



# Newsletter



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- HOA Assessments
- Annual Community Picnic
- E-Voting: (Nominations & Elections)
- Community Projects
- Community Yard Sales
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## Homeowner's Association Assessments...



### Who Pays & Who Doesn't

Throughout the history of many states mandating HOA's to be established when new communities are built; Homeowner's Association's have always been scrutinized for their existence and collection of assessments. I'm sure that we can all agree on one thing, and that's the need of having or not having an Association and paying assessments. I'm sure that anyone of us would be happy to see HOA's go away and someone else take on the burden of caring for our common areas at no expense to us of course. My goodness, who wouldn't want such a deal, I know that I would. Unfortunately, it just doesn't work that way. Association's were mandated, because of the lack of responsibilities being managed by

communities throughout the country. Neighborhoods were simply going to pot, meaning that homeowner's weren't taking care of their communities, allowing them to diminish and get run down or overgrown. When it comes right down to it, homeowner's need to understand the purpose of these assessments and where such funds are being spent. HOA assessments are collected in order to manage the Association and facilities, such as the common areas. It's the responsibility of the board of director's to assure that these assessments are managed appropriately and that the common areas are cared for as expected by everyone living within the community. In doing so, it takes a great deal of funds and

dedication to manage such tasks. Homeowner's are responsible for paying such assessments, in order to allow the BOD's to properly manage these funds and apply them as necessary, in order to provide certain amenities for their community. All homeowner's are expected to pay their assessments as regulated by state statues. It's very simple...If homeowner's aren't paying their assessments, then the funds simply aren't available to allow such services to transpire. Bruton Glen's Board of Director's have made every effort throughout the last several years, to give our community the provisions that the contractor failed to provide when our community was first built. We certainly hope that everyone enjoys these amenities.■

## 8th Annual Community Picnic

Saturday October 22nd, 2011



Coming this month, is our Annual Community Picnic scheduled for Saturday October 22nd, 2011 starting at 12:00 noon and ending at 3:00pm. The event will be held at Bruton Glen Park. There's certainly going to be plenty of fun for the entire family. Did we mention that there's going to be "Music" and "Good Eats" for all those who come join in this

community event. And did we also mention that there's going to be a Halloween costume contest for the kids, age groups 1-4 years old and 5-12 years old. Yes, that's right, there'll be a winner for each group presenting the best costume. So, don't forget to dress up those little ghost and goblins and bring them to the community picnic for some fun and games. Parents will certainly find

themselves having just as much fun as the kids.

This event is sponsored by the Bruton Glen Homeowner's Association Recreational Advisory Committee. Anyone interested and willing to support this event and future events can contact the RAC Director/Chairman at the following e-mail address;

[BrutonGlenRAC@cox.net](mailto:BrutonGlenRAC@cox.net) ■



# Community Projects... Making A Difference In Our Community

## It's

been a long process, but the storage shed has finally been completed, including recently receiving a fresh coat of paint. During the last couple months, several Board members and homeowner's collectively joined together to give our shed a fresh coat of paint, complet-

"Storage Shed"

ing the project. Once the electrical power cable was run and the electrical service was hooked-up, courtesy of Dominion Virginia Power, we were finally able to move forward with painting the shed. The electricity was now operational, allowing the lights and receptacles to func-

tion as expected. This now allows us to function independently, instead of relying on someone else's electrical current to be utilized for events and activities. The storage shed also allows our Association and it's RAC to store items such as records, supplies, and vari-

ous other amenities needed to provide events throughout the year.

Many thanks to all those who joined in the process of painting the storage shed, it looks great!!

It couldn't have been done without you.

Thank You! ■

### Trash Service....



#### "County of York"

Bruton Glen Park now has it's own trash receptacle.

What does this mean for you and our community. It's simple, we now have the means of empty the trash cans located throughout the park and actually have that trash picked-up on scheduled trash days. No more collecting trash from the park and dumping it into homeowner's own trash receptacles. ■



### E-Voting...

It's finally arrived...

E-Voting is now available for all

### Community Projects



Bruton Glen Park

**PENDING COMPETION**

- Park Lighting (Addition)

homeowner's.

Simply log-on to the Association's web site, click on the "Homeowner's" tab and then click on the "E-Voting" tab, then follow the instructions provided in order to register and use e-voting. ■

## VOTE·HOA·NOW



### Community Yard Sale

**"RESCHEDULED"**

The next community yard sale is scheduled for Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 8:00 am —2:00 pm. Homeowner's

have the opportunity to clean-out their closets, attic space, garage, etc. of all those unwanted items and get ready to sell their treasures to all those yard sale shoppers. Advertisement provided in local papers. ■

### Bruton Glen Homeowner's Association

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- Contact the Board of Director's or visit us on the web for additional information regarding our Community and its Management.



## Rental Properties

### Who's Responsible....for caring of these properties?

Rental properties within any community have always been a concern for homeowner's living within their own community. For the simple fact that the majority of homeowner's who live in their community, actually live in their homes and invest their hard earned money taking care of their investment, making interior and exterior improvements, etc.

However, some homeowner's elect to rent their properties for various reasons. Many renters whom rent such properties, actually take the initiative and responsibility of caring for the homes as if it was their own. Others

choose to just live in the homes and take care of nothing, allowing the properties to diminish. Many homeowner's are unaware of such matters, where renters have caused destruction within the home or simply just not taken care of the property as expected. Whether it's the grass that needs to be cut, the house that needs power washing, the flower beds that require weeding and mulching, or minor repairs to the home needing attention, it's ultimately the responsibility of the homeowner too assure such amenities are taken care of and the property is cared for in accordance to the Association's governing docu-

ments. It's the responsibility of every homeowner to keep a watchful eye on their own property as well as those properties around them. Any such issues associated with any property can be reported directly to the Board of Director's, who can then contact the homeowner and/or renters to make them aware of the issue(s) and assure that such matters are resolved and compliance within the Association's governing documents are upheld. In order to contact the Board of Director's, simply use the e-mail address provided;

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