



# The Spring Mills Bulletin

**"A planned community...A great place to live!"**

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## President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Halloween. The weather was perfect and the costumes were amazing. We had another great pool season, but now it's time for the Holiday Season. Santa is scheduled to make his annual visit to the pool on Saturday, 15 Dec. and the Holiday Decorating Contest Judging will take place on Wednesday, 19 Dec. Our Annual HOA Meeting is being planned for Tuesday, 26 February 2019 at 7pm in the Bedington Fire Department. Please see the Newsletter for more information on these and other upcoming events.

With Winter upon us, shorter daylight and deteriorating weather, please slow down driving through the neighborhood and keep an eye out for others.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Holiday Season and I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting or at any of our monthly Board meetings.  
*Stephen*

## Upcoming Events

- Santa's Visit – December 15<sup>th</sup>, Pool, 2 to 4 PM  
(See "Santa Visit", Pg. 2)
- Holiday Decorating Contest – December 19<sup>th</sup>  
(See "Christmas Decorating", Pg. 4)
- Annual HOA Meeting – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Bedington Fire Department, 7 PM

Please "Save the Date" for the Annual meeting, which will be on February 26, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Bedington fire station.

## Winter Maintenance

Remember to turn off outside water faucets to keep the water lines from freezing during prolonged cold spells. To properly winterize a hose bib, turn the inside pipe to the "closed" position, and turn the outside water spigot to the "open" position.  
*A burst pipe can be an expensive mess!*

## From the Community Manager

Here We "GROW" Again ~

Spring Mills is rather unique, in that we have some homes within the community that were built back in the early 90's, and yet we still have active construction of new homes, and everything in between. There is sure to be a home style for everyone!

We now have active construction on both east and west sides of TJ Jackson Drive. Panhandle Builders is keeping busy, by continuing with their "Villa" product on Saffron Terrace, where a total of 90 homes are platted, as well as adding a new "Carriage" (townhome) product on the newest street on the east side. Sales continue to be strong

– Spring Mills remains a very desirable neighborhood!

~ Community Manager Heather Field, Clagett Management

## Santa Visit

With Thanksgiving nearly here, it will only be a few short weeks until Christmas! Santa will be visiting our community once again this year on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be setting up shop at the pool and ready to see who's been naughty or nice from 2-4 PM. So, kids, get those lists ready to tell Santa what you're wishing for this year!

This is our last event of the year, so parents bring your kids and your cameras out and remember to dress warmly. Don't forget to share those photos on our [Facebook](#) page!

## Snow Removal Policy

Winter is coming, and we may soon be seeing that white stuff come out of the sky. If the summer and fall precipitation is any indication, there could be A LOT of white stuff this season! As a reminder, here is the Spring Mills snow removal policy.

- Snow will be removed from the streets when it accumulates 4 inches or more.
- When there's a major storm, snow removal will begin when the storm is over.
- In case of large accumulations, the plows will clear one lane on each street first and then return to clear the streets completely. This allows emergency vehicles to access all homes as soon as possible.
- Streets on hills will be salted if icy.
- Gravel from the sides of the streets might get pushed into yards. This is unavoidable, and it is the responsibility of the resident to remove it back to the gravel strip.
- If the edge of your driveway is not completely flush with the street surface, the plows may cause damage. If you have your driveway resurfaced, it is your responsibility to make sure it is flush with the street.
- Please do not remove or damage the reflective marker poles on fire hydrants and at the sides of speed bumps. If you see one removed or damaged, please report it to the Association.
- If you are able, it would be very helpful if you clear out around the fire hydrant nearest your home.
- Harassment or threats to the snow plow operators will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted as criminal acts.

*Please be aware that the process of completely clearing the streets might take two or more days, depending on the severity of the snow. If you have any questions or concerns about snow removal, please call the Association at 304-274-3086 or email [info@springmills.org](mailto:info@springmills.org).*

## “Diving” into pool season 2019

Each year we attempt to secure our lifeguards for the coming summer during the month of March. Guards are hired on certification, experience, and an interview system. Spring Mills attempts to keep guards and gatekeepers for numerous years in order to have consistency and knowledge of the procedures for the pool.

As you may know, many of our guards head to college during the second week of August. This leaves us with just a few to cover until Labor Day.

We are looking for any adults who may be retired or are currently not in the full-time work force, who may be interested in taking the guard test. Requirements include being a rather strong swimmer and are able to take and pass the Lifesaving course offered by the Red Cross or Shepherd University.

These courses are usually given at different times during the months of February, March, April, and May.

Securing some adults would assist with our scheduling during the month of August and early September and may possibly allow us to stay open an extra week.

If you think you may be interested, please contact either Tammy Catlett [tlcatlett@frontier.com](mailto:tlcatlett@frontier.com) or Erin Schenzel [jeschenzel@yahoo.com](mailto:jeschenzel@yahoo.com).

*We can also have you talk with one of our current guards to get a summary of the expectations of the test*

## SPECIAL THANKS TO HALLOWEEN VOLUNTEERS

Once again Halloween has come and gone, and once again this year we had a rather mild evening, with no rain! As everyone here in the community knows, we have an influx of trick or treaters from outside of our neighborhood. Each year we ask for volunteers in the community to patrol our entrances to safeguard the children so that they can have a fun and memorable experience.

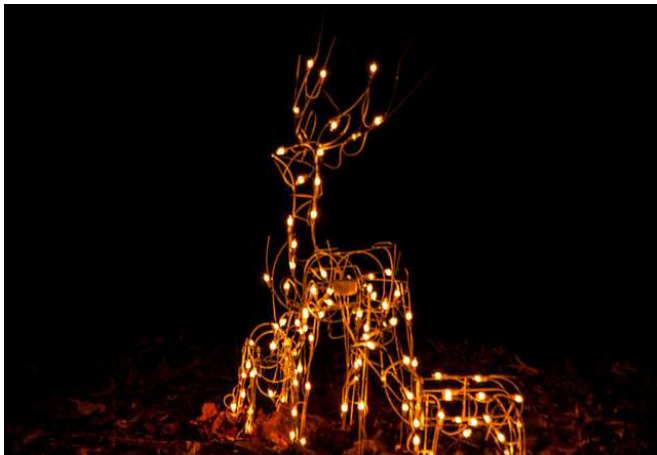
We are happy to report there were no unfortunate incidents. This year we had another great turnout, and we hope this will be the case for years to come. We appreciate new volunteers all the time if anyone would like to donate a few hours next year. Great job guys!



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Spring Mills Christmas Decorating contest. Before you know it, that time will be here, and many of our neighbors celebrate by lighting up their homes and yards with festive lights and decorations. The top three creative, festive and eye-catching decorations will be posted on our [Spring Mills website](#) and printed in the next issue of the Spring Mills Bulletin. This is a great opportunity to show off your creativity!

Judges will be coming through the neighborhood on December 19<sup>th</sup> so be sure to have your homes lit up if you will be participating in the competition this year. Everyone in the community enjoys the decorations and helps get everyone in the festive spirit. Prizes will be awarded for the top three homes. The first-place winner will receive a \$50 gift card with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners each receiving a \$25 gift card. Let's make our neighborhood a colorful place in which to come home.



## Apple Valley Waste Holiday Schedule

If your collection day falls **on or after** one of the Holidays listed below AVW service will be delayed by ONE day for that week.

**Thanksgiving Day** - Thurs, November 22:  
*One Day Delay (Thurs and Fri customers only)*

**Christmas Day** - Tues, December 25:  
*One Day Delay*

### Bulky Items?

As part of your monthly service each AVW customer is entitled to disposal of two (2) bulky items per month at no additional charge. Please call AVW's Customer Service Representatives to schedule the pickup at 304-724-1834.

They also provide a program for collection of yard waste via bag stickers which can be purchased at their office. Please refrain from dumping yard waste in common areas of the community. For more information, please call their office directly or visit their website at [www.applevalleywaste.com](http://www.applevalleywaste.com).

## Election for 2019/2020 Board of Directors

Your association Board of Directors is conducting an election for the continuity of the leadership of our community. We are asking for community volunteers to guide and manage the Spring Mills Subdivision, both residential and commercial.

In 2016 the Board of Directors, under the authority granted in its bylaws under Article III, section 18 – Management Agent, elected to engage a professional management company, Clagett Management, for the business management of our community. Although this greatly reduced the day-to-day administrative duties previously required of the board members, the community must still have a Board of Directors to advise the management company!

By engaging a professional community management company, the Board of Directors functions in its capacity as a Board rather than field managers. The net result is that serving on the Board is no longer an excessive burden for volunteers.

Included in this newsletter on page 6 is a Nomination Form, which is your opportunity to run for the upcoming 2019/20 Board of Directors for the Spring Mills Subdivision beginning May 1, 2019. Please include in your résumé, any and all experience in management, budgeting, or life experiences, which would assist you in serving on the Board. Note that no specific experience is necessary in order to be considered – just a willingness to serve the community!

The Board's objectives remain the same – to protect the quality of life in our community and enhance the value of our properties. This can only be done with good management.

Interested parties may attend any Board meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Bedington Fire Station on Bedington Road, east of Route 11 – 7 p.m. (Typically, the Board takes December "off.")

Please return your résumé/application form by March 5, 2019, to be included on the ballot.



## ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS

There are many tasks involved in moving into a new home (or an "old" home in a "new" location)! If you're coming from out of state, in addition to filing change of address forms with the post office, utilities, and other services, don't forget that your vehicles need some attention, too!

In accordance with **WV Code 17A-3-1A, Registration of Vehicles of New Residents:** *Every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or other vehicle, shall, within thirty days after taking up residence in the state of West Virginia, apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles and obtain registration and title for the vehicle.*

**Don't forget to take this important step**



## Bountiful Thanksgiving

Tucked between the two monster sized holidays of Halloween and Christmas, Thanksgiving receives far less attention. But Thanksgiving is a very important holiday, especially in the busy lives of Americans. It is a time to kick back and relax, watch a football game or go to a movie, and enjoy a huge feast. It's also time for us to give thanks - there is no nation in the world that has more to be thankful for than us.

### Thanksgiving History:

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated between the Pilgrims and the Indians in 1621. That first feast was a three-day affair. Life for the early settlers was difficult. The fall harvest was time for celebration. It was also a time of prayer, thanking God for a good crop. The Pilgrims and the Indians created a huge feast including a wide variety of animals and fowl, as well as fruits and vegetables from the fall harvest. This early celebration was the start of today's holiday celebration. Like then, we celebrate with a huge feast.

American Thanksgiving traditions revolve around a huge and lavish meal, usually with Turkey as the centerpiece. For those who do not like Turkey, a Roast or Prime Rib is common. Many of us enjoy Turkey with "all the trimmings". The "trimmings" include a wide variety of foods that are a tradition for your family. Those traditional foods often replicate the foods at the first Thanksgiving feast.

As tradition has it in most families, a special prayer of thanks precedes the meal. In many homes, family members will each mention something they are very thankful for.

**Did you know?** Potatoes were not part of the first Thanksgiving. Irish immigrants had not yet brought them to North America.

After the first Thanksgiving, the observance was sporadic and almost forgotten until the early 1800's. It was usually celebrated in late September or October. In 1941, Congress made it a national holiday and set the date as the fourth Thursday in November.

*Info. courtesy of "Holiday Insights"*

## This Month in History November

### Fun and Historical events for the month of November, by day:

- The Bra was patented (1914)
- Clarence Birdseye marketed frozen peas (1952)
- Cartoonist Thomas Nast depicts Republican party as an elephant in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly. (1874)
- Montana became the 41st State (1889)
- Giant Pandas are discovered in China (1927)
- The United States Marine Corps was created. (1775)
- Direct dial telephone service is first available coast to coast. (1951)
- Sesame Street premiered on PBS television (1969)
- The space shuttle Columbia was launched for the second time. This was the first time a space vehicle was used more than once. (1981)
- The minimum draft age was lowered from 21 to 18 (1942)
- Disney's *Steamship Willie* premieres - Mickey Mouse is "born"!
- Ford quit making the unpopular Edsel (1959)
- Charles Darwin publishes his theory on evolution "On the Origin of the Species", sparking great controversy. (1859)
- The first lion was exhibited in America (1716)
- The "Grande Ole Opry" debuts on radio. (1925)

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