# THE OAKTON ECHO

# Oakton Estates Homeowners Association

P.O. Box 479, Oakton, VA 22124

March 2019

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## **Proposed Changes to OEHA Governance Documents**

Over the past year, the OEHA Board has reviewed documents governing our Homeowners Association to ensure they comply with changes in state and local regulations as well as suggestions for using more efficient means of communication technology. Copies of the current Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R) are available in the Document section of the Oakton Estates website.

The Board is recommending the following changes, subject to a formal vote of the members:

- 1. Change the By-Laws to move Board and Annual meetings from 8 pm to 7 pm.
- 2. Change the CC&Rs to allow written notification to members by email and other electronic means.
- 3. Change the CC&Rs to increase the size of yard sheds from a maximum of 120 square feet to 150 square feet and a maximum peak height of ten feet. This change is in accordance with a recent revision to the Fairfax County, Virginia, building code.

#### Website: OaktonEstates.org

The Oakton Estates website contains contact information for the Association's officers, a neighborhood directory, copies of its governing documents and important forms, and a schedule of forthcoming meetings and the minutes of past meetings.

If you have not registered for the 'Members Only' section, send an email to <u>OEHAComms@gmail.com</u> to receive log-on credentials.

In addition to the aforementioned a homeowner recently requested permission to install solar panels on the front of their roof. Our CC&Rs were written 30 plus years ago and are silent regarding solar panels so the Board is guided by Virginia Code 67-701 which states, in part, that:

"No community association shall prohibit an owner from installing a solar energy collection device on that owner's property unless the recorded declaration for that community association establishes such a prohibition. However, a community association may establish reasonable restrictions concerning the size, place, and manner of placement of such solar collection devices on property designated and intended for individual ownership and use."

The Board has agreed to survey Oakton Estates homeowners to further explore this matter and anticipates the survey will be available in March. A message will be sent to your email address of record when the survey is available. To ensure we have your correct email address, be sure to include it on the dues notice form personally delivered to your home by our volunteers. A formal vote on all of the above changes will take place in April.

### **Waste Disposal Services**

The Board recently became aware of the lack of price uniformity for Oakton Estates homeowners using American Disposal Services. To receive the OEHA community rate of \$27.50 per month, call 703-368-0500, provide your service address and request the OEHA community rate. The new rate will go into effect your next billing cycle.

## Homeowner Dues - April 1, 2019



For the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row, homeowner's dues will remain \$75 for the *entire* year!!!

Make your check payable to OEHA and mail it with your completed dues form to:

OEHA, PO Box 479, Oakton, VA 22124

To receive e-announcements from OEHA include your email address with your payment.

# **OEHA Meeting Schedule**



## **Board Meetings (Open to All):**

Tuesday, April 23 (moved to avoid spring break for FCPS) Tuesday, September 17

## **Annual Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 19

#### **Location:**

Social Room of Oakton Swim and Racquet Club

# **2019 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**

President and Director	Craig Taylor craig_taylor@hotmail.com	
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Social Committee	Vacant	

#### **OEHA Member Participation**

OEHA members have requested more social events so more volunteers are needed to help organize those events. These events allow us to meet new members, foster better communication and build a better community. The funds have been budgeted so all we need is your help.

In addition, most of the officers and directors have served on our Board for many years. We need new members to step up and get involved as several of us prepare to downsize for retirement. For more information, contact Debbie Snider at <a href="mailto:dbs11736@gmail.com">dbs11736@gmail.com</a>

Thank you!

Debbie

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