



## Finance Committee meeting leads to a Recommended Budget

*Board of Directors to vote on 2017 Budget on November 1, 7 p.m. at the Brandermill Church*

The budget process is nearing the end as the Board of Directors will meet Tuesday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. at the Brandermill Church to vote on the Fiscal year 2017 Budget

Finance Committee Chairman, Dr. John Cardea, called a committee meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 26 to revisit specific line items in the 2017 Proposed Budget.

Twenty-five line items were reviewed, and staff provided explanations on how and where the 2016 dollars were spent, and gave recommendations on amounts to be budgeted for 2017. Finance Committee members asked questions and adjusted line items based on the information provided by staff and past historical data.

Highlights of the meeting included proposing a 5% assessment increase, bringing the yearly amount to \$484.00 or \$121.00 per quarter.

Reducing the amount to be paid for fire-works on July 4th based on staff negotiations with the vendor down to \$12,000 in 2017 from \$14,500 in 2016.

The Brandermill Makos swim team will continue to receive their yearly stipend of \$3,500 with the understanding they will provide periodic accounting of their finances to the BCA and Finance Committee.

Other topics of discussion included a need for funding of an Internal Audit in addition to the regular auditing process, a review of legal fees as the Association continues to focus on covenant enforcement matters including emphasis on abandoned properties, and looking at ways to control expenses with regard to leases & contracts and uniform expenses for BCA Maintenance crews.

The approved 2017 Operating Budget will be published in the Village Mill November issue.

Residents can review the [Recommended Budget](#) online. The meeting ended with a Motion to propose that all surplus dollars in the Operating Account at the end of 2017 be appropriated to Capital Reserve Fund to assist in the repairs and replacement of the amenities currently enjoyed by Brandermill residents.

## Keeping Brandermill BOO-tiful!

October 31st will find our youngest residents enjoying Trick or Treating throughout the community. Some folks may also gather to celebrate or hand out treats together on Halloween, which can be lots of fun. Remind children to dispose of wrappers and other trash at home, or in community trash cans. Placing a trash can in a central location during community potlucks or cul-de-sac gatherings will help keep trash contained for easy cleanup and help keep Brandermill beautiful.



### Halloween safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags provides greater visibility.
- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin.
- Remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.

## Halloween Tots Fest

Monday, Oct. 31  
10 a.m. to noon  
Sunday Park

## Residential Brush Pick-up Schedule

All zones in the [Brush Pickup schedule](#) have been completed for October.

Monday, Oct. 31 crews will begin power washing street and neighborhood signs.

Zone 1 pick-up will begin on Monday, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m.

## Trail work update

BCA Maintenance crews have recently completed their rounds of trail maintenance. If you feel there are some additional areas along the trails that need attention, please email the location and details to [maintenance@brandermill.com](mailto:maintenance@brandermill.com). We appreciate resident's help in identifying problem areas.

The bucket truck crew has finished limbing up in 3 neighborhoods and is currently on Planter's Wood Road and the neighborhoods feeding in from there. Next on their list will be North Beach Road and neighborhoods feeding in from there.



REMINDER: One political sign may be posted in the front yard only and removed 10 days after the election.

# Brandermill ARTfest 2016

Mother Nature, perhaps the greatest of artists, really showed her palette of colors for the 1st Brandermill ARTfest in Market Square. The sky was a brilliant blue, the flowers were blooming and the crisp air made for a perfect autumn day to have a festival celebrating the Arts in Brandermill.

Tal Thompson, a multi-talented artist and owner of The Art Factory, was the driving force behind the idea and doing what she does best which is COLLABORATION.

October is "ARTOBER", a month long group of events to celebrate the Arts in RVA, is organized by CULTURE WORKS.

Tal approached Community Services Director, Jennifer Strader, and Sergio's to partner with The Art Factory on this event. Planning quickly got into gear and the excitement grew. Tal also saw this as an opportunity to complete her project the "Biggest Coloring Page in the World", which was part of the July 4th festivities rained out earlier this summer. The "Coloring Wall" will be displayed at St. Ledger's Pool this summer.

Besides giving people the chance to participate in the coloring project, there were many artists and vendors with items for sale. Rock Bottom Bridge entertained the crowd with a rousing live performance, Chesterfield Dance Center performed a few numbers and onlookers jumped in and danced as well.

Those wanting to try a little DIY art were able to make their own wooden sign with stations set up inside The Art Factory. There were over 100 signs made!

Planning for ARTfest 2017 was already in motion before this one was even over!



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## R.A.L Pet of the Week

Portis is a 3 year old, black neutered Chihuahua mix.

Portis is a sweet guy once you get to know him, but the kennel environment makes him very nervous. He enjoys hanging out with people, and going on walks. He's a small dog looking for his place in this big-big world.

*The Richmond Animal League (RAL) is the area's oldest non-profit "no-kill" organization committed to reducing the homeless pet population in the Richmond area. Founded in 1979, RAL provides temporary housing, medical treatment, sterilization, and quality care to over 1,700 companion animals each year until they are adopted into permanent and loving homes.*

**For more information on Portis:**

Phone: 804-379-0046

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# GAME OF LEAVES

## *Doing Battle with the Leaves of Brandermill*

### **Rake, Remove, Relax, Repeat**

By Suzie Popielec  
*BCA Senior Property Management Specialist*

Temperatures will be falling soon and that's not all that will be "falling". Very shortly, the lovely and colorful leaves throughout Brandermill will make their way down from the treetops to a yard near you. Managing the masses of foliage that gather each time this year is a chore, to be sure, but it doesn't have to become an impossible task or a source of discord amongst neighbors. Here's how to get through leaf season with a minimum of fuss:

- Warm up and stretch before you start raking; it can be quite a workout!
- Rake in the same direction as the wind is blowing
- Switch your primary (lower) raking hand often, bend at the knee, keep good posture
- Rake a smaller pile onto a tarp and dump into your trash bag/barrel or main pile
- Take frequent breaks (have a bite of Pumpkin Bread--see recipe below!)
- Ask your trash service how many bags of leaves per week they will accept and what type of bag is required for removal
- Do not rake or blow leaves into the street... the BCA will not remove leaves in this area
- Avoid receiving a complaint and/or Compliance Violation... don't dump in Open Space or Common Areas per General Covenants Part III, Paragraph 10
- Be a good neighbor by keeping your leaves out of other yards...remove piles promptly and avoid raking blowing piles onto other properties
- [Brandermill Leaf Removal Service](#) has different prices for various levels of removal service.

*"Every leaf speaks  
bliss to me, fluttering  
from the autumn trees."*

*~ Emily Brontë*

### **Leaf Removal to Prevent Flooding**

Now that fall is here, so are the leaves and the big job of removing them. As leaves start to fall they drift into ditches and culverts, clogging drain pipes, which can cause road flooding.

Both the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and property owners have an important role in maintaining good drainage for neighborhood roads. VDOT clears leaves and debris from state-owned roads and ditches and property owners are responsible for removing leaves on their land.

#### **VDOT's Role**

VDOT works to keep ditches, culverts, drains and other drainage systems located on state-owned right of ways maintained and clear of debris. VDOT also responds to flooding or standing water, but only when it affects a state-maintained road or state-owned right of way. In addition, the agency replaces damaged or deficient storm sewer pipes and culverts, and conducts inspections on stormwater facilities.

#### **Property Owner's Role**

Property owners are responsible for maintaining any ditches, drainpipes or other drainage systems on their property.

Property owners must also keep stormwater flowing freely through their land. Grass clippings, leaves and other debris must be gathered to avoid accumulation, which can lead to clogged and overflowing ditches, drains and drainpipes. Raking and bagging leaves (check with your locality on specific instructions for discarding leaves) also prevents them from blowing and drifting onto adjoining or nearby properties, causing clogged pipes and ditches for neighbors.

#### **Tips for maintaining good drainage:**

- Keep debris such as leaves and grass clippings out of open channels, ditches, driveway pipes or any other location that could block the free flow of stormwater runoff.
- Prevent the discharge of pollutants, including pet waste and fertilizers, into the drainage system.
- Maintain all drainage facilities on private property when there is no VDOT, county or city right of way.
- Respect your neighbor's property— leaves or debris can drift from one property to another, causing drainage problems for neighbors.

If problems continue after taking these steps, call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623). VDOT will research inquiries and determine if it has responsibility over your area of concern.

# OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 • B'mill ARTfest 1-5 p.m., MS	24 • <a href="#">Brush Collection</a> in Zone 4	25 • ARB Mtg. 3:30 p.m., BCA	26 • FC Mtg., 7 p.m., BCA	27 • NRC Mtg., 7 p.m. HPCH	28	29 • The Green Market 9 a.m. - noon, MS
30			• 10/31: ARB applications due for 11/8 Mtg. • 10/31: <a href="#">Halloween Tots Fest</a> , 10 a.m. - noon, Sunday Park			

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 • H.P. Recycle Day	2 • B'mill Recycle Day	3	4	5
		• BOD Mtg., 7p.m., TBC		• C&M Mtg., 4 p.m., BCA		
	6 • <a href="#">Brush Collection</a> in Zone 1	7		8 • ARB Mtg., 3:30 p.m., BCA • CAM Mtg., 7 p.m., BCA	9 10	
11 Daylight Savings Time Ends	12	13 • <a href="#">Brush Collection</a> in Zone 2	14 • ARB applications due for 11/22 Mtg.	15 • H.P. Recycle Day	16 • B'mill Recycle Day	17
18 • Hounds on the Hill 5K & Canine Fun Run, 8 a.m., CHHS • The HOLIDAY Green Market, 9 a.m. - noon MS	19	20 • <a href="#">Brush Collection</a> in Zone 3	21	22 • ARB Mtg., 3:30 p.m. BCA	23	24 • BCA OFFICE CLOSED  HAPPY THANKSGIVING 
25 BCA OFFICE CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30	31

**COMMITTEES:** ARB - Architectural Review Board • BHPC - Brandermill History Project Committee • C&M - Communications & Marketing • CSC - Community Services  
 FC - Finance Committee HP - Hearing Panel • CAM - Community Appearance & Maintenance • NRC - Neighborhood Residents Council • PC - Planning Committee  
 BCA - Brandermill Community Association • BoD - Board of Directors • TF - Task Force

**PLACES:** BCA - BCA Office • BCC - Brandermill Country Club • HI - Hampton Inn • HPCH - Harbour Pointe Clubhouse • MS - Market Square  
 SP - Sunday Park • NB - North Beach Pool • SL - St. Ledger's Pool • HP - Harbour Pointe Pool • BSC - Brandermill Sailing Ctr (SP) TBD - To Be Determined  
 TBC - The Brandermill Church, Sunday Park • BR - Boathouse Restaurant • BSC - Brandermill Sailing Ctr (SP) • WSC - Waterford Shopping Center  
 TL - The Landing at Commodore Point

**OTHER:** CHES - Clover Hill Elem. • CHHS - Clover Hill High • SCES - Swift Creek Elem. • SCMS - Swift Creek Middle • CHPL - Clover Hill Public Library  
 CCTC - Chesterfield Career and Technical Center

§ = Charge for event • R = Reservation Required • BRO - Brandermill Residents Only