

# Strathmeade Square Newsletter

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## Yard Waste Pickup Resumes Wed. March 5

Paper bags or bins only. Must be taken to nearest main road.

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**March Board Meeting**  
**Wed., March 12, 2025 @ 7:00pm**  
**Pool House and by Zoom**  
**Meeting ID: 885 3408 2468**  
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Si pierde el permiso de estacionamiento, comuníquese con Sequoia Management

## From the President

Dear Neighbors:

I think it's safe to say winter is behind us. It was certainly a colder and snowier winter this year than we have experienced in a while. I hope no one had thrown their snow shovel away thinking, as I have, that we may never see snow again in this part of the country. I am looking forward to spring and a greener community. Our landscaping company will start spring cleanup in our common areas later this month.

Shivang Patel, our webmaster, is creating an email list for all residents (owners and renters) of Strathmeade Square. We have used this email service to notify residents about the change to our trash service due to the snow. We also have used it to send the newsletter out. It would be great if we could have an email contact for every home in the neighborhood, so if you would like to sign up to be included on this list please go to our website and sign up—it's the first item you will see on the website home page.

With the cold and snow through January and much of February we experienced some difficulties with trash collection. I appreciate everyone's patience through these inconveniences and understand that it may not have been possible to use your bins for trash disposal under those circumstances. Now that the weather is improving and trash collection is back to normal everyone should return to putting all of your household trash in the bins provided by Republic. If you routinely fill your bin to overflowing, you should obtain a second bin from Republic. They offer any Strathmeade resident who needs a second bin the opportunity to rent one for \$35/year. Putting bags out attracts pests and increases a litter problem that due to our winter is worse than it's been for some time. Please show consideration for your neighbors and neighborhood by making sure that all of your household trash is put into a bin. Additionally, please do not use the community trash bins that are located throughout the community as a receptacle for your household trash or to clean out your car. These bins are placed around the community to reduce litter, provide a place to leave pet waste and other relatively small amounts of trash you may have. They are not to be used to dispose of large amounts of trash, please use the trash bin provided by Republic at your home for those purposes.

**Yard waste** collection will resume in March and continue through most of the rest of this year. Collection is done on Wednesday and your bags (paper only) or bins need to be taken to the nearest main road just as your recycle is. Please refrain from putting your yard waste out for collection before Tuesday evening.

Finally on trash, I happened to be outside when the recycle truck was emptying bins nearby and heard what sounded like glass being dumped into the truck. Please be aware that **Fairfax County will no longer accept glass as part of curb side recycling.** Fairfax County does recycle glass, but it must be taken to one of the many purple bins that are located around the county. The two bins that I have used in the past are at the Audrey Moore/Wakefield Recreation Center off of Braddock Road just outside the Beltway or at the Jim Scott (formerly Providence) Community Center on Vaden Drive in Fairfax. **If you don't want to recycle your glass it should be put out with your household trash.**

I want to address a topic that harkens back to our discussions last year, Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. I have noted previously in meetings and I believe in newsletter(s) that even at the time we were meeting to discuss the installation of community EV charging stations one homeowner had installed a charging station at their assigned parking space. Recently two more homes have installed charging stations and I believe others are planning to do so. Each charging station that has been installed received approval from the Architecture Committee. There are existing EV charging standards in the Architectural Standards, that were adopted in March 2011. I apologize that the existing standards are not, included, in the Architectural Standards document on our website. Some updating to the existing standards is required because of how EV charging is done today and to reflect the approvals that have already been made. I am including the draft revised standards at the end of this newsletter. It is my hope that the board will approve these modifications at the March board meeting. One provision I particularly want to call out in these requirements is the prohibition of running an electrical cord across the surface of a yard and sidewalk to charge an EV. EV charging must be done via buried electrical wiring and with the approval of the Architecture Committee.

Lastly, Peter's Landscaping asked me to let everyone know that they are available to do fencing work in the community. If you would be interested in

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## Del Presidente

Queridos vecinos:

Creo que es seguro decir que el invierno ha quedado atrás. Sin duda, este año fue un invierno más frío y con más nieve de lo que hemos experimentado en mucho tiempo. Espero que nadie haya tirado su pala quitanieve pensando, como yo, que tal vez nunca volvamos a ver nieve en esta parte del país. Espero con ansias la primavera y una comunidad más verde. Nuestra empresa de paisajismo comenzará la limpieza de primavera en nuestras áreas comunes a finales de este mes.

Shivang Patel, nuestro webmaster, esta creando una lista de correo electrónico para todos los residentes (inquilinos y propietarios) de Strathmeade Square. Hemos utilizado este servicio de correo electrónico una vez para notificar a los residentes sobre el cambio en nuestro servicio de recolección de basura debido a la nieve. Sería fantástico si pudiéramos tener un contacto de correo electrónico para cada hogar del vecindario, así que si desea inscribirse para ser incluido en esta lista, vaya a nuestro sitio web y regístrese; es el primer elemento que verá en el página de inicio del sitio web.

Con el frío y la nieve durante enero y gran parte de febrero, experimentamos algunas dificultades con la recolección de basura. Agradezco la paciencia de todos durante estos inconvenientes y entiendo que es posible que no haya sido posible utilizar sus contenedores para la eliminación de basura en esas circunstancias. Ahora que el clima está mejorando y la recolección de basura ha vuelto a la normalidad, todos deberían volver a colocar toda la basura de su hogar en los contenedores proporcionados por Republic. Si habitualmente llena su contenedor hasta rebosar, debe obtener un segundo contenedor de Republic. Ofrecen a cualquier residente de Strathmeade que necesite un segundo contenedor la oportunidad de alquilar uno por \$35 al año. Sacar bolsas atrae plagas y aumenta el problema de basura que, debido a nuestro invierno, es peor que desde hace algún tiempo. Muestre consideración con sus vecinos y su vecindario asegurándose de que toda la basura de su hogar se deposite en un contenedor. Además, no utilice los contenedores de basura comunitarios que se encuentran en toda la comunidad como receptáculo para la basura de su hogar o para limpiar su automóvil. Estos contenedores se colocan alrededor de la

comunidad para reducir la basura, proporcionar un lugar para dejar los desechos de su mascota y otras cantidades relativamente pequeñas de basura que pueda tener, pero no deben usarse para deshacerse de grandes cantidades de basura; use el contenedor de basura proporcionado por Republic en su hogar para esos fines.

**La recolección de desechos de jardín se reanuda en marzo y continuará durante la mayor parte del resto de este año. La recolección se realiza el miércoles y sus bolsas (solo de papel) o contenedores deben llevarse a la carretera principal más cercana, tal como lo hace su reciclaje. Por favor, absténgase de recoger los residuos de su jardín antes del martes por la noche.**

Finalmente, hablando de basura, estaba afuera cuando el camión de reciclaje estaba vaciando contenedores cerca y escuché lo que parecía vidrio siendo arrojado dentro del camión. Tenga en cuenta que **el condado de Fairfax ya no aceptará vidrio como parte del reciclaje en la acera.** El condado de Fairfax recicla vidrio, pero debe llevarse a uno de los muchos contenedores de color púrpura que se encuentran en todo el condado. Los dos contenedores que he usado en el pasado están en el Centro Recreativo Audrey Moore/Wakefield en Braddock Road, justo afuera de Beltway, o en el Centro Comunitario Jim Scott (anteriormente Providence) en Vaden Drive en Fairfax. **Si no desea reciclar su vidrio, debe tirarlo a la basura doméstica.**

Quiero abordar un tema que se remonta a nuestras discusiones del año pasado. Estaciones de carga de vehículo eléctricos (EV). He observado anteriormente en reuniones y creo en boletines informativos que incluso en el momento en que nos reuníamos para discutir la instalación de estaciones de carga de vehículos eléctricos comunitarias, un propietario había instalado una estación de carga en su espacio de estacionamiento asignado. Recientemente, dos casas más han instalado estaciones de carga y creo que otras están planeando hacerlo. Cada estación de carga que se ha instalado recibió la aprobación del Comité de Arquitectura. Existen estándares de carga de vehículos eléctricos en los Estándares arquitectónicos, que se adoptaron en marzo de 2011. Pido disculpas porque los estándares existentes no se encuentran, actualmente, en el documento de Estándares arquitectónicos de

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obtaining an estimate you can contact Peter's at [office@peterslandscapeinc.com](mailto:office@peterslandscapeinc.com) or call 703-327-2845 and please let them know your residence is in Strathmeade Square.

Thank you.

Jan Goodwin

## **Strathmeade Easter Egg Hunt**

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, at 10:30am. We hope you can join us!

The event is free and open to Strathmeade residents but an RSVP is required for each child attending so that we can be sure we have enough eggs for everyone. All ages are welcome and we'll have a smaller hunting area for the littlest kids. We'll provide the (plastic) eggs, some warm drinks, and goodies for the kids. Please email me at [amytillett@gmail.com](mailto:amytillett@gmail.com) by April 4 with your kids' ages to register your children for the event.

We will meet in the parking lot of the pool house. The egg hunt will be on Glastonbury Ct. Please make sure your kids are not picking up eggs on Glastonbury Ct before everyone is released from the pool parking lot to begin hunting. We'll put out cones to alert cars and post an adult at the entrance of the court to make sure cars and people are alerted to any traffic. Don't forget to bring a basket or bucket to carry your eggs.

After the hunt, we will have coffee and juice. Please bring a food item to share while the kids play. We'll have plates, napkins, cups and drinks.

We're hoping for good weather but we will reschedule in case of a steady rain. If we need to reschedule due to rain, I'll send an email to everyone who has RSVP'd by 9:00am.

Please also let me know if you're available to help hide eggs (no kids who will be hunting can join us, however). Egg-hiding begins at 8:30am.

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nuestro sitio web. Se requiere cierta actualización de los estándares existentes debido a la forma en que se realiza la carga de vehículos eléctricos en la actualidad. Incluyo el borrador de las normas revisadas al final de este boletín. Tengo la esperanza de que la junta apruebe estas modificaciones en la reunión de la junta de marzo. Una disposición que quiero destacar particularmente en estos requisitos es la prohibición de pasar un cable eléctrico por la superficie de un patio y una acera para cargar un vehículo eléctrico. La carga de vehículos eléctricos deberá realizarse mediante cableado eléctrico enterrado y con la aprobación del Comité de Arquitectura.

Por último, Peter's Landscaping me pidió que les informara a todos que están disponibles para realizar trabajos de cercado en la comunidad. Si está interesado en obtener un presupuesto, puede comunicarse con Peter's en [office@peterslandscapeinc.com](mailto:office@peterslandscapeinc.com) o llamar al 703-327-2845 e informarles que su residencia está en Strathmeade Square.

Gracias.

## Búsqueda de huevos de Pascua de Strathmeade

Nuestra búsqueda de huevos de Pascua se llevará a cabo el sábado 12 de abril a las 10:30 a. m. ¡Esperamos que puedas unirte a nosotros!

El evento es gratuito y está abierto a los residentes de Strathmeade, pero se requiere confirmar su asistencia por cada niño que asista para que podamos estar seguros de que tenemos suficientes huevos para todos. Todas las edades son bienvenidas y contaremos con una zona de caza más pequeña para los más pequeños. Proporcionaremos huevos (de plástico), algunas bebidas calientes y golosinas para los niños. Envíeme un correo electrónico a [amytillett@gmail.com](mailto:amytillett@gmail.com) antes del 4 de abril con las edades de sus hijos para registrarlos para el evento.

Nos encontraremos en el aparcamiento de la casa de la piscina. La búsqueda de huevos será en Glastonbury Ct. Asegúrese de que sus hijos no estén recogiendo huevos en Glastonbury Ct antes de que todos salgan del estacionamiento de la piscina para comenzar a cazar. Colocaremos conos para alertar a los autos y colocaremos a un adulto en la entrada de la cancha para asegurarnos de que los autos y las personas estén alertados sobre cualquier tráfico. No olvides traer una canasta o balde para llevar tus huevos.

Después de la caza, tomaremos café y jugo. Por favor traiga un alimento para compartir mientras los niños juegan. Tendremos platos, servilletas, vasos y bebidas.

Esperamos que haga buen tiempo pero lo reprogramaremos en caso de lluvia constante. Si necesitamos reprogramar debido a la lluvia, enviaré un correo electrónico a todos los que hayan confirmado su asistencia antes de las 9:00 a. m.

Avíseme también si está disponible para ayudar a esconder huevos (sin embargo, ningún niño que vaya a cazar puede unirse a nosotros). El escondite de huevos comienza a las 8:30 a.m.

## March 2025 Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Yard Waste Pickup	6	7 Trash & Recycle Pickup	8
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 3 hr early release for elem. school	11	12 <b>Board Mtg 7pm</b> Yard Waste Pickup	13	14 Trash & Recycle Pickup	15
16	17 3 hr early release for elem. school	18	19	20	21 Trash & Recycle Pickup	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Trash & Recycle Pickup	29
30	31 School Holiday					

THIS DRAFT IS PENDING APPROVAL BY THE BOARD

V. ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS. A plug-in electric vehicle parked in an owner-assigned parking space may be recharged from a unit's house current. The charging station and connections must meet the following requirements. (Adopted March 2011)

V.1. An electric vehicle charging station must be approved before installation by the Architecture Committee or the Board of Directors as an exterior modification in accord with Article VII of the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the Strathmeade Square Community Association.

V.2. An owner wishing to install an electric vehicle charging station must submit detailed specifications and scale drawings to the Architecture Committee showing the nature and location of the charging station and the route that will be followed by the electric supply conduit from the station to the owner's unit. The Architecture Committee may request additional information or specifications within 30 days of the original submission, if it deems such information necessary to determine whether the installation is consistent with community architectural style, resident safety, and protection of common property.

V.3. A receptacle or other charging device must be installed as close as possible to the owner's assigned parking space.

V.4. The charging device must be connected to the unit's electrical supply by an electric cable carried by a proper conduit passing under the common sidewalk and below ground to the unit. The conduit may pass under common property of the Association but may not pass under the lots belonging to other members. In no case may electric vehicles be recharged through loose extension cords on the surface of the ground, crossing a common sidewalk, other common property of the association, the owner's front yard, or the private property of other owners.

V.5. Any receptacle on the charging station must have a proper safety cover that meets electrical code standards.

V.7. Following installation, the owner is responsible for restoration of common property to its original condition. If the common property is not so restored as part of the installation process, the association may restore the property and bill the cost to the owner. Approval of a plan for an electric vehicle charging station constitutes a lien on the owner's property for restoration costs.

V.8. Installation of an electric vehicle charging station must comply with all applicable government codes and regulations.

V.9. Any liability arising from the installation and operation of an electric vehicle charging station is the responsibility of the owner of the property that it serves.

V.10. The Association is not liable for any damage to an electric vehicle charging station by vehicles using common pavement; by snow removal contractors; or by pavement, sidewalk, and curb repair contractors.

V.11. Electric vehicles may not be recharged in permit spaces or in other parking spaces on common property not assigned to specific units, including the parking spaces at the pool house at 8365 Thompson Road.

V.12. The Board of Directors may impose a penalty of \$50 per day, or a higher penalty if permitted by law, for each daily charging of a vehicle in violation of these standards.

Installation of an electric vehicle charging station is the responsibility of the unit owner. All costs associated with required permits and installation must be paid by the owner