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Golf Course View Cluster Association

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Next Board Meeting

October 8, 2013, 7:30 p.m at 2172.

A Very Different Summer

Do you remember the summer of 2012? In June we were hit by the derecho that brought down tree limbs blocking the street at both ends of the neighborhood. In early September another big storm brought down a huge mature white oak that blocked the Reston pathway for several days and took three weeks to clean up.

At the same time we were all fired up about the proposed redevelopment of the golf course and supporting RescueReston by buying t-shirts and signs, signing petitions and attending rallies.

This past summer has been more peaceful with milder weather and no big storms—of either the meteorological or social variety. That doesn't mean we should be complacent. Over this quiet summer we learned that:

- the owners of Reston National Golf Course have postponed indefinitely their appeal of the zoning administration's ruling—*maybe* waiting for the County Supervisors to make the issue moot?
- there is a plan to extend Soapstone north across the toll road to facilitate commuter access to the Wiehle metro station that seems to be almost a "done deal"—in spite of the major obstacles of potential cost and the many existing buildings on Association Drive. Could the pedestrian friendly improvements at the corner of Soapstone and Sunrise Valley be a clue to future plans?
- the Reston 2020 Task Force, organized several years ago by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins several years ago, has put together its "final" recommendations for the ongoing commercial redevelopment of Reston south of the toll road. Many of these recommendations do not reflect the interests of Reston citizens, but favor instead the big developers and Fairfax County's future tax revenues. The leadership of both Reston Association and the Reston Citizens Association have made Restonians' interests known, but we've heard nothing new from the County. We read that the County Zoning Board hearing is scheduled for some time in October, and will keep you posted.
- the Fairfax County library system seems determined to get out of the book business and into all-digital media and to seriously reduce the level of professional services available at our and other branch libraries.

Right now these are quiet threats to our quality of life here in Golf Course View with decisions being made in County offices and various conference rooms. We'll continue to provide you with information about public forums concerning these issues.

In the meantime, the best avenue we have to make our interests known is to call or email our county supervisor, Cathy Hudgins. Her phone number is **703-478-0283** and her email address is **huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov**. Let's make sure our voices heard.

Budget Planning Begins

This month the board began work on the 2014 cluster budget. A significant part of our annual budget is determined by the contractors who provide standard services for the neighborhood—trash collection, landscape maintenance, street lights, financial and legal services, and insurance. The budget also contains a set amount for landscape improvement projects and tree maintenance. The remainder of the budget is determined on the basis of other kinds of work needed to properly maintain our common areas and capital improvements (street, parking lots, playgrounds etc.) and fund our reserves.

NOW Is the Time to Bring Your Concerns to the Board's Attention

- Are there particular trees that need attention?
- Are there any problems with the playground areas?
- Is there a drainage problem that negatively affects your property?
- Have you noticed areas of sidewalk that are deteriorating or have become uneven and now create a trip danger?

These are the things the directors and committee chairpersons need to know now so that we can obtain bids and cost estimates and get the work into the budget. While we always deal with unexpected emergencies, it's generally not possible to fund major projects once the budget has been approved in December.

Please remember that tree maintenance work is prioritized. First priority are trees that pose a direct threat to people and private property. Second priority are trees that threaten common property, walkways, etc., and third priority are trees that are distressed or dying on common areas but pose no threat to anyone. Lowest priority is given to purely aesthetic issues.

Also note that the landscape and tree committee consciously spreads improvement projects around to different areas of the neighborhood so no area gets all the attention and everyone benefits as equitably as possible.

Some Cautions

School is back in session and there are lots of children, their parents and their pets walking along our streets and around our parking lots. We all need to **slow down** as we drive in and out of the neighborhood. The speed limit on Golf Course Sq. is 25 mph, and the limit is 15 mph on our street.

There have been a number of incidences of car vandalism recently. To protect your own car and those of your neighbors, please keep your front lights on all night, be sure your cars are always locked, and report all problems to the police at 703-691-2131.