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Season's Greetings!

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Golf Course View Cluster Association

December 2005

Cluster Budget for 2006

Budget Item	Amount
Annual Assessment	\$985
Estimated Income	
Annual Assessment Payments	\$95,939
Interest	500
Late Charges	500
Total Estimated Income	\$96,939
Expenses	
Financial Management	\$3,000
Trash Service	\$19,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$21,125
Landscape & Trees	\$16,000
Snow Removal	\$3,000
Street Lights	\$2,250
Drainage	\$0
Legal	\$500
Misc. Administrative	\$1,420
Financial Audit	\$850
Insurance	\$900
Playgrounds	\$0
Curb Painting	\$0
Entrance & Signs Project	\$8,000
Subtotal Expenses	\$76,045
Contribution to Reserves	\$20,785
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$96,830
Annual Contingency Funds	\$109

GCVCA Snow Removal Guidelines

The Cluster contracts with Blade Runners to provide snow removal services. Under our contract, Blade Runners will plow our street and parking lots when 2" of snow has fallen and plow again with each subsequent 2" snowfall. They will also apply sand and calcium chloride to the streets and parking lots as needed. (Our contract does not include the use of a front-loader that can pick up snow from one location and move it to another. In the event of a major snow storm, we may need to pay extra to have this service provided.)

Blade Runners will shovel the cluster's common sidewalks along the parking lots when 4" of snow have fallen. In response to resident requests, we have asked them not to apply sand or salt to our sidewalks. Residents are expected to shovel their own sidewalks and, when the snowfall is less than 4", to clear the common sidewalks in front of their homes. If you are unable to shovel your own sidewalk, please see if

Board Approves 2006 Budget

The Board of Directors approved the 2006 Cluster budget, shown at left, at its December meeting.

2006 Assessments Due In January

Our new financial manager, Michelle Cidone, plans to mail the 2006 assessment statements in late December. The first quarterly installment of **\$246.25** is due January 15, 2006. Subsequent quarterly payments will be due April 15, July 15, and October 15.

If you choose to pay your annual assessment in a single payment, you will enjoy a 10% discount, if you make your payment by February 1, 2006. In this event, your payment amount will be **\$886.50**.

You can pay your assessment by check or money order, made payable to Golf Course View Cluster Association. Please mail your payment to:

Michelle Cidone
PO Box 8394
Reston VA 20195-8394

If you have questions about your assessment or your account, you can contact Michelle at 571-436-7810.

January Board Meeting

The January board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 7:30 pm at 2206.

Interested residents are invited to attend.

Important Notice

Effective immediately, cars parked in any fire lane (beside a yellow curb) will be towed without notice at the owners' expense.

Fire lanes have been designated to ensure that emergency vehicles have ready access to our cluster, and residents and guests can enter and exit our parking lots in safety. In the interest of everyone's safety, the board has decided to enforce the no parking rule as permitted by the Cluster By Laws.

If a car is towed, you'll need to contact the Fairfax County Police (703-691-2131) to retrieve it.

you can arrange to have someone do it for you. If you need assistance in finding someone to shovel for you, contact one of the board members and we'll do what we can to help you out. **For more information about snow removal, please see the Frequently Asked Questions and Answers on the next page.**

Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Removal

Blade Runners provided the following useful information:

Q. Why is there snow piled beside my car? Why can't they pile all the snow on the other side of the street?

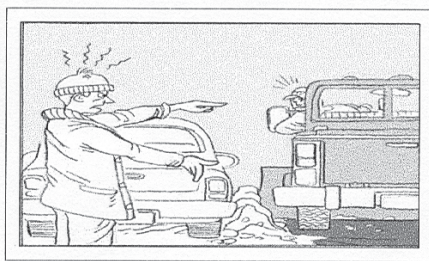
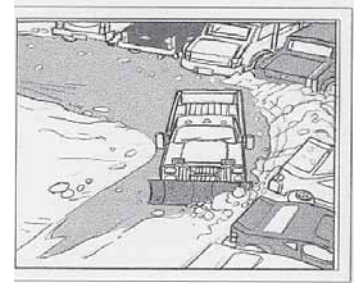
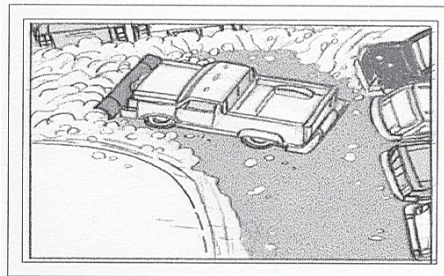
A. It is Blade Runners' policy to push the snow to the other side of the street. However, in cases of 4" or more, we can't because the truck is not able to push that much snow that far. When there is a lot of snow, we must distribute the snow on both sides of the plow. In heavy snows we focus on the main roadways in our initial plowing and return to widen the paths and entrances to the parking lots after the storm stops. This effort may well put additional snow beside a car parked on the street.

Q. Why can't they push the snow to the islands and not behind our cars?

A. Frequently the truck can't physically make the turn around the island and push the snow there. With cars parked on the perimeter, there is not enough room to make the needed forward and backward motions. It is much more effective to evenly distribute the snow behind cars and along the island curb.

The same problem exists in the corners of parking lots where there may not be enough space for the truck to move effectively.

Note: In Courtyard C where people park beside the center island as well as in spaces in front of houses, the plow's only option is to clear a narrow path and push snow to both sides of the blade. It will be to everyone's advantage if no one parks by the island in snowy weather.

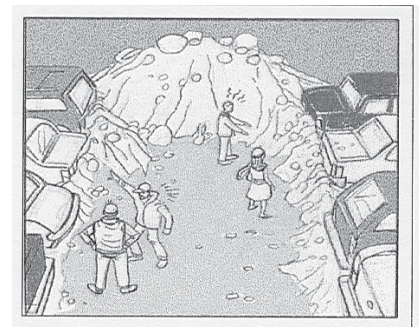


Q. I just shoveled out my car, and they came back and plowed me in!!#*?

A. This situation is a frustrating one. After working hard and using lots of muscle power to clean out your parking space, the plows come along and destroy your work. Remember that we're contracted to return and plow until the roads and lots are clear. One BIG problem is residents taking the snow from their parked cars and shoveling it back into the street or parking lot. When we return, this snow gets plowed back into your spot, and if we don't return it can create a dangerous ice mound in the roadway. It is best to pile this snow in front of your space or on the edge of the walkway.

Q. Why did they put the snow in MY parking space?

A. Our policy is not to place snow in empty parking spaces. However, there are some instances when this is necessary. In these cases, we try to keep the snow to the front of the space so you can still park. In extreme events, the truck may have no choice but to completely fill a parking space.



Important Information About Trash Collection And Recycling

In recent months, residents have called with questions about our trash collection and recycling agreement with Potomac Disposal Services (PDS). Most of these calls regarded PDS's recycling services. We've been in touch with PDS and have the following information to report.

Our Recyclables ARE Being Recycled

Several times in recent months our recyclables have been picked up by what appeared to be a trash truck—that is that everything has been dumped into the back end of a truck. PDS assures us that even these mixed loads of recyclables were delivered to the recycling center. This is good news to those of us who worried that these trucks were headed to the landfill. PDS has also assured us that our recyclables will be picked up on Fridays as scheduled.

Regular Trash Collection

Our trash is collected each Tuesday and Friday, with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day. Trash should be placed on the curb directly in front of your home. If your house doesn't face a curb, place your trash at the nearest curb area available.

Current Recycling Services

Recyclables which are picked up each Friday, include aluminum cans, plastic containers marked #1 or #2 (milk and juice), glass bottles (well rinsed), and newspapers (tied in bundles or in paper bags). Plastic bags are NOT recyclable, and items in plastic bags will only be picked up as trash.

Recycling Of Paper And Cardboard To Start In January!

Starting in January, PDS will begin to pick up miscellaneous paper and cardboard! Until now, we've had to carry our magazines, catalogs, junk mail and cardboard to the recycling center at Fox Mill. In the January *ReView*, we'll provide the details about this new recycling service.

Pick Up Of Yard Debris

Yard debris such as leaves, sticks, weeds, etc. will be picked up on any regular trash day. Sticks must be cut to a maximum length of four feet and tied in bundles.

Pick Up Of Large Household Items

Large items such as a sofa, mattress, washer or dryer, etc. will be picked up any Friday, at no charge. Renovation waste will be picked up so long as it is broken up and contained in a box or trashcan and contains no nails or glass fragments. If you have any questions, you can call PDS at 703-560-8860.

Pick Up Of Items That Contain CFCs

Items that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) such as refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers will NOT be picked up by PDS. Normally these items will be removed, possibly for a small charge, by the company from whom you purchase the new appliance. If necessary you can make arrangements with an independent hauling company for the removal of such items by calling 703-445-8717.

Christmas Tree Recycling

**PDS will pick up Christmas trees
for recycling on
Thursday, January 5 and
Thursday, January 12.**