



ReView

Golf Course View Cluster Association

September 2006

GCVCA Board of Directors

Officers

President

Sandy Dresser

Vice President

Bob Williamson

Secretary

Marge Hogarty

Treasurer

John Moran

Directors

Lori Allred

Lenor Hersey

Gary Voegele

Committee Chairpersons

Architecture

Sandy Dresser

Capital Improvements

Bob Williamson

Communication

Sandy Dresser

Drainage

Gary Voegele

Finance

John Moran

Landscape & Trees

Patty Williamson

Playgrounds

John Moran

Lenor Hersey

Financial Management

Disclosure Packets

Michelle Cidone 703-967-6184
finance@golfcourseview.org

Website

www.golfcourseview.org

Email

gcvca@golfcourseview.org

Board Welcomes New Director

At its September meeting the Board appointed Lori Allred to fill the position on the Board left vacant by Susan Mockenhaupt's resignation. In addition to representing Courtyard C, Lori can also speak to the interests of our younger residents who are raising small children in our neighborhood. Welcome Lori!

Board Reconfirms Police Authority On Cluster Property

Periodically, the cluster must formally authorize the Fairfax County Police Department to enforce certain traffic and motor vehicle codes on private property. At its September meeting, the Board approved this authorization, which enables the police to ticket and tow unauthorized, unlicensed or abandoned vehicles parked on Golf Course Drive.

Other Motor Vehicle Issues

Improper Towing

It's come to our attention that at least one resident's car was improperly towed from Golf Course Drive earlier this month. Apparently the culprit was Road Runners which has a contract with Golf Course Square Cluster to automatically tow cars parked in no parking zones in that cluster. We had a similar problem about a year ago.

Although the GCVCA Board has the right to tow any car parked in a fire lane without notice, it has no automatic towing contract with Road Runners or any other towing company. If your car is towed by Road Runners, they have overstepped the limit of their agreement with Golf Course Square and you should be able to retrieve your car at no cost.

Trucks and Trailers on Golf Course Square

Many residents are unhappy with the number of trucks and trailers that are now regularly parked along Golf Course Square. These vehicles are not only unsightly, but create a genuine hazard.

Because Golf Course Square is a state road, there is little that we can do. The best suggestion to date is to work cooperatively with residents of Newbridge and Golf Course Square Clusters to develop a petition to the County Board of Supervisors for assistance in getting rid of the unwanted trucks and trailers. If you'd be willing to help in getting signatures for the petitions, please contact us at gcvca@golfcourseview.org or call any board member.

Board Votes To Renew Contract With Potomac Disposal Services

Last month the Board put the cluster's trash removal contract out to bid. We received only two responses to our request for proposals, one from PDS and one from American Disposal Services. Although the price proposed by ADS was slightly lower than the price quoted by PDS for the first year, the Board voted to continue our contract with PDS. The decision was based on the Board's satisfaction with the positive working relationship we've been able to establish with PDS. The new agreement with PDS is a three-year contract covering 2007 through 2009.

More About Mosquitoes

At the request of a resident, the Fairfax County Health Department visited the cluster last month to examine several of the catch basins that are part of the cluster's drainage system along the Reston Pathway.

In a letter to the Board, the health department officer reported that he found standing water that contained 93 mosquito larvae and pupae in one of the two catch basins he sampled. The other catch basin was empty, and he did not sample the other three catch basins on the property. The following is quoted from the officer's report to the board:

"These drains are certainly vector mosquito breeding sites, and therefore are a public health issue; they are probably not the predominant source of nuisance mosquitoes in the development. We sampled a flower pot, trash can, recycling bin, and two tires that contained standing water and mosquitoes--the tires were responsible for over 200 *Aedes albopictus* (Asian tiger mosquitoes). From the collections we made we suspect that the miscellaneous containers around homes are the predominant source of the mosquito nuisance problem, with the French drains [catch basins] only a small contributing factor."

Until we get a killing frost, we encourage everyone to conscientiously empty standing water from all containers around your house and yard every couple of days. If you have a bird bath, please change the water every few days or use a larvicide mosquito dunk.

October Board Meeting

The October board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 pm at 2096.

Interested residents are invited to attend.