



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

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Annual Meeting Held June 8th

The annual meeting of the cluster association was held last Monday evening. Twenty-five people attended the meeting representing 22 units, creating a quorum.

Snow Services

The highlight of the meeting was a spirited discussion of the cluster's snow services. While the owners of three units expressed strong dissatisfaction with the quality of the snow services provided under our current contract with BladeRunners, when asked whether or not the cluster should increase the level of snow services included in the contract and the amount of money it spends annually on snow services, the majority (80%) said that the current snow services were appropriate to our needs. Two residents agreed to research the range of snow services available from other contractors and submit a report and recommendation to the board by October 1.

Landscape and Trees

Sandy Dresser reported that the landscape improvement budget for 2009 has been spent. This year's major projects included the renewal of the entrance to Courtyard F and the installation of a dry creek swale behind Courtyard E. The major projects for 2010 will be the renewal of the entrances to Courtyards A and E. Sandy will be meeting with interested residents of those two courtyards later this summer to develop the plans for those projects.

Sandy also reported that the list of tree work requested by homeowners has been submitted to the arborist to provide price estimates for each piece of work and then to work with the tree committee to prioritize the work that can be done this year. The intention is to spend the entire \$9,000 budgeted for 2009 in the next few weeks. Tree work is prioritized on the basis of: (1) trees or branches that pose an obvious threat to people or private property, (2) trees or branches that could pose a threat to drivers or pedestrians, (3) trees or branches that are distressed or dying, but present no threat to people or private property, and (4) tree work that is primarily aesthetic rather than necessary.

Board Election

The members elected Andres Quesada to a 1-year term on the board and reelected Bob Williamson and Lenor Hersey to new 3-year terms.

3rd quarter assessment installments are due Wednesday, July 15th.

The August board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 at 7:30 pm at 2080.

Interested residents are invited to attend.

Mosquito Abatement

In recent years mosquitos have gone from being a nuisance to presenting a serious public health threat. Mosquitos breed in standing water and they need only a tiny amount of water to do so. It is critical that all of us consistently eliminate standing water on our property. This means cleaning birdbaths at least once a week, emptying water on a regular basis from trays under flower pots, children's toys, grill covers, etc. and making sure that our gutters are clean, the downspouts are clear, and runoff pipes are adjusted so that all the water drains out. Anything in which rainwater can collect should be stored in basements or sheds.

The Fairfax County Website has an information page that provides excellent guidelines. This page was forwarded to all homeowners who participate in the residents' email system. If you haven't seen it, you can access it at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wneliminate.htm or call Sandy Dresser for a hard copy.

We expect dog owners to clean up after their pets, shouldn't we also expect every resident to be as conscientious about eliminating standing water that breeds mosquitos?

New Board Year Begins

At its annual meeting last Tuesday, the Board of Directors elected officers for the new board year and appointed chairpersons for the regular committees that manage our common services. The 2009-2010 officers are:

President, Sandy Dresser

Vice President, Bob Williamson

Secretary, Andres Quesada

Treasurer, Lenor Hersey

The committee chairpersons are:

Architecture, Sandy Dresser

Capital Improvements, Bob Williamson

Communication, Sandy Dresser

Drainage, Greg Bauer

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The board will take its "vacation" in July, and the next board meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2009.