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Next Board Meeting

Sept. 6, 2016
7:30 pm. at 2080

Landscape/Tree Committee

The Landscape/Tree Committee met late last month to begin to develop the next 5-year landscape plan. Eleven residents who represent all six courtyards have volunteered for this effort. Committee members are in the process of identifying specific areas of the neighborhood that could be enhanced through landscape improvement projects going forward.

The members have also agreed to be responsible for recruiting neighbors in each courtyard who will ensure that critical landscape beds and trees are watered during hot dry periods. For this task we need both neighbors who will provide the water and those who will "man the hoses." If you are asked to help, we hope you will be willing to do so. The cluster will support the effort by providing additional hoses as necessary and by reimbursing residents for the extra water usage costs they may incur.

A third goal of the committee is to identify residents who have knowledge and skills regarding landscape maintenance they would be willing to share with others if asked. If you'd be interested in being a landscape/gardening resource for the neighborhood, please contact Patty Williamson or Sandy Dresser, or just say "yes" if a committee member asks.

The next meeting of the committee is Thursday, July 21st, 7:30 pm at 2206.

Exterior and Landscape Maintenance

A major topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting last month was how to address the issue of homeowners who fail to maintain their homes and yards to the standards identified in the Reston Covenants. Enforcement of the Reston maintenance covenants is handled by RA, not the cluster. To report maintenance issues to RA, anyone can complete a complaint form, available at www.reston.org, and submit it to RA. This form can be filed anonymously.

Concerns about involving RA in covenants violations were aired at the annual meeting, the landscape/tree committee meeting and the recent board meeting. The primary concern is that RA is apt to identify maintenance violations at neighboring properties when they come to inspect the property in question.

In an effort to reduce the need to involve RA, the board of directors offers a "first step" of a letter from the board to the negligent homeowner that outlines the concerns of the complaining neighbors and requests prompt resolution of the problems in order to avoid the formal RA complaint process.

If you have particular concerns about the maintenance of a neighbor's home or yard, you may contact any board member. The board will review the property and your complaint and send the warning notice.

Cluster Email Network

The cluster email network has proved to be a valuable way to keep residents informed about what's going on in the neighborhood. We use it to remind residents about upcoming events, changes in trash schedules and snow service expectations, and to provide residents with a means to contact neighbors about items they'd like to sell or give away.

Last weekend, the computer that contains the cluster email address book was hit by a vicious virus. The tech had to wipe the computer clean of every file and install a new operating system. None of our email information was hacked or compromised, but the technicians had to completely expunge the email address book along with everything else.

We were able to recover about 90 percent of your email addresses from an old contact list stored on an external hard drive and by "mining" hard copies of old emails, but we didn't get them all.

On Thursday July 14th, we sent a test email to everyone on our list. **If you did not receive this email, you are not on our current contact list. To join or rejoin the cluster email network, just do one of the following:**

- Send an email with the subject line "email list" to us at gcvca@golfcourseview.org (no message necessary), or
- Go to our cluster website www.golfcourseview.org and at the home page click on the link to update your contact information.

Board Summer Schedule

To accommodate summer travel plans, the board will not meet in August and will meet on the first Tuesday in September.

There will be no newsletter published in August, but we plan to deliver the updated Cluster Directory then. If your phone number has changed, or you'd like to have your number included, please send us an email at gcvca@golfcourseview.org.

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.