

OLNEY DAYS, APRIL 29-MAY 1

Olney Days is coming back after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19! The popular local event started with a parade nearly 40 years ago. The weekend of events kicks off with a Family Movie Night at 8 p.m. on



Friday, April 29, at the OBGC Freeman Fields, and culminates with a parade starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1 (North on Georgia Avenue, from Prince Phillip Drive to Spartan Road). Joe's Ride and Stride bike ride to benefit the Joseph Patrick Sanford Foundation will begin and end in the Oakdale Church parking lot from 7-10 a.m. on

Saturday, April 30, A full day of activities will be held at Olney Manor Park, beginning 3 p.m. on Saturday and ending with fireworks at dark (weather permitting). For more details about Olney Days and a full schedule of events, [go https://www.olneycivicfund.org/entire-schedule.html](https://www.olneycivicfund.org/entire-schedule.html).

CLEAR THE CLUTTER

Spring is the perfect time to dust away those cobwebs, both inside and outside the house. But the first place to start is clearing the clutter! Here are some resources to help with that.

Bulk Trash

Homeowners are eligible to receive five bulk trash collections each calendar year to discard non-recyclable items that cannot fit into your trash can. To schedule a pick-up, call Montgomery County's Customer Service Center at 311 (or 240-777-0311) by 7:00 p.m. on the business day before your collection day and provide a list of the items you wish to discard. They can advise you about what items are eligible for pick-up and which may be brought to the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road.

Yard Trim

Place yard trim (leaves, grass, brush) in special paper yard trim bags, reusable containers labels with a yard trim decal, or bundle your material (for example twigs and small branches) on your regular curbside pick-up day. Do not use paper grocery bags or plastic shopping bags for yard trim collection.

Free Paper Shred and Electronics Recycling Event

As part of Olney Days 2022, a free paper shred and electronics recycling event will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30 in the parking lot behind Sandy Spring Bank (17801 Georgia Avenue). Limit is 3 boxes or large bags (no newspapers). Acceptable electronic items include computers (desktop & towers), servers, hard drives, circuit boards, UPS battery backups, flat screen monitors, printers, DVD players, VCRs, modems, electric motors, rechargeable batteries (lithium ion or NiCad), cell phones, video games, cords (no TVs).

Donate Household Goods

Olney residents are fortunate to have the Thrift Shop of the Montgomery General Hospital Women's Board conveniently located at 2805 Olney-Sandy Spring Road. The Thrift Shop accepts donations of clothes and household goods, from 2-4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For questions about what items are accepted, call 301-774-9638.

BE CONSIDERATE ABOUT NOISE LEVELS



Now that warmer weather has arrived, it's time to enjoy the outdoors, relaxing, working on the house or in the yard. You may also be looking forward to hosting outdoor graduation parties and other celebrations. While planning outdoor work or festivities, please keep in mind the level of noise that your activities may be creating, especially if outdoor activities stretch into the evening.

Some examples of excessive noise levels from common homeowner activities can include prolonged dog barking, gas powered leaf blowers and lawn mowers, motorcycles, and outdoor music and PA systems.

Be aware of the county and state regulations and laws governing noise control:

- Montgomery County has noise control laws in place. The county has designated quiet hours, during which time the noise coming from a property cannot exceed a maximum level. Quiet hours are 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. on weekdays and 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. on weekends/holidays. You can learn how to reduce or avoid making noise, and how to report it, on the county's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise.html
- The Maryland State Motor Vehicle Code governs noise from motorized vehicles (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs).

In addition, our HOA's Declaration of Covenants (accessible at www.olneycrossingmd.org) states that "no noxious or offensive activity shall ... in any way unreasonably interfere with the quiet enjoyment of each of the Owners of his respective dwelling unit...."

Be proactive: Let your neighbors know when you are going to have a gathering that may get noisy and how long it will last.

What to do if you have a neighbor who you feel is causing excessive noise: If you are unhappy with noise coming from a neighbor's house, there are reasonable ways to approach the situation before making a formal complaint. Try speaking to your neighbor calmly before contacting the authorities. Try to work out a compromise of a time limit on loud noise. Remind the neighbor that the cutoff time for loud noise is 9 p.m.

What to do when détente does not work: You may report noise disturbances to the county at 311 (or 240-777-0311) during daytime hours, or to the police non-emergency line at 301-279-8000, daytime or after hours. You may be directed to file a two-party noise complaint form, which can be found at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/noise. You may report excessive dog barking to the county's Animal Control Department at (240) 773-5925, especially if you believe that the animal is in distress.

Keep in mind: The best way to avoid having a complaint made against you or having to make a complaint against your neighbors is to keep ongoing positive communications with them. That way when the time comes to ask them to cut back on the noise, or respond to a noise complaint from your neighbors, you can discuss the matter with mutual respect and neighborliness.