

# Shenandoah Farms

## Summer Newsletter 2009

SHENANDOAH FARMS ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY

**MAY 16TH 2009**

11:00am-3:00pm

We welcome our community to join the **fun and celebrate!**  
 Shenandoah Farms **3rd Annual** Community Day!  
 This years theme is “**Reduce, Reuse & Recycle**”!

We are trying to gain more knowledge and educate ourselves and others on living green.

Protecting, preserving and enjoying this wonderful community we live in!

We have lots of participants planned for this day—naming a few, we have local vendors, County & Government agencies, Warren & Clarke County Sheriffs office, Department of Forestry, National Wildlife Federation and more!

Let's not forget to mention the famous Moon Bounce, food, and lots of games for the kids.

One resident is planning and organizing a small recycling circus area for the kids!

**This event is offered free to Shenandoah Farms residents!**

**No admission is charged,**

We have residents reserved to show and promote their own businesses, meet & greet your neighbors! Community Day originally started as a Department of Forestry “Firewise Education Day”; since then this event has grown as our community has also grown and now it is an event which promotes education, fun and informative information to assist our community. However we still give a lot of credit to Department of Forestry for helping Shenandoah Farms educate and provide a safer environment for us all.

The fun is geared towards children but adults also enjoy the day! We usually have a wonderful turnout. This year we will be having a **Reduce -Reuse—Recycle Art Contest** for the children. Any child interested in entering this contest can pick up an entry form at the POSF office on Howellsville Road, or call the office at 540/837-2068 and let us know you would like to participate. This is a creative art contest geared towards recycling “**What can you make out of recyclable materials?**”

Show your stuff, there will be three winners to this contest.

**We invite Shenandoah Farms residents and family all out for this fun and educating event!**

**Look forward to seeing you all there!**

Thank You,

*Lisa Blansett* — Public Relations Chairman

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## Common Property Report

Willy Surface, Chairman

During the Spring and Summer families are outside more and you will see many outside activities. Please drive slowly through our neighborhood as children are outside playing everywhere and also it will help keep the dust down and give us all a chance to enjoy our community and all it has to offer. We are looking for volunteers to help us organize some outdoor projects around the common properties, so if you would like to donate some time or would like to volunteer for any project contact the office and we will get back to you with dates and times. We can always use volunteers! Call the office at 540-837-2068 and leave your name & telephone number. I will get back with you as to when committee meetings will be held.

### ROAD COMMITTEE

Willy Surface, Chairman

**SLOW DOWN! SLOW DOWN!** Is always our motto, it helps save our road conditions, cut down on dust and makes a better environment for us all to enjoy! Also we are requesting that ALL residents clean out your driveway or property culverts, this also helps the road condition and saves us all money if you **CLEAN OUT YOUR CULVERTS!** The Road sharing project on Fellows Drive should be completed by July 1st 2009 as projected by Warren County, High Top revenue sharing is still waiting on a few rights-of-way acquisitions. Don't forget we have a General meeting every month. The dates are posted on website, bill boards outside, and at HighTop bulletin board, POSF office and in the windows. Hope to you see you there!

#### Planning on Utilizing The Common Areas?

(You Must have a Decal for your vehicles)

- There is no charge for the decals; however, you must be a property owner to obtain one. **If you are a tenant**, please obtain written approval from your landlord.
- Obtain your vehicle decal from the office. You will need to supply the year, make, model, color, and tag number of your vehicles.
- Decals **should not** be placed on the front windshield of your vehicle (against Virginia State Law). You should place the decal on either side window, rear window or bumper of your vehicle.

## POSF MEETING SCHEDULE

2009

All Saturday meetings are open to property owners. They are held at the community center

**6401 Howellsville Rd.**

**Front Royal, VA 22630**

Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

For directions call (540) 837-2068.

May 9th

Community Day May 16th 2009

June 13th

July 11th

Aug 8th

Sept 12th - Annual Mtg.

Oct 10th

Nov 14th

Dec 12th

### **2008-2009 POSF Board of Director**

#### **Board Officers:**

Chairman- Ralph Rinaldi

Vice Chairman- Don Hoover

Treasurer- Cathie Johnson

Secretary- Lisa Blansett

#### **Ridge District:**

Director- Elsie Kirk

Director- Roger Roberts

Alternate-

#### **Mountain Lake District:**

Director- Lisa Blansett

Director-Cathie Johnson

Alternate-

#### **Riverview District:**

Director- Willy Surface

Director- Don Hoover

Alternate-

#### **Mountain View District:**

Director-

Director-

Alternate-

#### **At-Large Positions:**

Matt Pearson

Ralph Rinaldi

Patrick Skelley

David Coe

All Property Owners are encouraged to join our Yahoo Message Board, It's located at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/shenandoahfarms/>. On this message board there are meeting and activity reminders, as well as useful information affecting property owners in Shenandoah Farms. There is a link to the message board on our homepage <http://shenandoahfarms.org>.

## LOOKING FOR BOARD MEMBERS VOLUNTEERS!!!

The Shenandoah Farms is looking for members of our community who are interested in filling some of the open board positions. If you are interested in sitting on the Board of Directors or just joining the board please send an email or letter of interest to POSF Office. Or you can call the office at 540/837-2068 leave your name and number and a current Board Member will contact you. Volunteers are hard to come by but if you would like to give it a try, devote a little of your spare time to help your community, or have any knowledge, education or experience you would like to share, let us know! We need more residents to help organize, explore and assist the community! A community's strength is a mixture of the residents, volunteers, and the relationships the community builds with organizations, contractors and government officials that connect with each other to provide a stronger, safer, caring, better educated and enjoyable environment.

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!** It will help us all with a better quality of life for us all and our children and their futures!

**Get involved today!**

**Share your voice & ideas!**

**Open Positions** are listed on page 2 under 2008-2009 POSF Board of Directors

### **Nominating Committee.**

I would like to introduce myself. I am Roger Roberts the current member of the Board of Directors of POSF representing the Ridge District. I was recently asked to be the chairman of the nominating committee for the POSF Board of Directors elections to be held this fall. The committee is currently soliciting names of POSF property owner interested in having the opportunity to be placed on the ballot for a position as a member of the POSF Board of Directors. Future dates for committee meetings will be Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. If you have an interest in serving your community please give consideration to joining us in making the coming election a success.

The following positions are vacant at this time:

Ridge District Alternate  
Riverview District Alternate  
Mountain View District Director  
Mountain View District Alternate  
Mountain Lake Alternate

In addition these board positions are up for re-election this fall.

Ridge District Director - Roger Roberts  
Ridge District Alternate - Vacant  
Riverview District Director - Don Hoover  
Riverview District Alternate - Vacant  
Mountain View District Director - Vacant  
Mountain View District Alternate - Vacant  
Mountain Lake District Director - Lisa Blansett  
Mountain Lake District Alternate - Vacant  
At - Large Director - Patrick Skelley  
At - Large Director - David Coe

As you can see there is plenty of opportunity for anyone interested in helping make this unique community an even better place to live and raise children. Any interested person should send a letter either via regular mail or e-mail to the committee, listing the seat that they would like to fill and/or run for to:

Property Owner's of Shenandoah Farms  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
6401 Howellsville Rd  
Front Royal, VA 22630  
Our e-mail address is: shenandoahfarms@comcast.net

All interested persons are urged to provide their names to their nominating committee representative in addition to a letter of interest:

Mt. View - Lynda McDonough  
Mt. Lake - Cathie Johnson  
Ridge - Jeff Taylor  
Riverview - Roger Roberts  
At-Large - Ralph Rinaldi  
At-Large - Matt Pearson

**Recreation Committee**  
Lisa Blansett-Chairman

Our 2009 Easter Egg Hunt was a success! Over 72 admissions! The kids had a blast! Adults also were found having fun coloring eggs and visiting with the POSF Easter Bunny! The Easter Bunny, a big success also was enjoyed and photographed by all! Thank you Cathie Remmers a local resident who donated her time and money to pull off the Easter Bunny, great work and wonderful turnout! We need more volunteers and residents like Cathie!! It helps bring fun and enjoyment to the children of Shenandoah Farms!

Fun was had by all!

We hope to see everyone at **Community Day** which also will have fun and surprises for all! We are looking for volunteers to join us in helping our community!

Also join POSF on

**JUNE 27th 2009 11am-2pm for July 4th PICNIC CELEBRATION!!**

Watch website and flyers for details or check office windows & bulletin boards

We have a great area that we live in, let's enjoy it for all it has to offer!

Call or email us today to get involved, we encourage any and all participation!

**CALENDER 2009**

May 16th 2009 11am-2pm- Community Day

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

June 27th, 2009- July 4th celebration picnic 11am-2pm

October 30th 2009-6pm-9pm, Halloween Party

December 4th, 2009- 6pm-9pm, Christmas

**Crafts & Cookies with Santa**

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# POSF Rules and Regulations

1. The recommended safe speed for Shenandoah Farms roads is **15 mph**. Shenandoah Farms roads are dedicated as “highways” for law enforcement purposes. Therefore, they are subject to all Virginia traffic laws. The use of ATVs is prohibited. See Warren County Code 172-2-B and Virginia Code Title 46.2-915.1.
2. Warren County Code 66-32-D requires all dogs to be on a leash.
3. Release of raw or untreated sewage is a violation of Health Department and Department of Environmental Quality ordinances.
4. No dumping is allowed in Shenandoah Farms. All trash removal is the responsibility of the landowner or resident. Warren County provides a dumpster at the intersection of Howellsville Rd. and Blue Mountain Rd.
5. Warren County Code 123-2 prohibits loud or disturbing noises. Virginia Code 18.2-416 prohibits violent or abusive language tending to create a disturbance of the peace, etc.
6. Warren County Code 110-1-C prohibits hunting in Shenandoah Farms. Most Shenandoah Farms covenants prohibit the discharge of firearms except in self defense.
7. Virginia law forbids destruction or damage to any common property or recreation facility, including the cutting of timber, without written permission from POSF.

**The following rules apply to the common properties and recreational facilities as defined in the POSF's by-laws:**

1. Common properties and recreational facilities hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The exception is for rental of the recreational center. Any one in non-compliance can be charged with trespassing.
2. Guests to the Shenandoah Farms common properties and recreational facilities must be accompanied by a landowner or resident at all times. Renters must get written permission from their landowner to use the common properties and recreational facilities. A copy must be on file at the POSF office. A pass will be issued to the renter for duration of their lease.
3. Virginia Code Title 35.1 prohibits overnight camping on the common properties and recreational facilities.
4. All common properties and recreational facilities must be left clean for the next user. No glass containers allowed.
5. Swimming and boating at the Shenandoah Farms lakes is at your own risk. Only electric trolling motors are allowed in the lakes. Fishing is in accordance with Virginia law. Virginia law prohibits nude bathing.
6. Open-air fires are prohibited at the common properties and recreational facilities. Barbeques and enclosed fires are permitted. Extinguish all fires before leaving the premises.
7. All vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking areas. No parking is allowed on the grass portion of the lakes and dams. ATVs and untagged dirt bikes are not allowed at the recreational facilities or common properties. See Virginia Code Title 46.2-915.1.
8. No alcohol beverages allowed on any POSF common properties at any time.

**Reminder:**

**NO mud bogging** is allowed in the Farms - it ruins common property.  
Mud boggers will be prosecuted

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**Dear Property Owners of Shenandoah Farms  
(POSF),**

As a newly appointed member of the Board, I would like to thank all you for the opportunity to serve our community. To that end, I would like to request that you complete the following questionnaire and return it to the POSF office by **June 30, 2009**.

As representatives of our community, the POSF Board Members want to better understand your concerns. The purpose of this survey is to determine what our residents support and how the majority of people would like future projects to be prioritized. This questionnaire is an opportunity for all of you to be heard and to guide the growth and improvement of Shenandoah Farms. In order to properly record and report the results, we ask that you complete the questionnaire fully and include your Name, Address, and District. If you have multiple property owners in the same household, please make a photocopy of the questionnaire and allow each property owner to complete their own copy.

In order to be tabulated, the questionnaires **MUST BE SIGNED IN INK** and **MUST INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, and DISTRICT**.

Please note that multiple submissions from the same property owner will be discarded.

Please take the time to complete the questionnaire AND return it as soon as possible (but not later than the end of June 2009).

The questionnaire can be dropped off at the POSF office or placed in a stamped envelope and dropped into the mail.

Please rest assured that **NO** personal information will be published with the results.

The only way we can use this questionnaire as an effective tool is if you participate!

Thank you for your willingness to support this effort.

Best Regards,  
David Coe—Director At-Large—POSF

Please rate the following on a scale of 0 to 5  
with 5 being of high importance/highly agree  
1 being of little importance/disagree.  
0 means "no support"

The roads in Shenandoah Farms are adequately maintained given the budget set aside for maintenance.

0    1    2    3    4    5

Tar and chip projects should be undertaken in Shenandoah Farms

0    1    2    3    4    5

Would you support an ATV trail club that would allow Shenandoah Farms property owners to use the community roads in exchange for an annual permit fee?

0    1    2    3    4    5

Residents not in the sanitation district should be required to pay POSF fees in order to have access to common properties.

0    1    2    3    4    5

Residents not in the sanitation district should be required to pay POSF fees in order to help maintain and improve community roads.

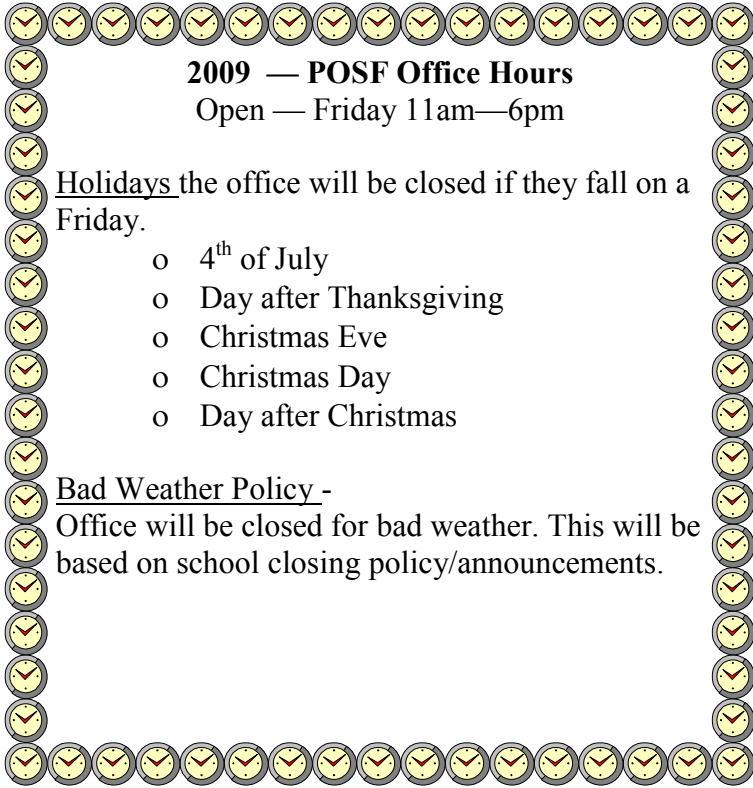
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**Comments and/or Concerns:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**District:**



**2009 — POSF Office Hours**

Open — Friday 11am—6pm

Holidays the office will be closed if they fall on a Friday.

- o 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- o Day after Thanksgiving
- o Christmas Eve
- o Christmas Day
- o Day after Christmas

Bad Weather Policy -

Office will be closed for bad weather. This will be based on school closing policy/announcements.

**Shenandoah Farms Volunteer Fire Dept.**

**Membership meeting**

2nd Tuesday every month @ 7:30pm

**All you can eat Breakfast**

3rd Sunday every month 8am -noon

**Come join the fun!**

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