



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

October 2015

Falling Leaves

The leaves are turning, which is lovely, but they are also beginning to fall—along with needles from the pine trees and this year's 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 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 responsible for raking up and disposing of leaves and needles on our 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.

Cluster News & Reminders

Newspaper Litter

Many of you may have noticed the *Fairfax Times* newspaper littering our sidewalks. The paper is delivered free each Friday; we don't subscribe to it. And clearly, most of us don't read it.

If that isn't nuisance enough, the distributor of the *Washington Post* has recently begun delivering copies of the *Washington Star* newspaper when he leaves the *Post*. These unrequested papers are generally left abandoned on the sidewalks as well.

If you see papers (other than the *Post*, *NY Times* or *Wall Street Journal*, to which a number of us subscribe) on the sidewalk in front of your house, please pick them up and dispose of them.

Dog Waste Becoming a Problem

Recently there has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dog waste left on our common areas. We thought we had this problem under control, but it's back again.

Dog owners are required by law to clean up after our pets. Bag dispensers are available at the swimming pool and along the sidewalk near the gully, at the corner of Golf Course Dr. and Golf Course Square and near the pedestrian crossing to Newbridge. We love our dogs, but dog waste on our lawns creates a serious health hazard. Please pick up!

Change in Board Meeting Schedule

Because of changes in some Directors' schedules, the Board of Directors will be meeting on the second Monday of the month instead of the second Tuesday for the next six months.

New Golf Course Hearing Date

The Circuit Court hearing of the appeal of the Board of Zoning Appeals decision has been rescheduled for Friday, November 6th. We understand that the hearing will be held in the judge's chambers.

The hearing addresses a largely procedural issue. The judge has been asked to rule not only on whether the petitioners (Reston Association, Fairfax County, the Affected Homeowners) had standing to appeal the decision the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) made last April, but also whether the golf course owners had standing to appeal the County Zoning Administrator's determination in June of 2012 in the first place, as well as whether the BZA had standing to render an opinion on the golf course owners' appeal. The key point, in all instances, being that the golf course owners have never submitted an actual development plan.

We'll let you know the judge's decision as soon as we get the news.

NO PLASTIC BAGS in Recycling Bins

VHI has asked us to remind everyone again not to put **any** plastic bags in our bins. The bags contaminate the bales of recycled goods and reduce their value in the market. This means higher costs for VHI—and us.

Change in Towing Contractors

Happily we rarely need to have an illegally parked car towed, but when we do, we need a company we can rely on to be responsible and honest. The company we've been using, East Coast Towing, limited its business to parking management for residential communities and was attuned to our particular interests and concerns. Unfortunately they recently merged with Henry's Towing, a company with an unsavory reputation and a focus on answering police calls.

We have, therefore, signed an agreement with Battlefield Towing to handle our rare but necessary towing. Under our agreement, Battlefield will respond only to calls placed by the president or vice president of the cluster to pick up cars parked in violation of our parking rules. They are not authorized to patrol the cluster and remove cars they deem to be illegally parked.

Shorter Days Mean Darker Streets and Courtyards

Walking in the cluster is always a little dangerous. The narrow curving road and angled parking lots limit drivers' and walkers' vision.

To protect the safety of our residents and our property, please be extra careful driving in and out of the neighborhood, and keep your outside lights on from dusk to dawn.

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Next Board Meeting

November 9, 2015

2080 at 7:30 pm.