### **TEXT NOTIFICATIONS**



Are you interested in receiving text messages about things that may impact you as a resident? We promise not to bombard you with texts! You can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time. Follow the simple instructions below to subscribe to text notifications:

- VIA TEXT. In your phone, enter 30890 as the phone number you want to send a text to, and enter the words join northbeachalerts in the message area, then hit send.
- ONLINE SIGNUP. From the homepage of the town's website, click on **Subscribe to Text Notifications** and follow the steps to add contact details.

Some examples of text notifications are road closures, water shut off for repair, water and sewer payment reminders, hydrant flushing and meeting announcements.

#### SUBSCRIBE TO E-NEWS



Residents can subscribe to receive informational emails by visiting the town website homepage and click on the **Subscribe to News** link on the home page. You can choose the topic(s) on which you would like to receive emails. After entering your email address and submitting your request, look in your email box for a confirmation email (this might be hidden in your Junk or Spam Folder). Reply to that email to start receiving town emails.

#### Your cooperation is needed!

Please prune your trees and trim or remove any vegetation that is obstructing or overgrowing the pathway of sidewalks, streets and alleys.

#### HOW TO PRUNE A TREE

Proper pruning practices can help maintain good tree health. Visit <u>www.treesaregood.com</u> for more information about pruning, tree health, and to find an ISA Certified Arborist.

#### **REPORT AN ISSUE**

To report overgrown vegetation or obstructions, utilize the NB Access app, call Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 301.855.6681 or send an email to info@northbeachmd.org.



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## Enhancing Neighborhood Safety by Creating a Safe Pathway

The Department of Public Works is raising awareness to encourage North Beach residents to lend a hand in clearing vegetative obstructions in an effort to create safe and accessible paths. #northbeachmd #livenorthbeachmd

### **Contact Us**



Phone 301.855.6681

Email info@northbeachmd.org



Website www.northbeachmd.org



Normal Business Hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Town Hall 8916 Chesapeake Avenue Sign up for email & text notifications to stay informed!

#### **KNOW THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

#### **CLEAR THE RIGHT-OF-WAY**

To protect public health and safety, it is important to keep streets, sidewalks, and other public areas free of overgrown vegetation. Property owners need to be conscious about managing vegetation on their property to address visibility and safety concerns.

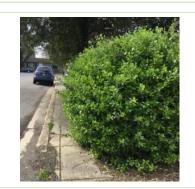
The Department of Public Works is raising awareness to encourage North Beach residents to lend a hand in clearing vegetative obstructions in an effort to create safe and accessible paths (streets, sidewalks, and alleyways) for all users in the public right-of-way. The goal of the campaign is to help educate property owners of their responsibility in keeping the public right-of-way clear of excessive vegetation that is obstructing a pathway. By doing so, the town will increase the functionality of sidewalks, streets, and alleys; and increase safety for all users.

Effective ways to enhance neighborhood safety:

- Trim trees and vegetation to increase safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
- Maintain care and health of the trees on your property. Well-maintained trees provide shade, improve air quality and keep North Beach looking beautiful!
- Call 301.855.6681 or send an email to info@northbeachmd.org to report overgrown vegetation.

#### **EXAMPLES OF OVERGROWN VEGETATION**





### QUESTIONS?

#### What are vegetative obstructions?

Vegetative obstructions include overgrown weeds, trees, plants, shrubs, grass, or any other vegetation that hinder or prevent use of the public right-of-way. Overgrown vegetation is a safety hazard and limits the accessibility and visibility of users. *What does the "public right-of-way" mean?* 

Part of the land in the Town of North Beach is dedicated as "public right-ofway" for streets, sidewalks, alleys, utilities, and other public uses. The right-of-way typically extends 5 to 7 feet back from the edge of a street, but can vary across the town.

## What is a property owner or occupant's responsibility?

Property owners or occupants are responsible for cutting and maintaining trees and all vegetation on their property. It is also the property owner's responsibility to maintain plants, grass, weeds, and private trees that overhang or grown in the public right-of-way.

If trees or vegetation from the property owner's or occupant's property are not being maintained by the owner or occupant and protrude or grow into or onto the right-of-way or public property, the Department of Public Works will trim the vegetation as to maintain safe and accessible paths (streets, sidewalks, and alleyways) for all users.



# What is the Town of North Beach's responsibility?

The Department of Public Works maintains trees and other vegetation in the public right-of-way and will, if necessary, trim and maintain trees and other vegetation protruding or growing from an owner's or occupant's property into or onto the right-of-way or public property if not properly maintained by said property owner or occupant.

## How can I help keep the public right-

of-way safe? Your safety is our primary concern. Here's what you can do to keep yourself, other town residents safe around town: Sidewalks: Keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge of the sidewalk for a clear pathway and at least 8 feet above sidewalks.

Streets/Alleys: Keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the curb line (edge of street or alley) and at least 14 feet above streets or alleys. Grass and Weeds: Keep grass and weeds cut back from the edge of the sidewalk, street, or alley. Maintain grass and weeds at a maximum height of 8 inches throughout property. General: Trim or remove vegetation blocking traffic and pedestrian signs.

**Does Town Code restrict overgrown vegetation**? It is a violation of town code to allow vegetation to overgrow or obstruct the public right-of-way. Visit northbeachmd.org to review Town Code, §93-10 and §108-10.