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Next Board Meeting

April 11, 2016, 7:30 pm at 2113

New DRB Application Form

Just in time for spring home improvement efforts, RA has updated the DRB application form we are required to submit before undertaking any changes to the exterior of our homes. The revised form is simpler to complete and the instructions are easier to understand. The most important improvement is that the form can now be filled in on your computer!

You can access the new form at the cluster website by clicking on the Handbook and Standards Tab and then clicking on the link to the form. You can enter your name address etc. and a brief statement of what work you are requesting approval for, then save the file and print out the form and get the signatures of your nearest neighbors and an officer of the board.

Here are a couple of suggestions that may make the process even easier for you.

- We live in Section 42. Most of us live in Block 7A. Residents of Courtyard D, only, live in Block 7B. If you don't know your Lot No., it's the last 2 digits on the map reference used by the County on your assessment Notice and tax bill. You can also get it by sending an email to the Board of Directors.
- There is not enough room on the front of the form to write a full description of your project. You should limit that statement to something like, "request approval to repaint the trim on my house," or "request approval to replace my windows," or "replace and enlarge my upper level deck" and then refer to an attachment that fully describes the work you intend to do.
- Your application should be as specific as possible and include, as appropriate, scale drawings, color samples, and references to the cluster design standards that support your choices.

Cluster Contractor List

The Cluster website offers a list of contractors that residents have used and recommend. If you are planning a project, this is a good place to start. The list is at the Handbook and Standards Tab, just scroll down to the link.

Vacancy on Board of Directors

There will be at least one vacancy to be filled on the board of directors in June. If you have any interest in serving on the board, please contact any of the directors, or send an email to us as gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

No Appeal to VA Supreme Court

Last week the attorney for the owners of the golf course notified us that they will not go forward with an appeal of the circuit court decision regarding the redevelopment of the golf course. Although expected, this is still a huge win for us. This puts the secure status of our golf course back to where we were in March, 2012.

If the owners of the golf course want to try again to change the open space designation of the course, they will be required to work through the entire legislative process of getting County Board of Supervisors' approval of a revised Reston Planned Residential Community Plan, a revised County Comprehensive Plan and a Development Plan. Several county supervisors, including Cathy Hudgins and board president, Sharon Bulova, are on public record as being fully committed to preserving Reston's open spaces and opposing any change in the golf course's use.

Nearby Future Developments Taking Shape

A few weeks ago, a *Fairfax County Times* article focused on what the development at Reston Heights will look like. This is the area next to the Reston International Center where Chili's restaurant used to be. According to the article, a new condominium (like the Madison near the Sheraton) will be built along the street facing the golf course. There will also be several office buildings and retail space.

The good news is that, because this property is subject to the Reston Covenants, all elements of the project must be approved by the Design Review Board. The developer has been working closely with Reston Association and reportedly shares RA's commitment to Reston's design principles, especially with regard to open space and people friendly landscaping.

We also read recently that the County has approved a new cluster of about 50 townhouses to be built between Commerce Center and Association Drive. This space is generally across the street from the shopping center at the corner of Sunrise Valley and Soapstone. This land too, is subject to Reston Covenants and the design must be approved by the DRB. We understand that residents of these new developments will be dues paying members of Reston Association.

Second Quarter Assessment Installments Due April 15th

If you pay your annual assessment in quarterly installments, your next payment of \$255 is due April 15th. Make your check or money order payable to GCVCA and mail it to GCVCA, PO Box 434, Oakton, VA 22124-0434.