



# Ashbrook Community Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- 12/3 Identity Theft Presentation
- 12/4 ARC
- 12/9 Cookies with Santa
- 12/11 ACA Board Mtg
- 12/18 ARC
- 12/21 Ashbrook Adult Xmas Party

## From Your President

Hello! I hope that this rather warm "winter season" is finding you well.



Sounds of the season are in the air! There are many local musical groups that offer spectacular shows during the winter season that are sure to please any crowd. There are local orchestras, choirs, and bands right here in town and some concerts are even free! I

hope you can take some time to check out our local talent!

There are many exciting things planned right here in Ashbrook this holiday. Your committees have been working hard to plan activities for your family to enjoy. As much fun as they are having coming up with activities, they certainly can't do it all without your help. Please consider volun-

teering even for just one event. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Your Board Members and Committees are here to represent you, the Ashbrook Member. Please do not hesitate to call or email any of us should you need a hand or some advice. Your voice is important to Ashbrook, and we want to hear from you!

Joy Ann Nowak  
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## It's a Jungle in Here!

Joy Nowak

Many members have emailed me regarding various animal related issues within our community. The first being our beaver and turtle population. There is not much that we can do as the construction around all of us is taking habitats away from our natural friends. There are repellants that can help deter them from your property. For beavers, it was suggested that you wrap the bottom portion of your trees with wire mesh.

I have to admit, when people would talk about the turtles in the lake, I thought they were small box turtle sized animals, at least until a neighbor emailed me a picture of a dinosaur! These snapping turtles can be dangerous if you provoke them. The Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries says that you can capture them for consumption if you wish. If there is anyone out there that would like to hold a cooking class for turtle-something, please let us know!



Please be cautious of these animals as they are wild. If you ever see an animal that is acting strangely aggressive, please call Animal Control immediately.

The other issue that has been discussed is that of animals that are loose about the neighborhood.

Please be considerate of others and contain your animals. Cats are a large issue in our neighborhood and have the potential to spread disease. Neighbors who come across any animal that is stray or loose should call Animal Control. With the unusually high number of rabies outbreaks in the Richmond area, it is not wise to try to approach these animals on your own.

With construction, please be on the lookout for deer. They are losing their habitat which will force them to migrate, which means they will be hanging around our roads!

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## Safety and Security Committee

Vicki Cangelosi



The Ashbrook Neighborhood Watch is up and running. Have you seen the new signs in our neighborhood? We still need a few good people to help us get the word out. We are looking to have at least one person on each street to help get out important information that every residents would surely want to know. Here are the streets that do not have a representative.

Halyard Court, Breaker Point Lane, Inlet Court, Helmsman Court, Shady Banks Court, Featherchase Place,

Featherchase Court, Twisted Cedar Court, Twisted Cedar Drive, Twisted Cedar Terrace, Winding Ash Court, Winding Ash Terrace, Falling Hill Terrace, Fern Hollow Court, Fernway Drive, Fernway Place, Ground Fern Drive and Ground Fern Place

Please contact either Vicki Cangelosi or Jeff Carter at ashbrooknw@yahoo.com if you are interested. The job is very simple and does not take much commitment. As the block representative you would assist the

NW in contacting the residents when important information regarding safety and security needs to be shared

Ashbrook is a safe neighborhood. Let's all work together to keep it that way!!!

The Safety and Security Committee will be having a presentation on Identity Theft on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm @ The Clubhouse. This presentation is open to all Ashbrook residents. Topics will include identifying if you have been victim and what to do once you have become a victim. Please contact Vicki Cangelosi at ashbrooknw@yahoo.com for more information.

## Buildings and Grounds Committee

Bill & JoAnn Ruitenberg

We would like to start out this report by wishing all of our neighbors in the Ashbrook Community a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous 2008 from all of us on the buildings and grounds committee. Please don't forget we meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the clubhouse at 7:00 P.M. Please feel free to join us, and we welcome any and all suggestions as we strive for a "Better Ashbrook".

Our lake/community clean-up day went very well on Sept. 15. Despite the inclement weather we had a good turn out and managed to get a good jump on clearing some brush and getting a lot of the debris removed from the lake and around the community. The weather prevented us from getting the clubhouse and shed painted that day but a group of us got together a few weeks later and got that job done. I'm sure you've all noticed that we are now all color coordinated. Many thanks to all of the residents who gave their time to help make these projects happen.

Our second fall clean-up day was held on Nov. 17. We had a great turnout and got a great deal of work done. We got a lot of the leaves off the walking paths, cut down the brush that had overgrown the path at the end of Falling Cedar Ter., cleaned up the tot lot on the corner of Broadreach and Offshore Dr., and cleared out a great deal of brush by the lake around the clubhouse. Those who participated included Catherine Crump, Pat Tavenner, Sue Pulsifer, Bob Manning & Son, Bill Ruitenberg, Keith Willett, Don MacQueen, Tom Brown, and Tasha Presho. The social committee headed up by Julie French. Sue Herr, and Pat Tavenner provided us with some really good Chilli and Corn Bread for lunch.

We have gotten the horse shoe pits installed and we welcome all of our residents to make use of them. We have two sets of horse shoes for any community functions but you need to supply your own for your personal use.

The new Chesterfield County signs identifying Ashbrook as a Neighborhood Watch Community have been installed replacing the old outdated ones. Verizon has removed the damaged box and replaced it with a new one at our main entrance. We were the victim of some vandalism as someone kicked out about 17 pickets from the deck railing behind the clubhouse recently. If anyone has any info as to how that happened please let us know. A special thanks goes out to Bill Walton for his efforts in getting them all replaced the day after it was discovered as this posed a great safety hazard to any children who may have gone out there to play. VDOT has installed the new anti-littering signs in our community complete with the stiff penalties for any violators. Once again, if anyone sees any of this activity going on report it to us or the police dept., as we want this strictly enforced.

Co-Chairs: Bill and Jo Ann Ruitenberg  
Lake: Jerry Oakley  
Playgrounds: Bill Walton

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**Please Remember to...** Please remember that your trash cans can go out as early as the night before your pick up day, and need to be tucked away no later than the next morning after pick up. This is a violation of the covenants, so the Board is required to take action on this violation!

# Architectural Review Committee

When planning a structural or large scale change to your home or property, please remember to follow the proper procedure. In an effort to help clarify any confusion, here are the steps that should be followed:

1. Before starting any portion of the project, obtain the proper application forms. New forms are available on the Ashbrook website and from Stellar Management.
2. Fill out each application form completely. Be sure to include as many details as possible to help the reviewers understand your project. If you have a rendering, please enclose a copy.
3. Have your neighbors sign the paperwork as well.
4. Mail in your application to the P.O. Box.
5. Wait for a reply! (This part may be new.) The ARC meets twice each month (dates listed on the community calendar) and has a rather quick turn around time on applications.
6. Once approved, you may begin your project.

Following these steps will help ensure that we maintain a congruent atmosphere within our Ashbrook community!

The ARC meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

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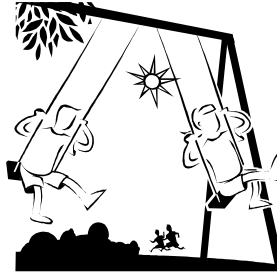
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## Please note!

It is very important for all of our residents to know that the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) requires that any home in an associated community that is on the market must have a renewed disclosure package for potential buyers to review.

Great Resource: [www.ashbrookonline.com](http://www.ashbrookonline.com) go to "Buying or Selling in Ashbrook."

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**Are you looking to get out and meet some other parents in the neighborhood? We have a playgroup that meets monthly and would love for you to join. Just send your email address, name, phone number, children's names and their birth month and year to [ashbrookparents@hotmail.com](mailto:ashbrookparents@hotmail.com) or call Stephanie Provo at 608-1566.**

***We'd love to have you as a member, so come join our playgroup!***

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