

Bentana Woods West

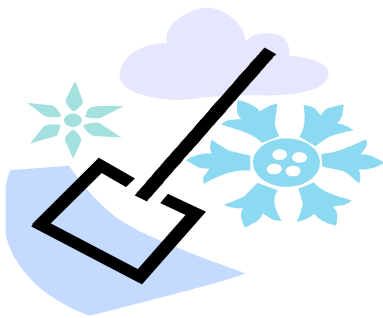
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❖ Mark your calendars! – Annual General Meeting – Sunday, April 26 ❖

Clear Those Sidewalks

Winter weather is here and with it comes the occasional accumulation of snowfall or freezing rain. Our neighbors, visitors, letter carriers and delivery persons depend on safe, clear walkways to move between homes and to and from the parking areas. Please be courteous enough to shovel and salt or sand the sidewalks leading up to and in front of your homes for everyone's benefit. ❖



Design Review Board Process

Now that the December holidays are behind us and spring is ahead, your thoughts may be turning to spring projects you'd like to get started on. If any of those projects involve exterior changes to your property, you probably will need permission from the Reston DRB (Design and Review Board).

Obtain a DRB Application

The first step in gaining this permission is filling out a DRB application. An application can be obtained from a Bentana Woods West Board Member (names and addresses on the back page), from going to the RA website (Reston.org), or by picking up one from the Reston Association Headquarters (1930 Isaac Newton Square).

Write a Description of Your Project

First, the application asks for a brief description of your proposal and suggests that you include attachments for more detailed plans, scale drawings or brochures. Note that these accompanying documents become a necessity if your project isn't based on an established cluster standard. Going to the Reston.org web-site and looking at the "Design Guidelines" is useful in understanding what the Reston covenants are, regarding such items as fencing, doors, windows, sheds, etc. The site is also useful in helping you to know what details you should include in your application.

If you still find yourself confused, you can turn to the Covenants Counselor for Bentana Woods West, Eddie McEver, at 703.435.6527 and he'll be happy to help you. As a Covenants Counselor, one of Eddie's jobs is to act as an intermediary between cluster residents and the DRB, and to counsel or help residents understand what is to be expected throughout the application process.

Obtain the Necessary Signatures

When you complete the description of your proposed project, you sign the application and take it to your two nearest neighbors and to at least one Bentana Woods West Cluster Board Officer (not simply a Board

Member) for their signatures. Both Eddie and the application make clear that these signatures are not an expression of approval but are merely an acknowledgement that you have notified these three people of your proposed project by showing them your application. The signatures strictly represent notification.



If any of these three people have concerns, they should check the box next to their signature indicating that they intend to register as an "affected party". Registering in this way will allow them to attend the meeting where your application is presented and to voice their point of view to the Design and Review Board Panel. However, to have this privilege they previously had to present their concerns in writing (via letter or email) to the Reston Association within five days of signing your application.

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Send in Completed Application

When you have gathered all your signatures, turn your application in to Eddie at the Reston Association Headquarters or mail it to him. Some time later, you will receive written notification of the approval or disapproval of your project. The length of time it takes for this notification somewhat depends upon the level at which your application has to be heard. Some routine proposals can be acted on by Eddie at the staff level, and others at the consultation level which is Eddie and a member of the DRB. Less routine matters have to go before a panel of three members of the DRB. All proposals involving an affected party have to be heard at the panel level. Very large and very complicated proposals have to be presented to the entire nine-member Design and Review Board which is composed of seven people who are professional architects or engineers and two lay people. ❖



Cocoa Mulch Warning

Spring hasn't quite sprung yet, but the task of mulching the gardens and landscaping around your homes isn't too far away. What may sound like a "green" idea at first – and with it, the temptingly rich smell of chocolate – could be seriously detrimental to your pets. Some brands of cocoa bean mulch, commonly found in many home improvement stores, contain the chemicals Theobromine and caffeine, which are toxic for both cats and dogs. Ingested by a 50 pound dog, as little as two ounces of cocoa mulch will make it sick, while nine or more ounces is lethal. ❖

Recommended Contractors

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO OFFER YOUR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS TOO!

LOUDOUN EXTERIORS

WINDOWS, SIDING, DOORS, ROOFING,
GUTTERS, DECKS, AND FENCES
ALEX POST
703.729.6633
RECOMMENDED BY TONY CHANG

DON TAYLOR HOME SERVICES

ALL HOME REPAIRS AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES
703.216.6516
RECOMMENDED BY JANE LEGROS

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

GROUNDHOG DAY

FEBRUARY 2

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 3

7:30PM @ 1504 SCANDIA CIRCLE

VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14

PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

MARCH 3

7:30PM @ 1510 SCANDIA CIRCLE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

MARCH 8

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17

March Cluster Board Meeting

Board meetings always begin with a Resident's Forum.

Want to say something? You can!

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30pm at 1510 Scandia Circle.

If you have any documents requiring Board Member discussion or signatures, this would be a great time to get them!

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