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Golf Course View Cluster Association

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3rd Quarter Installments Due July 15

If you pay your annual assessment on a quarterly basis, your 3rd quarter installment is due July 15th. Payments that are more than 30 days late are subject to a \$20 late fee.

Mail your check, payable to GCVCA, to Karen Seymour at PO Box 434, Oakton VA 22124-0434

Cluster Handbook Updated

The cluster handbook was updated this month to reflect the additional railing standard and the change in financial managers. It will be available online at the cluster website, www.golfcourseview.org, in the very near future.

The handbook is your single best resource for information about cluster operations, rules and regulations, maintenance and design standards. If you would like a copy of the handbook and don't have access to the internet, contact any board member for a paper copy.

Cluster Directory Is On The Way

The long promised cluster directory will be delivered in the next few weeks. The holdup in publication is to enable us to provide you with information that is as up-to-date as possible. Three of our houses go to closing this month, and we're waiting to get the names of the new owners. Thanks for your patience.

No Board Meeting In July

Due to vacation schedules, the board will not meet this month. The next board meeting will be in August.

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

Interested residents are invited to attend.

Alternative Standard for Upper Deck Railings Approved by DRB

On June 29, 2010, a RA-Design Review Board panel approved the cluster's application for an alternative railing for upper level decks. The approved alternative to our standard wrought iron railing is a simple wooden railing that fully complies with the Fairfax County Code for Deck Guards.

The cluster standard for the wooden railing is: a wooden railing that is 36" to 42" inches high, constructed with 2X2 picket balusters spaced 3.5" to 4" apart, with 4X4 posts placed every 6 feet, at a minimum, with a continuous 2X6 flat capboard, square (90 degree) corners, and 2X4 top and bottom boards on one side of the railing and attached to the posts. This wooden railing may be painted to match the predominant trim color of the house, left unpainted to weather naturally, treated with a clear, colorless sealant, or stained Olympic "Oxford Brown."

If you propose to install an alternative wooden railing to your upper level deck, you'll need to submit an application to Reston Association. If your proposed railing complies with the above standard, it should be reviewed and approved by RA staff.

Landscape Update

This much too hot summer and shortage of rain is as hard on our common landscape as it is on us. With the grass in many areas going dormant, we've asked BladeRunners to come to the cluster less frequently until the grass begins to grow again. At the same time, we've asked them to pay closer attention to weeding, pruning and picking up windfall, etc. For those of you who live on the golf course, this may mean that your grass gets longer and shaggier than you like. For the rest of us, it may mean that we'll see more weeds in our lawns. All this is in an effort to protect our turf as much as possible during this miserable, destructive weather.

Although Sunday's rain will certainly help in the short term, we all need to do whatever we can to care for the trees, shrubs and other plants in common landscaped areas. The most recently installed plants are especially at risk this summer. They desperately need water and will benefit most from a deep watering once a week. Sprinkling them with a hose for a few minutes may seem to revive their wilted leaves, but the shallow watering only encourages their roots to stay near the surface instead of going down to where ground water may be available. As always, if your watering of common plants causes an unacceptable increase in your water bill, you can submit a request for reimbursement for the excess charge to the board of directors.