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Sidewalk Repairs Planned

In the ongoing effort to maintain the cluster's infrastructure, the Board undertakes sidewalk maintenance every other year. This year sidewalks in Courtyards C and F will be repaired or replaced at a cost of about \$16,500, paid out of our capital reserve fund.

As we did for the sidewalk work in Courtyard B, the board hired a consulting firm (ETC) to manage the bidding process and oversee the work. At its March meeting the board voted to accept the bid offered by NVM, the same company that did the work in Courtyard B two years ago.

Residents in Courtyards C and F who have private sidewalks or stoops that need repair may want to schedule their repairs to be done at the same time and by the same company hired by the cluster. Frequently there are cost savings available when little jobs are rolled into bigger ones. If you have sidewalk repairs that you'd like to make this year, you can contact Bob Williamson.

Upper Playground To Get New Equipment

At its meeting this week, the board approved a proposal from the Playground Committee to replace the old swing set in the upper playground with new playground equipment. The renovation will be completed in two phases and will cost a total of about \$19,000, paid out of the capital reserve fund.

This year, the old swings will be removed and a new double slide installed. Additional pieces will be added in 2007. The equipment and installation will be done by the same company that installed the playground in Newbridge Cluster.

Capital Reserve Fund

After reviewing the cluster's most recent income and expense statement, the board was able to make the budgeted 2006 contribution to our capital reserve fund. At the same time, Bob Williamson, Capital Improvements Chairman reported that the cluster's reserve funding is on track with the long-term reserve plan.

April Board Meeting

The April board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 pm at 2204.

Interested residents are invited to attend.

New Signs And Landscaping Approved By DRB

The RA Design Review Board approved the cluster's plans for new signs at the entrance to the cluster and at the entrance to each courtyard last week. The DRB also approved the plans for the new landscaping by the parking circle, and work could begin as early as this week.

The board has contracted with Anomaly Signs to create and install the signs described in detail in last month's ReView. After reviewing competitive bids from three landscaping companies, the Landscape and Tree Committee accepted the bid from Cardinal Landscaping—the company that did such good work for us relandscaping the area along the Reston pathway between Courtyards B and C several years ago.

Cardinal has told us that they may begin the demolition work at the cluster entrance this week. We expect the signs to be installed within a month, and the landscaping will be done as soon as possible this spring.

The board earmarked \$11,000 for this project in the 2006 budget.

Four New Trees To Be Planted This Spring

For the first time in several years, there is money in the budget to replace some of the trees we've lost to disease and storm damage. The Landscape and Tree Committee has selected three small flowering trees to replace some ornamental trees that have been lost. These include a:

- Cornus kousa (Korean dogwood) to be planted on an island in Courtyard D in memory of Mary Souplos. (Most of the cost of this tree will be paid with contributions made by friends and neighbors of Mary.)
- Chionanthus virginicus (Fringe tree) to be planted along the pathway between Courtyards B and C to replace the lovely old redbud we lost in the recent snow storm.
- Stewartia pseudocamellia to be planted near the natural area behind 2135-2137.

In addition, a new shade tree (probably a scarlet oak) will be planted behind 2082—an area in which we've lost a pair of black locust trees and a large tulip tree in recent years.

The new trees will be planted as soon as the work can be scheduled this spring.

New trees need to be watered regularly during their first year to get their roots well established. If Mother Nature doesn't provide adequate rain, residents will need to do the job for her. Residents who water cluster trees and shrubs can be reimbursed for their extra water-related costs.