

The Raincliffe Report

Hi Neighbors!

We know that this is a really hard time for all of us in the community. While we are all in the same boat, we recognize the situation is different for everyone, and we continue to hope that everyone stays safe and healthy.

Contact Information

The community has a new website! If you haven't already seen it, please check it out.

www.raincliffecommunity.com

We will be posting updates and community information on the website in the months to come. We would also like to collect as many email addresses for community members as possible so that we can streamline communications. If you haven't already, please provide your email address through the contact page on the website.

Community Updates

As the situation continues to evolve, we truly appreciate everyone's cooperation in keeping social distancing while utilizing common areas; as well as continuing to be neighborly while engaging in safe health practices. You may or may not have noticed that access to some of our common areas has been restricted. Due to State mandates, the Town of Sykesville closed these areas to adhere to these directives. We understand how upsetting this can be to see these signs in the neighborhood. As soon as the Town (and State) lifts the restrictions, we will work with them to have the signs removed.

With some of the common area usage being restricted, it may seem as though community members are not getting as much as for their HOA dues as they were previously, and therefore, paying dues may not be a priority. That is understandable. Please let us assure you, that your HOA dues are continuing to go towards community improvements. Our landscaping company has continued to work hard, and we have several ongoing projects to enhance the community. That said, if you do have a hardship, and are unable to pay your dues on time, we have waived interest and associated fees during the stay-at-home order.

Neighborhood Appearance

So much happens from season to season in the neighborhood, and with each change in season comes a chance for all of us to pitch in and do what we can do to help our neighborhood look the best we can. We also have an obligation to keep up our properties under the HOA covenants. Our management company performs a walk through twice a year to assist homeowners in identifying items that they may not know are potential issues. One of those walk-throughs is happening this month. Once the walk through is completed, and the items identified are evaluated, information will be provided to homeowners so that they are aware these items could impact their homes. Generally, this time of year, we will see things like downspout blockage, eaves needing attaching, and mold on decks and siding needing power washing. Take a look around your home to see if you notice any of these types of things. Our home values are all dependent on each other doing our part. If you need to address these types of items on your home, and aren't sure how to do so, reach out and we can help to identify contractors that might be willing to work out a deal with multiple individuals in the neighborhood. Also, don't forget

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– now that we have more time to do work outside in our yards, architectural approval is required for changes to the outside of the homes. This includes additions to, or removal of, landscaping items.

Absolute Landscaping Special Offer

Absolute Landscaping has a special offer for Raincliffe Residents looking to install hardscapes, drainage, or low voltage lighting. They are offering a reduced price on these services as well as a 10% discount for any project in the month of May. Absolute has been doing a fantastic job in the neighborhood and a few residents have already taken advantage of their services.

Power Washing of Common Areas

SQUEAKY CLEAN, INC will be in the neighborhood on or around 5-8 (depending on weather) to power wash the white fencing along Cypress Forest Dr. and behind Magnolia Blossom. They will also be cleaning the brick wall along the Eastern side of Willow Bottom Rd (7486-7462 and 7410-7414).

Thank you,

Raincliffe HOA