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Landscape Update

Leaf Removal Schedule

Our lovely trees are beginning to show a lot of color now. As beautiful as they are for a few weeks, the leaf show is quickly followed by the annual inundation of dead leaves. And we've already experienced a record fall of acorns from our white oak trees. While this makes the squirrels happy, it certainly makes for a mess in our common areas and parking lots.

Our contract with BladeRunners specifies two leaf removals. The first will be done in mid to late November, the second in mid to late December. We will request a cleanup of the acorns in parking lots and along the street as well. Experience tells us that the parking lot cleanup will not be done until after all the leaves have been removed for the season.

We Need To Keep Watering

It has been unusually dry so far this fall, and our common trees and shrubs are showing signs of stress. Those of you who are helping us water little trees and landscape areas need to continue your efforts until the first hard freeze. Thanks again for your help!

Landscape Planning for 2010

As we mentioned last month, the focus of our landscaping next year will be Courtyards A and E. Last month the Landscape and Tree Committee met with interested residents of those courtyards to discuss the improvements they'd like to see made.

The preliminary plans resulting from that meeting include:

- developing new landscape beds along the sidewalk between 2086 and 2088,
- replacing the existing azaleas in the parking island in front of 2080 and 2082 with a low growing evergreen ground cover,
- adding more hostas, ferns and liriopie to the island in front of 2086 and 2088, and
- cleaning up the beds at the entrance to Courtyard E and adding new azaleas and dwarf crape myrtles.

The overall budget for this work is \$7,000. Sandy Dresser will work with landscape contractors to develop the final plans and schedule the work for early next year.

In addition, the Tree budget for next year includes plans for a new tree for a parking island in Courtyard D and a new tree for the berm between 2206 and the driving range.

Board Approves Drainage Work

At its meeting this month, the board approved the contract proposed by Family Drainage Solutions to resolve a couple of significant drainage problems between 2086 and 2088 in Courtyard A.

One phase of the work will address runoff problems along the sidewalk in front of 2088 by redirecting water coming down the hill into a catch basin and through an underground pipe back toward the golf course where it will flow into an existing underground pipe.

The second phase is a comprehensive renewal of the existing drainage system that runs down the hill at the back of the two homes. Over time these catch basins and pipes have become clogged and possibly broken, resulting in run off water flooding the area and causing significant erosion of top soil.

The cost of this work will be under \$5,000, and we expect the work to be completed as early next year as feasible. It will be followed by the installation of new landscape beds to renew the area.

New Email Address For Financial And Disclosure Packet Questions

Barbara Beasley, our financial manager, has a new email address. You can now contact her at gvcabeasley@hughes.net.

There is no change to the telephone number or mailing address.

4th Quarter Assessment Installments Due October 15

If you pay your annual assessment in quarterly installments your 4th quarter payment is due this week. Please make your check payable to GCVCA and mail it to Golf Course View, PO Box 8394, Reston VA 20195-8394.

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

Interested residents are invited to attend.