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Archdale Improvements in Progress

Some good news in the 4th quarter - two of the major concerns from our community are finally being resolved. Drainage system improvements are funded and planning is underway. The outdated & weather worn sign for Stirling Forest is being replaced. How much will this cost us, you ask??? NOTHING - it's all paid for!!!

Most are sure to have noted the considerable flood issues throughout our neighborhood over the years. Dorchester County

Council Storm Water Management Committee publicly approved \$255,000 to fix the flooding issues on Botany Bay Ct. and drainage at the Lewisfield and Scottswood intersection, thanks to the support of Councilman George Bailey. County Council has funded the project with money from the Storm Water Fund and they are accepting bids for the work. For more detailed information jump to President's Corner on the back page. As a side note, property owners

received a 30% reduction in the Storm Water Management Fee on our 2012 Dorchester County property tax bills.

The Stirling Forest sign is being replaced after being severely damaged in an unfortunate Car vs. Sign accident that occurred on October 1st. The driver's insurance carrier has accepted the replacement estimate and funds are already in hand. Johnston Signs is currently working on the project.

~ DL Parker

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"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Archdale By-Laws Accepted as Amended

After almost a year of hard work, the Archdale Civic Association By-Laws were approved by the General Membership at the last general meeting. The 3rd quarter newsletter announced the ACA By-Laws amendments were complete, and the 3rd quarter general meeting (9/6/12) would serve as the venue to review, discuss and vote on acceptance of the amended By-Laws.

Eight board members and 17 general members attended the meeting. The By-Laws amendments were distributed, reviewed and discussed. They were voted into acceptance with no opposition, and will be

read into the meeting minutes as part of the record at the 4th quarter general meeting December 13, 2012. The By-Laws are posted on our website at <http://www.MyArchdale.com> for easy access. Anyone desiring a printed copy, please contact any board member or Norman McDonald at (843) 200-2035. We hope to see you at the next General Meeting! New faces are always welcome and veteran participants are very much appreciated. Join us at the Ashley River Fire Department, in front of Bosch. Help us continue to evolve as a community.

~ DL Parker & Norman McDonald

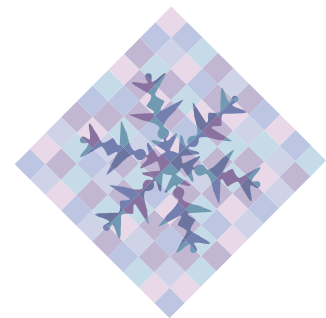
Home Winterization –It’s Past “That Time”

Winter is fast approaching and if you haven’t tended to your home winterization by now, you don’t have many nice weather weekends left. I’ve pulled together some winterization tips. They may not apply to everyone but they are an excellent jumping off point for anyone living in this community. Check out [About.com](#), [TLC.com](#), [Realestate.msn.com](#) for more information.

10 Tips for Winterizing your Home

1. Inspect/Clean-up Roof, Gutters & Downspouts
2. Check Exterior Doors & Windows: weather-stripping!!!
3. Test/Replace Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
4. Prevent Plumbing Freezes: A/C pipes, garden hoses, insulate crawlspace pipes
5. Get Fireplace Ready: Sweep, inspect, get firewood or gas
6. Inspect the Furnace: contact a professional ... it’s worth it!
7. Landscaping & Outdoor Surfaces: plant bulbs, trim trees, bring potted plants in, consult a gardener before pruning
8. Check Foundation: seal up entry points, cracks, crawl spaces
9. Service Lawn Equipment: drain gas, replace rakes/shovels
10. Winter Emergency Kit: candles, blankets, weather radio

*Consider the uncertainty of our weather, and mark these off the “to do” list **BEFORE** it’s too late!*



Holiday Safety

During the holidays, even the most safety conscious person can get pre-occupied while checking off a to-do list and getting overwhelmed by the busy schedule that reigns this time of year. We have compiled a few reminders to help keep you safe. Even if you don’t participate in the events of the season, these tips can still help keep you and your loved ones safe.

~ DL Parker

While Shopping ...

- Park in well-lit areas at night and take a friend.
- Store packages out of sight in your vehicle.
- Walk to car with keys in hand, they can be used

as a weapon if needed.

- Carry minimal cash and only necessary ID & credit cards.
- Be suspicious of any stranger approaching you. Con artists use this time of year to take advantage of good will and distracted shoppers.

While Cooking ...

- Thaw meats properly, never at room temperature.
- Hold hors d'oeuvres at proper temperatures.
- Use sharp knives! Most cooking cuts come from dull knives.
- Wash hands frequently.

- Consider popular food allergies when selecting menu - especially nuts and eggs.

While Traveling ...

- Maintain at least 1/2 a tank of gas in your car.
- Check/replenish your “breakdown kit” before hitting the road.
- Never stop for unmarked cars, maintain proper speed, and stop in public areas. Notify Highway Patrol if possible.
- Have a friend or trusted neighbor keep an eye on your home. Give them your cell # for emergencies.



Archdale Precinct Election Results

Everyone knows by now that Barack Obama won the 2012 Presidential Election. However, there was quite a bit more up for grabs in Dorchester County, even more specifically, Dorchester School District 2, which should be of note to our readers. So a brief summary of the 2012 election results for our precinct are listed here. For more detailed information you can visit www.SCVotes.org.

***Denotes Incumbent Candidates who ran unopposed.

US Hse. of Rep. — Tim Scott (R) i	***Auditor - JJ Messervy (R)
State Senate—Paul Thurrmond (R)	***County Treasurer - Mary Pearson (R)
***State Hse. of Rep. - David Mack III (D)	***Register of Deeds - Margaret L. Bailey (R)
***Solicitor - Circuit 1 - David M. Pascoe (D)	***Soil & Water - Robert S. "Bobby" Long (R)
***County Sheriff - LC Knight (R)	District 2 School Board - 3 Seats
***Probate Judge - Mary Blunt (R)	Barbara Crosby (Non)
***Clerk of Court - Cheryl Graham (R)	Lisa Tuper (Non)
***Coroner—Christopher D. Nesbet (R)	Sam Clark (Non)

Real courage is moving forward when the outcome is uncertain.

Those who don't contribute are the first to interfere.

~ Michael Travis

A Call to Duty - Board Members Needed!

Archdale Civic Association has Board Member positions available - most notably, we are in need of a Secretary.

With over 800 homes in our community, surely some can step up and help manage it. Board and General Meetings are held four times a year, unless special meetings are called. We contend with

property owner, county, and property issues that pertain to our community. These issues are in direct relation to everyone's property values and safety. Plan to donate a minimum of 20 hours a YEAR. The more involved and proactive you are, the more impact you can have on our neighborhood. New faces and fresh perspectives are

welcome and appreciated. Please contact an Association Board Member for more information. Check out Archdale's website to see who the current board members are at www.MyArchdale.com.

Any time is the perfect time to join us. Why not start today?

~ DL Parker

Crime Watch - Get Alerts & Report Suspicious Activity

In addition to normal Crime Watch Alerts sent to everyone we have an Email Address for, a monthly Sheriff's Department "Call Log" has been added. It contains all incidents within Archdale and the surrounding neighborhoods to which a Deputy was dispatched and why. Anyone not receiving this valuable information is urged to send an Email to president@myarchdale so as to be added to our distribution list. If you see something suspicious, please report it - this is the only way to have the Dorchester County Sherriff increase patrols in our neighborhood.
~ Norman McDonald



Receive local crime updates by clicking here to be added to the

[Crime Watch Alert Blast](#)

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THANK YOU FOR BEING GREEN!!!

2012 General Meetings at Ashley River Fire Dept

4th Qtr: Thursday, December 13th 7pm



We're on the Web!!!

www.MyArchdale.com

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President's Corner - Drainage Details

\$255,000 FOR ARCHDALE

Dorchester County Council has approved our request for \$255,000 to improve storm water drainage in our community, allocated as follows:

\$130,000

Rebuild the Botany Bay Court road and drainage system to improve drainage and eliminate flooding. This problem has been the source of numerous complaints over a prolonged period of time. The road was poorly designed and constructed such that there is very little slope and no means to provide for adequate drainage of the road. This is compounded by settlement of the curbs and storm-water boxes. Completion of this project will restore proper drainage to this road and eliminate current flooding issues.

\$125,000

Modify drainage and road at Lewisfield Dr. and Scottswood intersection to eliminate flooding. This is essentially the same problem and solution as stated in the above project for Botany Bay Court. This would have not been possible without the support of our County Councilman, George Bailey, for which we are all grateful!

~ Norman Mc Donald

Be a part of our newsletter—submit your suggestions, articles, points of interest or comments to Editor@MyArchdale.com
