

MERIFIELD ACRES NEWSLETTER

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MALA Web Site: Apparently there are many Merifield Landowners who are not aware of the MALA web page(s). If you have internet access, this is a great way of staying abreast of the happenings within the community. You can access the latest minutes from the Board of Directors, the latest Newsletter, maps of the roads, names of the Board Members, and there is a copy of the Merifield Covenants.

Open Burning: There continues to be confusion within the community regarding the burning of leaves, trash, and other debris. There is a sign placed by the Forest Service at the Merifield entrance that gives advice regarding "approved burning". This sign is in reference to burning on Government Property Only. Covenants of Merifield, Inc. expressly prohibit "open" burning of debris on private lots and common properties. With the two recent devastating home fires we've experienced, everyone is especially sensitive to this issue.

Rabies: Over the past three months, there have been two instances of rabies found in raccoons in Mecklenburg County. In one case, there were two dogs involved, and the County was forced to quarantine the dogs despite the fact they had been vaccinated recently. This is another reason to confine your pets to your property.

Deer Control: The Board of Directors feels that Felix Anderson and the Deer Control Committee is continuing to do an excellent job of managing the Merifield "Deer Hunt". The Board has authorized additional available hunting days from December 26, 2002 through February 11, 2003. The hunting area remains restricted to the acreage bordered by Merifield Drive, Lakepoint Drive, and Hazlenut Drive. To date, hunter participation has been limited, with a maximum of six hunters experienced on only one day. Most days have involved 0 – 2 hunters. Through, December 25, there had been seven deer killed: Four does, Two antlerless bucks, and one antlered animal. Maximum reduction remains at 25 without further approval of the Board of Directors.

Roads: Repairs and paving scheduled for October/November are being postponed until the March/April time frame due to rains and early winter weather. This expenditure will still come from the 2002 Budget, and the contract work will be performed at the 2002 quoted price.

Mud on the Roads: With the level of development in Merifield and the recent rains (finally), it is necessary to remind everyone of the policy prohibiting mud on the MALA roadways. This may be difficult in some instances, but your neighbors don't enjoy driving their clean cars through your mud.

E-mail Addresses: It remains an ongoing effort to gather and update e-mail addresses for all of our landowners. If you have a new address, please advise mala@kerrlake.com

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2003, at the Clarksville Public Library, immediately following the Special Membership Meeting outlined in the attached document.

The Board of Directors wishes all of our landowners a safe and prosperous New Year.