

ASPENWOOD TIMES

Quarterly Newsletter

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Tower Federal Credit Union Comes to Aspenwood

Effective soon, all Aspenwood owners / residents may open an account with Tower Federal Credit Union. As a benefit to Aspenwood, residents, the Board of Directors accepted the offer of a Tower representative to join their growing list of customer groups. And, once you join, extended family members may also open accounts there— even if they do not live in Aspenwood. You will get more information when the application process for the association is complete. To make it easy for everyone to ask questions, a Tower representative will attend a future Board Meeting to answer questions and take applications for individual memberships. Stay tuned for further information about this great benefit.



Finally, An End In Sight.....

Beginning May 15th, weather permitting, work will begin for correcting water drainage problems in the community. The contractors, U.S. Lawns, will start working in the area that is identified as the worst, and continue working until they have corrected each of the targeted areas. Have

drainage problems on your property that are not related to common area issues? You can request an estimate from the contractors while they are working in Aspenwood and have them do work for you. Reportedly, it will be cheaper for individuals to have work done since the contractors and their equipment will already be on site. Their phone number is 301-570-1408.

ALPHA RIDGE LANDFILL

Have an old sofa that is ready for the trash? Get a new desk and need to dispose of the old one. Hot water heater nothing but trash now? What should you do with all those large trash items that will not be picked up with the weekly trash? Well all residents of Howard County can dispose of trash and recycling items at the Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Road. Residents using the landfill are required to show their drivers license as proof of residence in Howard County each time they enter the landfill.



Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday, 8 am to 4:00 pm (residential)
Monday - Saturday, 8 am to 3:30 pm (commercial)
Sundays - Closed

Phone: 410-313-6444

Directions: From Route 29 north, take Interstate 70 west to exit 83. Turn right onto Marriottsville Road. The landfill entrance is on the left.

NOTE: Residents disposing of construction/demolition, and home improvement waste must pay the commercial tipping fee (\$65/ton). This includes deliveries mixed with household waste.

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Community Tip

When doing yard work, it's important you do not upset the swale (direction of the terrain). It can lead to water drainage problems on your property, as well as your neighbor's.



TMGA Corner



Aspenwood is a sought after development so many residents are new to the community. Unfortunately, numerous new owners have needed to contact the Board regarding parking. Please be advised there are **no** reserved parking spaces in the community. Informing others they are parking in your “reserved space” is incorrect and un-neighborly. Parking in Aspenwood is on a first come first serve basis. No resident has any more right to a parking space than another.

As each owner pays the same in annual dues, the residents of each home have the same right to common area property—including parking spaces. And though it may be thoughtful and considerate for those with garages to only use their driveways / garages, they have as much right to parking spaces as those without garages.

However, in some sections of the community neighbors have worked out “**parking etiquette**” such that they each use a “regular” spot. For example, homes with multiple vehicles may choose to park only one in front of their house and allow other owners to also park one vehicle near their house. When neighbors all agree to the “**parking etiquette**” it is **great** for everyone and we encourage residents to do this. However, it in no way means that anyone has a reserved spot or more right to a space than anyone else.

TMGA Corner, continued

Please be neighborly and welcome new residents to the community. See how you can help them feel good about living in Aspenwood. Also, be considerate of your neighbors when parking. If there are multiple vehicles parked by persons in your house, how about parking only one right in front of the house, and park the others a little further from the house. Courtesy and consideration would go a long way toward relieving some of the tension in some sections of the community. It is always better to have neighbors as friends rather than adversaries.

Recycling Bins

Curbside Recycling Bins (Blue Bins) are available to all Howard County Residents. Cost is \$5 each. Purchase at these locations:

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Road
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Bureau of Environmental Services Office
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive
Suite 514
Columbia, MD 21046



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