



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

June 2016

Board of Directors Officers

President

Sandy Dresser

Vice President

Bob Williamson

Secretary/Treasurer

Stephanie Cavanaugh

Assistant Treasurer

Karen Seymour 703-255-2461

Directors

Joe Durishin

John Natoli

Gordon Simonett

Gary Villhauer

Committee Chairpersons

Design Standards

Sandy Dresser

Capital Improvements

Bob Williamson
John Natoli

Communication

Sandy Dresser

Drainage

Gary Villhauer
Bob Williamson
John Natoli

Landscape & Trees

Patty Williamson

Playgrounds

Joe Durishin
Brandi Pinkman

Financial Management Disclosure Packets

Karen Seymour
703-255-2461
fourflyin@aol.com

PO Box 434
Oakton VA 22124-0434

Cluster Website

www.golfcourseview.org

Cluster Email

gcvca@golfcourseview.org

Next Board Meeting

July 12, 2016
7:30 pm.at 2206

New Board Year Begins

At its annual meeting last Tuesday, the Board of Directors elected officers for the new board year and appointed chairpersons for the regular committees that manage our common services.

The names and contact information of the 2016-2017 officers and chairpersons are listed in the left-hand column of this newsletter and will be listed in all future newsletters. You can reach any of us by sending an email to gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

Landscape/Tree Committee to Develop New 5-Year Plan

2016 is the final year of our current 5-year plan for landscape improvement, and it's time to develop a new plan to guide our efforts for 2017 through 2022.

The Landscape/Tree Committee will meet later this month to set goals, determine the level of financial commitment we want to make, and identify the specific projects to be undertaken as we continue to maintain and enhance our common grounds.

All interested residents are encouraged to participate. We anticipate that the committee will meet two or three times this summer. The first meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, June 30th, 7:30 pm at 2206 GCD.

Brief Notes

Gully Drainage Breakthrough

Thanks to a complaint lodged by board member John Natoli, the county stormwater management division recently dredged a portion of the gully so that water now drains smoothly and, we hope, completely to a pipe that leads under the golf course toward Links Pond. Well done, John!

Updated Directory Coming This Summer

Since the cluster directory was last published in September, 2014, we have new residents in 23 of our 105 units. Clearly the current directory is hopelessly out of date. If your telephone number has changed, please let Sandy Dresser know so the next edition lists it correctly.

Mosquito Abatement

Mosquito season is upon us. It's important that each of us do what we can to minimize the nuisance by routinely emptying every possible source of standing water in which they can breed—birdbaths, flowerpot trays, tarps, ashtrays, buckets, etc., and protect ourselves by using insect repellent.

Annual Meeting Held

The Annual Meeting of the Cluster Association was held the evening of June 13, 2016. Thirty residents attended, and a quorum was present. Gordon Simonett was elected to fill the vacant position on the board.

President Sandy Dresser asked the members for input regarding two issues: trash collection contractor considerations and ways to encourage residents to appropriately maintain the exterior of their homes and yards.

Based on the discussion, our priorities in selecting the trash and recycling contractor are lowest price and reliable pickup schedule. The members confirmed that we need two trash pickups a week and that we prefer to have the recycling pickup coincide with one of the trash pickups.

The discussion of the failure of some residents to properly maintain their homes and yards confirmed that this is a significant concern for many of us, and that it is a difficult one for us to address because:

- enforcement of maintenance covenants is the prerogative of Reston Association, not the cluster, and
- people are hesitant to confront their neighbors about this kind of problem.

Landscape/Tree Committee Chairperson Patty Williamson ask members to take responsibility for ensuring that our youngest trees and landscape beds get watered regularly during the summer months. Noting that it is far less expensive to water the plants we have than to replace them, she said the cluster will provide supplementary hoses and sprinklers and reimburse residents for the water they use on common areas. If you are willing to help, please contact Patty or Sandy Dresser to get organized.

A resident asked about resurfacing the playground areas with additional mulch. Although playground equipment is a capital improvement that can be paid for with money in our reserves, playground maintenance is an operating expense that must be budgeted for. The suggestion was again made that the current compacted mulch could be significantly improved with raking. If you'd be willing to help with this, please contact Playground Committee Co-chairs, Joe Durishin or Brandi Pinkman.

3rd Quarter Installments Due Friday, July 15th.

If you pay your assessment in quarterly installments, be sure to make your checks payable to GCVCA and mail them to GCVCA, PO Box 434, Oakton VA 22124-0434.