

Shenandoah Farms



Shenandoah Farms Wildfire Causes Evacuations!

Shenandoah Farms has experienced **2 major fires** where residents were requested to evacuate.

April 2007 fire on Gary Lane & Wendy Hill – 15 acres burned – 1 structure lost – fire origin arson.

February 2011 fire on Lookout Point Way & McDonald Farm – 24 acres burned – 1 structure lost – fire origin house fire under investigation.

Since 2006 Shenandoah Farms has been working with the Virginia Department of Forestry's Firewise program.

2006 Firewise Projects: Created a Protection Plan, Mailed Firewise information explaining Defensible Space around structures, Ordered reflective house numbers for those that requested them, Repair work on Dry hydrants and did a fuel reduction along roads to created better fire breaks

2007 Firewise Projects: Mailed Firewise information, Ordered reflective house numbers for those that requested them, Fuel Reduction along roads to created better fire breaks and Community Day.

2008 Firewise Projects: Ordered reflective house numbers for those that requested them

2009 Firewise Projects: Installed 4 Cul-de-sac (Turn around)

2010 Firewise Projects: Created and mailed over 1300 Emergency Evacuation Booklets to 911 addresses and Fuel Reduction along roads to created better fire breaks. If you did not receive an Evacuation Booklet – stop by the office we have extras.

With the most recent fire Shenandoah Farms and VDOF are planning a Project to mitigate fuel load for defensible space. For Defensible Space information go to Shenandoah Farms Website and click on Firewise defensible space flyer

During March 1 - 30, Individual property owners will be responsible for getting their woody yard debris to the side of the road in front of their home for chipping. Once this is done contact POSF office with the following information Your Name – Your Property Address and the Location and Number of Brush Piles.

Brush Piles need to consist of woody yard debris, downed trees and logs—**not to be over 8-inches in diameter.**

NO ITEMS Other Than Tree or Shrub Debris Will Be Handled!!!

This information will be added to the list that will be given to VDOF. Deadline for reporting brush piles is

Thursday March 31st, 2011 by 2PM

VDOF will have a company chip & remove the piles, thus reducing the fuel load which reduces the risk of an uncontrollable wildfire. To summarize, Shenandoah Farms is considered to be a community with an

Extreme risk of wildfire.

The Shenandoah Farms Property Owners Association,

Shenandoah Farms VFD and the Virginia Department of Forestry are taking steps to reduce that risk.

We need the support and participation of the residents and community members to make this a success!!!

Property Owners of
Shenandoah Farms, Inc.
6401 Howellsville Rd.
Front Royal, VA 22630
540/837-2068



**Shenandoah Farms
Is a
Firewise
Community**

www.shenandoahfarms.org

Sanitary District Manager Report
Chris Fisher, Sanitary District Manager for Warren County

Hello,

I wanted to introduce myself and give an overview of what I do and what can be expected. I am responsible for the maintenance and repairs on the road system in the Warren County portion of Shenandoah Farms, in addition to the dams at Lake of the Clouds and Spring Lake. This includes routine road and drainage maintenance and repairs, response during inclement weather such as snow removal, and as the budget permits, road improvement projects.

First of all, for those of you who haven't already been in contact with me, I wanted to share my contact information. I can be reached in several ways. By phone and fax at the Sanitary District Office, the phone number is (540) 636-3783 and the fax number is (540) 636-3517. I also have a section on the Warren County Website. The web address is www.warrencountyva.net, under Departments click on "Shen Farms Sanitary District". I will post useful information on this site as well as provide notices in the "Notices/Comments" section. Finally I can be reached at my email address which is cfisher@warrencountyva.net. This email address is also posted on the County website. The office is located at 126 East Second Street in Front Royal. Due to the fact I spend a good portion of my time in the field and there is no one to man the office full-time, I can monitor my emails and voicemail when out of the office. I have also created an address list for those residents who wish to receive important email updates from me, If you wish to be on this list just send me an email from your address requesting to be added. Finally, if there is ever a road related emergency you can call the Warren County Sheriff's Department at (540) 635-4128. They will assess the situation and contact me in the event I need to respond.

As for my duties, I am responsible for the overall management of the road system, from field work to the administrative operations such as the management of the budget, recordkeeping, purchasing, contract development and advertisement, and resident relations as it pertains to road issues. In the field, I personally perform minor maintenance operations as well as identify work to be performed by contractors and coordinate and inspect their operations.

As for future road improvements, Warren County has contracted with an engineering firm to perform a comprehensive road and drainage study and develop a plan for the optimal design of the roads based on the anticipated traffic volumes and drainage areas that the roads system's culverts and drainage structures serve. The priority for future improvement projects will be based on the findings in this study, as well as those areas where there are persistent maintenance issues.

Please feel free to contact me or visit the website if you have any questions or comments you would like to share.

Thank you,

Chris Fisher

Shenandoah Farms Sanitary District Manager

Road Committee

As Road Chairman of POSF Board of Directors I try to keep in touch with Chris Fisher our Sanitary District Manager every week. I think we have a great working relationship and feel Chris Fisher is going to definitely help our community. Our first snow put him to the test and I think he did a great job.

I would like to remind all residents that it is your responsibility to clean out your culverts and ditches. This will help in saving our roads from wash outs and rutting up so badly.

Also 4 wheelers & ATVs are a big problem in Shenandoah Farms as we all know, ATVs are NOT PERMITTED on Shenandoah Farms roads. If you see or hear any ATV activity in your neighborhood please contact the Sheriffs Office and file a complaint. We need everyone's help in resolving this problem.. If you don't want to call the Sheriff, then at least contact the office or myself and we can report the problem for you.

Thank You, Willy Surface
Road Chairman

CLOSED DUMPSTER

Warren County refuse/recycle collection sites will be closed on Wednesdays for the remainder of the fiscal year. This action was determined necessary by the Board of Supervisors of Warren County during their recent budget preparation process. The Wednesday only closure is expected to save the County approximately \$46,000 during the upcoming fiscal year and help avoid more drastic action such as employee layoffs at the convenience sites.

All Warren sites are closed on Wednesdays, however, the only site struggling with these closures is the site at Shenandoah Farms. Residents are still dropping off trash and debris which is causing a strain for the employees who work this site. Fines will now be implemented and violators will be prosecuted. Please assist with this problem and do not continue to use this site on Wednesdays. Thank You,.

LITTER & FINES

We are also struggling with a larger amount of litter on the sides of our roads and also large trash dumping on some common areas and roadside dumping. Shenandoah Farms residents have approached the Board of Directors and asked for their assistance in reminding all residents to **“Please Respect Our Community”** and also one another. Littering is a finable offense, \$50-\$500 fines, and violators will be prosecuted as it is becoming a health issue and also an eyesore within our community. Please report violators to the Warren or Clarke County Sheriffs Office. We do have a group of residents volunteering in collecting trash off roadsides and also a few residents collecting the tires found randomly dumped thru out the area. These volunteers are using their vehicles and gas to remove the tires and take them to County landfill.

THANK YOU! To the residents who are willing to assist and serve in our Community! We need more people like you and it will help us enjoy our community even more!! If you would like to join this group of volunteers, please email or call the office and we can help you join this group and

Willy Surface
Common Property Chairman

THANK YOU!!

On a positive note:

To all the residents out there who assist one another in time of need! Such as when you are “stuck in the ditch” in 10 inches of snow or ice!!

The people in Shenandoah Farms really pull together to watch out for one another and this shows we have great people in our community! And a great community to enjoy!!

Thank You all for helping one another!!! I hope this type of hospitality comes out in every season and not just with the ice & snow, although it is greatly appreciated and a wonderful feeling when your neighbors pull together to help you and or one another!

Recreation Committee

Cathy Remmers-Chairman

Easter Egg Hunt with a visit from the Easter Bunny, Saturday April 23 2011
11:00 am to 1:00 pm, \$2.00 per person.

5th Annual Community Day, Saturday June 4 , 2011
11:00 am to 3:00 pm, No cost to Shenandoah Farms Residents

Halloween Party with pumpkin patch and hayride, Saturday October 22, 2011
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, \$2.00 per person

Annual Christmas Cookie and Craft Night with Chorus Hayride, Saturday Dec 3, 2011
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, \$2.00 per person

Chairman's Article

Hello Neighbors,

I hope that you have been enjoying the winter so far. It has been a welcome change from last winter. It has been quite cold, but at least there has been less snow to plow. The POSF Board of Directors and the Warren County Board of Supervisors are close to finalizing a new agreement for the Sanitary District. The Sanitary District Manager would be in charge of maintenance, upgrades, and snow removal for the roads within the Sanitary District, as well as maintenance, inspections, and upgrades for the earthen dams at Spring Lake and Lake of the Clouds in the Sanitary District. The Warren County Board of Supervisors will also assume responsibility for the principal and interest payments on the loan taken out to repair and upgrade the Lake of the Clouds Dam to State Standards. The POSF Board of Directors will retain control of maintenance and upgrades at the common properties within the district. The board looks forward to working closely with the Sanitary District Manager, Chris Fisher as the advisory board. We also hope to see you at one of the General Meetings scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9AM in the Community Center.

Sincerely,
Matt Pearson
Chairman

Shenandoah Farms Board of Directors

THINK GREEN! REDUCE REUSE & RECYCLE!

SHENANDOAH FARMS IS GOING GREEN! OUR SEASON NEWSLETTER WILL BE ELECTRONIC FOR 3 ISSUES & ONE WILL BE PRINTED AND MAILED ANNUALLY. THIS IS TO REDUCE COSTS AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT ALSO. PLEASE SEE BELOW IF YOU STILL WISH TO RECEIVE THESE NEWSLETTER!S

Public Relations Committee Article

Hello,

Please consider this your final printed newsletter unless you complete the form below and mail it to the address provided. The form will notify the board/office that you wish to continue receiving mailed copies of the newsletter. We will continue creating three to four Newsletters per year, but only the Summer Newsletter will be mailed as it will contain the ballot. All other Newsletters will be posted on the Shenandoah Farms Website (<http://shenandoahfarms.org/>) on the Newsletter Page. This will bring the community into the 21st Century, as well as save money in postage and printing to be used elsewhere in the community.

Please complete the form below and mail or drop it off at the office located at:
POSF 6401 Howellsville Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630.

-----Cut Along Dotted Line-----

Name:	
Address:	
Section / Lot #:	

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 alcoholic beverages allowed on any POSF common properties at any time.

COMMON PROPERTIES

By Common Properties Chairman: Willy Surface

Do you know some of the benefits you have as a Shenandoah Farms resident?
You can access our common properties, lakes & playgrounds as long as you have a
Shenandoah Farms sticker displayed.

Also as a resident you are able to rent the POSF Community Center
for your Birthday Parties, Picnics, Family Reunions or any event that you wish.

When you rent the community center you gain access to
the large room with many tables & chairs, kitchen facilities including microwave, refrigerator & stove.
Two Restroom facilities, back patio with 8 picnic tables under a covered patio
and large yard for picnics bar b ques.

We have had many successful events and also many family rentals of the community center!
Keep that in mind when you plan for your upcoming baby showers, graduations, birthday parties etc!!!!
Call the office at 540/837-2068 or see our website at

shenandoahfarms.org

for the rental forms and info!

Enjoy all your community has to offer!!!

Please help to keep our common properties clean & safe. Please report any necessary repairs and/or any vandalism you may notice when you are visiting our community common areas. We are currently having an issue with residents using motorized vehicles on the dam at Lake of the Clouds, this is a serious issue and the Warren County Sheriffs office is also aware of this problem and they are assisting POSF with monitoring anyone driving on the dam. If you are caught on the dam with ANY type of vehicle, either on road or off-road vehicle, you will be fined and the vehicle impounded. You will also be charged with restoring the grounds back to original condition.

CREDIT FOR FIREWISE PROGRAM

Did you know that any time you remove fallen or dead trees from your property or the surrounding properties POSF can obtain credit hours with Department of Forestry to help us with our Firewise programs. Keep track of the hours and number of people you use to clean up dead or fallen trees and turn into POSF office so we can count your efforts as "in-Kind" hours towards our upcoming projects thru Virginia Department of Forestry. Any time you clean up trees, leaves, limbs & debris that could be flammable in and around your house, you are reducing the risk of a forest fire and also keeping the "fuel" reduced that makes these fires blaze out of control. Everyone should pitch in and be responsible for their properties and help reduce forest fires! Protect your environment and improve the picturesque settings we live in!

Wanted: Nominations for the Board of Directors

The Property Owners of Shenandoah Farms, Inc. is currently seeking individuals to fill various available Board Of Director positions. If you are willing to share your experiences and are committed to the success of our community - **We need you!** Since our election in September is quickly approaching, if you are interested in volunteering your time, resources and energy to the community by running for an available position, please submit a letter of interest or address inquiries to Ralph Rinaldi, Nominating Committee Chair, c/o the office at shenandoahfarms@comcast.net

Thank you,
Ralph Rinaldi
Director At Large
Nominating Committee Chairman

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PASTOR JOANNE OSBORNE

SUNDAY SERVICE: 9AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30AM

For more information, call (540)-636-7165

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SHENANDOAH FARMS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH SERVES OUR COMMUNITY:

Sometimes there are emergencies on your property beyond your control. With gates and cables going across your roads, it makes the fire department job a little harder to deal with the emergency at hand. Fire service in the big city and small city are using Knox Box pad locks and key boxes. You may say why should I buy a Knox Box? It would give the fire department access to your property in an emergency without damaging your gate or building. This helps the fire department to gain access to deal with the emergency at hand. Feel free to contact Shenandoah Farms Volunteer Fire Department anytime at 540/837-1290 for info or if you are interested in getting a Knox Box. You can also visit www.knoxbox.com



SFVFD
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BREAKFAST
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Shenandoah Farms Volunteer Fire Department
6363 Howellsville Rd
Front Royal, VA 22630
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2011 — POSF Office Hours

Open — Thursdays
10am—2pm

Bad Weather Policy -

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

Messages left at office 540/837-2068 will be monitored closely and many times during inclement weather.

Shenandoah Farms has a Sanitary District Manager who is responsible for road maintenance and concerns in Warren County. Please retain his contact information so you can contact him with any questions or concerns you may have. Clarke County residents can continue to contact the POSF office with questions or concerns. Thank You.

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