

Inside the Grove

SUMMER'S GROVE HOA
QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER

*Where it's always a little
more summer*

January 2026



A Neighborly Note from the Directors

Happy New Year Summer's Grove!

In 2025, our HOA made several improvements to enhance the community while maintaining stable fees and strengthening our reserves. This year we planted new grass behind the pool, installed a new dog-waste bag station, repaired lights, and secured a contract for porter services to help keep our neighborhood clean and litter-free. The pool received major upgrades — including a full resurfacing, new furniture, and a new pool cover — and we completed a full resealing of the roads to protect our infrastructure. Verizon Fios also came to the neighborhood, bringing faster connectivity for residents.

Looking ahead, the Board plans to focus on landscaping improvements in the coming year by addressing areas where trees have been

removed and creating a denser perimeter along Metro Road, Eisenhower Ave., and Van Dorn St. These enhancements are intended to increase privacy, reduce the impact of surrounding traffic patterns, and further improve the look and feel of our community.

As we welcome 2026, the Board of Directors would like to extend our warmest wishes for a healthy, joyful, and prosperous year ahead. Thank you for helping make our community such a wonderful place to live — your kindness, participation, and pride in our neighborhood truly make a difference.

Here's to another great year together in Summer's Grove!

*Your SG
Board*

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you can expect:

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New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions have roots stretching back thousands of years. The ancient Babylonians are believed to have been the first to make yearly promises, and the Romans later continued the tradition with vows to Janus, the two-faced god of beginnings & whose name inspired the month of January. Over time, these ritual commitments evolved into the personal goals we set today.

As you consider your own fresh start this year, think about resolutions that strengthen our community like starting or getting involved in an HOA committee.

We had the highest attendance/ proxy count at the annual meeting in recent years and we'd love to keep the community engagement going. We're always looking for residents who are interested in volunteering to start or lead an HOA committee. Whether organizing social events, supporting beautification efforts, helping with the newsletter, or exploring new initiatives that benefit our neighborhood, committees play an important role in shaping our community.



If you have ideas, skills to share, or simply a desire to get more involved, we encourage you to reach out to the Board. Even a small time commitment can make a big difference and help keep our community vibrant, connected, and welcoming.

Friendly Reminders

 All trash & recycling must be placed inside designated bins - loose bags or items left outside the bins are not permitted.

 Residents are responsible for snow removal on the sidewalk abutting their property (front & sides).

 Parked cars may not obstruct the sidewalk at any time - please ensure your car is fully clear of the sidewalk so neighbors can pass safely.

 Seasonal decorations and lights should be removed within two weeks after the holiday.

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, January 27, 7pm - Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 24, 7pm - Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 7pm - Board Monthly Meeting

ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES UPDATES

The Board of Directors recently voted on several policy updates to the Architectural Review Board Guidelines. The purposes of these updates are to clarify existing standards, promote community appearance, and improve consistency in enforcement. The following changes are now in effect:

ADDITIONS:

1. Trash and Recycling Requirements

- All trash and recycling must be placed in designated bins for collection.
- Bins may be placed outside the evening before a scheduled pick-up day.
- After pick-up, bins must be returned the same day, except for homes with single-car garages.
- On non-service days, trash and recycling bins must be stored out of public view, except for homes with single-car garages.

2. Pet Waste

- Residents may not temporarily store or accumulate bags of pet waste outdoors anywhere on their property. However, small exterior trash enclosures are permitted.

3. Holiday Decorations

- Holiday decorations may be displayed up to 30 days prior to the holiday.
- Decorations must be removed within two (2) weeks after the holiday.

4. Garage Doors

- Replacing a garage door with a similarly designed door that matches the original style is permitted without ARB approval.
- Garage doors with windows are not permitted.
- Homes with two garage doors must have matching garage doors.

5. Hoses

- Garden hoses must be stored neatly off the ground or out of view when not in use.

REVISIONS:

1. ARB Inspections

- At the direction of the Board, the ARB will inspect homes at least once per calendar year for compliance with the ARB Guidelines and the Covenants.

2. Political Signs

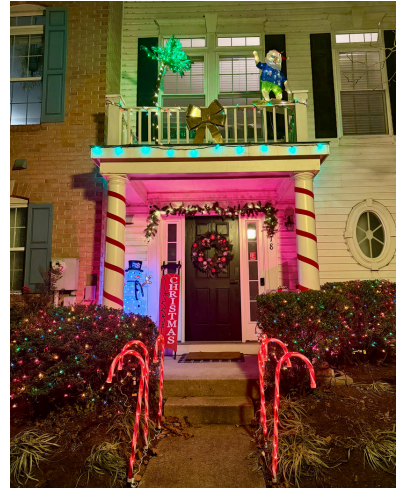
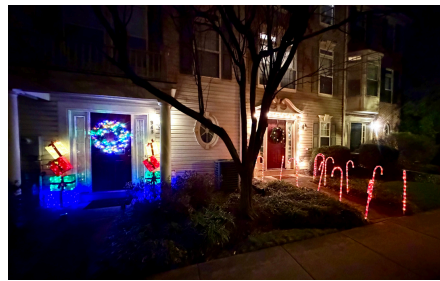
- Political signs must be removed within 24 hours of the *local polls'* closing.

3. Administrative Updates

- All non-policy ARB formatting and editorial changes were approved to improve clarity and organization of the guidelines.

Residents are encouraged to review the full ARB Guidelines for complete details. If you have questions regarding compliance or whether approval is required for a specific change, please contact the property management company or the HOA Board.

Holiday Spirit in Summer's Grove



Thanksgiving Food Drive

A heartfelt thank-you to all our neighbors who contributed to this year's food drive. Thanks to your generosity, we delivered a full trunkload of non-perishable food and diapers to the West End Food Pantry.

The pantry's new coordinator shared her appreciation, noting how meaningful it was to receive support from our community. She expressed deep gratitude for the donations and for our neighborhood's kindness. Thank you, Summer's Grove residents, for helping make a difference this holiday season!

STAY CONNECTED



💡 **Have Ideas or Feedback?**

We'd love to hear from you!

Submit suggestions or questions via email to the Board at summersgrovehoa@gmail.com.

{Better yet, attend a monthly meeting!}

📱 **Don't Miss Out**

Visit [Summers Grove HOA Portal](#) for documents, forms, and resources.

Join the Facebook Group [Summers Grove Home Owners Association & Community Discussion Group](#) (*run by residents*).

🎉 **Local Spotlight:** Stay informed with the latest news, views, and things to do around Alexandria at: [ALX Now](#).

📞 **Contact Information**

HOA Board Email: summersgrovehoa@gmail.com

Management Company: FirstService Residential

Resident Support Services (RSS): [Submit A Request](#)

24/7 Customer Care: 800-870-0010

Emergencies must always be reported by phone for quickest response.

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Thank you for reading!