



Suffield Meadows
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WELCOME to the SMCUOA Digital Newsletter. The Newsletter will be emailed to every CUOA member. The Newsletter will also be posted on our website as well as hard copies posted at the Clubhouse, Fitness Center, Arbors Buildings and The Villa.

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Board Meetings are usually held the 4th Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. **There are NO Board Meetings in, February, July OR December.** The next meeting will be Tuesday, **March 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** in the Fitness Center.

NO FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

ALL Suffield Meadows CUOA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Board Working Sessions are held monthly at the Club House. Dates and times are posted on the calendar in the Club House, and on the SMCUOA web site. The next two work sessions will be February 8th and March 8th.

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Reminder: Board Meeting Minutes are always available on the web site for review.

Community Web Site:

www.suffieldmeadows.org

Board of Directors:

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| President: | John Dunkin |
| Vice President: | Dan Parker |
| Secretary: | Vickie Hylton |
| Treasurer: | Dave Pickersgill |
| Member at large: | Jim Phillips |

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Community Manager:

Kristen Isaksen, (O) 703-435-3800
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Hours: 8:30-5:00 p.m.
Emergency: (703) 476-3628
Kristen is available Thursday mornings:
8:30-12:30 p.m. @ SM Clubhouse.

PRESCRIBED BURN ~ CONSERVATION AREA

The SM Board, Tom Thompson and Bob Lynch are working closely with agents from the NOVA Department of Forestry to conduct a prescribed burn in 2 areas of the conservation area.

A letter was sent to all residents within 1000 feet of the prescribed burn with an invitation to attend the presentation at the SM Board Meeting, January 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. 3 residents of Snow Hill and a resident from Jamison Farms took advantage of the QandA. The same presentation was given to all SM residents at 7pm.

Joe Rosetti, Senior Area Forester and Kyle Dingus, Area Forester, with the NOVA Department of Forestry gave us background on their qualifications and explained the proposed "Prescribed Burn".

- The Agency provides Fire Suppression, Forest Management and Private Forestry Management Assistance. No outside fires are permitted between February 15-April 30 before 4 p.m. They are also sworn law enforcement. Kyle explained he and Joe are Certified Prescribed Burn Specialists in the state of Virginia. They are presently working with 15 communities in 7 counties to prepare prescribed burns.

- Handouts were available showing the prescribed burn area. The area is in two sections: approximately 4.63 acres and 3.71 acres, in the conservation area. The burn would allow for native warm season grasses and wild flower seeds to germinate and grow. The burn would take care of many small saplings in the area. The fire would cause the sap to boil and eventually kill the tree. This is top kill.

- The prescribed burn will be in a designated area with fire breaks. The trails around the burn area have been mowed short for walking and the fire would not jump that area. There are 40-part time fire fighters available to assist/monitor the burn. Approximately 8-10 persons will be onsite to observe and contain.

- Small sections, at a time, would be set, so to monitor closely. Once the fire is set, it should take approximately 1-2 hours to completely be over. Once the fire is out, Kyle and Joe will be onsite to make sure no embers are live. The New Baltimore and/or Warrenton Fire Departments will be alerted and available to assist. The Forestry Service utilizes a Gator vehicle carrying water as a precaution.

- The weather will be monitored and may not be able to be scheduled too far in advance due to wind/weather conditions. A notice can only be sent out about 5 days in advance. Kyle and Joe are confident this prescribed burn can be done carefully and responsibly.

- Any questions/emails should be sent directly to Kristen Isaksen, NRPartners, LLC. The QandA would be compiled and sent to Kyle and Joe for response.

The above commentary is taken directly from the Board minutes of January 23rd. It is included for those not present and those who do not read the minutes on the SM Website. This Prescribed Burn is still in the planning stage and by no means final. The Board will keep all owners "in the loop" and advise you to what is going on!!

COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARD ~ Suffield Meadows is the proud recipient of the CAI Small Community of the Year Award. It was a lot of work to prepare and enter. We will receive the award in March at a ceremony in D.C. With the honor comes a banner to display in our community. Congratulations to all our residents who make this a great community to live in.

THIRD FRIDAY Book Club* will meet **February 16th, 10:30 a.m.** at the clubhouse and **welcomes new members.** Our book is "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan. Elaine Reidy, hostess for February, has copies of the book if you want to borrow one. RSVP at elainereidy@outlook.com or 703-753-9300.

March 16th, the Third Friday Book Club will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Mary Lowe will be the hostess. The book has not been selected yet. For additional info email Mary: mimix05@comcast.net

**All SMCUOA are welcome. Join us!!*

The **LADIES LUNCHEON** is *usually* held the **fourth** Thursday of each month. Luncheons are NOT held in November and December. **February 22nd, 11:30 a.m., we'll dine at Firebirds in Gainesville,**

March 22nd, 11:30 a.m. we'll be going to Red Lobster in Manassas. Join neighbors for Good Food, Good Company, Good Fun!

RSVP w/Jackie Phillips: 540-347-0177 OR Email: jacmar0607@hotmail.com

BUNCO ~ Both Bunco groups are full, at this time, however substitutes are always needed. Please call and add your name to the sub list.

Tuesday Bunco: Vickie Hylton ~ 540-878-5203
Wednesday Bunco: Mary Lowe ~ 540-219-8611

TUESDAY WORKOUT SESSIONS ~ It's official! The Tuesday morning workout session (9:30-10:30 in the Suffield Meadows Fitness Center) is now CO-ED. All ladies and gentlemen from our community are welcome and encouraged to join up NOW. This is an ultra-low impact hour of cardio, strength, stretch and balance exercises done with good music, good humor and good friends. For more details, call Sandy Ludes, 703-282-2556.

GENTLE YOGA meets Thursday's at 4:00 p.m., in the Fitness Center. Cindy Nichols is the Certified Yoga Instructor. The prepaid registration fee for a month is \$20/\$25.00 depending on # of Thursdays. (\$5.00 per lesson). Interested? Call Joyce Petersen @ 540-349-1337.

POKER is held 1st and 3rd Monday's at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. Bring coins and beverages. Call Chuck Hylton for info: 540-878-5203

HAND AND FOOT is played every 3rd Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. If you'd like to learn, we'll teach you. If you can't be a regular, and know how to play, please add your name to the sub list. It is very important you RSVP, in case we do need to call substitutes. If you would like to play, please RSVP with

Vickie (vhylt01@comcast.net) OR
Elaine (elainereidy@outlook.com).

There is NO hostess! No snacks! Just cards and fun! Please bring a drink, if you like!

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS! SAVE THE DATE!!

- **February 17th, 10 a.m. until noon. Valentine's Day Brunch.** The cost is \$10 per person and the money is due by Wednesday, February 14, 2018. People can RSVP and pay to Sue Arnold, Joanna Parker or Kathy Dunkin.
- **March 17th, 7 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Celebration**
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
- **April 14th, SM will celebrate receiving the "Small Community of the Year".**
Award. More details to follow.

Information on all the above will be distributed via email and flyer

2018 SMCUOA DIRECTORY

Bev Batchellor has completed our 2018 directory. The directories may now be picked up on Thursdays at the Clubhouse when Kristen is available. The directory is an arduous task. We've had about a dozen new owners this past year. Please look at your entry. If there are any changes necessary, please contact Bev (Bev@batchellor.org OR 703-378-5986). If your new neighbor isn't listed, ask them to contact Bev OR someone on the Board with their phone and email information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ~ In addition to the general board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., except for February, July and December, the Board conducts a Work Session on the second Thursday of every month at 10 a.m., at the Clubhouse. The work sessions are business meetings where ideas are brought forward and discussed. Motions are made to approve/disapprove. Minutes of all meetings are posted on the SM Website. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. There is always community dialog at the end of each meeting.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

As we begin to think of hearts and shamrocks...please remove the fall and Christmas decorations.

SNOW REMOVAL



Okay, okay! This rodent's big day is Friday! Fingers crossed...he will NOT see his shadow!! We've missed the big SNOW...so far!! Please know that residents must maintain their own sidewalks and driveways. Snow removal on our roads, including

the road to the WWTP and common sidewalks is provided by the Association.

POLICY REFRESH!!

THERE IS NO PARKING ON SM STREETS OTHER THAN INDENTS! According to our Fire Marshall, two full lanes must be available for emergency vehicles entering our community. The Fire Marshall can legally tow violating vehicles at the owner's expense. **Temporary parking is available in the street indents, at the pool and Clubhouse, ONLY.** In addition, please drive on the right side of the road. The road is marked, and traffic is meant to **drive to the right** of the little guard building when leaving the development. The speed limit is 15 mph. Please be observant of walkers and oncoming cars!! These are your streets! Drive safely. Please obey the rules.

FYI...many complaints concerning pet poop! Your dog MUST be on a leash at all times. It is your responsibility to pick up after your pet. Please carry plastic bags...When the pet poops, pick it up!!

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~ ALF NEWS! ~ "VILLA VITALS" ~ ALF NEWS! ~

The Villa offers Restaurant, salon and massage services to SM owners. Please refer to prior newsletters for pricing and information, located on the SM website.

See: www.suffieldmeadows.org

The Villa at Suffield Meadows ~ 540-316-3800; website www.warrentonvilla.org

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