



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

October 2013

Neighborhood News

4th Quarter Assessments Due

If you pay your assessment in quarterly installments, your current payment is due October 15, 2013.

Mail your check to: GCVCA, PO Box 434, Oakton VA 22124-0434.

Leaf Collection

Here we go again with the falling leaves that seem to bury our neighborhood every year. Residents are expected to pick up and dispose of leaves that fall on our own property. Whether we put them in trash containers, plastic or paper bags, VHI will pick them up each regular trash day.

Our landscape contractor, Blake Landscapes, will collect and remove leaves from cluster common areas twice during the season, usually in mid to late November and again in mid December. They generally try to wait until at least half of the leaves are down before the first pickup.

Rash of Burglaries in Reston

Fairfax County police report that there have been an unusually high number of residential burglaries in Reston over the past few weeks. The reports indicate that the majority of time, the burglars entered the homes through unlocked doors and windows, and that most of the crimes were committed during daylight hours. We should all be extra careful and make sure our homes are secure. As always, if you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood, you should call the police at 703-691-2131.

Taking Care of Our Common Landscape

After a spring and early summer that offered a normal amount of rain, our landscape suffered a severe shock when the rains stopped in mid-August. Trees and shrubs all over the neighborhood are distressed. We sincerely thank those residents who have come to the rescue by watering, or permitting us to use their water for common trees and landscaped areas near their homes.

Over the past few years we have suffered severe droughts. We've lost so many trees and plants for lack of water, that now all landscape improvement projects are undertaken only after nearby residents have committed, in writing, to water the new plants.

Save the Date!

Thursday, October 17th, 7:00 PM

Public Meeting at RA Headquarters About Proposed Changes to County Plan for Reston

A recent article in the Reston Patch reported that Reston Association (RA) has scheduled a public meeting to present information regarding the draft Phase One of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for the Reston transit station area and provide an opportunity for Reston residents to share our thoughts and concerns about the impact the plan will have on the future quality of life in Reston.

The scheduled speakers include representatives of RA and the Reston Citizens' Association (RCA), the Alliance of Reston Clusters and Homeowners (ARCH), and the Fairfax County Departments of Planning and Transportation. According to Cate Fulkerson, acting Executive Director of RA, the themes for the evening include: sustaining Reston; open space, parks and recreation; mobility; environmental sustainability; flexibility; and implementation.

According to Fairfax County, the Comprehensive Plan is "required by state law to be used as a guide to decision-making about the built and natural environment by the county's Board of Supervisors and other agencies, such as the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. It is also a guide for county staff and the public to use in the planning processes."

The plan is due to be finalized by the end of the year, and will have a huge impact on the future development and possible commercial redevelopment of Reston along the south side of Sunrise Valley Drive. At stake are such critical issues as the:

- proposed extension of Soapstone through Association Drive and across the toll road to facilitate commuter traffic to and from our neighborhood.
- proposed commercial redevelopment of Reston National Golf Course.
- development of high rise commercial and residential buildings in Reston south of the toll road.
- loss of existing natural open spaces and recreational areas.
- increased traffic on our local streets and commuter parking along Golf Course Square.

This meeting is a great opportunity for us to make our voices heard. While this is a public information—not a decision-making meeting, it will be covered by the press and we can make an important statement. Put the date on your calendar, put on your RescueReston t-shirt and attend the meeting.

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Next Board Meeting

Nov. 12, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at 2172