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# ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

October 2014

#### Leaves And Acorns

The leaves are turning, which is lovely, but they are also beginning to fall—along with a generous crop of acorns. For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, falling leaves and acorns are the price we pay for the luxury of our beautiful mature trees. Our landscape maintenance crew will do two clean-ups of leaves on common property. The first clean-up will be done when about 50 percent of the leaves are down. This is usually in mid-November. The second clean-up will be done when the trees are essentially bare, usually in mid-December. We've asked the crew to blow acorns off our sidewalks each time they visit the cluster, but we all need to be aware that walking on acorns is like walking on marbles. They can be dangerous.

Residents are required to rake up and dispose of leaves on their own property and on the sidewalks in front of our houses. Our trash company is required to pick up our bags and cans of leaves on every regular trash day. Our leaves are NOT recycled, and putting them in recycling bags may confuse the trash truck drivers.

#### Tree Maintenance

Patty Williamson has completed her latest walk-through of the cluster with our arborist, and the list of trees scheduled for removal or pruning has been submitted. While we will take care of any storm damage we may experience yet this fall, the work currently scheduled will be the last work done this year.

We will be planting two new trees in the weeks ahead. We have asked Blake Landscapes to purchase and install an ornamental maple tree in an area along the Reston Pathway between Courtyards B and C and near the golf course, where we lost a large white oak last year, and a willow oak in the common area in front of Courtyard F where over the past couple of years we have lost a pin oak and a large maple tree.

### Cement Work Completed

This year's round of cement repair work was completed last week. To all of you who were inconvenienced by this work, **thank you** for your patience and cooperation. Thanks too to Bob Williamson for managing this work. Good job!

#### Bat Houses Coming Soon

In the next few weeks, a pair of bat houses will be installed on a tall pole in the field along the Reston Pathway behind Courtyard F. We are aware that bats are scary to some people, but they pose no danger to us. Bats are nocturnal creatures that enhance our environment by eating the insects that "bug" us the most—mosqitos and gnats. They sleep during the day when we are out and about. The bat houses will provide sleeping quarters for the bats who might otherwise hang around on our eaves and under our decks.

Those of us who live in Courtyards E and F, away from the sunshine and breezes afforded by the golf course, suffer more than most from these irritating insects. We've been lucky to have bluebirds nesting in the bird house in this field for the past several years, but they can't eat all the insects by themselves. In cooperation with our neighbors in Golf Course Square, we're putting out a welcome mat for bats to help us eliminate these pests in an ecological way.

## Missing A Bike/Need A Bike?

Several weeks ago a purple bicycle was abandoned in a resident's yard in Courtyard A. No one has contacted us about it, and no one has reported it missing to the police. This homeless bike needs a home.

If you lost the bike, or if you could use a bike, it is currently parked next to a tree near the Courtyard A sign in front of 2088 Golf Course Dr. Just pick it up and take it home.

#### 4th Quarter Installments Due

The 4th quarter assessment installment is due this week. If you pay quarterly be sure to mail your check to the address is shown in the left-hand column of this page.