

# The Good Neighbor

*The latest community news and announcements*

## The Board

**President**

*Kim Brown*

**Vice President**

*Joey Longmire*

**Treasurer**

*Nick Ervin*

**Recording Secretary**

*Vacant*

**Architectural Committee Chair**

*Vacant*

**Social Committee Chair**

*Cerissa Leese*

**Land Use Chair**

*Tim Leese*

The HOA Board is currently looking to fill several positions on the board.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the HOA President or send an email to [NorthCarrollFarmsHOA@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCarrollFarmsHOA@gmail.com)

## In This Issue

Calendar *page 2*

HOA Board *page 1*

Neighborhood News *page 2*

Spring Maintenance *page 2-3*

Easter Egg Hunt *page 1*

Trash & Recycling *page 1*

## Hoppity Hop!

The Easter Bunny is coming to North Carroll Farms Saturday April 16th at 12:00pm.

If you'd like your child(ren) to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt, please drop off 10 pre-filled eggs per child to 4174 Plowshare Ct. before April 15th. Additional eggs are welcome; please mark your bag with the child's name or as donation/extras.



## REQUEST FROM HUGHES TRASH:

Please help us by keeping your trash and recycling separate!

We received a request from Hughes Trash for residents as they are putting their trash out - please clearly label and separate your recycling from your trash.

Too often, trucks are having to circle back and pickup trash that was mistaken for recycling or vice versa. Hughes cannot continue this practice and instead you may receive a note if your trash and recycling are mixed together or not clearly labeled.

Additionally, it would be extremely helpful if residents who share a common driveway would work together with their neighbors to place recycling containers grouped to one side of the driveway and trash containers grouped to the other side.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping our trash service to operate smoothly and efficiently!

## Neighborhood News

- HOA Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022.

- Spring is just around the corner and that means Spring maintenance! Please take a look at the checklist on page 3 for recommended spring cleaning items.

- Due to a lack of volunteers, the HOA will be unable to approve any Architectural Modification Requests until we reach the required number for the committee. We are also in need of an Architectural Committee Chairperson, Recording Secretary, and Vice President. Please reach out to us via our email [NorthCarrollFarmsHOA@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCarrollFarmsHOA@gmail.com) to volunteer.

- Neighborhood Shred Event is coming this Spring! We will have a shred truck on May 19th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. We are also looking to get a food truck to join us for that hour; if you know of anyone that might be interested please let us know!

- We will also be putting together another community yard sale for the late Summer or Early Fall. Dates and further info to be determined.

Happy Spring from your HOA!

### Important Dates

March 19	Bulk Trash Pickup
April 4	Yard Waste Pickup Starts
April 16	Neighborhood Easter egg hunt
May 19	Shred Truck Event
May 21	Hampstead Day
May 30	Memorial Day
June 6	Annual Meeting

# Better Homes & Gardens®

## Spring Cleaning Checklist

### Early Spring

When you're first getting back out into your garden after the winter, start with these tasks to get your yard ready for spring and the growing season ahead.

#### 1. Clean up flower beds

Clear away dead leaves or any other debris from winter storms from the soil surface where you are planning to plant annual flowers and veggies. Remove protective winter mulch from around perennials and ornamental grasses (hedge trimmers make it easy to give grass clumps a clean, even look), and cut back last year's dried foliage.

#### 2. Divide perennials

A good time to divide many perennials is just before their spring growth has begun. Dividing perennials is a budget-friendly way to fill your garden with more plants or share them with friends.

#### 3. Add fresh mulch around perennials

One of the easiest ways to make your yard look polished is to add a fresh layer of mulch to garden beds. This also helps the soil retain moisture for your plants, and keeps down weeds.

#### 4. Prune trees and shrubs

Now is the time to trim fruit trees if you didn't prune in winter. Prune before buds begin to break into bloom or you'll stress the tree and get a tiny crop (or possibly none).

#### 5. Perform basic maintenance of hardscaping

Check stonework for frost heaves, particularly in paths and edging. Check the general condition of your deck or patio and make any needed repairs. Clean off outdoor furniture so it's ready when you are for relaxing after a busy day in the garden.

#### 6. Plant veggies

Hardy, cool-season vegetables, like potatoes, artichokes, peas, and some lettuces, germinate best in cool soil, so plant them in early spring once the soil has thawed. They should be ready to harvest by early summer.



North Carroll Farms HOA  
1431 N. Main St.  
Hampstead, MD 21074  
[www.northcarrollfarmshoa.org](http://www.northcarrollfarmshoa.org)



March 11, 2022

**RE: Property Maintenance Tips**

Dear Neighbors,

It was recently requested that the HOA provide a list of maintenance items that are generally reviewed during our annual neighborhood-wide inspections. This list is a guide and does not relieve homeowners of the responsibility of other maintenance items that may not be listed here. Please see below:

**Lawn and Garden**

- Clear any weeds and leaves away from gardens, driveways, parking areas and walkways.
- Trim and prune trees and shrubs to encourage growth and eliminate an unkept appearance.
- Refresh mulch to landscape areas, as needed.
- Keep shrubs, trees and grass trimmed away from sidewalks.
- Maintain a freshly cut lawn; edge and trim regularly, paying specific attention to gardens, fences, trees, signs, sidewalks, and any other areas where lawnmower will not reach.

**Home Exterior**

- Inspect home exterior for algae growth and dirt. Hose down or power wash your home's exterior siding, and if needed, doors and shutters. It is a good time to clean outside light fixtures and check for any necessary repairs.
- Touch up paint where needed, to include faded shutters, exterior trim, doors, and windows.
- Make any necessary repairs to your home's exterior.
- Children's toys and other miscellaneous outside items should be organized and cleaned up on a routine basis. Garden tools should not be stored in front of your house or on porches.
- Remove newspapers left on the curb or road.
- Ensure trash cans are not stored outside in visible areas and only at the curb within 24 hours of service.
- The front, side and rear yards need to be kept clean and maintained, as stated in our bylaws (Article VI/ Use Restrictions).

If you have any questions, please direct them to [northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com](mailto:northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

North Carrol Farms Homeowners Association  
Architectural Committee