

# ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

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# 1st Quarter Assessments Due

The first installment of the 2009 assessment is due this week. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to send your check in the amount of \$280 payable to Golf Course View Cluster Association to PO Box 8394, Reston, VA 20195-8394. If you prefer to pay your 2009 assessment in a lump sum and take advantage of the 10% discount, you must mail your check in the amount of \$1,008 by February 1st.

## RA Covenants Administration

In the past six months or so a number of Golf Course View homeowners have been cited for design and/or maintenance violations by the RA Covenants Administration. As we learned at a Covenants Board hearing last September, these citations are the result of an RA policy that whenever a covenants counselor is in the neighborhood, whether to review a homeowner's application for a design change or in response to a complaint about a maintenance problem, the counselor is to inspect every unit in the same row for possible violations.

As many of you have shared with us, these citations have resulted in considerable hassle and, often, considerable expense. And some of them have been very nitpicky. In December cluster president Sandy Dresser sent a letter to the CEO of Reston Association and the Director of Covenants Administration questioning the appropriateness of such a policy and asking that a conscious level of "reasonableness" be applied to all design and maintenance citations and resolutions.

A recent publication put out by RA for cluster presidents noted that the Covenants Administration has also started a program of inspecting entire clusters for design and maintenance violations. In this event RA will send a notification letter to all homeowners in the cluster to be reviewed in advance of the inspection. This policy is certainly fairer in its concept, but may be equally as punitive as the spot inspections.

Reston Association clearly has the authority and the responsibility to maintain the Reston design and maintenance covenants. Our concern is that the process be reasonable and fair. Sandy has been invited to meet with RA leadership next week. She hopes to get some agreement on what is appropriate in terms of design and maintenance inspections and fair to the homeowners.

We'll keep you posted on anything we learn going forward. In the meantime, we should all look at our own property carefully for any design and/or maintenance issues that would catch the eye of an RA inspector and begin to think in terms of making necessary repairs and correcting any violations of, at least, cluster design standards.

### All Of Reston Now A CPD

We received word last week that all of Reston is now a Fairfax County designated **Community Parking District (CPD)**. The County Board of Supervisors approved the application presented through the office of Supervisor Catherine Hudgins on December 8, 2008.

This means that the **same parking restrictions** that have applied to Golf Course Square (the street leading into our cluster from Soapstone to the speed bump by our entrance sign) since last June now apply to **all** Reston streets. Vehicles that are prohibited from parking on Reston streets include: boat trailers, watercraft, RVs and motor homes, camping trailers, trailers or semi trailers even if attached to a vehicle, vehicles with more than two axles, vehicles with a weight rating of 12,000 pounds or more and vehicles that can transport more than 16 passengers, except school buses.

If you need more information about the Community Parking District rules, you'll find a full explanation in the June 2008 ReView that you can print out at the cluster website www.golfcourseview.org. Click on the Newsletters tab and then click on the June 2008 issue.

The two trailers parked on Golf Course Square for the past week or so have been reported to the county police, and we hope they'll be moved or towed away soon. We also hope that the county police will be more responsive to reports of prohibited vehicles in the days ahead.

# Change In Financial Management

All of you should by now be aware that the cluster has a new financial manager, effective January 1 when Barbara Beasley joined our management team.

There is no change in the address of the cluster post office box to which you mail your assessments. We'll continue to print Barbara's contact information in each issue of this newsletter and on our cluster website.

If you want to make a note of that information in your cluster directory, her phone number is 540-554-8887 and her email address is beasleybrbr@aol.com. Whenever you have a question about your account or need a disclosure packet, please leave a message for her and she'll return your call or email as soon as possible.

### Next Board Meeting

The February board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 pm at 2080.

Interested residents are invited to attend.