

SIERRA LANDING NEWS

OMG
IT'S
SPRING!



LISTEN...CAN YOU HEAR IT?

Most of Sierra Landing residents would probably agree that the 2018 spring was anxiously awaited. After a snowstorm, then a windstorm that brought a record amount of roof damage this winter season, the sun, warmth, and pleasant temperatures will be such a nice change!

This issue brings you a update on the HOA's projects and reminders about several important issues,

Rainscape Rebates allows our community to become more beautiful with plants that attract hummingbirds and butterflies with virtually no out of pocket cost!

Safety in the summer: an interview with Montgomery County Police officers.

The correct way to dispose of items in our trash bins.

Also ways to get involved through committee participation. Every one is encouraged to consider helping out with the Association's activities.

ALSO...
COMING TO A
BACKYARD NEAR YOU:
RAINSCAPES!



BOD members: Brian Hoarst, Denise Hasneh with Mont. Co. Rainscapes: Dan Sommers and Kris Kinsey of Lawn Systems discuss Rain Garden locations at SL.



WHAT ARE RAINSCAPES?

Rainscapes Rain gardens are attractive landscape features constructed to capture stormwater runoff from hard surfaces such as your roof, driveway, patio, or sidewalk. A rain garden is a garden with a shallow depression that collects and drains stormwater. Rain gardens typically are planted with native plants with deep roots that loosen the soil, so stormwater can soak into the ground more easily. Rain gardens help to meet the RainScapes' goal of using innovative natural approaches to reduce water pollution, stream channel erosion, and drainage problems caused by stormwater runoff. Read more: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/index.html>



RECYCLING: AN OPEN LETTER FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT



Dear Sierra Landing Resident,

One of the challenges we all face daily is deciding what is trash and what is recycling.

Our responsibility is to ensure that the materials collected are placed in the correct dumpster so that they are processed at the right location – either as trash or recycling. It is critical to keep the recycle stream “clean” with recyclable materials only. Even a small amount of trash in the recycle dumpster will contaminate the load.

If our driver identifies contamination in the recycle dumpster, a trash truck will be dispatched to dump the can. Contaminated loads impact operations, costs and the time to service your account. If you would like more specific information on contaminated recycling, please contact me.

Attached is information about Single Stream recycling –what is and what is not recyclable. Note that food waste, plastic bags and polystyrene foam cups and containers are not recyclable. Plastic bags are not acceptable at the MRF (Material Recovery Facility) because they jam the machinery that sorts recycling. When that happens, the line needs to be stopped. If bags are needed to collect recycling at your site, please use brown, kraft type bags.

Below are two websites that have detailed recycling information. The Myths tab on the recycle often recycle right page is a good source of information. Hover over the image to find out if it is recyclable and when you click on the image, you get an expert tip for disposal.

<http://recycleoftenrecycleright.com/>

<http://www.wm.com/thinkgreen/what-can-i-recycle.jsp>

Please keep the recycle stream “clean” with recyclable materials only! And, **NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLE DUMPSTER!**

Kevin Young
Major Account Manager
WASTE MANAGEMENT



Workers repair storm damaged roof at Sierra Landing

What's that Racket on the roof?

We will be spending the rest of April making sure that gutters and shingles are replaced. Residents may hear unexpected noises between the hours of 8 to 5 on weekdays, as contractors survey and repair damage from last month's storm. We are still evaluating the extent of the damage and are thankful no one was seriously hurt.

Be A Volunteer!

VOLUNTEERING IS FUN!

Taking on some of your association's tasks does not have to be boring. It can be fun, especially when you get to socialize, work with your neighbors and come up with creative ideas on how to make your community run better! Email: sierralanding@gmail.com and enter in the subject line: **VOLUNTEER!**



Board Meeting Highlights

The board approved a **phone app** program to make it easier for all residents to communicate and report concerns. It is called FRONTSTEPS. Watch video below. More to come!

<https://youtu.be/jH36hRlvBwQ>

- **The Community Room** is getting a new HVAC system next week.

- **The flowerbeds** in front of all buildings are being replaced with grass.

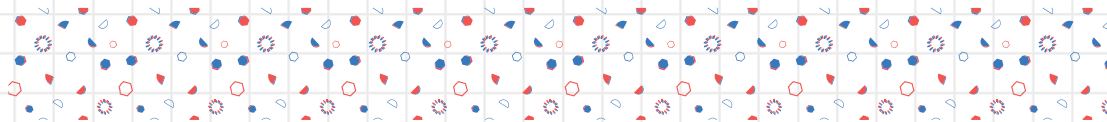
- Sierra Landing will have a **Handyman** on site on a regular basis soon for faster repairs!

- **Security cameras** are being installed near dumpsters to help stop illegal dumping costing us so much money per year. Yes!

DID YOU KNOW?

Pet Waste Stations will be installed at Sierra Landing by the end of April?

This will not only help with waste on the ground but help keep our drinking water clean!





Q & A With Montgomery County Police

We had the opportunity to talk with our Mo. Co. police the other day when they visited the property concerning another matter. Here are some of the questions and answers.

Q: Is the Wheaton Mall safe?

A: "Yes. The mall is safe but the summer months may have a few more incidents due to kids being out of school and getting into mischief. Montgomery Mall is also a good mall. Not so much the Livingston Mall. We get quite a few calls there."

Q: Walking to the Metro station, any tips?

A: "Yes! Do not walk to and from the Metro after dark. Take a car. We receive calls of groups of 4 or 5 kids attacking in groups taking your belongings. Because they always take your cellphone it is usually 10 or 15 mins. before we arrive and by then they are long gone via subway to another area where they repeat the process."

Q: Who do we call if we see something suspicious on our premises.

A: "If it is not an emergency, call our non-emergency line at: (301) 279-8000. Otherwise call 911."

Note: We will be hosting Community Services Officer Kathryn Beard for an informative talk with our residents this summer as part of our "Meet The Board" initiative.
Stay tuned!



Laundry Rooms Update

Because of cold weather, we are waiting for a warm spell before installing the cove baseboard around the bottom of the walls.

In some buildings, we are noticing stains from dripping ceiling pipes. Therefore, O'Connor Plumbing will perform a field survey of all leaking pipes in the laundry room areas. They will then report if humidity wraps are needed or pipes need to be repaired or replaced. By the end of April, the final walk-through should be conducted.

Concerning water on the floors of some laundry rooms:

The drain pipes for the washing machines are being cleaned to remove accumulation of lint and debris.

We ask that residents do not use an over amount of soap in the machines, as this causes water on the floor as well. (See below) Thank you for your help in keeping our laundry rooms clean!

