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President's Corner



Gary Clukey,
President

2021 BOARD MEETING UPCOMING DATES

September 30
October 28
December 2

Until further notice,
all regularly
scheduled Board
meetings are being
held virtually at
4:30pm,
with Resident
Forum beginning at
6:00pm.
Virtual meeting
information is
available at
www.dvcchoa.com.

NOVEMBER 4
ANNUAL MEETING.
More information
about the 2021
Annual Meeting will
be mailed to all
homeowners in
mid-October 2021.

Dear Residents,

Hope all is well for you and your family during these challenging times. In this article, I will address four important subjects.

COVID-19:

We have recently seen firsthand that the COVID-19 Pandemic is unlikely to go away quickly. In early August, several lifeguards who work for our contractor, Virginia Pool Services (VAPS), at the Waverly Club swimming pools tested positive for the virus. The President of VAPS took immediate action and notified CMC Management who contacted the DVOA Board of Directors. The Waverly Club was temporarily closed while the situation was assessed by the DVOA Leadership Team. Residents were notified by blast emails and Facebook postings. The VAPS lifeguards underwent quarantine and tested negative for COVID-19 before returning to work. As VAPS is an independent contractor, the DVOA can't compel vaccinations, but all VAPS employees have been asked to get vaccinated. Those who are not able for medical or other reasons must follow strict mitigation protocols required by VAPS as a condition for ongoing employment. The Waverly Club interior and pool areas were thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, and the facility was reopened within five days of the incident.

According to data furnished by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Delta variant is spreading quickly across the United States (<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#datatracker-home>) and has more serious side effects with a much higher transmission rate. Vaccinated individuals are less likely to contract the virus, and if they do, typically have less severe side effects and fewer hospitalizations. Consistent with the guidance received from their own medical professionals, all DV residents are encouraged to consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible and continue to follow CDC key prevention strategies (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/event-planners-and-attendees-faq.html>). The DVOA management team will continue to implement and abide by the latest medical and professional guidance including any revised orders from the Governor.

Access Gate Control System:

As many of you already know, via past communications, the planned upgrade of our access gates is taking longer than planned because of supply chain constraints and a worldwide shortage of computer microchips. The Access Control Task Force (ACTF) has continued its detailed planning, contractor coordination, and site preparation efforts. All that can be done at this time is being accomplished, and we anticipate the new system will be in place by 4th quarter of this year. This is an exciting (and essential) project which should deliver both value and efficiency. When all four project phases are completed, there will be opportunity for significant cost avoidance. The best source of information for this important community project is the DVOA website (www.dvcchoa.com). Login into the website and click on the **New Gate Access System Update** icon (pictured) for project details.



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Director

Bryant Cruzado, Director (not pictured)

President's Corner (Continued)

Landscaping Improvements:

This year, the Grounds Committee took steps to improve the landscaping of common areas particularly at high visibility areas like the access gates, monuments, and traffic circles. Many residents have recently commented that our entryways have never looked better. The Committee worked closely with our new landscaping contractor, Heritage Landscaping Services (HLS), to change the flower composition and develop detailed landscaping plans. Additionally, through the work of the Committee, a grant was obtained from PWC for the use of native plants, which offset some of the expense. Coordination with Toll Brothers was also completed to the landscaping behind the Allens Mill North Gate when the area is officially turned over to the DVOA this fall. A multi-year landscaping improvement plan is also being prepared for Board approval later this year.



Equestrian and Walking/Biking Trail:

Until recently there was a 300-foot section of blacktop walking/ biking trail in Section 52 (behind Allens Mill North Gate) which was designated for joint use by pedestrians and horseback riders. Signs were posted warning trail users to be aware of their surroundings and use the trail with caution. Our Access and Safety Committee and Facilities Maintenance Committee evaluated the joint use trail as a potentially unsafe situation which should be corrected so as to provide for enhanced safety. FMC met with PWC officials and spearheaded efforts, resulting in negotiations with Toll Brothers to install a parallel section of trail (covered by woodchips) designated for the horses and more suitable (and safe) for all concerned. Toll Brothers agreed to install the new trail section, and, after PWC approved the plans, the situation was amicably resolved. This was a great example of our committees at work, liaising with the County and Toll Brothers to achieve a positive outcome – and one at no expense to our community.

Thanks to all our Volunteers and the CMC Staff for making Dominion Valley one of the best places to live in Northern Virginia. If you want to get more involved with and influence the direction of our community, become a Volunteer. Login to the DVOA Website (www.dvchoa.com) and click on the **For Volunteer Opportunities** Icon to learn more. Reviewing the **DVOA 2021 Strategic Plan** posted on the website under Community Documents might also be useful as you consider your options.

Respectfully,

Gary Clukey

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OCTOBER

Deadline: October 4
Meeting: October 13

NOVEMBER

Deadline: November 1
Meeting: November 10

DECEMBER

Deadline: November 29
Meeting: December 8

Go to www.dvcchoa.com, then click on "Covenants Information" under the "Your Community" top menu tab.

Here you'll find more info about the application process, as well as links to download/view the DVOA Design Guidelines and Design Review Application.

Questions? Please email covenants@dvcchoa.com

COMMON ADDITIONS AND UPGRADES:

Fence | Deck | Patio | Walkway | Retaining Wall | Fire Pit
Landscaping | Exterior Lighting | Irrigation | Pool & Spas
Play Equipment | Awning or Pergola | Pet Containment Fence
Drainage Systems | Exterior Color Paint Change | Windows
Raised Garden Beds | Screened Porch

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Maintenance



A Message from the General Manager

Dear Dominion Valley Residents,

I hope this *Valley Voice* edition finds you and your family doing well. These past 18 months of the pandemic have certainly been a challenge for everyone in so many different ways within our community. We have tried our best to continue business as normal despite many challenges over the last year.

COVID-19 has impacted many things within Dominion Valley Owners Association. As you know there was a national shortage of lifeguards. Most of the pool contractors across the US bring in lifeguards from Eastern Europe each year. Due to COVID travel restrictions, this was not the case this year. Subsequently, all pool contractors hired domestic lifeguards and they went to the highest bidder. We were able to successfully open all our amenities this year with minimal closures. Our Events Committee wasn't able to host any large-scale events in early 2021 due to Governor's executive orders on large gatherings, but they have been working hard on planning some upcoming events this fall and winter as we all look forward to being able to spend time with friends and neighbors once again.

Fall is the time when school is back in session, and, although things may look a little different than previous years, the safety of our residents is still our utmost concern. As the kids are back in school, please be sure to use caution when driving within the community, especially keeping an eye out for children as they head to and from bus stops and while walking to and from school.

Many of our meetings at the Board and Committee levels remain virtual. Effective July 1st, a new statute took effect allowing Associations to meet virtually after the state of emergency ended. To enact the rule here in Dominion Valley, the Board adopted a Policy Resolution for electronic meetings. This is an amendment to the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act, so it is a permanent change not related to the declaration of a state of emergency.

As I write this article, we are working to finalize the 2022 budget. We understand this year was an unsettling time to many of our residents, and we are continuing to work extremely hard to cut expenses while ensuring we maintain the high level of quality Dominion Valley is accustomed to. Unfortunately, one item changing significantly is our trash contract with American Disposal. Effective October 1, 2021, there will be new rules regarding yard waste within Prince William County. Yard waste will now be picked up on a separate collection by the trash company and will require residents place yard waste in either a container marked solely for yard waste or in large paper bags available at Home Depot, Lowe's, Costco, etc. Plastic bags are prohibited. If applicable, make sure to discuss this with your lawn care company so they do not use plastic.

The Dominion Valley Owners Association will hold its Annual Meeting of homeowners and the annual election for the Board of Directors on November 4th, 2021. Please read more about this upcoming meeting on pages 12 and 13 written by Scott Barna, DVOA's Vice President and Elections Committee Liaison. At this time, we anticipate the meeting will be held in person unless things change significantly in our area.

My staff and I are very grateful to work with such a wonderful community. We will continue to do our best when working with the Board and Committees to ensure a positive quality of life for all Dominion Valley residents.

Stay Safe, Amy

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OFFICE HOURS:

- Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday - Closed

We are closed on the following holidays: New Years Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.



**HAPPY
Thanksgiving**

**DOMINION VALLEY
OWNERS ASSOCIATION
2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

MAIN DVOA OFFICE
November 25 & 26 | CLOSED

WAVERLY CLUB OFFICE
November 25 & 26 | CLOSED

WAVERLY CLUB INDOOR POOL
November 24 | OPEN 7AM to 4PM
November 25 | CLOSED
November 26 | OPEN 7AM to 8PM

WAVERLY CLUB FITNESS ROOM
November 24 | OPEN 7AM to 4PM
November 25 | CLOSED
November 26 | OPEN 7AM to 9PM

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Welcome Brooke Ryan!



Brooke Ryan is grateful for the opportunity to be the new Architectural Covenants Site Inspector. She will be conducting comprehensive inspections of all Dominion Valley homes as well as assisting homeowners with abating items noted on inspections related to the Association's Design Guidelines and Governing Documents.

Before joining the Dominion Valley Owners Association, Brooke recently graduated from James Madison University.

Brooke is from Fairfax, Virginia. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her dogs, cooking, and baking for friends and family.

Brooke is here to help you with covenants questions Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm. She can be reached through the covenants email: covenants@dvcchoa.com

THE WAVERLY CLUB



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Club Room Reservations

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9:00am - 6:00pm

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As the temperatures cool and the leaves begin to change, the fall season has arrived. All outdoor amenities, including tot lots and the basketball, volleyball and tennis courts, are open daily from dawn to dusk. One can also take advantage of the many walking/biking paths in the community.

Please remember to park all bicycles and wheeled equipment in designated areas away from the entrances and emergency exits to the building for safety reasons. Roller skates, skate boards, and scooters are to be used on sidewalks and walking paths only as they will damage the sport courts.

All Dominion Valley residents are encouraged to follow the guidance from their trusted health care professional and/or the CDC on measures to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19. If for any reason you or anyone in your family are not feeling well, we ask that you please stay home.

Please visit the www.dvcchoa.com website and choose the "Community Calendar" to view the activities calendar for all classes and room reservations.

FALL FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULES

LETSWIM CLASSES

LetSwim is currently holding swim lessons at the Waverly Club indoor pool. Online registration is open to residents of Dominion Valley at www.letswim.com. Current classes offered include beginner, intermediate, and advanced group lessons. Private and semi-private lessons are also available upon request. Please contact Tamara Yaunches at tamara@letswim.com or 703-851-4609 for additional information.

AQUA TABATA

Aqua Tabata classes are held weekly at the Waverly Club indoor pool on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 8:30am-9:30am. Please contact Shirley Gubatan at sagubatan@aol.com to register. A drop-in class fee is only \$10, and a \$2 discount will be added to each class when purchasing prepaid classes for the entire month.

DOMINION VALLEY SHARKS SWIM TEAM & CLINICS

Dominion Valley residents are welcome to come and join the swim team! Practice clinics are held at the Waverly Club indoor pool to keep up their competitive edge during the off season. Online registration & more information can be located at www.dvsharks.com.

2022 POOL PASSES

REMINDER: DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR POOL PASSES!

Look for the opportunity to renew your existing pool passes for 2022 later this fall. Information will be emailed to the community, available on our website www.dvcchoa.com, and posted to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/DominionValleyOwnersAssociation/.



FALL & WINTER FACILITY HOURS

The Waverly Club Indoor Pool Schedule:

- Monday – Friday 7:00AM – 12:00PM & 3:00PM – 8:00PM
- Saturday and Sunday 7:00AM – 6:00PM

Fitness Room Schedule:

- Monday – Friday 7:00am – 9:00pm
- Saturday & Sunday 7:00am – 6:00pm

Waverly Club HOA Office:

- Monday – Friday 8:30am – 9:00pm
- Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm

HOLIDAYS

- Indoor Pool & Fitness Room CLOSED
11/25/21, 12/25/21, 1/1/22
- Indoor Pool & Fitness Room OPEN 7AM-4PM
11/24/21, 12/24/21, 12/31/21
- Waverly Club HOA Office CLOSED
11/25/21, 11/26/21, 12/25/21, 1/1/22

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School Pedestrian Safety

By Tim Benning, MD, Access & Safety Committee Member

Walking to school is a welcome option for many Dominion Valley families. Students, motorists, and school crossing guards can all work together to enhance pedestrian student safety in our community.

Parents and caregivers, here are some street-crossing myths from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to review with your kids:

Myth: You are safe in a crosswalk.

Fact: You may cross at a crosswalk, but before you do: stop at the curb and look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT for cars. When it is clear, cross and keep looking left and right for cars.

Myth: If you see the driver, the driver sees you.

Fact: The driver may not see you. Make certain the driver stops before you cross the street.

Myth: The driver will stop if you are in a crosswalk.

Fact: The driver may not see you. The driver may run a traffic light illegally. The driver may turn without looking for pedestrians.

Did you know the Commonwealth authorizes uniformed school crossing guards to direct traffic? The Virginia Code

requires motorists and pedestrians to follow their instructions just as they would for a law enforcement officer. Please be respectful and cooperative as the crossing guards perform their important duties and give you directions. Likewise, try not to distract crossing guards with extended conversations. A short and friendly "Good Morning" will let them stay focused on their job.

Motorists can improve pedestrian safety by eliminating distracted driving, aggressive driving, and speeding. Remember, a new law enacted this summer in Virginia prohibits the use of hand-held cell phones - delay making phone calls and use hands-free technology. Watch for reduced speed zones near schools and obey all school crossing guard instructions.

Lastly, traffic volume has gradually increased this summer as more businesses re-open and more workers return to the office. Traffic will increase again when school re-opens so please add some time to your morning routine to leave a little earlier, reducing the chance you are rushed or impatient around a school or crosswalk area.

Let's all do our part for school pedestrian safety in Dominion Valley. Enjoy your walk to school!

Dr. Benning is a retired pathologist and former medical examiner. He walked to school all through K-12.

Volunteer Recognition



Gary Clukey

By Bob Borgia,

DVOA Communications Committee Chair



It is a distinct pleasure for me to acknowledge the tremendous work of our Board President, Gary Clukey. As you know, Gary is stepping down this year from his position. He has worked tirelessly for the past six years in that position. At its best, it is a thankless job. No matter how well things are going, there is always something that gives cause for attention.

Gary has served our community's HOA since 2012 when he began volunteering on the Transition Committee. From there, he was a member of the Finance and Budget Committee from 2012-2015. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2015 and has served as President of the Board since then. While in that position, Gary has also been involved with both the Camp Snyder and Access Control Task Forces, as well as the Facilities Maintenance and Communications Committees. This is truly an amazing number of assignments for one man. He not only sat on

these committees, he was a key contributor. For those of us who know Gary, he is very committed to what he is doing. Whether he is playing golf, running an MGA event, or refinishing his basement, Gary pays attention to details and strives for excellence.

When reviewing Gary's contribution to our community, it is safe to say he took hard work that was done before his arrival and made improvements and enhancements we enjoy today. We all live in a better place because of his efforts. Gary and his wife, Robin, arrived at Dominion Valley in 2003, becoming involved residents both serving in many capacities to keep the wonderful place they live at the highest level possible. They are warm and friendly people who made my wife and I feel right at home when we moved in a few years later just a few doors away. I, for one, am incredibly grateful to Gary for all he has done to keep Dominion Valley the award-winning community that it is, along with the template created of how the HOA should be maintained in the future. Thanks Gary.

2021 Dominion Valley Owners Association (DVOA) Annual Meeting & Board Member Election

By Scott Barna, Elections Officer

Fall is around the corner, and with the long and eagerly awaited return to in-person schooling, the resumption of congestion on Route 66, and the general transition from summer into autumn, the leadership team at Dominion Valley also prepares for the annual end-of-year rituals and key activities, including the Annual Meeting and election for the Board of Directors.

Dominion Valley's Owner Association (DVOA) Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 4th**. At the time of this writing, we envision the meeting will be held at the DVCC Clubhouse and complemented by a live Zoom session for remote access. Nonetheless, we will monitor conditions and guidance, updating the community about the in-person option as the date approaches. Like many activities during COVID, a key to success is maintaining some degree of flexibility and continuity planning.

The Annual Meeting is when we recap key achievements of 2021, recognize outstanding accomplishments, review the budget condition, and announce the newly elected Board members. With respect to the Board, there are seven positions; six held by homeowners and one by a Toll Brothers employee who represents the Dominion Valley developer. The Board is comprised of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three other Directors, with the officers voted on by the newly established Board during a special meeting as the first order of business after the Annual Meeting. All Board members, irrespective of position, have equal voting power.

The DVOA Board is part of a larger framework and works in collaboration with the managing agent (CMC), on-site staff, and other professional advisors, like our attorney and accountant. In addition, the active engagement of our eight standing volunteer committees and contributions of issue-specific ad-hoc task forces round out the leadership team in our collective pursuit against the community strategic vision and goals. (The latest iteration of the Strategic Plan and scorecard are accessible from the Association's website [www.dvcchoa.com] under the Community Documents drop menu with resident login required.)

The 2021 election cycle brings three (3) DVOA Board positions up for nomination (the 3-year Board position terms are staggered to ensure continuity in leadership and experience). As consistent with past years, the Board (and our community) will continue to benefit from supremely qualified and motivated candidates who have a vested interest in working to enhance Dominion Valley, leveraging their personal and professional experience to collaborate with a team to execute and improve upon the vision while adhering to the legal and fiduciary requirements of a Board member. As our community surpasses twenty years of existence, there is a tremendous amount upon which to reflect favorably, and much to anticipate and build upon.

Dominion Valley is a large and diverse community, and, with over 2,500 total residences, we have a population exceeding that

of the average small town in the US. We operate with an annual budget of just over \$5 million, and, while much of the budget is allocated to non-discretionary items (like the trash service, lawn services, and the gate attendants), one of the Board's primary responsibilities is evaluating capital improvement projects and other discretionary initiatives. While prior DVOA committee experience helps a candidate understand the DVOA governance process, there are no pre-requisites other than being an owner in good standing and a desire to contribute.

In addition to budget oversight, the Board has a number of critical administrative functions such as adjudicating covenants variance requests and fine waivers; evaluating delinquent collection recommendations; ratifying proposed changes to covenants (e.g., solar panels); and contract submittal review and approval among other key efforts. The Board also expends significant effort planning for the future, ensuring input from residents is consistently evaluated and maintenance and improvements throughout the community are pursued in a cost effective and prioritized manner. This process is carried out both tactically (e.g., going out to bid on trash collection) and strategically via the Strategic Plan.

Participation on the Board (or any one of the eight standing committees) is a very rewarding experience as it allows one to give back to this community we all call home. The time investment is very manageable and personally fulfilling. While there are many forums (e.g. social media) to share perceptions and anecdotes, the Board provides a front row seat to help shape outcomes in a constructive manner, while adhering to the governing documents of our community and acting within the established roles and responsibilities of an HOA board member.

Even if running for the Board or participating on one of the committees isn't necessarily something you have time to pursue this year, please engage in the election process by exercising your vote, which can be completed 100% online. The 2020 election brought relatively strong participation, but still only a small fraction of election residences (less than 25%) participated and exercised their franchise. Please take the few moments to familiarize yourself with the candidate backgrounds (which will be disseminated in mid-October) and vote for the candidates you think can best help contribute to the continued advancement of the community. Each lot (homeowners) is entitled to one vote, with eligibility determined by the Record Date of ownership.

Now onto the election logistics:

ELECTION TIMING: This year's Annual Meeting of the Association will take place on **November 4th at 7pm**, where the election of three new members of the Board will be announced. Prior voting will take place electronically or in the form of advance mail-in or drop-off ballots.

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2021 DVOA Board Election Timeline

Call for Candidates

September 16

(Sent to community via email and USPS mail)

End of Nominations

October 8 at 5PM

Candidate Statements Mailed

October 14

(Sent to community via email and USPS mail)

Electronic Voting Begins

October 14 at 4PM

Voting Ends

November 3 at 4PM

Ballot Tabulation

November 4

(location and time TBD)

Election Results Announced at Annual Meeting

November 4

(Agenda to be sent to community October 14)

Annual Meeting

(continued)

DIRECTOR TERM & CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

The term of office for a Director is three years. The process to become a candidate is simple: once the Call for Candidates notification is sent this month via US mail, a Petition for Candidacy will be available online at the DVOA website as well as at the DVOA management office (located at 5350 Tournament Drive). It must be completed and returned to the office via mail, fax, or in person by **October 8th**.

VOTING PROCESS:

Notification will be made to all members of the DVOA when online ballots are available. If owners prefer a paper copy, they can get them from the management office, fill out and mail them back to the office (or drop them off) any time before the end of voting, 4PM on November 3rd. Votes will be counted with the results announced at the November 4th Annual Meeting. Deadlines will be strictly maintained consistent with DVOA governing documents.

Please take this opportunity to keep our community a great place to live and help plan for the future by running for a seat on the Board, or simply participating in the process by casting your vote. Your voice does matter.



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Finance & Budget Committee Quarterly Update

By Priscilla Myerson, Committee Member

The Finance & Budget Committee (FC) has presented the initial draft of the 2022 budget to the Dominion Valley Owners Association (DVOA) Board of Directors. At the Board's direction, we have kept increases to HOA fees to no greater than 3%. Since the majority of our expenses are not discretionary and come from multi-year contracts, we are limited in the adjustments to line items which can be made. We monitor our contracts closely. The trash disposal contract was put out for bid prior to the expiration of our current contract. DVOA was restricted in its options; however, there were only three companies, including our present vendor American Disposal, which can service a community of our size. American Disposal was the lowest bidder and the Board has renewed our contract with them. The new contract amount has been included in the 2022 draft budget.

In 2021, the cost of grounds maintenance was reduced under a new contract with HLS which will give us a positive variance for the year. This year, we anticipate a negative budget variance for trash collection as we amended our contract to meet the Prince William County requirement for yard debris to be collected separately. The additional mandate has resulted in an increase in costs which will take effect in October. Although we are over budget for snow removal due to the snow and ice issues in January and February, if November and December do not have snow events, we will end the year on budget.

Interest rates have been increasing slightly and our most recent CD purchases have been at higher rates than earlier in the year. However, as CDs mature, the interest rate we are earning is less than that we earned historically.

The major capital improvement project underway at this time, -gate access control systems, spans the 2021 and 2022 budget years. The project is moving forward, but there have been delays caused by supply chain shortages of computer equipment.

We continue to be one of the few homeowner associations with fully funded reserves. The periodic reserve study provides a timeline for timing the maturity of our CDs to coincide with the anticipated reserve study's repair and replacement schedule. The FC monitors the reserve study closely to ensure funds are available when work needs to be done without requiring special assessments.

The FC's desire is to maintain the quality of our community while managing costs.

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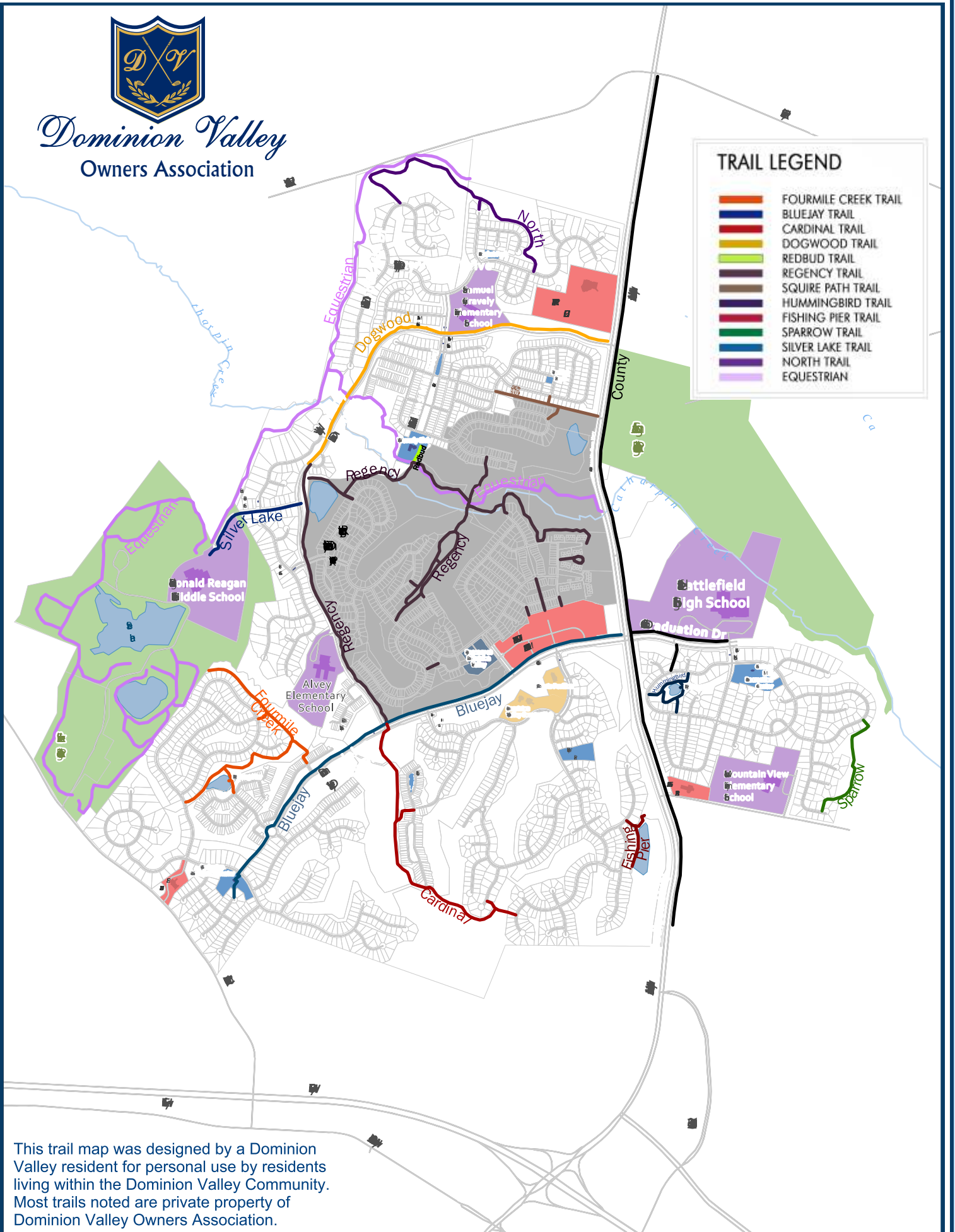


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This trail map was designed by a Dominion Valley resident for personal use by residents living within the Dominion Valley Community. Most trails noted are private property of Dominion Valley Owners Association.

HOA's Newest Trail Ownership

By Don Beckwith, DVOA Facilities Maintenance Committee Member

The latest asphalt trail to be added to the existing Dominion Valley trail network is located in the 45-acre wooded region of Sections 52 and 53, at the very northern part of Dominion Valley. The trail is about one mile long and runs from Dodds Mill Drive to Sky Valley Drive with entrance spurs at Gravelly Meadow Court and Cutler Creek Way. The Developer (Toll Brothers) has made several improvements to the trail to resolve safety and maintenance issues before turnover to the HOA. These include under trail drainage, removal of dead trees adjacent to the trail, and relocating a more than 300-foot section of equestrian trail off the asphalt walking trail.

The asphalt trail provides an abundance of wildlife to observe, as well as family or individual enjoyment of walking, jogging, biking, or skateboarding through the cool wooded area. During hot summer days, many large trees offer shade, give off cooling moisture and oxygen, and absorb CO2 as part of photosynthesis, resulting in a 10 to 15°F temperature drop. With the addition of this trail, our community is now blessed with more than 6 miles of DVOA-owned paved trails (the attached map showing all DV trail names was voluntarily prepared by a Dominion Valley resident). These trails together with more than 50 miles of sidewalks, 4 pool areas, 5 play park areas, 3 fishing piers, 7 tennis/pickle ball courts, / 4 basketball courts, 2 volleyball courts, 2 gym equipment facilities, and 2 world class golf courses (counting Regency), make Dominion Valley residents literally live in a vacation spot.

In addition to the newest asphalt trail, Prince William County recently accepted a public Equestrian/Pedestrian trail which runs from Silver Lake through the DVOA forest land to Route 15. The main trail crosses Waverly Farm Drive and continues through Regency and golf course property to Route 15. A spur (just being completed) connects the main trail to a Waterfall Road access point. The improved but not paved trail more than 1 mile in length is PWC responsibility to maintain, and is for public use by horse riders, hikers, bikers, and runners. It is part of PWC's master plan for a "Catharpin Greenway" which runs all the way to a merger of Little Bull Run and Catharpin Creek at the northern edge of Robinson Memorial State Forest (Gainesville).

The Facilities Maintenance Committee (FMC) is responsible for monitoring the condition of paved trails and is continuously looking for ways to improve resident enjoyment. Recently, benches were added on several of the longer trails to provide for a rest stop. For future enjoyment, FMC is reviewing candidate exercise equipment for installation along some of the longer trails. This effort will include selecting the safest and best equipment, as well as picking the best locations for proposals to the Board. In some cases, County approval may also be needed. Costs for acquisition, installation, and maintenance will be significant, so the project will be phased over a few years. To help with this effort, Resident comments sent to FMC would be appreciated. Please forward to asstmgr@dvcchoa.com and address to the attention of the Facilities Maintenance Committee.



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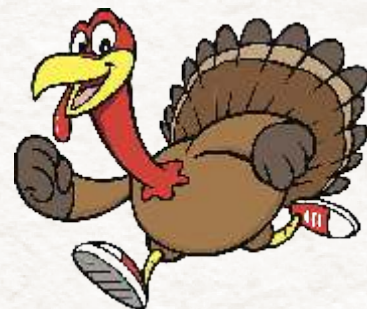
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The 8:30 am kids' fun run includes a finisher's medal. Race T-shirts are available for an additional \$12 fee.

The 9:00 am 5K race includes a long-sleeve T-shirt and chip timing.

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Dollars and \$ense

By Priscilla Myerson, CPA & Dominion Valley Resident

There has been a plethora of tax bills over the last 18 months, so I thought this would be a good opportunity to provide a brief update on the most recent of them. The latest tax provisions were part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 signed into law in December 2020 and the American Rescue Plan signed into law March 2021.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act provided a second recovery rebate credit of \$600. The American Rescue Plan provided another \$1,400. In general, you and your spouse were eligible for these payments if: (1) you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien; (2) you are not claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer; and (3) your adjusted gross income is not more than \$150,000 (married filing jointly (MFJ)), \$112,000 (head of household (HOH)), or \$75,000 for individuals filing single (S). These payments phase out at \$160,000 MFJ, \$120,000 HOH, and \$80,000 S. The second payments were sent out by IRS early in 2021 based on your 2019 tax return. The 3rd payment was sent out in the Spring of 2021. If you have not filed a tax return, there are provisions in place for people who don't need to file. Your dependents are also eligible for payments which would have been included in the amount IRS sent to you. These monies are considered advance credits and must be reconciled on your tax returns. Payments 1 (spring of 2020) and 2 (January 2021) must be reconciled on your 2020 tax return, while payment 3 (spring 2021) will be reconciled on your 2021 tax return.

For those of you who are educators, the \$250 education deduction can be used for personal protection equipment as well as the usual book and supplies. Remember, you must work at least 900 hours as an educator to qualify.

If you don't itemize, and many don't because of the increased standard deduction, the charitable contribution you can take on page 1 of the tax return of \$300 (in 2020), has been increased for married couples to \$600. To qualify, the contribution must be cash (with receipt), credit card or check, and made to an IRS recognized 501(c)3 charity. "Hard goods" donations to organizations like Goodwill or Salvation Army do not qualify. In 2020, the contribution reduced your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), but, for 2021, it will be deducted after the AGI calculation. This provision attempts to encourage donations in light of the pandemic needs of many charitable organizations.

If you report business expenses, there is a change to the tax handling of business meals. Food and beverages "provided by a restaurant" will be 100% deductible for the 2021 tax year. This does not include pre-packaged foods from such places as grocery stores, liquor stores, newsstands, or vending machines. Here too the intent is to assist the restaurant industry which was so hard hit by the pandemic.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act also included temporary special rules for Flexible Spending Account (FSA) provisions. An FSA provides for pre-tax contributions to designated plans for healthcare and dependent care. These plans include "use it or lose

it" provisions with a limited carryforward amount into the first 3 months of the next year. The temporary change (for the 2020 & 2021 tax years) is it allows employers to extend the carryover period to be 12 months. In addition, dependents who have "aged out" (children older than 12 years old) will be treated as if still 12 years old in the subsequent year.

One of the most significant provisions of the American Rescue Plan is the advanced child tax credit which you may have received over the last several months. The child tax credit has existed since 1997. It was initially a non-refundable credit of \$500 per dependent child through age 16. In 2001, the credit increased to \$1,000 and became partially refundable. As with all credits, eligibility depends on income level and will phase out gradually as your reportable income grows. Between 2003 and 2009 additional changes were made to the credit, and it became a \$2,000 credit computed on your annual tax return. The credit reduced your calculated tax liability. In 2017, a "family credit" was added for all dependents aged 17 and older.

The American Rescue Plan has changed the child tax credit significantly. It is being touted as transformative in its intent to lift millions of children out of poverty. The child tax credit no longer has a minimum income requirement, and is now fully refundable. The child tax credit has become an advanced credit for one year (2021) in the amounts of \$3,000 for dependent children ages 6 through 17 and \$3,600 for dependent children newborn through age 5. IRS will pay out half of this advanced child tax credit in monthly installments. This direct deposit payment started in mid-July. The payment was based on your number of dependent children as reported on your 2020 tax return, their age, and your reported adjusted gross income. All taxpayers with AGIs of \$400,000 or less and children age 17 or younger should have received some payment. This advance credit simply means when you file your 2021 tax return the calculated child tax credit will be reduced by the amount already advanced to you. We expect this to be verified through a reconciliation calculation similar to the one required on your 2020 tax return for the economic impact (stimulus) payments.

If you are concerned about receiving the advanced child tax credit and how it may impact your 2021 tax filing, you are able to opt out. This can be done by setting up a personal ID.me account with IRS through their Child Tax Credit Update Portal. You may also find it easier to simply make a payment to IRS against your 2021 tax liability for the amount they are depositing monthly. You can make these payments as a direct debit from your bank account through www.irs.gov using their "Make a Payment" option. Be sure to notate the payment as "estimated tax, tax year 2021".

As always, tax laws are complicated and can be confusing. Be sure to contact a professional if you are not confident you are fully versed in all of the recent changes.

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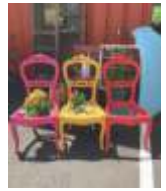


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By Bob Garrigan, MGA President

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We are halfway through our 2021 Men's Golf Association (MGA) Season, and, so far, it has been a sensational one for sure! We had two tournaments since our last update, and they were both tightly contested.

On Saturday, June 19th, we had our inaugural MGA US Open Challenge. In this new format, each MGA participant chose a professional player who was competing in the 2021 US Open, and both scores were combined to determine their overall score. The winners were as follows:

***1st Place Gross Division -
Scott Shingler and Louis Oosthuizen (-4)***

***1st Place Blue Division -
Wayne Martin and Scottie Scheffler (-6)***

***1st Place Senior Division -
Rick Stockwell and Paul Casey (-7)***

Our next event was our traditional Red, White and Blue Tournament held on Saturday, July 10th. We had some great scoring, and the weather was perfect. We were excited to have one of our largest fields ever for this tournament. The winners were:

***1st place Gross Division -
Randy Zewe and David Strittmater (-8)***

***1st place Blue Division -
John Abel and Pat Gallagher (-14)***

***1st Place Senior Division -
Rick Authier and Mark Sherrill (-10)***

I would like to thank all our participants who played throughout the year so far. The 2021 MGA season continues to shatter participation records, and we are grateful to all who support our MGA events.

In closing, I would just like to take a moment and recognize the outstanding job that General Manager, Andrew Salguero; Director of Golf, (The Dog) Mason Jobin; and Greenskeeper, Patrick McNamara, have done this year. Most of us only see the finished product, but the extra effort and time they put in behind the scenes to make all our tournaments truly fantastic is greatly appreciated by all.

We are coming down to the homestretch of 2021, but we still have a lot of golf to play. So, I look forward to a great finish to the MGA Season! Best to all and stay safe!

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GFWC Dominion Woman's Club

By Rosemary Boettke,
DWC Corresponding Secretary



GFWC Dominion Woman's Club (DWC) is a non-profit service organization affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international women's organization dedicated to improving communities and individual lives through volunteer service. Our members are active in the Haymarket area, supporting this mission and dedicating themselves to our motto of "Service, Strength, and Sisterhood." We also enjoy fellowship, friendship, and make each event fun as we work to achieve our goals. This year, DWC is celebrating 15 years in service to our community!

Members of DWC are involved in a variety of programs and outreaches organized around the following committees: Arts and Culture, Civic Engagement and Outreach, Environment, Education and Libraries, and Health and Wellness. If you wish to find out more information about our club and its activities, please visit our website at www.dominionwomansclub.org. If you would like to join us in person to learn more about DWC, please be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month, September through April (with the exception of December) at Dominion Valley Country Club, 15200 Arnold Palmer Drive, Haymarket, VA from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. DWC would also be extremely grateful for sponsors and donors from the community to assist us in our endeavors, especially with our two major fundraisers: "Girls Gone Bunco" and our Annual Author's Luncheon. Information about donation opportunities may be found on our website as well.

Please stop by our table at Haymarket Day on October 16 to chat with some of our members and learn more about our awesome organization!



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Donation Suggestions:

The Haymarket Regional Food Pantry is grateful for your donations of food and needed supplies. When donating items to the food pantry, please remember to check the expiration dates. The following is a list of staples that are most commonly needed at the food pantry (or check online for the current needs list: <https://haymarketfoodpantry.org/donate-food/>):

- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Soup
- Granola Bars
- Small Bags Chips/Pretzels
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Box/Bag Rice (<5 lb bags)
- Boxed Potatoes – All Varieties
- Cookies/Crackers
- Canned Fruit/Cups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tomatoes
- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Beans
- Peanut Butter AND Jelly
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By B. Schwemley and Dale Hollins,
Dominion Valley Residents &
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Please join us in participating in Dominion Valley's 3rd Annual Auto Show sponsored by DV Rides!

DV Rides is a community-driven, auto enthusiast group based in Dominion Valley with over 100 members. After a COVID-hiatus, this year's event will take place Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 9am - 12pm in the lower parking lot of the Dominion Valley Sports Pavilion: 5350 Tournament Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169.

The group's motto is "if it moves you", and the event remains inclusive to all years and conditions of cars, trucks, jeeps, motorcycles, trikes, and even children's power wheels, bikes, and scooters - all types are encouraged for entry. The group also welcomes friends and family members of Dominion Valley residents to participate in the event. **Please visit** www.dvridesautoshow.eventbrite.com **to register your auto in the show.**

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Dominion Valley Diaries: Volume 1

By Tracey Schaefer, Dominion Valley Resident

The *Valley Voice* submission guidelines state “all submissions should relate to community living here in Dominion Valley.” I read this and came up with a half dozen really snazzy ideas. Maybe a mystery in which readers follow along from issue to issue, serial style. Maybe a glimpse into the Valley's rich historical past. Maybe a humorous 'listicle'. Perhaps a presentation on pickleball.

OK, none of those came to pass. I consider myself one of those writers who doesn't actually like to 'write'. I much prefer 'having written'. So, here's what's on my mind.

- Some of the best views in Dominion Valley are the ones that sneak up on you. Case in point -- traveling northbound on Tournament Drive approaching Sawgrass Place. The Bull Run Mountains and the Country Club grounds suddenly come into view as you round the curve, and it's pretty breathtaking.

- Living in Dominion Valley is not a “lifetime of Saturdays. Last Monday happened, and I deserve an explanation.

- Is there any Alvey vs. Gravely sentiment here in the Valley? OK, we're a Gravely family and my children do 'boo' on cue whenever we pass the Sunrays' fine institution of learning. But, I haven't felt it. What I am feeling this school year is endless gratitude that my son's math tests are no longer being conducted in my living room.

- With the way my family eats, the DV Giant is my second

home. Just once, I want the petrified avocados in the “Not the Best, But Still a Good Buy!” rack to tempt me to make homemade guacamole as much as the day-old Danish in the “Oops, We Baked Too Much!” shelf tempt me to.... not. My motto in the Giant bakery section is #nocrumbleftbehind.

- Apologies to anyone who happens to be behind me at the Allens Mill South Gate on any evening past 9pm. Yes, I do take an extra moment to luxuriate in the opening of that giant steel structure - just for me! I've created a whole storyline in which I'm entering the palace gates carrying an important message for the King - not just coming home with a pizza.

- Speaking of pizza... has anyone ever done what I did a few weeks ago? Accidentally ordered curbside pickup from the Haymarket Dominos... when they were on vacation three hours away? It's a good way to feel like an utter fool. Apparently my “pizza profile” management skills are lacking. Thank you, Haymarket Domino's for giving me a credit!

- Wildlife seen on my runs throughout the community: deer, rabbits, foxes, opossums, snakes, turtles, great blue herons, owls, raccoons... No bears yet. Hoping salmon-stuffed shorts will change that. Stay tuned.

Happy fall, Dominion Valley neighbors! See you next issue?

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So... who has the right of way at our community roundabouts?

Roundabouts are circular intersections with an island in the center and have one or more lanes. After entering the roundabout, drivers must travel in a counter-clockwise direction. Our community has five roundabouts, some designed with pedestrian crosswalks

To answer the main question, we can look to the Virginia code which states:

Section § 46.2-822. Right-of-way at circular intersections:

“At circular intersections, vehicles already in the circle shall have the right-of-way over vehicles approaching and entering the circle, unless otherwise directed by traffic control devices.”



More importantly, entering traffic must yield the right of way to pedestrians in addition to traffic already in the circle. Each road approaching the roundabout is marked with a yield sign. It is the driver's responsibility to pay attention and obey all traffic signs.

- Here are a few safety tips to share with all drivers in your household:
- When approaching a roundabout, slow down.

- Use your turn signals to indicate to others where you want to go.

- Always look for pedestrians and cyclists when approaching your exit and yield the right of way.

Why have roundabouts? Benefits include:

- Improved safety: Reduces the number of points where vehicles can cross paths and eliminates the potential for right-angle and head-on crashes

- Increased efficiency: Yield-controlled design means fewer stops, fewer delays and shorter queues

- Safer speeds: Promotes lower vehicle speeds, giving drivers more time to react

- Long-term cost effectiveness: No traffic signals means lower long-term costs for operations and maintenance

- Aesthetics: Allows for landscaping and beautification

As an added safety measure, roundabouts in our community were painted with reflective paint this year to increase nighttime visibility for drivers.

Next time you come up to one of the traffic circles in Dominion Valley or elsewhere...think about where you fit among the scenarios described above.

Be alert, be courteous, and be respectful of the traffic laws!



Prince William County Public Schools Calendar 2021 - 2022 School Year

September 3-6	Labor Day Weekend Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)	January 3	School Reopens
September 7	Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)	January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No school for All students)
September 16	Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)	January 27	Elementary School 1/2 Day — Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 11	Divisionwide Professional Learning Day (No school for All students)	January 28	Teacher Professional Development/Workday (No school for All students)
November 1	Parent Conference Day (No school for All students)	February 21	Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day Holiday (No school for All students)
November 2	Teacher Workday (No school for All students)	April 1	Teacher Professional Development/Workday (No school for All students)
November 4	Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)	April 11-15	Spring Break for Students/Teachers
November 11	Veterans Day Holiday	May 3	Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Break for Students (No school for All students)	May 30	Memorial Day Holiday (Schools and Offices Closed)
December 20-31	Winter Break for Students (No school for All students)	June 15	Last day of school



Worth the Wait

By Grisham Stevenson, Dominion Valley Swim Team Coach

After the Prince William Swim League took a one-year hiatus, the Dominion Valley Sharks made a triumphant return and won the Red Division Championship over the Ashland Stingrays and Braemar Blasters!

The Dominion Valley Sharks swim team completed their season by winning their biggest meet of the summer. Divisionals is the only meet in summer league swimming where three teams compete against each other for the top spot in that division. The Red Division is the second-highest in Prince William County.

Each team is separated into age groups: the 8 and Unders, 9/10s, 11/12s, 13/14s, and 15/18s. However, the 15/18 age group has been expanded this year to include 19-year-olds, or "Super-Seniors". These swimmers would have had their final swim season last summer, but the COVID-19 pandemic prevented many swimmers from competing in the 2020 season. Due to these extenuating circumstances, the county



decided to expand the age group for this year only and allow the 19-year-olds another year to complete their childhood swim careers.

The entire team had stellar performances today. The majority of the Sharks swimmers swam best times, many ranking high amongst all the swimmers in the county. The relays' successes are also proof that the Sharks

know how to compete as a team as well as they know how to compete individually.

The Sharks went 7-1 this season. They only lost to the Piedmont Tsunamis earlier in the summer. However, they upset Bridlewood's annual Stars and Stripes meet by coming in first against five other teams. The Sharks also beat the Sudley Seahorses for the first time in the team's history. This season's successes as well as their ultimate win certainly make them a team worth keeping an eye on in the future.





Dominion Valley Tank Rechlorination Project

Notice from Prince William County Service Authority

The Service Authority is currently undertaking a capital improvement project at the Dominion Valley Tank to further enhance water availability and service reliability.

Project Description

The Prince William County Service Authority is installing a rechlorination system in the Dominion Valley Water Tank in Haymarket, VA. The new system will use advanced technology to rechlorinate water stored within the tank in real time, helping to maintain adequate levels of disinfection and ensure that area customers continue to receive quality drinking water.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the timeline of the project?

The project started in December 2020 and is anticipated to be complete by spring 2022.

2. What is a rechlorination system?

A rechlorination system measures existing chlorine levels in real time and adds chlorine to the water stored in the tank as needed. In addition, the system being installed will continuously mix water from the Service Authority's distribution system in the tank and use thermal probes to monitor the degree of mixing. These processes will maintain water quality by helping to reduce the amount of organic material inside the tank.

3. Why is the Service Authority doing this project?

A rechlorination system in the Dominion Valley Water Tank will help the Service Authority ensure adequate levels of disinfection in drinking water in some areas of our distribution system. All water utilities in the Commonwealth must meet Virginia Department of Health (VDH) water quality standards, which include maintaining a minimum level of chlorine within their distribution systems.

4. Will the rechlorination project affect my water service or water pressure?

No. Throughout the project, the Service Authority will continue to deliver drinking water to all of its customers as usual.

5. Will there be a difference in the taste or odor of my water during the project or after it is finished?

No, there will be no change in odor or taste of your drinking water as a result of this project.

6. Will there be traffic impacts in the area as a result of the project?

No, although you might notice contractor vehicles going to the project site for work.

7. Where will contractor vehicles park?

The vehicles will park at the project site or in a designated public parking area.

8. What are the approved work hours for this project?

The project work hours are 7am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. The contractor can only work extended weekday hours or weekends with specific, advance approval from the Service Authority.

9. Will the project have any other impacts on the surrounding residential community?

No. Noise from this project should be minimal.

10. Where can I get more information about the Project?

- ▶ Visit the project website at www.pwcsa.org/DominionValleyRechlorinationProject
- ▶ Email Contract Specialist Micah Archibald at marchibald@pwcsa.org
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