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We're Updating the Directory

We last updated the cluster directory two years ago, and there have been a lot of changes, so a revised directory will be delivered later this summer. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, the board publishes the directory for the sole use of residents of the cluster. It's purpose is to encourage and enhance neighborhood communication, and the information is never shared outside of the cluster.

If your phone number has changed in the last two years, or you are new to the cluster and we don't have your phone number, we'd really appreciate it if you'd send that information to us by email to gcvca@golfcourseview.org or call Sandy Dresser at the number in the left column..

Updating The Contractor List

Many of you know that the board also maintains a list of contractors that residents have used and recommend to us. The list is available online at the cluster website, www.golfcourseview.org, at the Handbook and Standards tab. You just have to scroll down the page to click on the Contractors List link.

This list too needs to be updated, and you are the only ones who can help us do that. If you have used a handyman, roofer, painter, window company, landscaper or any other contractor whose work and prices pleased you, send the information to us by email or call Sandy Dresser. We will notify you when the updated list is posted online, and will send you a pdf file of the list if you request it.

Those Obnoxious Mosquitos

It's another bad mosquito year in our neighborhood. As is always the case, the worst problem affects the courtyards on the inside of the cluster around Courtyards E and F. We theorize it's because this area is shadier, less breezy and generally downhill from most of the cluster, i.e. where ground water gathers.

It's absolutely crucial that everyone police their own yards to eliminate standing water of every sort and clean bird baths every three or four days.

We've heard a little about mosquito traps that are blue or purple bags that hang in trees, but have been unable to find any substantive information about them. If you know about this, please contact any board member and tell us more. We're looking for solutions!

It Could Have Been So Much Worse

We learned a new word this month, *derecho*—the term for the powerful straight-line storm that swept through our area June 30th. We lost large branches from five of our large trees and smaller ones from many others. Our street was blocked at both ends and at least one deck umbrella disappeared forever. Given the devastation that much of the metropolitan area suffered, we fared pretty well. We lost some phone and TV service, but we didn't lose our electricity. Those of you who participate in our neighborhood email list already know that we owe a **big big thank you** to Rich Blacklock and Henry Hsuing who manned the chain saws and led the crews of neighbors who opened our street back up in very short order. Those of you who helped in the effort may remain "nameless" to us, but we all thank you for stepping up.

This week Blake Landscapes did a good job of cleaning up the windfall that doesn't require the heavy equipment of an arborist, and Patty Williamson is working to get the tree company in to clean up the big limbs as soon as possible.

Male Dogs and Damaged Landscapes

We don't mean to appear the least bit sexist but, in this case, it really is male dogs that are the obvious culprits. While female dogs can and do leave brown spots in over-used areas of our turf, male dogs are seriously damaging many of our expensive shrubs and other plants in the landscaped beds. When you factor in the installation costs, the mountain laurels, azaleas, hydrangeas and other shrubs in our landscape beds cost, on average, \$45 a piece, and the liriopes, hostas and ornamental grasses average \$30 a piece. We all have a significant investment in our landscape.

There are a lot of great dogs in our neighborhood, and our dog owners are good about keeping them on leash and cleaning up after them. All dogs need to be kept completely out of our landscaped beds and, of course, residents' yards. If you're a dog owner (especially the owner of a boy dog), please be a responsible neighbor.

Cluster Email Network

If you're not on the cluster email list, you're missing a valuable opportunity to receive important information in a timely way, as this month's storm demonstrated.

If you haven't joined the and would like to, just send us an email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org or go to our cluster website www.golfcourseview.org and scroll down the home page to the contact information link.

The next board meeting will be
Sept.11, 2012 at 7:30 pm at 2172

Reminder

3rd quarter assessment installments
are due Monday, July 16th.