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Next Board Meeting

Wed., February 15, 2012
7:30 pm at 2159

Get The Answers When You Need Them At www.golfcourseview.org

We get lots of phone calls and emails asking for cluster-related information.

- Where do I mail my check?
- How do I get a disclosure packet?
- Does anyone know of a good carpenter?
- There's a Verizon truck parked in my parking space—can he do that?
- Can I get a copy of the cluster budget for my refinancing company?
- Do I need to apply to RA to have my roof replaced?
- Who do I talk to about a dangerous tree limb?

We can certainly answer your question, but you don't need to wait for us to return your call or answer your email. **The answers to these and other questions are available all the time on our cluster website, www.golfcourseview.org.**

The address to which you mail your assessment checks is shown on the **Home** page of our website. (It's also available in the left-hand column of every newsletter.) Full information about disclosure packets can be found at the **Disclosure Packet tab** on the website.

The list of contractors recommended by residents is available at a link at the bottom of the page at the **Handbook and Standards tab**. At this same tab, you can click on to read and/or download the most current Cluster Handbook and the complete information about Using the Golf Course View Color Palette. There's also a link to the Reston Association webpage where you can download the DRB application form.

You'll find the cluster parking rules in the cluster by laws that you can click on to read or download at the **By Laws and Minutes tab**. The by laws also spell out the cluster's rules for collection of delinquent assessments.

If you need a copy of the current year's cluster budget, you'll find it in the December 2011 ReView, which you can click on to read or download at the **Newsletters tab**.

The names of the various committee chairpersons are listed on the website at the **Board of Directors tab**. (They are also listed in the left-hand column of every newsletter.)

We encourage you to take advantage of the information available to you, quickly and efficiently, at the cluster website. While you're at the website, you might also enjoy taking a look at the pictures of the cluster at the **Photographs tab**. Speaking of which, we'd love to have more pictures there. If you've got some good ones, send them to us by email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

What's Going On

You've likely noticed the trucks and the digging and the caution tape in various places around the cluster. Family Drainage Solutions is currently working on a couple of cluster-contracted projects and several homeowner projects as well. The heavy rains last fall caused considerable damage to several of our neighbors' homes and signaled to the board that it was time to undertake some long-considered improvements. Weather permitting, we expect this work to be completed in the next couple of weeks.

In addition several homeowners have had contractors on site making home improvements. Winter is an excellent time to have such work done because contractors' rates tend to be lower in slow work times.

An obvious downside to any construction work is the inevitable temporary damage to the landscape. The cluster will ensure that damage to the common areas caused by our contractors is repaired, and homeowners are responsible for repairing any damage their contractors do to private or common property. That said, the middle of winter is not a time when grass seed can be sown and expected to thrive. Nature has a way of leveling out tire ruts in the turf over time, and grass that's trampled when it's dormant has a way of coming back to good health in the spring. So it may be awhile before we're back to normal, but we'll get there.

If and when we can find them, the board is planning to install small colorful plastic stakes to mark the location of curbs, fire hydrants and courtyard signs so that the snow plow doesn't bury or damage them in the event of deep snow. The courtyard signs cost \$500 to replace, as we've discovered in each of the last two winters, and replacing broken curbs would probably be even more expensive.

There have been an usual number of cars parked in the no parking areas marked by yellow curbs recently. Maybe it was just because of the added visitors during the holidays. Regardless, these no parking areas are there for our safety. Please make sure your visitors do not park beside yellow curbs. They are very likely to be towed.

Golf Course Square has had a couple of truck loads of woodchips dumped along the street and near their little playground. They will be spreading these chips on the system of woodland pathways they've built between their cluster and the golf course. It will take time, but they'll get it all cleaned up.