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Golf Course View Cluster Association

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2nd Quarter Assessment Installments Due April 15th

If you pay your annual assessment on a quarterly basis, your second installment payment of \$280 is due no later than Wed. April 15th.

You should receive an invoice in early April and should mail your check or money order to GCVCA, PO Box 8394, Reston VA 20195-8394.

Snow Plowing Issues

A few of you voiced concerns about the quality of the snow plowing effort earlier this month. At its meeting this week, the board reviewed your concerns in terms of the specifications in our contract with BladeRunners. The review showed that the snow plowing work fully met the terms of our contract and that the sidewalk shoveling far exceeded the terms of our contract. The concerns that were raised reflect either a misunderstanding of the services we're paying for or an interest in contracting for a higher level of service.

Our current plowing contract calls for a truck with a blade to plow the street and parking lots (and apply sand as appropriate) so that residents can safely get their cars in and out of the cluster when there are 2" or more of snow. It does not call for clearing the pavement of snow or ice or for removing snow from the parking lots. Our sidewalk shoveling contract specifies that only the sidewalks facing parking spaces are to be shoveled when there are 4" of snow or more.

Given the concerns expressed by some of you, the board needs to know whether or not a majority of residents would prefer a higher level of snow plowing or shoveling service than that identified in our current contract. Such a contract change would entail a significantly higher cost—as much as \$100 per unit. The forum for making a decision of this kind is the Annual Meeting of the Cluster that will be held the second Monday in June. The board will put this item on the agenda for that meeting.

The Inevitable Reminder

Now that spring is here, we'll all be spending more time in our common areas. Dog owners, please be sure to pick up after your dogs. And please don't hesitate to offer a bag to other dog walkers who may not be adequately prepared.

Landscape Update

There's a lot going on with our common landscape now that winter is, we hope, gone. Here's what you can expect to see in the next few weeks.

- The drainage project behind 2128-2135 has been completed. We expect that this dry creek bed will catch runoff water from both the natural area and the higher ground near the street and carry it to the Courtyard D parking lot.
- The new dry creek beds behind 2159 and 2117-2121 should be completed this week. These projects are designed to cover up muddy areas that are natural drainage channels. These installations and the one mentioned above will look a little "raw" for awhile, but will certainly become more natural in appearance over time.
- The new landscaping at the entrance to Courtyard F is scheduled to be completed on April 23rd. This work will be done in two phases. First sod will be installed where the azalea hedges were and then new plants and rock features will be added.
- BladeRunners will do their spring clean-up in the next couple of weeks. This work includes removing any remaining fall leaves, pruning back perennials like lirioppe, edging landscape beds and applying mulch throughout the cluster.
- BladeRunners will also be doing their spring grass seeding work in the next few weeks. This year the focus of this work will be along Golf Course Drive.
- BladeRunners will do their annual parking lot/street clean-up to remove sand, left over leaves etc. after the maple and oak trees have shed their blossoms. This means we'll be messy for a little while longer, but the clean-up will be more effective.
- Patty Williamson will do her annual walk-through of the cluster with our arborist in April, and the major tree removal and pruning work will be identified, prioritized and scheduled. If you have any particular tree issues, you should contact Patty Williamson as soon as possible to get your tree on the list to be reviewed.

Next Board Meeting

The April board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 pm at 2080.

Interested residents are welcome to attend.