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Next Board Meeting May 14, 2013 7:30 pm. at 2169



Golf Course View Cluster Association April 2013

2nd Quarter Assessment Payments Due April 15th

If you pay your assessment on a quarterly basis, your 2nd quarter installment is due Monday, April 15th. Your check should be made payable to GCVCA and mailed to PO Box 434, Oakton VA 22124-0434.

It's Clean Up, Fix Up Season

We're already into the season when many of us are undertaking home and yard renovation projects. Please remember that any changes to the outside of your house require approval by Reston Association.

As you start projects both inside and outside, it's important to remember the following.

- Contractors' vehicles may park in our parking lots and along the street while they are working. They are not permitted to park trailers or vehicles anywhere inside the cluster overnight.
- Contractors are not permitted to drive their vehicles on the Reston pathway or over common property. You'll need to make sure they understand these limitations before you sign the contract.
- Because our houses are so close together, it's difficult not to invade our neighbors' space when doing major work on our own homes. We all need to be respectful of others' property and tolerant of disruptions.

Pavement Resealing Coming in May

In late May we'll be repairing and resealing the pavement and restriping the curbs and parking lots. The process will take a couple of weeks, and <u>everyone</u>'s full cooperation will be needed.

The first phase will be to repair cracks and pavement subsidence in four areas. These repairs will restrict use of limited areas. The second phase will be resealing the street and all parking lots and restriping the curbs. While this is going on, all residents will be required to move all their vehicles out of the cluster for 48 hours. We'll do the lower half of the cluster (Courtyards A, B and E) first, and then do the upper half (Courtyards C, D, and F). Early in May we'll be distributing complete information about the repair, resealing, restriping process. Please pay close attention and comply fully with the necessary restrictions.

The Problem That Won't Go Away

Dog waste left along our sidewalks and in our back yards continues to be a problem. Dog owners, pick up after your pets! If any of you see people who don't, make note of the dog and the location and call any board member with the details. A majority of us own dogs and we'll find and confront the culprit.

Trash/Recycling Update

The board sent the following update to those of you who participate in the resident email network, but we repeat it here for the benefit of those who either don't get our emails, or don't always read the ones we send.

As some of you are acutely aware, we have had a "difficult" time with VHI's collection idiosyncrasies over the past few months. It's in everyone's interest to get our trash and recycling picked up smoothly each collection day. Based on extensive give and take conversations with VHI, the following guidelines appear to offer the best opportunity for success.

- 1 Put solid waste in trash cans or <u>tightly tied</u> plastic trash bags. Put food waste that can attract crows, foxes, raccoons, etc. in trash cans or in <u>double</u> plastic bags.
- 2 Put co-mingled glass and plastic <u>bottles and jars</u>, junk mail, and newspapers in recycling bins on Fridays only.
- 3 Treat all other plastic food containers and packing materials (bubble wrap, styrofoam, "peanuts") as solid waste and put them in trash cans or plastic bags.
- 4 Put cardboard boxes out for recycling only and <u>never</u> put them out with solid waste inside. They will not be picked up.
- 5 Put plastic and metal household items in trash cans or bags if possible. Items that won't fit in containers should be disassembled as much as possible into pieces that are no more than 4 feet in length and 50 pounds in weight.
- 6 Disassemble and/or bundle larger burnable items (mattresses, small rugs, bed frames, bookshelves, tables, shelving, etc.) as much as possible and put them out on Fridays.
- 7 Put yard debris in trash cans or bags, or cut it into no more than 4 foot lengths and tie it in bundles.
- 8 <u>Do not put any of the following out for regular trash</u> <u>pickup:</u> construction debris, hazardous materials, highly flammable materials, car batteries, large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, hot water heaters) and plumbing fixtures. You'll need to contact an independent trash hauler and pay to have these items removed.

Important note regarding yard debris on common property: Our landscape contract calls for Blake to pick up windfall as a regular part of its mowing services. Blake <u>will no</u>t pick up piles of yard debris stacked on common property. If you pick up windfall from common property, you must dispose of it. You may, of course, move windfall off a sidewalk and onto common property. If there is major windfall due to a storm, please notify Patty Williamson or Sandy Dresser so they can arrange for professional removal.