 Holiday Trash Schedule

## **Thanksgiving**

Republic won't operate on Thursday Thanksgiving Day, for community's service on this day Trash and Recycling service will be moved to **Saturday 11/25**.

#### Christmas

Republic won't operate **Monday 12/25**, for the rest of that week they will operate on a 1-day delay.

#### Example:

Monday 12/25: No Service

Tuesday 12/26: They will service all Monday customers. Wednesday 12/27: They will service all Tuesday customers. Thursday 12/28: They will service all Wednesday customers. Friday 12/29: They will service all Thursday customers.

Saturday 12/30: They will service all Friday customers.

## New Year's Day

Republic won't operate **Monday 01/01**, for the rest of that week they will operate on a 1-day delay.

#### **Example:**

Monday 01/01: No Service

Tuesday 01/02: They will service all Monday customers. Wednesday 01/03: They will service all Tuesday customers. Thursday 01/04: They will service all Wednesday customers. Friday 01/05: They will service all Thursday customers. Saturday 01/06: They will service all Friday customers.

#### **Yard Waste**

Yard waste season will end after 12/24 and will return after 03/01, all Christmas trees will be collected on the 1st two weeks in January on yard waste service day.



#### THE COURIER

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

As a volunteer, you will vote on important neighborhood issues. We need your input, energy and feedback.

**Board of Directors:** The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors (BOD) is to review and vote on neighborhood issues such as common area projects, contracts and renewals, delinquent accounts, unresolved violations and appealed applications.

**Current Vacancy: Belmont, Foxfield, and Welbourne (as of January 2024)** 

**Community Relations Committee:** The primary responsibility of the Community Relations Committee (CRC) is to advise and assist the BOD in managing the flow of information across the CountrySide community. The CRC is also responsible for planning and hosting community programs, activities, and events for the benefit and enjoyment of CountrySide residents, and communicating information through the website, the CountrySide Courier newsletter, and mass electronic correspondence (e.g., e-mail blasts).

Current Vacancies: Belmont, Oatlands, and Rokeby

<u>Design Review Committee:</u> The primary responsibility of the Design Review Committee (DRC) is to advise and assist the BOD in monitoring, reviewing and enforcing compliance with the architectural control standards established for the community.

**Current Vacancies: Oatlands** 

**Facilities Committee:** The primary responsibility of the Facilities Committee (FAC) is to advise and assist the BOD in developing and administering an ongoing program to preserve and enhance the swimming pools, pool bath houses, Par course, basketball and tennis courts, tot lots, and maintenance compound. Particular focus is in regard to the maintenance of and improvements to these areas, and to advise and assist the BOD in developing rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of these areas by all CountrySide residents.

**Current Vacancies: Foxfield, Oatlands, Morven** 

**Finance Committee:** The primary responsibility of the Finance Committee (FIN) is to advise and assist the BOD in financial management and oversight of the annual operating budget for the Proprietary.

**Current Vacancies: Belmont, Foxfield** 

**Grounds Committee:** The primary responsibility of the Grounds Committee (GRNDS) is to advise and assist the BOD in developing and administering an ongoing program to preserve and enhance landscaping, turf, parking areas, streets and paths - particularly the maintenance and improvements to these areas. Grounds also advises and assists the BOD in developing rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment of these areas by all CountrySide residents, and is responsible for the administration of the landscaping and trash contracts. **Current Vacancies: None** 

Horsepen Run Committee: The primary responsibility of the Horsepen Run Committee is to generate recommendations for Board consideration for Horsepen Run and to develop a land management and maintenance plan for Horsepen Run.

**Current Vacancy: Foxfield** 

**Neighborhood Advisory Council:** The primary responsibility of the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) is to advise and assist the BOD on matters pertaining to its particular neighborhood, Proprietary affairs through standing committees and is directly involved with the architectural review and budget process.

Current Vacancies: Belmont (3 seats), Foxfield (3 seats), Morven (3 seats), Oakridge (1 seat), Oatlands (2 seats), Rokeby (2 seats), Welbourne (4 seats)

All Committee and Board meetings are open for attendance by CountrySide residents. See the Meeting Schedule at the front of this Courier.

Contact the Proprietary office for more information and **Become a CountrySide volunteer!** 

## WHO TO CALL AT THE PROPRIETARY OFFICE FOR INFORMATION (703) 430-0715

**Catherine Neelley Community Manager** catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com

Contracts, budget issues, assessments & dues, and personnel issues.

#### **Design Review Coordinator**

To report any house in a state of visual disrepair or obtain an Architectural Application General inquiries, Virginia Resale Disclosure for exterior improvements. Trash/recycling on private property.

**Tim Pope Grounds & Facilities Manager** timjp.cside@pmpbiz.com

Common area concerns, playground maintenance, operational problems associated with the pools, and snow removal in the townhouse sections of CountrySide.

> **Carlos Ramirez Grounds & Facilities Staff**

Maddy Thring **Community Relations Coordinator** maddvit.cside@pmpbiz.com

Community Events, parking issues on townhouse streets, the Courier, website

> Alicia McKenna-Graves **Administrative Assistant** aliciam.cside@pmpbiz.com

Packets, account inquiries & statements, missed trash/recycle.

> **Shawanda Howell Administrative Assistant** shawandah.cside@pmpbiz.com

General inquiries, account inquiries & statements, missed trash/recycle.

> **Bryan Neal Grounds & Facilities Staff**

#### Some Useful Links

Loudoun County Home Page https://www.loudoun.gov/

Loudoun County Public Schools https://www.lcps.org/

Algonkian District Supervisor

Juli Briskman https://www.loudoun.gov/2232/Algonkian-Supervisor-Juli-E-Briskman

**VDOT** https://www.virginiadot.org/default\_flash.asp

Republic Services

https://www.republicservices.com/residents

**Dominion Energy** 

Report Power Outages or Emergency

https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency

# **Monthly Assessment Payment Options**

**<u>DIRECT DEBIT (ACH):</u>** There are several benefits to signing up for Direct Debit payments, including the following:

- Avoid Late Fees! Payments are processed on or about the 10th of each month and are therefore always received on time.
- One less check to write each month and one less stamp to use or trip to the Proprietary office.

•The assessment amount is always right, even if rates change from year to year

It's easy to use this service. Complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payments form and send it to us with a voided check. This form can be picked up in the office or found <u>HERE</u>.

NOTE: We will only take the regular assessment. Other fees assessed to the account must be paid separately.

#### BY MAIL:

Mail a check or use your bank's online bill pay option.

Send the payment to our payment processing center at CountrySide Proprietary, c/o PMP, PO Box 62678, Phoenix AZ 85082. Please list your CountrySide account number in the memo portion of the check

Checks sent in the mail must be received by the 10th of the month to avoid late fees.

IN THE OFFICE: Come to the office located at 2 Pidgeon Hill Drive, Suite 560, Sterling. We do not accept credit cards. The office is open from 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday.

ONLINE: Make an online payment via e-check or credit card by logging onto our bank's website at <a href="https://propertypay.cit.com/">https://propertypay.cit.com/</a>. The following information is required to make a payment online:

Management Company: Property Management People

Management Company ID: 7047

**Association Name: CountrySide Proprietary** 

Association ID: 000065

Account #: located on your coupon

Click on "Pay Assessment" (bottom right). Payments made by credit card are assessed a convenience fee.

## Late Fee Forgiveness Program

The CountrySide Proprietary Board of Directors is offering a late fee forgiveness program for up to a maximum of six assessment interest charges/late fees.

#### Eligibility criteria:

- No applicant who applied and was accepted for 2019 and/or 2020 may apply for 2022.
- Applicants must bring their assessment account current and sign up for the Direct Debit/ACH Program.
- At least one payment must be received under the Direct Debit/ACH Program before the interest charge/ late fee amnesty
  occurs.
- Applicants must remain on Direct Debit/ACH for at least nine months after signing up
- Failure to remain current and make payments within nine months will result in interest charges/late fees being re-applied to the account.

If you are interested in signing up for this program and meet all the conditions as stated above, please contact Catherine Neelley at the Proprietary Office 703-430-0715 or via email at catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com

# **Payment Plans**

CountrySide Proprietary offers its homeowners the option of a written installment payment arrangement for the purposes of satisfying a delinquent account balance. This option is known as a Payment Plan. There are essentially two types of Payment Plans available:

Standard Payment Plan – Enables homeowners to pay off their outstanding balance over a period of ten months. The monthly payment amount is calculated by taking 10% of the balance due and adding it to the regular monthly assessment amount. This plan also requires that the homeowner signs up for Direct Debit/ACH so that the monthly amount due can be taken directly from a bank account.

Non-Standard Payment Plan – Enables homeowners to suggest an alternate monthly payment amount and to make those payments via cash or check. This type of plan is offered for a period of nine months, at which time it will be reviewed to determine whether or not the plan can continue and/or needs to be altered.

Both types of Payment Plans are subject to Board approval. If you currently have an outstanding balance and would like to apply, please contact Catherine Neelley, Community Manager, at (703) 430-0715 or by emailing catherineen.cside@pmpbiz.com.