

# VANTAGE QUARTERLY

## JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL VANTAGE COMMUNITY PICNIC!!

WHEN: Saturday September 9, 2017  
11 am – 3 pm

WHERE: Vantage “Swirly Slide” Park

Join your friends and neighbors for this year’s community picnic sponsored by the Vantage Homeowners Association!

There will be bouncy houses, face painting and other fun things for kids at the park, and burgers, hot dogs, drinks and more for all to enjoy. Don’t miss it – we have a blast every year!

Also, if you can spare an hour, please also consider volunteering to help with set up or wrap up this year. This picnic is an all-volunteer event, and we could use your help! If you can help out, please contact Courtney Stockman at 703-338-3221 or just come by and help out! Set up is 10-11 am, and wrap up is 2:30-3:30 pm.



### Vantage on the Web

Come visit us at [www.vantagehoa.org](http://www.vantagehoa.org) to find minutes from Board meetings and sample disclosure package materials. We also post pictures from community events. Learn about what’s going on in our community, find out when the next yard sale will be, or send questions to the Board.

Vantage also has a presence on Facebook! Join your neighbors in liking Vantage at [www.facebook.com/vantageresidents](https://www.facebook.com/vantageresidents). It is intended as another way to share information: post about services sought or offered like babysitting or dog walking; ask how-to questions or respond with recommendations; notify neighbors of good or bad experiences with contractors; or alert neighbors to crime or suspicious activities.

You can also keep up with your neighbors and neighborhood issues on the NextDoor app. If you would like to join the community there, drop the Board a line through the link below and we will send you an invitation!

<http://www.vantagehoa.org/contact>

**Vantage Community**  
**Fall Yard Sale !!**  
October 14, 2017

## Annual Meeting of the Vantage Homeowners Association



WHEN: Monday October 16, 2017  
7:30 – 9 pm

WHERE: St. Mark's Church (6744 S. Kings Hwy.)

Please join us for the Vantage Homeowners Association annual meeting. You will receive proxy letters by mail in the coming months but coming in person allows you to ask any questions of the board, make suggestions and volunteer to make our community even better (see particular vacant positions on the last page!). Come with questions!

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## Remembering Norma

The Vantage community has lost a remarkable resident and tireless champion this summer. Norma Hoffman passed away in June, at the age of 91. She is widely remembered for her love of Huntley Meadows park and unflagging efforts to protect it from county development. She was also a vibrant presence at the annual Vantage picnic. There was always a crowd around her table, where she would tell everyone who stopped by about the wonders in the park and remind us all why it is so important to fight for this natural space we are so lucky to have right next door.

As described in her obituary, “her most lasting legacy was saving Huntley Meadows Park, a 1,500-acre wetlands oasis in Fairfax County. For 15 years, she fought county officials who were dead set to build a four-lane highway through the park. Norma assembled a team of 600 scientists, lawyers and concerned citizens and convinced the federal government to rescind the county’s approval of the road. While forceful in battle, Norma never made an enemy. For her leadership, she received more than 30 county, state and national awards, including being named in 1992 as one of the Sierra Club’s “100 Environmental Heroes” and as the Virginia Wildlife Federation’s “Conservationist Of The Year.” The park’s visitors’ center bears her name. She also co-founded Friends of Historic Huntley, which drove the preservation of the former mansion of George Mason’s grandson, which now is on the National Register of Historic Places. Throughout her life, Norma was a beacon of good cheer, generosity and selflessness. A natural teacher, children flocked to her, even in a remote Amazon River village. Norma found beauty in the most mundane, such as the pattern in a hospital bay curtain most would not even notice. Nature fed her soul, as did a good belly laugh. And chocolate. Norma made fast friends during elevator rides, and was the first to come to the side of friends and family in need.”

She will be sorely missed!

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## Write In To The Vantage Quarterly!

Do you want to alert neighbors to an issue or concern that may affect them? Did you see interesting wildlife in the community? Is your child in a school play? Tell the community about it! If you have news you would like to share with the Vantage community, submit an article for a future issue to [vantagevillager@yahoo.com](mailto:vantagevillager@yahoo.com). All submissions will be reviewed by the editors and published subject to space available and subject matter.

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## Selling Your Home?

If you are planning to sell your home, you need to request a disclosure package from the Association. A written request should be mailed to the address below, including the current owners' names, street address of the property, street address to which the disclosure package should be mailed, and a check for \$50 payable to Vantage Homes Association. Please permit a minimum of two weeks to process your request.

Vantage Homes Association, Inc.  
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### **Vantage Needs You!**

Are you looking for a way to become more involved with your community? As you can see, Vantage has several vacancies for committees that are important to making our community a vibrant and welcoming place. Let one of the Directors know if you can help out!

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