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Now Is The Time To Tell Us

September is the month that the board begins getting cost estimates for projects that will be funded by next year's budget. If there are common areas around your home that need drainage work, landscaping attention, tree work etc., now is the time to contact the appropriate committee chairperson with your wish list.

You should contact Patty Williamson about needed tree work. You should also contact Patty if you have a tree on your property that needs to be pruned or removed and you'd like to piggy-back on the cluster work to take advantage of a better rate.

You should contact Sandy Dresser, if you have landscape maintenance or improvement issues.

Contact Bob Williamson or Gary Villhauer if there are drainage issues on common property near you.

And contact Rob Aaron or Lori Allred if there are playground maintenance issues on your mind.

It's A Mess

Those of us who walk the cluster on a regular basis are disturbed by the unusual quantity of dog "poop" that's being left along the sidewalks and pathways. Although most of our dog owners are diligent about cleaning up after their pets, recently it's become apparent that a couple of dog owners who walk our neighborhood and Golf Course Square are not doing their duty. One or more owners are simply ignoring what their pets leave behind, and one or more are bagging up the stuff and then leaving the bags on the ground for someone else to dispose of. Both behaviors are unacceptable and unlawful.

The dog owners we know are intent on identifying the culprits and confronting them, but so far have been unsuccessful in catching these bad guys in the act. If you see one of these unneighborly sorts, please step up and ask them to pick up after their dogs. If you are uncomfortable confronting them, please contact any board member with a description of the incident including where and when it took place, and what the owner and dog looked like. The dog owners in Golf Course View and Golf Course Square comprise a very interactive community and will follow up with the negligent owners.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 pm at 2080.

Interested residents are invited to attend.

About Our Trash!

This summer we've had ongoing problems with uncollected trash, leaving our whole neighborhood looking, if you'll pardon the expression, trashy for many days at a time. As the result of a number of telephone conversations with management at VHI, we believe we've resolved the various issues, but everyone's cooperation is needed to effectively address the underlying problems.

Problem One—missed regular trash pickups—has been caused by VHI not following the terms of the contract. Our contract specifies that when a regular trash day falls on a major holiday (Christmas, New Year's, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving), trash will not be picked up until the next regular trash day. VHI has chosen instead to pick up trash for "holiday customers" on the day after the holiday and move all other collections back a day for the rest of the week. That's what happened to us last week following Labor Day.

We have told VHI that this is unacceptable for our neighborhood and have their agreement that they will follow our contract to the letter. **1) There will be no trash or recycling pickup on the major holidays listed above, 2) and the next pickup will be the next regular collection day. Going forward, 3) if our usual collection day is the day after a holiday, our trash will be picked up on schedule.**

Problem Two—piles of trash not being picked up when regular trash collections are made—is a different issue. One part of this problem is that some residents are putting out construction/renovation debris. VHI **will never pick up** cement, wallboard, rocks, bricks, rebar, etc. on a regular collection. And when these materials are interspersed with regular trash, the whole pile is likely to be ignored. Burnable renovation debris like molding, paneling, landscape timbers, etc. must be cut into no more than four foot lengths and tied in manageable bundles or put into a container. Small rugs will be picked up, but a houseful of carpeting won't. Small fixtures like a toilet or sink will be picked up, but a whole bathroom won't. Appliances that contain CFCs, like refrigerators and air conditioners will never be picked up.

Sometimes it's a matter of scale. Whether you're putting out renovation, construction or moving debris, a pile of trash that's 4 feet high, 8 feet long, and 3 feet wide—96 cubic feet—is more than too much! The driver takes a look at the pile, judges how much more trash he can put in the truck before he has to make the long trip to the dump and back, and says "not today guys!"

When you have a lot of stuff to get rid of, please consider putting out portions of it over the course of two or three collection days. If that won't work for you, you can always schedule a special pickup with VHI or another trash hauler. The cost is likely to be between \$75 and \$150, depending on the size of the load.

We have VHI's attention and their promise to follow the contract. Now it's up to all of us to do our part to keep our neighborhood as clean and well cared for as possible.