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Golf Course View Cluster Association

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It's Been A Good Summer

It's hard to remember a summer that has been as pleasant as this one, with its moderate--even cool--temperatures. We could have used a lot more rain in July and August than we got, but residents stepped up to water critical landscape areas to the benefit of all our lovely shrubs and trees. We don't know the names of all of you who pitched in during the midsummer drought, but you know who you are, and the board and all your neighbors thank you sincerely. If your efforts on behalf of the neighborhood have resulted in a significant increase your normal summer quarter water bill, you may request reimbursement for the difference. Just drop a note in Sandy Dresser's mailbox or email her at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

We also seem to have done a better job of mosquito abatement this year than we have in the past. Although we've all undoubtedly suffered itchy bites, those of us who regularly walk the cluster at all hours of the day know that we've had fewer bites than in past years. Thank you all for taking this health threat seriously. Now if we could just get rid of the terrible gnats or midges or whatever you call those vicious little flying pests!

Four of our units went on the market this summer and all four got contracts in nearly record time. Although only one has actually gone to closing as of this date, all of the contracts have been for very competitive prices. It's clear that the depressed real estate market has not affected us as much as it has many other neighborhoods in Northern Virginia and elsewhere. The quality and upkeep of our houses and our mature, well cared for landscape and common areas have stood us in good stead.

Now that our children have gone back to school, it's important that we all pay attention as we drive along Golf Course Square and Golf Course Drive and carefully obey the speed limits.

Are You On Our Email List?

Between newsletters, the board keeps in touch with residents about changes to the trash collection schedule, snow removal plans, and other "breaking news" by email. If you're not already on the email list, you can join it by sending us an email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

**The next board meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm at 2080.**

Interested residents are invited to attend.

2010 Budget Planning Begins Now

Between now and it's October meeting, the board of directors will be focusing on the projects to be undertaken in 2010 so that we can begin to build the operating budget for next year. This is the time for you to contact the various committee chairpersons about work that you'd like to see done next year.

Under the 5-year landscape plan adopted in 2006, the primary landscape projects will be the renewal of the entrances to Courtyards A and E. Sandy Dresser will be meeting with the residents of those courtyards this weekend to begin planning for those renovations. If there are other landscape improvements that you'd like to see made, call Sandy or send us an email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

If you know of trees on common property that need to be pruned or removed, now is the time to contact Patty Williamson so that they can be placed on the list to be evaluated by, and prioritized in consultation with the arborist.

If there are drainage issues on common property near your house, please contact Bob Williamson.

Concerns about the playground areas should be communicated to Lori Allred.

The board will discuss all of the proposed projects at its October meeting and begin to make decisions about what can be budgeted in 2010. In November the board will develop its proposed operating budget and present it to the cluster for review and comment. Once the final budget is approved in December, there is very little opportunity for new projects to be approved.

Roadwork In Golf Course Square

In the next week or so, our neighbors in Golf Course Square Cluster will be applying an overlay to the asphalt on the street and their parking lots. While the work is in progress, they will be parking their cars on Golf Course Square, and any of our cars that are parked on their side of the property line near the gully are apt to be towed.

They have told us that they will be removing their speed bumps as a part of the process and will be reinstalling one less bump! Good news for those of you who regularly enter the cluster through GCS.

Cluster Recommended Contractors

The board maintains a list of contractors recommended by residents on our website. If you have had a good experience with a contractor this year, please send the contact information to us. We'll be updating the current list later this fall.