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**To:**

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**Subject:** HOA News Update January 2011

Dear HOA members,

A very Happy New Year to all our members! Hope you've had a peaceful and memorable holiday season with friends and family.

This January 2011 Pickett's Reserve newsletter contains information on

- Christmas tree pickup
- New residents
- Pickett's Reserve website and directory update
- Maintenance issue with exhaust vents
- HOA Calendar

### **Christmas tree pickup**

Directions from the City of Fairfax regarding pickup of Christmas trees are as follows: Live Christmas trees are collected curbside on regular refuse collection days in January. Remove all ornaments, tinsel and garland. No call needed! Questions call 703-385-7995 or email [dray@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:dray@fairfaxva.gov)

### **New Residents**

Please welcome the following families who moved into our neighborhood in the last six months

Navin and Ruby Nathnithithadha - 3427 Preservation Drive

Putla family - 3429 Preservation Drive

Jay & Okyim Park - 3432 Preservation Drive

Michael J. Pietras and C. Mark Weed Jr - 3512 Schuerman House Drive

### **Pickett's Reserve website and directory update**

Membership on our Pickett's Reserve website <http://www.pickettsreserve.org> is rising steadily. Our Neighborhood directory was recently updated and is available at the following link

[http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Picketts\\_Reserve/pages](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Picketts_Reserve/pages)

### **Maintenance issue with exhaust vents**

Ken Borghese, a Board member noted the following maintenance issue with his exhaust vents and would like to alert residents about the same. Ken states:

"Apparently, one of the builders sub-contractors has "spray painted" closed some of the exhaust vents on the outside brick walls of Pickett Reserve houses. You can tell if this is true by turning on your various stove and bathroom fans, and going outside to check whether the flap on the outside vent actually opens when the fans are running.

You can also check visually by simply going outside at observing whether the inside part of your exhaust vents is painted. They should NOT be spray painted on the inside part of the vent, because this will effectively “close shut” the vent.

I recently learned of this problem at my house and called the builder’s office (Debbie James [703-658-6073](tel:703-658-6073)). She said (naturally) that this problem was outside the warranty. So I spent \$115 dollars for a roofer / handyman (and a fair amount of my time) getting my problem “fixed” for my four exhaust vents.

Please note that if your vents are not opening, over time your exhaust fans will eventually wear out and fail, because of the increased “back pressure” from the **closed-shut** vents. Additionally, the exhaust fan from the kitchen stove might not be effectively removing cooking smoke. And that’s not healthy.

Some residents might want to know this information and check their exhaust vents for this problem."

## HOA Calendar

Thu Jan 27 2011

**7:00 PM Board Meeting**

Green Acres Center

4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax VA 22030

For directions, click the following link

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec/DirectionToGreenAcres.asp>

Always check the HOA website for any changes in the venue or dates of the HOA meetings.

Sincerely

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