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Golf Course View Cluster Association

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About Those Recycling Bins!

On December 31st residents in Courtyard A were surprised to see a recycling truck confiscating their blue recycling bins. Quick action on the part of board member Susan Mockenhaupt stopped the "theft" from going any further.

A phone call to Potomac Disposal Services (PDS) confirmed that no orders to pick up (and carry away) recycling bins was made by our trash contractor. Apparently the bins were picked up by AAA employees by accident. Golf Course Square changed trash contractors as of January 1, and the AAA crew was supposed to pick up 100 of their own recycling bins. Unable to reach their quota in Golf Course Square, the truck just kept going up our street.

Replacement bins from PDS will be available soon. To make the process more efficient, PDS has asked the board to compile a list of the addresses to which replacement bins should be delivered. PDS has also agreed to provide new bins to residents whose old blue bins are no longer serviceable.

If you lost your recycling bin on December 31st or need a new recycling bin, please contact Marge Hogarty by phone, or send an email to her at margehogarty@mris.com, no later than Friday January 21, 2005.

Marge will forward the list to PDS and replacement bins will be delivered to your home on a weekday other than a normal trash day.

If you are replacing an old unusable bin, please put the old bin—clearly marked as "trash"—out for pick up on a Tuesday.

Experience has shown that it can be difficult to get the trash collectors to pick up and take away even broken recycling bins. If they ignore your bin, you may need to put it in a big trashbag and try again.

Longtime Cluster Resident Passes Away

The cluster lost another longtime neighbor on December 22, 2004, when Chiyoko Koizumi died peacefully in her sleep. For the past 12 years, Mrs. Koizumi has lived here with her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Luci Koizumi. We send our sincere condolences to Don and Luci.

February Board Meeting

The February board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7:30 pm at 2206.

Interested residents are invited to attend.

Safety and Security Issues

Although we haven't had any snow or ice yet, we probably will have some real winter weather before spring arrives. There are a couple of things we can do to promote everyone's safety:

Outdoor Lighting

Adequate light is our best protection against theft, vandalism and pedestrian accidents. Our street lights provide only minimal illumination along the street and the Reston pathway. Everyone will be safer if we all turn on our front outdoor lights at dusk and leave them on all night. It costs only pennies a day to be safe.

Fire Lanes

The fire lanes along Golf Course Drive and in our parking lots ensure adequate access to our cluster by emergency vehicles. Cars parked along the yellow curbs that mark these fire lanes create a hazard to all of us. Please do not park in the fire lanes and ask your visitors to refrain from parking in these areas as well.

The cluster parking regulations permit the cluster totow away cars parked in fire lanes without notice. In the event of bad weather, all illegally parked cars will be towed.

Cleaning Up After Our Pets

Recently we have had many complaints from residents about dog droppings in their yards and along the pathways where people regularly walk. While some dog owners have simply ignored their dog's poop, others have bagged it up and then left the bags beside the sidewalk. Fairfax County law requires dog owners to clean up after their pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and good neighbor and always bag up your dog's droppings and dispose of them properly.

Annual Assessment Due

Just a reminder that the first quarterly installment of your 2005 annual assessment (\$246.25) is due January 15th.

If you wish to pay the full amount of the assessment and enjoy the 10% discount, your payment of \$886.50 is due no later than February 1st.

Your check should be made payable to Golf Course View Cluster Association and mailed to Capitol Management Corporation, 12011 Lee Jackson Hwy, Suite 350, Fairfax VA 22033.

Late fees will apply to quarterly payments not received by Feburary 15, and the amount of lump sum payments made after February 1 is \$985.