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Next Board Meeting

May 10, 2016, 7:30 pm at 2076

Warm Weather Reminders

Spring is truly here, and it's a good time to remind ourselves about things we all should do to safeguard everyone's well-being as we move many of our normal activities outdoors.

Parking Lot Security

Every year we experience an increase in vandalism and car "break ins" starting about this time of year. People wander the neighborhoods of Reston looking for fun and opportunities. Our best protection against theft and vandalism is to make sure that our cars are locked whenever they are parked in our lots and to keep our porch lights are on from dusk until dawn. It costs so little time and money to keep our property safe.

Children's Safety

The street and parking parking lots are play spaces for a growing number of children. **Please drive slowly—the speed limit in the cluster is 15 mph.** Keep an eye out for little people on foot, bikes and scooters.

Parents, please be sure that your children's toys, balls, bikes and scooters are removed from the parking lots and sidewalks at the end of the day.

Garbage Control

Warm weather intensifies the odors of garbage (food waste) in our trash bags making them even more attractive to raccoons, skunks, opossums and crows. These critters tear into aromatic trash bags and spread the raw garbage on our sidewalks, parking lots and lawns—creating an unattractive and unhealthy mess. If you put food waste in your trash bags, it's critical that you tie the bags completely shut and put them in trash cans or double bag them.

Pet Waste Disposal

In warm weather, pet waste presents a an even bigger health hazard as many more people walk the neighborhood lawns. Pet owners, please pick up after your pets.

Mosquito and Gnat Abatement

Mosquitoes and those nasty gnats (more accurately, identified as no-see-ums) can make outdoor activities miserable in warm weather. The most effective way to control these pests is to prevent them from hatching in the first place.

Now is the time to police our yards and eliminate any place in which even a tiny amount of water can accumulate. Buckets, cans, empty flower pots or trays, childrens' toys, and covers for grills and firewood are all places where standing water can gather and provide breeding places for these insects.

During mosquito season, we all need to empty standing water regularly and empty and refill birdbaths every three or four days. The cluster will be treating the runoff water catch basins on common areas with larvicide on a monthly basis.

Neatness Counts

When it comes to maintaining our property values and quality of life in the neighborhood, neatness counts. The cluster has started the annual clean up of the common areas, and mowing season is underway. This is a great time of year to clean up our own yards, put our snow shovels and leaf rakes out of sight, shape up our shrubs, trees and lawns and fix any exterior element that needs repair or replacement.

As homeowners we are all subject to the Reston Covenants and legally required to maintain our homes and yards in compliance with Reston Association standards. Note that the maintenance covenants and design standards are administered and enforced by RA—not the cluster.

You'll find the RA Use and Maintenance Covenants online at www.reston.org. At the home page, click on:

About Reston

Governance

RA Governing Documents

Use and Maintenance

To find the RA design standards for landscape elements online, go to the RA home page and click on:

Property Owner Resources

Design Review

Design Guidelines

Cluster Housing

Landscaping: Planting, Walkways, Related

Structures, and

Landscaping: Removing Trees

You will find the cluster design standards for changes to the exterior of your townhouse at the cluster website www.golfcourseview.org. At the homepage, click on: the Handbook and Standards Tab, then on the link to the Cluster Handbook. The design standards begin on Page 14.

Vacancy on the Board

There will be at least one vacant seat on the Cluster Board of Directors to be filled in June. The position is for a one year term and offers a good way to get involved in the general management of the cluster's affairs. Participation on the Board is open to all residents and requires only a couple of hours a month.

If you have any interest in serving as a director, please contact us at gcvca@golfcourseview.org or call Sandy Dresser.

**2nd Quarter Assessment Installments
Are Due April 15th.**