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Hanover News



You can find out all kinds of news and information about your child's school online. Each school has its own website that contains volumes of information including Program of Studies, School and District Calendars, Expectations for Learning, Awards & Recognitions, Parent Resource Center, PTA, Academic Teams, Administration/Staff, Athletics, Clubs & Activities, Gifted Education, Guidance, Library Media Center, and Lunch Menus. Visit their website often to stay well-informed.

Elmont Elementary School (365-8100)

<http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/ees/>

Liberty Middle School (365-8060)

<http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/lms/Libhome.htm>

Patrick Henry High School (365-8000)

<http://hcps2.hanover.k12.va.us/phhs/default.htm>

Classifieds—"For Sale"

- FOR SALE: 1986 14x70 2 bd, 2 baths, heat pump, Kool Seal roof, and shed. \$12,000. Call 752-2860 after 6 PM.
- FOR SALE: 1999 Oakwood 14x70, 3 bd, 2 baths, recently serviced/updated central air, shingle roof, updated kitchen cabinets, all appliances convey including W/D. Priced for quick sale. \$12,500 OBO. Call 398-8287.
- FOR SALE: 1981 Oakwood. 2 bd, 1½ baths. All appliances including dishwasher convey. New back porch, storm door, and carpeting. Awning with large deck and big wooden shed. Home in great condition. \$11,500 OBO. Call 301-1708 or 752-7159.
- FOR SALE: 14x70 Oakwood 2 bd, 1¾ baths. Completely remodeled (just completed). Abundant storage, improved insulation, many extras. Must see to appreciate. \$15,000. 307-9622.
- FOR SALE: 1982 2 bd, 1½ baths, eat-in kitchen with sliding glass doors leading to a large 2-tier rear deck, new flooring/carpeting, new paint, 2 window AC units, & shed. \$8000.

Thought For the Month: "I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something." ~Helen Keller

Leaf Collection Schedule



It's nearing that time of year again when the seasons begin to change and the leaves turn to vibrant, beautiful fall colors and begin to litter the ground! Residents are reminded to keep their lots maintained, which does include raking leaves. To help with this chore, Kosmo Village offers a Leaf Collection Program. Residents are asked to rake their leaves (free of rocks, sticks, debris, or animal feces) to the road's edge. Our maintenance staff will come by several days each week to vacuum the leaves (weather permitting). This year's scheduled pickup is as follows:

October 1st—January 31st

Due to the length of the leaf season last year, we have extended the leaf collection dates. However, there will be no extension of this date. Residents will be responsible for bagging and disposing, on their own, any leaves that remain on the lot after January 31st. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the office at 798-6689.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Children's Festival (10/07/06): 10am-3pm at Pole Green Park. Free
- Skate Challenge (10/21/06): 9am at Pole Green Park. \$8 entry fee
- Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon (11/17/06): 10am-1pm at Shady Grove United Methodist Church. \$6 in advance.

Classifieds—"Services"

- General carpentry services available. Call Jose at 239-5317.
- Painting services available. Call Robert Spence at 253-3900 or 798-4046 for an appointment.
- Notary services available by appointment. Call Sonja after 5 PM weekdays and anytime on the weekends. 798-4046

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It's back to school time for most of the children in our community. It is also the time for parents to review with their children bus stop safety. Children catching the bus at the entrance to our community are not permitted to go past the Kosmo Village sign until their school bus has come to a complete stop at the intersection. They are also required to stand in the grassy area; never in the roadway. Children should walk on the side of the roadway on their way home in the afternoon to avoid impeding the flow of vehicular traffic in the park. For those children who fail to abide by these safety regulations, morning and afternoon parental supervision may be required and/or lease violations may be issued to the parents of these children. Please stress the importance of these rules to your children so that we can help avoid any problems in this area.

Management Memos



Don't forget, the monthly Community Meeting held at the Community Center (10512 Comanche Lane) is being moved to Monday, September 11th as the first Monday of the month is a holiday. Our office will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The Yard of the Month contest is being foregone for the month of September. In its place we will be holding the Early Bird Contest drawing at the Community Meeting on September 11th. The winner will receive \$30 off their next month's rent. The Yard of the month contest will resume in October with the "Most Improved Yard." GOOD LUCK!

Healthy Living

Diabetic Dining Made Easy: The first Wednesday morning of each month, the MCV Physicians at Stony Point (9000 Stony Point Parkway, Richmond) offer a class to help diabetics learn the foods to eat to help control blood sugar. This class shows diabetics how eating the right type of food helps keep you healthy and satisfied. Menus and recipes are provided. Call (804) 560-8950 to register for the class. There is a \$35 fee per adult. However, Medicare does cover this program for individuals diagnosed with diabetes.

Mall Walking Programs: Bon Secours Richmond is a proud sponsor of the local mall walking programs. Call Viva at 627-5010 for locations and program specifics.

ATTENTION CAT OWNERS:



Stray cats have, once again, become a problem in our community. As a result, working with Hanover County Animal Control (HCAC), our staff has begun actively trapping stray cats throughout the park. If you are a cat owner who allows your cat outdoors, you must ensure that the cat has a collar. Cats caught in traps with collars will be released. All others will be turned over to HCAC. Please help keep the stray cat population at bay. Do not feed strays. Keep dumpsters closed. If you allow your cat to roam outdoors, be responsible and make sure your cat has been spayed or neutered. For more information on free or reduced-cost spay/neuter programs, please contact the Richmond SPCA at (804) 521-1300 or the Hanover Humane Society SNIPS Program at 1-877-4NEUTER.

Heat Tape Information

All Kosmo Village residents are required to have operating heat tape on their water lines from October 15—April 15 of each year.

Since most manufactured homes are connected with a plastic-type waterline, you'll want to be sure that the heat tape you select is approved for plastic waterlines. It will be indicated right on the package.

The most common heat tape is a one-piece flat heat tape with a rubber coating, making it moisture resistant. This must run flat along the pipe and cannot overlap itself. On the end near the cord is a thermostat, which should solidly touch the pipe. Make sure you locate the thermostat on the end of the pipe that will be the coldest.

Silver-braided heat tape is sold by the foot. While it is more economical, you do have to remember to purchase two ends. It is also difficult to estimate how

much you need to purchase as this tape is designed to wrap around the piping. Keep in mind that since there is no rubber coating, it tends to rust out and fail with excessive moisture.

It is important to remember that the typical life of a properly installed heat tape is 3-5 years. It should be checked annually to ensure that it is functioning properly and be replaced as needed. When the heat tape goes out, there is no fixing it. Just plan on replacing it.

Some other points to keep in mind include: never plug your heat tape in without water in the lines, do not add any extra insulation to your waterline unless recommended by the manufacturer as it may cause your tape to overheat, if you must use an extension cord to plug in your heat tape be sure it is of proper size and intended for outdoor use, and always read and save the instructions for future reference.

News You Can Use



Reporting Illegal Activity: While we appreciate the fact that the residents in our community are looking out for one another and reporting illegal or otherwise disturbing behavior witnessed in the park, we need to point out that these activities need to be reported to the local police department as well. While our office does indeed need to be notified of these occurrences, the police are able to act more quickly and help resolve these issues directly. Most times, these occurrences can be reported anonymously. The only way we are going to be able to rid our community of such illegal activity is for everyone to band together and take a defiant stand against it. Turning a deaf ear and a blind eye on the issues because it doesn't effect you directly only contributes to the problem. Our office cannot solve these problems on our own. We need the help of the members of our community and the local police force. So if you witness illegal activity in the park, please make your first phone call to the police and your second call to our office. Working together we can make a difference.

Kosmo Community Courier Classifieds: Residents are reminded that the classified ads provided

in our monthly newsletters are free of charge to residents of the park. Ads will be run both in the newsletter as well as posted at the office. Ads must be received by the 15th of the month in order to be placed in the next newsletter (pending available space). Please submit your ads to the management office or by email at kosmovillage@comcast.net.

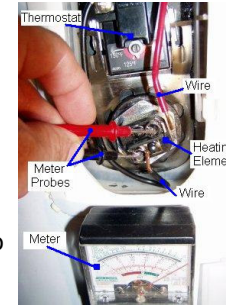


Community Center News: The September 11th Community Meeting will be our last meeting held in the Community Center. It is being closed due to the lack of participation. No one has volunteered to do any further work on the center. It has also become difficult to justify the cost of maintaining the electricity when the center is only being used for once a week meetings. The Community Center will be sold and its proceeds will be applied towards the cost of the electric bills. The monthly community meetings will be moved to quarterly, with additional information to be provided in future newsletters. The Bible Study meetings will now be held at the home of David Hebbe (10491 Comanche Lane). These interdenominational meetings are held on Monday nights starting at 7:00 p.m.

Repair Tips

Here's a tip from www.mobilehomerepair.com if you have an electric water heater and suddenly find your water lukewarm. You could have a bad heating element and they offer the following instructions to test the element:

- You will need a screwdriver and a voltometer.
- Shut off power to the water heater at the breaker panel.
- Using a screwdriver, remove the covers to expose the elements and thermostats. Snap off the plastic shields that cover the element connections.
- With your meter set to "volts," double check that indeed you have no power by touching the probes of the meter to the screws on the end of the element. If no power, set your meter to "ohms" or "resistance." Remove the two wires connected to the element and then touch the screws of the element with the probes of the meter. If the meter beeps or the needle jumps to the far side, your heating element is good. Otherwise, your element is likely bad and needs to be replaced.



To replace the element, first purchase a special wrench designed to unscrew the element from the water heater. Keep in mind, however, if your heating element is so corroded that you are unable to remove it without damaging the tank, then replacing the water heater may be your best option.

Shut the power off to your water heater, drain the water from the tank, remove the wires from the element, and then remove the element. Replace with a new element of the same size and wattage. Fill the tank back up with water and then turn the power back on. Never power up while the tank is empty or you will be replacing the element again!

No More Bug Problems!

an article submitted by Lisa Salazar



Do you have a cockroach problem? We did when we moved here to Kosmo. I was pregnant and our first priority was to create a germ and bacteria-free home. We decided to try Alliance Exterminating. They offered treatment of our entire mobile home for only \$20 per month. We have found that to be the best investment we have made for the safety of our family. They visit once a month and have cured our home of cockroaches and stopped the ants that tried to take over our kitchen last spring. Kevin is extremely professional and always takes the time to answer my questions about his treatments. Our son is now a year old and we have peace of mind knowing that those filthy bugs cannot hurt him. We want to share our experience with our neighbors because this is just too good a deal to pass up! Alliance Exterminating can keep their price at \$20 per monthly with a minimum of six mobile homes signed up for monthly treatments for at least six months. You can give them a call at (804) 769-9997. Tell them you live in Kosmo Village and are interested in their offer. We are sure you will be pleased with their service.

New Laws Effective July 1, 2006

Several new laws were passed by the General Assembly during their spring session. These laws came into effective as of July 1st. For a complete listing of these new laws visit <http://legis.state.va.us/>. A brief synopsis of just some of the new laws include: (1) Reckless driving is now defined as the following: Driving at a speed of 20 mph or more in excess of the maximum speed limit or driving in excess of 80 mph regardless of the maximum speed limit. (2) Criminal penalties are now imposed for incidents involving dangerous or vicious dogs that result in injury to a person or death to a cat and dog. A Virginia Dangerous Dog Registry will be created and the new law also requires that dogs found to be dangerous must be spayed or neutered, and the owner is required to have liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000 or a surety bond. (3) Any person found guilty of purchasing alcoholic beverages for a person they may not be sold to (i.e. minor) will have their driver's license suspended for up to a period of one year. Persons under the age of 18 who purchase such beverages will have a mandatory 6-month suspension.

REMINDER: Absolutely no leaves are to be piled in or at the woods edge in the park!