

# Welcome

## Oaklawn Homeowners Association



# NEWSLETTER

JULY 2017

## THE PROBLEM WITH WEEDS

The HOA has a new landscaper that is getting used to the property and continues to spray the common areas to control weed growth. However, **there are a number of residences that have unsightly weeds in their lawn beds.** The Oaklawn HOA's Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, Article VI, Section 5, states, "*An Owner shall, at all times, maintain its property and all appurtenances thereto in good repair and in a state of neat appearance.*" All residences are responsible for maintaining their lawn, and should be aware of additional reasons why weeds are undesirable:



- **Ugly** – Weeds are **ugly** and reflect poor maintenance and care. In a townhouse community, weeds are just a few feet away from your neighbors.
- **Competition** - Weeds have vigorous root systems that easily overpower other plants when it comes to taking in available nutrients and water, and have an ability to grow quickly upwards and outwards so as to crowd out surrounding plants to take all the available light. This leaves desirable plants weakened and more susceptible to pests and diseases.
- **Pests and Diseases** – Weeds can be the source of pests and diseases and can often provide a place for pests to live beyond the growth season. What's more, since many weeds are adapted to germinate and/or to begin growing early in the season, they have the advantage over the plants around them.

**TAKE TIME TO CLEAN UP THE WEEDS!**



## Oaklawn

## Ice Cream Social

Date: Friday, July 21

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Locations:

7:00 PM – Phase I Tot Lot

7:30 PM- Tot Lot next to  
Oaklawn Community Pool



Date: Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

Show Time: 8:00 PM

Location: Green Space next to Oaklawn  
Community Pool

Movie: Batman Lego Movie

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### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**JULY 25, 2017, 7:00PM**

**AT: TOWN OF LEESBURG**

**Lower Level Conference Room**

### ANNUAL MEETING:

**August 24, 2017, 7:00PM**

The **Annual Meeting** for the Oaklawn Homeowners Association will be held at **7:00 PM, Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Registration will begin at 6:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held outside at the **Oaklawn Clubhouse** in the pool area.

**This year we have one (1) position open for the Oaklawn HOA Board of Directors.** All members will receive an Annual Meeting election package prior to the meeting, with information on the candidates, voting instructions and a proxy/mail-in ballot form. Members attending the Annual Meeting will be able to vote by ballot if they had not previously mailed in their proxy vote.

**Homeowners interested in running for the Board of Directors must:**

- **Be an owner in good standing; and**
- **Complete and return a Candidate Statement Form no later than 5:00 PM, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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### ***"I have a complaint!"*** **Techniques That Get Results**

The Board of Directors and the management company welcome constructive complaints because it helps them do a better job. Results-oriented complaints usually can be settled in the initial stage and the result will be fewer complaints in the future. The following techniques are helpful to ensure results:

- Attend board meetings and voice concerns and issues in a timely manner.
- Keep the tone polite and professional. Try not to get angry or emotional.
- Avoid using threats. Threats diminish productive communication. If you push others they may respond emotionally and the issue will be lost in the process.
- State what you want done.
- Listen and ask questions.
- You may want to negotiate. Be ready to suggest alternative solutions.
- If there is an agreement, confirm it. Make a written note to yourself. If the problem is complex or money is involved, confirm the agreement by letter.
- If you cannot agree on a solution, stay calm. Do some more research.
- Remain calm.