



President's Corner

Happy Holidays! During this season many of us will be putting out lawn decorations and lights. When installing your lights, please remember your neighbors and do not have lights shining on their home. Also, be considerate and turn off the lights prior to going to bed.

By now everyone is aware that DR Horton is completing the Estate section of the development. To date, DR Horton has pulled 14 home permits with 4 remaining. DR Horton is working with VDOT to get released from the road bond. Per VDOT no additional roads in our community should be released from bond until Spring. Currently, the only road that is State maintained is Shadows Drive up to North John Hopkins. The State is responsible for snow removal on that section of the road. DR Horton is responsible for all other roads in the community.

Our committees: Architectural Review Committee (ARC), ByLaws, Communications, Crime and Safety, and Landscaping. To our five committee chairs and committee members, thank you for your time to help improve our association. Should you be interested in serving on a committee, please contact Lisa Nokes at lnokes@coventrygrp.com.

December 10th at 6:00 p.m, the Board of Directors will hold a Quarterly Board meeting via Zoom. The agenda is full. We will review the budget, discuss Annual meeting options, review audit options, review and award the new landscaping contract, select a contractor for the townhouse snow removal, review and award the trash removal contract. You should have received an email notification with the time and Zoom link details for the meeting. Look forward to your participation on the 10th.

Residents of BRS have expressed concern regarding the gun and rifle shots heard in the distance around BRS. The hunt club owners, Dave and Debbie Seekford, have kindly responded by sending a letter to the residents of BRS.

Happy holidays, enjoy and be safe,
Scott Kersjes

ANNOUNCEMENT QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The Blue Ridge Shadows HOA's quarterly board meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Homeowners that have an email address on file with Coventry Group were sent an email with the log-in information. Please contact Lisa Nokes at lnokes@coventrygrp.com, if you would like an invitation.



Dear Neighbors,

We live in a beautiful area of the Shenandoah Valley where we can take advantage of recreational activities year-round. Just a few minutes away from hiking, fishing, kayaking, and hunting.

We thought we'd take a moment and let you know that the Blue Ridge Shadows neighborhood is surrounded by a 50-year-old family hunt club that is active during the hunting season (October through January) on a secured range and over 800 acres of privately owned property. Each of the hunt club members are responsible and the youngest member of the club has been a member for over 20 years.

Some of the Blue Ridge Shadows lots are adjacent to gullies and we are all within a valley. These geographical features amplify the sound of these hunt club's activities. However, all activity occurs on private property in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

Thank you,
Dave and Debbie Seekford

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SPEED LIMIT**



The residential speed limit in BRS is 25 mph. Please monitor your speed and slow down. Two deer have already been hit by speeding cars. SLOW DOWN.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ARC is responsible for maintaining and preserving the HOA's value by following the covenants, bylaws, and resolutions. The ARC consists of five BRS homeowners who volunteer their time to review applications for changes to structures or landscaping. The BRS Board has requested the ARC review and revise the current Architectural Design and Maintenance Standards. Our goal in this endeavor is to review all covenants, bylaws, and resolutions to develop a concise and accurate guideline that is easy for homeowners to use and interpret. We aim to put a revision of this document forward to the BRS Board in late 2020 or early 2021. Until that time, continue to use the *Architectural Change Request Form* found on the Coventry Group website.

The ARC reviewed 7 applications in September and 2 applications in October. The committee has been quick to take action on all applications received, with the response time ranging from 5 days to 2 weeks. As a reminder, the ARC has **45 days** from the receipt of the application by Registered Mail or Certified Mail to review and decide on applications. In the case that the homeowner needs an expeditious decision on their application, please inform Lisa Nokes at lnokes@coventrygrp.com.

Coventry Group is required to conduct monthly property inspections, which typically occur during the last two weeks of each month. If a homeowner receives a letter about a violation, they are encouraged to contact Lisa Nokes at Coventry Group to discuss the matter. Often times, violations may not be able to be resolved by the homeowner in a timely manner, but the management company is willing to work with the homeowner until they can achieve compliance.

Over the last few months, the main violations have been storage and neglect of trash cans and recycle bins. **DECLARATION, ARTICLE VI, RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, SECTION 9** states, "trash shall be collected and stored in trash receptacles only and not solely in plastic bags. Trash and garbage receptacles shall not be permitted to remain in public view except on days of trash collection, except those receptacles designed for trash accumulation located in the common area. No accumulation or storage of litter, new or used building materials, or trash of any kind shall be permitted on the exterior of any dwelling unit."

Per Design Standards: TRASH/RECYCLING CONTAINERS – Trash cans and recycling containers must be stored out of view of the street or adjoining properties at all times, except on scheduled pickup days. Containers should be placed out at curbside very early in the morning on pick up days or after dark the evening before. Storage in front or alongside of garages or the home is inappropriate. Screened areas for trash and recycling container storage may be incorporated into a deck design.

Other violations over this period include: lawn mowing, maintaining shrubs and flower beds, vehicles being stored in places other than the driveway or garage, and exterior maintenance of the home (power washing, faded doors and shutters).

Let's all do our part to keep BRS beautiful!



CRIME AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

REMINDER SPEED LIMIT ALL STREETS THROUGHOUT BRS is 25 MPH -- SLOW DOWN!

It is important to **STAY ALERT** to the golf carts crossing Shadows Drive.



All pedestrians and/or golf carts have the right of way once they have entered the cross walk. Please watch out for children playing and walkers throughout the neighborhood.



Correction from the last newsletter, the DOG LEASH LAW is currently not in effect but Warren County Animal Control is working with the County Board of Supervisors to establish a COUNTY WIDE dog leash law that will include the Blue Ridge Shadows Community. Meanwhile, please keep your dog on a leash, for the safety of your dog, residents, children, and other dogs nearby.

TAKING OUT THE TRASH & RECYCLING

There have been many questions regarding the time trash and recycling will be picked up and what we can consider when recycling. Of course, it is always helpful to have a reminder of our HOA code as stated on page two.

Our current trash and recycling pickup provider is [American Disposal Services](#) (ADS). If you have specific questions or concerns about their service, please contact Lisa Nokes, Coventry Group Community Management, Inc., lnokes@coventrygrp.com. Ms. Nokes will contact the provider directly for a replacement tote, problem with service, or to order a recycling tote (\$75.00). Both totes are the property of ADS and are to remain at the residence.



TIMING, HOLIDAYS & INCLEMENT WEATHER

Wednesday mornings beginning at 6:00 a.m., is our current pickup time, however, there is no set time. This is important to note so that residents can secure their trash taking natural elements like high wind, bears and raccoons into consideration, place your items curbside Tuesday evening.



CHRISTMAS TREE

PICK-UP

ADS pick up of live Christmas trees will be Wednesday, December 30th and January 6th. Please remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel.

Single Stream Recycling is a type of recycling that allows residents to place all types of recycled items together in their recycle tote and those items will be sorted later. ADS uses single stream recycling and encourages residents to not use a plastic bag when collecting these items for pick up. Use an acceptable BLUE or GREEN recycle totes. Most large retailers participate in plastic bag recycling programs.

OFF TO THE LANDFILL

If you want to know more about recycling, check out "Waste Wizard" on the ADS website, residents can search items to dispose and Waste Wizard directs residents on how and where to dispose of those items.

For example, Waste Wizard disposal of "glass" indicates that it is to be placed in the black tote and not the recycle tote. Please note that glass can be recycled through Warren County's Convenience Sites. More information on recycling and refuse disposal noted below.

WARREN COUNTY REFUSE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLE

The Warren County Solid Waste Department can also serve residents trash and recycling needs through Citizen Convenience Sites. Residents must have a Warren County, Town of Front Royal, or Waste Decal (permanently affixed to vehicles). The closest one is located at 10037 Winchester Road, Front Royal, VA 22630. Hours are 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday, closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Warren County Convenience Site Acceptable Recycling:

- Scrap Metal (no freon appliances)
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Aluminum and Metal Cans
- Glass- All Colors
- Cardboard
- Batteries
- Waste Oil - Gallon Containers or Less Only
- Plastics - #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 (no foam and no plastic bags)
- Paper, Mixed Paper, and Newspapers
- Paint

Items Not Accepted:

Tires Furniture Computers Carpet
Construction debris or large items

Check out Warren County Solid Waste <https://www.warrencountyva.net/solid-waste> for more information.

Holiday Happenings

ELVES HAVING FUN SCAVENGER HUNT

Check out the map for footprint clues!



December 7 - 18, 2020

Boys and Girls,

I need your help! My elves went to play at the park and lost their way!

Here is a picture of what the Elves look like. Can you help me find all 12 of them and unscramble the secret message?

Merry Christmas,

Santa



For more information

<https://parksandrecreation.warrencountyva.net>

Operation Santa 2020

Operation Santa is a county-wide event sponsored by local volunteer fire and rescue departments - for BRS that is North Warren VFD (NW VFD) cruises their fire truck slowly through the neighborhoods of Front Royal and Warren County with Santa Claus and department volunteers greeting residents standing outdoors awaiting Santa's arrival. Operation Santa 2020 for BRS has been scheduled for December 23rd or 24th, beginning after dark. Plans are tentative pending the pandemic, BRS residents who would like to see Santa Clause on the fire truck are encouraged to follow them on Facebook where they post updates.



OLD TOWN WINCHESTER HOLLY JOLLY CELEBRATION



Come spend time in Old Town this holiday season on December 12th! Enjoy caroling and holiday activities including free horse-drawn holiday wagon rides starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be specials at shops and restaurants all day.

Back by popular demand, from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., shop at the Holly Jolly Market for locally-made decorative greenery, gourmet chocolates, natural health and beauty products, raw honey, and homemade baked goods. Sip on hot cocoa and enjoy warm treats while you shop.

Winchester Parks and Recreation will again host Santa Claus at Santa's Headquarters from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Godfrey Miller House (28 S. Loudoun Street). Children can create a holiday craft while waiting to meet Santa.

Enjoy holiday carols throughout Old Town Winchester provided by local choral groups.

Free horse-drawn wagon rides will be offered starting at 1:00 pm. Meet in front of the Old Courthouse (20 N. Loudoun Street) to pick up a timed ticket. Tickets go fast so get in line early! Enjoy holiday shopping and dining in Old Town and return to the wagon area prior to your ticket time.

Thank you to City of Winchester Parks & Recreation for assisting with Santa's Headquarters!

WHEN: Saturday, December 12

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Old Town Winchester Loudoun Street Mall

COST: Free

Pending possible
COVID-19
restrictions, please
check [Holly Jolly
Celebration website](#)
before heading out.

Holiday Happenings



Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts is continuing their longstanding community tradition of the **Holiday Sing-A-Long**, this year with a virtual twist! Traditionally, this event combined a festive instrumental performance by "The President's Own" United States Marine Band (USMB) and a sing-a-long of traditional holiday carols led by more than 500 local singers. This year's event will be presented in a digital format and we hope that you join us from the comfort of your home. These pre-recorded performances by the USMB at The Barns at Wolf Trap, will each begin with a short prelude of festive instrumentals followed by a series of favorite holiday sing-a-longs. Two nights. Two different virtual performances. Tons of holiday cheer!

Check them out at [Wolf Trap Holiday Sing-A-Long](#)



WARREN COUNTY § 123-3 SPECIFIC ACTS OF NOISE DISTURBANCES:

BRS loves our furry friends. However, there is a noise ordinance that pet owners should adhere to regarding pets. As we live in a valley, the sound of dogs barking or howling carries throughout the neighborhood.

Please be considerate of your neighbors regarding the continuous noise (howling, barking, whining, meowing, squawking or other such noises) which are plainly audible across a property boundary or through partitions common to two residences within a building and that take place continuously or repeatedly during a period of at least 15 minutes in duration between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or during a period of at least 10 minutes in duration between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
THANK YOU.



Did you know that Front Royal runs a thermal shelter for those in our community who do not have safe, warm housing during the winter months? The Thermal Shelter runs from November 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. The demand is high and they need help from the community to provide meals, if you can donate breakfast, lunch or dinner, visit [Thermal Shelter of Front Royal](#) for more information or find them on Facebook. Contact 540-892-6108.

If you cannot donate a meal, consider a gently used or new winter coat for man or a woman - particularly larger sizes, new warm sleeping bags, laundry detergent, fabric softener, paper products, cups, plates, bowls, coffee, sugar, and creamer. Monetary donations are always appreciated via PayPal, or mail a check to PO Box 454, Front Royal 22630. Food and clothing donations can be dropped off (socially distanced) in person, the shelter is located in the cafeteria on the west side of the Social Services building (between the gym and Diversified Minds), 465 W. 15th St. Front Royal, VA 22630 after 6:30pm any evening. If making a donation during the day, (M-F 9 am - 4:30 pm), please enter the front of the building. The Thermal Shelter staff thanks you in advance for your donations.

Local Contact Numbers:

Comcast cable (Xfinity): 888-266-2278
Coventry Group Management: 540-535-0816
DirecTV: 855-437-4359
DishNetwork: 540-636-3765
Rappahannock Electric Cooperative: 540-622-2001
(Report outage) 800-552-3904
Town of Front Royal Public Works
(Water and Sewer): 540-635-7819
Warren County Fire and Rescue:
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (540) 636-3830
Warren County Sheriff:
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 540-635-4128 (includes animal control)
Warren County Voter Registrar: 540-635-4327
Washington Gas: 844-927-4427

