

On Discarded Items

In years past, our residents, renters and some homeowners deposited their bulk trash, junk, in the Autumn months. October seems to have the favorite, but this year we see more such behavior already.

Ride or walk through the community, and you'll see the evidence. At the corner of Hickory Hill and Pr. Garden Parkway there is a furniture item. A few others to cite include Hardwood Drive where you'll find piled up, sofas, chairs, mattresses and over at Brightlea Drive and Hickory Hill Avenue there is a love seat. Go to page 12 for more of the evidence.

In a 4 block radius in our community, one can find a lot of discarded items curbside. Some of them are falling apart from sitting in the weather for months. In some cases bulk trash may have been scheduled for pick up, but the items were set out weeks ahead of a scheduled pickup. Some items remain there for weeks or months. Some area jurisdictions see this as a problem, and actually fine folks who place bulky trash out long before their scheduled pick up.

Why residents place these items curbside without scheduling a pick up is a mystery. In some cases people have come to the community at night with the intent of finding a place to dump their junk. Who knows for sure. The items just appear.

Have you seen any of these items? Did you call 311?



These pieces of weathered furniture have been on the curb since last year and some have been there so long they have begun to fall apart! (see page12)











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Opinion Page

PGHHNA Mounts Anti-Litter Campaign

School bus stops, sidewalks and streets leading to them are places we can find a lot of trash.

School children cannot be blamed alone, as some of the parents or relatives waiting in their cars have been seen dropping their trash from their cars while they wait for the school bus to arrive.

You might find food wrappers, fast food garbage, drink cups, soda cans, bottled water bottles and various energy drink containers. Parents and children are not the culprits here.

In some neighborhoods our residents can find that some tradesman/construction folks sit in vehicles or on the curbs, eating, drinking and tossing alcoholic beverage bottles, cans and other trash on our streets.

Our government asks us to call "CountyClick311". But, is it likely calls to 311 about litter will get the litter picked up as frequently or when it is needed?

PGHHNA is mounting an anti litter campaign, to bring more attention to the litter problem. The facts about litter frequency, volume and costs may alarm some, but the how to fix the litter problem are a bit alarming, too.

Many of our neighbors seem unaware of the trash on the streets, on their lawns, or the County strip at curbside. Worse yet, they are, seemingly, unwilling to pick trash up themselves. Additionally, some folks just willfully toss their unwanted items out of their cars at the curb when they park. Sometimes in front of their own residence.

Does it matter to them if these items remain or are removed? Not likely. There are multiple answers, but why folks leave litter on their streets is puzzling. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

"NEIGHBORLY NED"

WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO

ENEWS.PGHHNA@GMAIL.COM

(ANONYMOUS COMMENTS WON'T SE CONSIDERED)

Community Comments

About Our Community

No incoming comments









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Campaign

(from page 2.)

Environmentalists say promoting behavioral change is one answer. This goal is a very difficult and long-term solution. Counting on municipal government is one, also.

Changes in the behavior of the members of the community and guests will have to start in the community. The answer to this issue is right in our own homes. In 2019 residents can help each other by becoming more aware of the litter issues and take steps to overcome them.

The PGHHNA anti litter campaign will focus on raising awareness of litter and giving residents opportunities to get the litter under control.

So, neighbors, get involved! You, can become part of the solution. You will soon receive some additional information on how to be a part of the solution.

For starters see "It Only Takes A Minute!" on the FYI page.

Just a few creatures that litter attracts.

(actual photos taken in our community)







LITTER CLEAN UP COSTS
THE U.S. TAXPAYERS 11.5 BILLION*

EACH YEAR.

YES \$11.5 BILLION

SERIOUSLY!

*(Keep America Beautiful.Org)









Hi, Neighbor Walks

PGHHNA started the Hi, Neighbor Walks to get neighbors walking, talking, smiling, sharing and helping each other.

In our busy lives we have little time to engage with our neighbors. The walks, which occur once a month, take up only an hour or so. Neighbors go door to door for one or two blocks greeting each other, saying Hi, Neighbor, introducing neighbors to PGHHNA and handing out useful Hi, Neighbor information packets.

Hi, Neighbor packets contain useful information for new and longtime residents. There are some important phone numbers, PG County policies, reference items about issues in the community like loud parties, bulk trash and more.

Each household reached is added to a list of neighbors to receive the PGHHNA newsletter, important public service announcements, important bulletins/updates from County agencies regarding policy changes, special events or Public Safety information.

When you see our teams in lime green tee shirts at your door, welcome them, tell them some your concerns, get your Hi, Neighbor packet, call out the kids and introduce your family. Provide your contact information so your household can receive the online newsletter, PGHHNA e-NEWS.

Go online to www.pghhna.org for more about Princess Garden Hickory Hill Neighborhood Association (PGHHNA)











@ the GLCC

The Good Luck Community Center sits right here in our community at 8601 Good Luck Road in Lanham. When was the last time you visited it? Stop by and meet the Facilities Team.

Center Hours

Mon, Tues & Wed 9:00 am to 9:00pm Thurs 9:00am to 9:30pm Fri & Sat 9:00am to 7:00pm Sun 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Extreme Teens Hours Fri & Sat 7:00 to 10:00pm

For more information call the Good Luck Community Center 301-552-1093

or come in and visit For Parks Calendar go to www.pgparks.com

"...there is much good work to be done by every one of us and we must begin to do it..."

— Wendell Berry

PARENTS, SUPPORT THE CHILDREN! THEY NEED YOU TO JOIN THEIR SCHOOL PTSA OR PTSO, TODAY!

DuVal High School PTSO

meets 2nd Thursday of each month duvalhsptso@gmail.com

Thomas Johnson Middle School PTSA

meets 2nd Tuesday of each month

thomasjohnsonmsptsa@gmail.com

Gaywood Elementary School

Parent Engagement Contact Jalisa.McKnight@pgcps.org

Support Duval Tigers Athletics For scores and more, click here pgcps.org/duval/

ATTENTION PARENTS

Your Middle School and Senior High student(s) can earn their **Student Service-Learning** credits by participating in PGHHNA activities. Contact us for updates on activities.









FYI

USEFUL LINKS

P.G. Community College http://www.pgcc.edu

Parks & Recreation www.pgparks.com

Xtreme Teens

www.pgxtremeteens.com

PG Parks Banquet Facilities

www.pgelegantsettings.com

PG Public Schools

www.pgcps.org

PG Boys & Girls Club

www.pgcbgc.org

Arts Events

www.culturecapital.com

County Services

www.princegeorgescountymd.gov

PG County SPCA

www.pgspca.org

SHARE Network

www.sharedc.org

Contact us enews.pghhna@gmail.com



Pick Up The Phone For County Services:



- · snow removal · report fallen trees or road/sidewalk hazards
- report litter, junk, illegal dumping County code violations
- · impounded vehicles · Pr. George's County jobopenings
- find the best way to contact a specific agency, and more.
 Download the 311 app for your smart phone from the internet!
 Go to https://play.google.com/store/apps

311

(301-883-4748) 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or online

24/7

www.countyclick311.com

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It Only Takes A Minute!

CALL

Pick up the trash you see around your car or on your yard when you leave or return home.









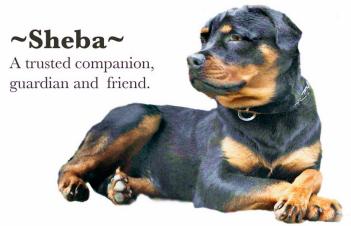
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NEIGHBORHOOD SNAPSHOTS

For nearly 11 years Sheba was a friend of many in PGHHNA, She will be missed.

In Memorium



Got a good photo to share? Send us your photos of the community or PGHHNA member activities in or for the community to enews.pghhna@gmail.com

DO YOU SPEAK AND WRITE IN SPANISH?

Your neighborhood needs your help.
You can help bring e-NEWS,
Hi, Neighbor outreach and more

to Spanish-Speaking residents.

Please Contact e-NEWS

enews.pghhna@gmail.com

You will be making a valuable contribution to your community.
Students can earn PGCPS Service Learning Credits, too.

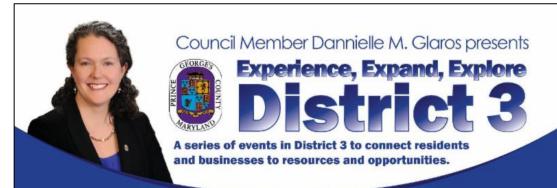








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TOWN HALL MEETING

Join me to learn more about what's happening in your community!

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:30 – 8:30 pm Presentation will begin at 7:00 pm

William Wirt Middle School

6200 Tuckerman Street Riverdale, Maryland 20737

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RESOURCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS:

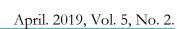
- Parks & Recreation M-NCPPC
- Department of the Environment
- Department of Public Works & Transportation
- · Office of the State's Attorney
- Prince George's County Sheriff
- Prince George's County Police Department
- UMD Office of Community Engagement
- WSSC
- PEPCO
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Family Services
- Homeland Security
- Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement
- 311 Community Relations
- Prince George's County Memorial Library System
- Purple Line Transit Partners and more...

For more information, please contact the District 3 office at (301) 952-3060 or councildistrict3@co.pg.md.us

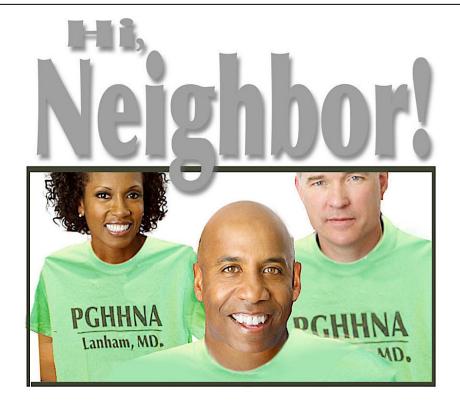












COME OUT, WALK WITH US & MEET THE NEIGHBORS

April 27, 2019, @10:00am

RAIN OR SHINE!

We will meet at the corner of

Pr. Garden Parkway and Hilton Hill Dr., Lanham, MD 20706

This is a PGCPS Service Learning Points opportunity for County students.









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Contact Stacy Howard

sdhoward@co.pg.md.us or 301-499-8523 for more information

Students may earn service learning hours!

301 Watkins Park Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 Noon - 3 p.m.



Participants in Growing Green with Pride receive a complimentary T-shirt to be worn on event day.









Welcome Wall Watch: You Watchin'?

Join the "Welcome Wall Watch" team to watch over the wall and its plants. We need people to water, de-weed, check for trash and vandalism at the site.

To volunteer contact the following members: Fonda Wise, <u>fondawise@hotmail.com</u> or Christine Hambach, chambach@comcast.net.



Get On The "Green Team"

Get your PGHHNA tee-shirt, then come out, pitch in and help keep your community clean, green and livable! Annual dues are \$20 per household. Your \$20 gets you 1 shirt FREE.

You can join and order your shirt on the last page of this e-NEWS edition. For each additional PGHHNA tee shirt, add \$15.

Also, ask about a free PGHHNA key fob.





Wear your PGHHNA shirt with pride as you help out in the community or show up at community events or at Thomas Johnson Middle School or DuVal High School events.

People will ask you what PGHHNA stands for. Tell them about the community you live in with pride.









SPRING CLEANING?

All of these images were taken the same day, April 4th. These items may or may not be scheduled for "bulk trash" pick up. The locations of the discarded items were all in a 4 block area in our community. The frequency of such sites is increasing. Can it be that our residents either don't know or don't care? Who knows?

DOES ANYONE KNOW ABOUT 311 OR BULKY TRASH PICK UP?











Neighbor, Support Your Community! Be a PGHHNA member or be a supporter. Make a tax-deductible donation, today! PGHHNA is a 501(c) 3 organization.

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You can make an on-line donation click here pghhna.org/support-us/

Princess Garden/Hickory Hill Neighborhood Association P.O. BOX 1283, Lanham-Seabrook, MD 20703		
Shirt size		Date
Name:(last name)		
(last name)	(1st. name)	(Middle Initial)
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What languages can you speak?	Communications Member	an Japanese Other
If you are willing to serve as Block F	Representative or Block Captain (Ne	eighborhood Watch) check here
Resident member (\$20.00/house	ehold) Supporter \$	Other Contribution \$
Please let your check be you	ır receipt. Thank you.	

NOTICE

PGHHNA meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:30pm
Due to circumstances beyond our control, the West Lanham Hills
V.F.D. on Good Luck Road, our usual meeting site, is temporarily unavailable.
E-NEWS recipients will get notification of meeting locations via e-mail.
Please forgive any inconvenience. PGHHNA will continue to meet.





