Bike and Pedestrian Path Update
By Steve Mouton
Good news on the County’s plans to build bike and pedestrian paths around our Vantage Pointe Community, specifically along Mooreview Parkway, Croson Lane, and Claude Moore Ave. Construction for the project was approved by the Board of Supervisors in January, and is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2016!

The Vantage Pointe HOA Board originally raised the need for bike and pedestrian paths in Fall 2014 with our then Loudoun County Supervisor for Broad Run, Shawn Williams, who met with the HOA board along with other relevant officials to understand our concerns. We were primarily concerned that walking on our adjacent roads with vehicle traffic was a safety-issue for our residents.

Shawn Williams helped us engage with the County in infrastructure studies around the planned Metro Station. We’re pleased that the County has agreed to fill these most immediate gaps in the paths surrounding Vantage Pointe before turning to the new infrastructure directly supporting Metro.

Vantage Pointe Road Crack Repair Update
By John Mancuso
We’ve observed several fairly large cracks in the asphalt pavement on our neighborhood roads. We raised the issue with VDOT Loudoun County maintenance staff late last year. I was notified earlier this month that VDOT Loudoun County maintenance has submitted the roads in our Vantage Pointe subdivision to VDOT’s Infrastructure Management Section for review and “likely inclusion” on a future resurfacing project. I am seeking a more definitive VDOT timeframe for the repairs. I plan to revisit this with VDOT later in the summer if the repairs have not been completed.

Carr Homes’ Development of the Former Robey Property
By Shawn Milletary
Carr Homes’ development efforts are expected to begin shortly on a townhouse community situated on the old “Robey” property near the entrance to Vantage Pointe Place. Per a Carr Homes representative in January, “we’re hoping to start moving dirt in Ashburn within the next couple months.” Stay tuned for more updates.

Middle and High School Boundary Changes
By Tom Schubert
The Loudoun County School Board will begin an extensive review of elementary and middle school attendance zone boundaries that could impact students at as many as 44 schools in eastern, central and parts of western Loudoun. The changes to attendance zones are needed ahead of the opening of a middle school (MS-9) and high school (HS-11) in Brambleton. Plus, boundary lines in the Leesburg area will be changed to address projected overcrowding at Evergreen Mill Elementary School as a result of changes to the attendance map adopted by the School Board in December.
As part of the boundary change process, the board will hold several work sessions and public hearings. The meeting schedule for attendance changes related to MS-9 and HS-11 is: Public hearings, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, Monday, April 4, Monday, April 11; boundary map adoption, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10.

The public hearings will be held at the school administration building, 21000 Education Court in Ashburn.

Vantage Pointe students currently attend Stone Hill Middle School and Rock Ridge High School. School assignments for Vantage Pointe Students may be changed as part of the boundary change process. Plan to attend public hearings and sign up to speak if you want to voice your preference for which schools you prefer.

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**Spring Cleaning**

*By John Mancuso*

Spring is finally here. Many of us have already been outside working on our yards. And most of us take great pride in our homes and yards. We have an obligation to maintain our properties per HOA guidelines to keep up the excellent appearance of our neighborhood. For more on homeowner obligations, please see these links:

- [Vantage Pointe Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions](#) (see Article VI)
- [Vantage Pointe HOA Handbook](#) (see Section VIII)

Something that appears to be affecting many Vantage Pointe homes is *siding mildew*. Power washing is a common means to remove that mildew. Provided below are some companies that are able to perform the work. Please feel free to reach out to them.

- **America’s #1 Powerwash**, 703-777-1101, john@americaspowerwash.com; 10% off for Vantage Pointe residents if you mention that you are part of our community! Call or email them for free estimate.
- **The Power Washers**, 703-939-9812; call or contact them via their website for a free estimate
- **East Coast Powerwashing**, 703-472-5578; call or text them for a free estimate

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**HOA Neighborhood Assessments**

*By Vantage Pointe HOA Board*

Our HOA Management Company will conduct assessments of our neighborhood homes sometime in the Spring. Please assess your properties and correct any issues that may be out of compliance with our HOA covenants, such as trees with branches encroaching on the sidewalks or siding mildew, to avoid any violation notices. You can refer to the Declaration of Covenants and Vantage Pointe HOA Handbook for clarification of homeowner responsibilities.

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**Exterior Modification Requests**

*By Vantage Pointe HOA Board*

Reminder that homeowners interested in making exterior modifications (e.g. new deck, fence, pool) are required to complete and submit for review a description of the work prior to initiating the work. The review/approval process is necessary to preserve the character of our neighborhood and maintain a standard for architectural aesthetics. The “Exterior Modification Request Package” forms are available on [FirstService Residential Connect website](#) as well as on our [public community website](#).

The Architectural Review Committee (AKA Covenants Committee) is required to provide approval or disapproval to the homeowner within forty-five (45) days post receipt. Also note that homeowners are required to complete projects and remove all excess building materials within three months of ARC approval to begin the project, per our covenants. If a homeowner fails to include any required information in their application, it may result in the package being considered incomplete, restarting the review timeline.
A High-Tech “Smart City” Is Coming
By John Mancuso

As featured in a recent Loudoun Times-Mirror publication and online at their website, developers are planning to begin construction soon on the “Gramercy District”, a 2.5 million-square-foot, $500 million development on 16 acres fronting the north side of the Dulles Greenway, adjacent to the planned Ashburn Metro station on the Silver Line. A local Reston technologist and a Chantilly-based private equity company that invests in real estate, technology and renewable energy, have enlisted partners, including Microsoft, to bring this vision to Ashburn. Comstock’s 26-acre Loudoun Station, already partially developed, will house one of two 3,500-space Ashburn Metro garages. Commuters will have to pass through Gramercy District. The goal of creating a smart city – to include luxury apartments, retail space, a high-tech business center, a hotel, office buildings, and parking – is to use technology to improve the efficiency of services and meet residents’ needs.

The Smart City may entail the use of real-time systems and sensors that collect data from citizens and objects – then process the data in real-time. The information and knowledge gathered are keys to tackling inefficiency. Or as one person who left a comment to the online Loudoun Times-Mirror article, information and knowledge gathered may be nothing more than an invasion of privacy. “‘Smart’ is a euphemism for ‘surveillance’. You drones have fun living in Big Brother land.”

Do you find the idea of a “Smart City” exciting, or does the idea scare you due to privacy concerns? Is this progress or do you see this as being ripe for potential negative impacts, like hacking or data congestion, which could grind Ashburn civilization to a halt? Stay tuned!

Social Committee Happenings

Kick-Off-the-Summer Block Party

Vantage Pointe homeowners and friends are invited to a kick off the summer season together. In a few months time, the VP HOA Social Committee is organizing a block party for our community adults and children to grab a bite and be social. With school letting out the following week, everyone should be in good spirits – everyone, that is, BUT the parents! Hope to see everyone there.

- **When?** Saturday, June 11, 2016 starting at 3PM
- **Where?** In the Vantage Pointe Place cul-de-sac in front of the home of Guillermo and Rosa Castellon at 22119 Vantage Pointe Place
- **What Will We Have?** We’ll cook hotdogs and hamburgers, and have sodas/water on ice. We’ll also have tables for you to set down anything that you bring.
- **What Can You Bring?** Please bring desserts or side dishes, as well as your favorite beverages. Also, we suggest that you bring your own chairs to sit and relax.
**Ladies Night Out (LNO)**
Residents interested in hosting LNO for any upcoming months in 2016 should email the Social Committee. LNO is a fun event for neighborhood ladies to get together to meet or get reacquainted, relax, and unwind. The events are typically held once monthly and advertised via social media (Evite, Facebook, Twitter) to all neighborhood residents. The Social Committee helps to organize these fun events that are at no cost to neighborhood homeowners to attend.

**Connect with Us!**

**Community Communications**
To be included in the community email distribution list, please send an email to our Communications Committee. Your email addresses are kept private and are only used by the HOA Board to communicate effectively with homeowners.

**Vantage Pointe Facebook Group**
The Vantage Pointe Facebook Group is for a private space to share community information and concerns. It should not be used for solicitation purposes, personal attacks or offensive content. For privacy purposes, our Facebook group is set to secret. If you would like to be added, you may send a friend request to Heather Prouty Engen or Ken Tucker and ask that they add you to the group.

**Vantage Pointe Twitter**
Search for @VantagePointeVA.

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