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Next Board Meeting

September 9, 2014
7:30 pm. at 2080

Maintenance Issues

The board has received more complaints than usual concerning exterior maintenance problems. The majority of the complaints are about front yards that are badly in need of weeding and pruning. Others relate to unattractive junk stored in back yards. Uncared for landscapes provide shelter for unwanted vermin like mice, rats, termites and mosquitos and reduce both the general attractiveness of our neighborhood and our property values. Our neighbors are telling us it's time for us to get our yards cleaned up and looking well cared for.

If you don't have the know-how, tools or time to clean up your yard, you can ask your neighbors for advice or assistance or hire a contractor to do the job. Sandy Dresser can give you the names of contractors residents have used economically to resolve landscape problems.

The board is willing to file formal Maintenance Complaints with Reston Association regarding private yards that continue to be problematic (individual homeowners can file such a complaint as well). The better solution, however, would be for us to help each other get the needed work done.

Updated Directory Coming

We are in the final process of updating the cluster directory for delivery in the next few weeks. If your contact information has changed, please send us the correct information right away. Nonresident homeowners, if you have a tenant whose name you haven't provided us, please contact us. You can email the information to gcvca@golfcourseview.org, or call Sandy Dresser at the number listed in the left-hand column of this newsletter.

We are also updating the Cluster Contractors' List for the website. If you have used a contractor for any repair or maintenance project and would recommend them, please send that information to us right away. You can email it or call Sandy as described above.

Cement Work In Mid-September

Although we don't have a firm date yet, the repair of sidewalks and curbs planned for this year will be done in mid-September. This work requires the use of jack hammers, and pieces of cement and lots of dust will be flying around. Because of the nature of the work, all cars anywhere near each work site will need to be moved out of the area first thing in the morning of the day work begins. Neither the cluster nor the contractor will be liable if your car is not moved and is damaged. If you know you'll be out of town during the work period, please plan to move your car before you leave.

Some residents near the planned work sites are aware of the work to be done near their homes and parking places because they brought the issues to our attention. However, we will be providing more detailed information to all residents in advance of the work, and the affected areas will be marked with paint.

Living With Our Wildlife

Our up close and personal experiences with a dead raccoon on a patio and a young skunk (they're called kits) that wanted to follow several of us home one recent evening, suggest it's a good time to talk about living with our undomesticated neighbors. All wild animals and birds are the property of the state, and unless they actually invade our homes, it's against the law to trap or kill them. Therefore we need to live with them intelligently.

If you encounter a skunk, opossum, raccoon, groundhog, or any other "critter," keep a safe distance and then retreat slowly in another direction, and enjoy the fact that there's still enough open space around us to support wildlife.

If a wild animal dies on your property or nearby common property, please just put on some heavy gloves, bag it up in a tightly tied trash bag and put it out in a trash can for pickup. There's no need to call the county animal control officers.