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Spring Clean Up-Day for Seminary Ridge is set for Earth Day, this Saturday, April 20, and this year, to honor the *50th anniversary of our neighborhood*, the SRCA Board decided to do something a little different than year's past and recommend folks focus on their own properties rather than the few communal areas our neighborhood has.

Subject to families' various commitments and prior obligations, consider Earth Day a time to make the Seminary Ridge neighborhood even more attractive to those living here and to those who wish to purchase homes here. Seminary Ridge is well located, and current home sales reflect that people find our location near D.C. and Old Town enticing.



To support spring sales and freshen up the neighborhood after a wet winter season, the SRCA Board suggests the following as you focus on "exterior spring cleaning" of your homes:

- **Landscaping 101:** Edge your sidewalks. Prune overgrown bushes. Weed as necessary. Plant flowers and trees. Mulch flower and tree beds.
- **Power Washing:** From driveways, sidewalks, garage doors, and siding, power washing can remove years of built-up dirt, grime and mold.
- **Get the City Involved:** Request that the City plant shade trees on the utility strip in front of your home. This can be done by calling 311, and, shockingly, the City has been receptive to numerous neighbor requests over the last several years.
- **Trash Collection:** After trash and recycling days, make sure to position all receptacles off the street and to the sides or backyards of your homes. As temperatures warm, be cognizant of the many critters we have that roam our neighborhood looking for that loose trash can lid to climb in and find dinner!
- **Leisure Vehicles:** We all love a good boat ride or RV trip through the Shenandoah, but please remember boats, campers, trailers, and the like should not be parked in driveways or our neighborhood streets.

Embracing the 50th anniversary of Seminary Ridge, the SRCA Board hopes all neighbors take the time to help our homes and community shine during this momentous year. If you have a neighbor who may need assistance, lend a hand, or let the SRCA Board know and we can help coordinate some help. From original owners to newly-moved families, there is also an abundance of lawn care, home care and other services that folks can provide recommendations for so please don't hesitate to reach out. For example, **mark your calendars for April 27th, as the annual Native Plant Sale kicks off again at the Church of St. Clement off Quaker Lane.** See <http://www.northernalexandrianativeplantsale.org/> for details - always an excellent resource for flowers and plants that flourish in our climate.

Lastly, looking ahead to May and cleaning out our basements, garages and homes, **SRCA plans to host the Annual Community Yard Sale May 18th**, with more information to come so stay tuned.

Hope everyone has a great week, and we look forward to seeing folks out and about this Saturday!

Best,
SRCA Board