



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

February 2011

GCVCA Board of Directors

Officers

President

Sandy Dresser

Vice President

Bob Williamson

Secretary/Treasurer

Lenor Hersey

Directors

Rob Aaron

Stephanie Cavanaugh

Gina Lundy

Andres Quesada

Gary Villhauer

Committee Chairpersons

Architecture

Sandy Dresser

Capital Improvements

Bob Williamson

Communication

Sandy Dresser

Drainage

Bob Williamson

Gary Villhauer

Landscape & Trees

Patty Williamson

Playgrounds

Lori Allred

Rob Aaron

Financial Management

Disclosure Packets

Karen Seymour

703-255-2461

PO Box 434,
Oakton VA 22124-0434

fourflyin@aol.com

Website

www.golfcourseview.org

Email

gcvca@golfcourseview.org

Some Things To Think About

This is a quiet time of the year for the board and a good time to think about where we are and where we should be going as a community. At the meeting this week directors introduced several topics that you might well have some thoughts about. The board doesn't run the cluster, we manage it on your behalf and in everyone's mutual interest, so we encourage you to share any input you have on these topics in particular and on the neighborhood in general.

Contact information for directors is shown in the left column, and you can reach the board by email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

New Equipment for the Upper Playground

Playground Committee co-chairs Lori Allred and Rob Aaron have proposed that we add a swing set to the upper playground. New playground equipment is considered a capital improvement and is paid for out of our reserves for replacement fund.

Working with All Recreation of Virginia, the company that installed the slide in the upper playground, Lori and Rob have come up with two alternative swings for our consideration. One is a "tire swing" that consists of a tire-like unit suspended horizontally by three cables. It would probably hold two larger children or three little ones at a time. The alternative is a pair of swings suspended from a T-shaped bar supported by a single post.

If you are the parents or grandparents of "playground age" kids, Rob and Lori would be very interested in any thoughts or preferences you have.

Landscape Planning

2011 marks the end of the five-year landscape improvement plan that has guided our major landscape work since 2007. Early this summer the landscape and tree committee will meet to discuss "what's next" and develop a new three- to five-year action plan.

If there is some area of the common landscape that you are interested in and have ideas about how it might be enhanced, please contact Patty Williamson or Sandy Dresser to talk about it. If you haven't thought about it, now is a good time to start doing so.

Recovering Assessment Collections Cost

Over the past several years the cluster has lost a considerable amount of money (up to \$750 a year) paying the legal costs associated with collecting delinquent assessments that are unreimbursable because they are incurred **after** the lien or judgment ordered by the court has been satisfied. The board is considering ways to amend the bylaws to close this loophole.

The current rules are on pages 11-13 of the bylaws. If you have any thoughts about how you think the cluster could/should go about collecting this money, we welcome your input.

Changes On The Board

Last month the board of directors regretfully accepted Lenor Hersey's resignation as a director. Lenor still resides in Reston, and the board asked her to continue to serve as secretary/treasurer of the association until the end of the current board year. The board will miss her experience and leadership and wishes her well.

At its meeting this month, the board elected Stephanie Cavanaugh to complete Lenor's term as a director. Stephanie and her husband Brian moved into our cluster only a couple of weeks ago. We anticipate that Stephanie will ably represent the newest generation of Golf Course View residents, whose numbers have increased dramatically in the last couple of years. Welcome aboard Stephanie and thanks for your willingness to serve.

The board expects that there will be two or three board vacancies to be filled this June. Volunteers are needed to step up and be part of the management of our neighborhood. If you have any interest, or would like more information about what service on the board entails, please contact any director or contact us by email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

Landscape Update

The snow storm a couple of weeks ago caused considerable damage to trees in the neighborhood. We lost one of the last old redbud trees along the pathway between Courtyards B and C, an old dogwood came down in Courtyard F, and large branches fell all over the neighborhood. Happily those that landed on cars appear to have done little or no damage to the vehicles on which they fell, thanks, we guess, to the depth and weight of the snow itself.

Our thanks to those hardy homeowners who did such a good job of moving branches off of vehicles and roadways. JL Trees arrived fairly promptly to clean up the worst of the damage, and we're way ahead of other neighborhoods in getting back to normal. There are still smaller branches and windfall debris that need to be addressed, but we look a lot better than we did.

It's worth noting here that the cluster is **not** responsible for clearing damaged trees and shrubs growing on private property. Homeowners **must** clear any debris from their own trees and shrubs that fall on common sidewalks and parking lots as soon as possible after a storm. And residents, please **do not** move windfall and debris from your own trees and shrubs onto common property in the expectation that the cluster will clean it up. Your trees and shrubs are your responsibility, not the cluster's.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 pm at 2206.

Interested residents are welcome to attend.