

Bentana Woods West

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❖ **REMINDER! Annual General Meeting – Sunday, April 26, 7:30pm** ❖

Covenant Walkthrough: Trash and Drainage Pipes!

Over the past few weeks, in conjunction with Reston Association, the Cluster has been conducting a “Covenant Walk-through” to assess the state of the Cluster. The most obviously noted and widespread violations concern exposed trash and unburied drainage pipes.



With reference to trash, Section VI.2(b)(8) of the Reston Deed declares, in part:

“Storage of refuse or debris exposed to view is prohibited on any part of the property, except for temporary placement of such refuse awaiting pickup.”

The RA “Use and Maintenance Standards Resolution 3” (Refuse and Debris) expands on all the items considered trash and debris under this covenant, and it covers just about anything deemed to be unsightly.

In short, do not leave trash cans, building materials, boxes, broken

furniture etc. exposed to view either at the front or back of your property whether fenced or not. All houses have an outside closet for the storage of a trash can, and those with garages have even more space.

Regarding the black water drainage pipes, the Design Review Guidelines (Gutters and Downspouts) and Cluster standards require pipes to be underground, and terminated on the owner’s property in “French Drains”. The guidelines also state:

“Any change in drainage caused by installation of gutters and downspouts must not detrimentally impact neighboring properties”

- and -

“Be careful to direct runoff water away from sidewalks and driveways.”

So please bury those black pipes, or cover with plant material, and terminate them on your own property in a French Drain (as detailed in the March newsletter) or a gravel/stone filled pothole. In no event should any water be diverted onto the Cluster or a neighbor’s property. ❖

AAA Guidelines

AAA Trash and Recycling Removal, our contracted refuse service, has asked us to publish some of their guidelines so as to reduce misunderstandings.

Special Items

Household cleanout, appliances, furniture, construction materials and other large or bulky miscellaneous items require special attention. Please call their office (703.818.8222) or visit their website (www.aaatrash.com) in advance to schedule a pickup for these items. There is a minimum fee of \$50 for special pickups.

AAA Will Not Remove

Flammable products, oil paint cans, tires, dead animals, manure, tree stumps, dirt, stone, brick, lead acid/wet cell batteries, and toxic, bio-hazardous materials or waste will not be collected.

Containers or bundles weighing more than 50 pounds or greater than 4 feet in length will not be collected as household trash. Please call their office or visit their website in advance to schedule a pickup for these items.

Brush and Limbs

Brush and limbs must be cut into 4-foot or shorter lengths, bundled (arm-full size) with rope or twine and should not exceed 50 pounds. ❖

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2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Your Cluster Dues at Work

On April 19th, a special Board Meeting was convened to consider proposals from the Landscaping Committee. During that meeting, the Board of Directors authorized, among other items, funds to:

- Refurbish the small playground between Scandia Circle and Farsta Court.
- Mulch the large playground between Scandia Circle and Park Glen Court, following the excellent repainting of the swing set by Mike Healy and his helpers, as well as the installation of a bench.
- Build a "bridge" over the Fairfax County rip-rap behind 1526-28 Park Glen Court for lawn mower and homeowner access;
- Obtain bids/proposals to re-landscape the right hand side of the entrance to Scandia Circle, and continue the landscaping along North Shore Drive from the playground steps down to the Park Glen Court entrance. ❖

More About Trash

Be a good neighbor. Please follow these guidelines for trash pickup:

- Trash collection is early in the morning **Monday** and **Thursday**. Recycle bins go out for **Monday** pickup.
- **Please put your trash out the previous day after 5PM.**
- Stored trash cans should not be seen from the street. Please pick them up as soon as possible after they are emptied.

Everyone's cooperation will be appreciated. Our neighborhood will look better and good curb appeal will be our reward. ❖



2009 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 7:30pm
1542 Scandia Circle
Social starts at 7:00pm

Elections are held each year at the Annual General Meeting on the last Sunday of April at 7:30pm.

There are a total of seven directors elected for overlapping terms of two years. Three are elected in one year, the other four the following year and

continuing on in alternating fashion. For this election, a resident representative from at least 22 households must be present to constitute a quorum. Proxies do not count towards a quorum.

Officers of the Corporation (Cluster) are elected annually at the first regular meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting. Only the President must be a Board member, other officers may be Board members or residents.

As of April 21st, declared candidates for election to the four vacating seats in the first group above are:

Brian Cameron 1515 Farsta Court
 Michael Healy 1550 Scandia Circle
 Jane LeGros 1504 Scandia Circle
 Bryant Smith 1537 Park Glen Court
 Bill Wagner 1527 Scandia Circle

Short biographies for each of the candidates have been presented on the following page.

Any other person wishing to be a candidate may contact a Board Member or may be nominated from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. ❖

BWWCA DIRECTORS, ELECTION AND TERM EXPIRATION DATES

BOARD DIRECTOR	ELECTED	TERM ENDS
TOM BODINE	APRIL 2007	APRIL 2009
AMY BOSSIE	DECEMBER 2008*	APRIL 2009
JANE LEGROS	APRIL 2007	APRIL 2009
MARTIN DAPOT	APRIL 2008**	APRIL 2009
JOHN BRIGHAM	APRIL 2008	APRIL 2010
EILEEN DUBOSE	APRIL 2008	APRIL 2010
JONATHAN KRENTEL	APRIL 2008	APRIL 2010

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Meet the Candidates

Brian Cameron

Brian Cameron has been a resident of Farsta Court and the Bentana Woods West community since 2000. Brian is an independent Management Consultant specializing in operational business process; workflow and software solutions for growing small to mid-size companies. Brian works out of his home office. Brian brings private sector executive management experience in accounting & finance, contracts, construction and software solution development.

"I want to represent the residents of Farsta Court so that each BWWCA neighborhood has a voice" says Brian. He is the father of two adult sons who live out of the area. His interests include home projects, landscaping projects, woodworking and golf.

Michael D. Healy

Mike Healy, a Bentana Woods West community resident for over nine years, is a U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduate and a Trinity College, Dublin graduate with an advanced degree in applied mathematics. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army for six years and presently is an Information Technology Project Manager and new business Proposal Manager with a major Federal Contractor in the area. Mike's outside interests include managing a volunteer program that supports the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, and exhibiting his personal home business at the Reston Market at Lake Anne. Mike would like to see our community households become more involved in low cost or no cost volunteer projects around the neighborhood. He is currently leading a group of volunteers to freshen up the neighborhood North Shore Drive tot lot. Finally, Mike would like to see the Bentana Wood West Cluster Board periodically coordinate and collaborate with other neighborhood Cluster Boards along North Shore Drive to share lessons learned from various past cluster initiatives, and develop combined cluster community projects that would benefit the entire North Shore Drive community.

Jane LeGros

Jane LeGros, a current Board member, is seeking re-election. Jane has lived in Bentana Woods West since 1999 and held a Board seat since 2004. She supported the STOP (Save Tall Oaks Pool), the installation of the sprinkler system and voted against the increase in cluster dues. The following issues are some that Jane believes are important for the community: Continued fiscal responsibility; curb appeal and the maintenance of our homes; our trees and their health and resident involvement within the cluster. Jane can be reached with questions either at 703.787.8388 or at janelegros@comcast.net. She would appreciate your support on April 26th.

Bryant Smith

Bryant has lived on Park Glen Court with his wife since 2006 and on the Tall Oaks side of North Shore Drive since 2000. He is currently the owner of a software company and works from his home office. Bryant's background includes process management, software design and accounting best practices. He has been directly responsible for budgets in excess of \$1 million. Bryant has created budget and accounting related tools and data warehouses for his clients including departments at NASA, DOJ and the Army. He works well in a team environment, is detail oriented and able to meet strict deadlines. He has been managing the BWWCA website for the past year. Bryant would like to coordinate within the community to ensure we maintain our curb appeal, property values, and keep the neighborhood a safe and secure place for all of our residents and their children.

Bill Wagner

Bill Wagner has been a resident of Bentana Woods West since July, 1988, and is currently a member of the landscape committee. As a former employee of the National Park Service, Bill believes his service to the community would be invaluable since he has worked with arborists, engineers, landscape architects, and landscape designers both professionally and personally in the past. He is primarily concerned with the safety, stability, and preservation of our highly wooded surroundings in a cost effective manner. Bill can be reached at 703.435.9734 or via e-mail at wagner@sprynet.com for anyone having any questions.

Painting Your House

For our cluster, there is only one exterior house finish allowed: Olympic Solid Color Premium Acrylic Latex Stain – it's important to note that this is not paint, and is actually wood stain. Locally, it is sold at Lowes (closest stores being in Sterling and Chantilly) and unfortunately isn't available at our nearby Home Depot.

Homes stained with an original palette color may be re-stained with that same approved color indefinitely. Should a homeowner wish to change color only a color from the new palette may be used. You cannot have the same siding color as your closest neighbors.

Trim surrounding windows and door frames is also Olympic Solid Color Stain and only two colors are approved. Gutters, roof troughs, roof flashing and fixtures must all be stained/painted one of the trim colors. Downspouts may be painted either the trim color or the same as the siding.

Original: Beachwood, Beige Gray, Butternut, Chamois, Cocoa, Russet, Sage.

New: California Rustic, Fawn, Monterey Gray, Taupe, Sandstone, Willow Mist.

Trim: Mahogany, Oxford Brown

All door colors (original, equivalent, and new), except the last two, are Duron Glossy Enamel.

The original color names have been discontinued but the hues are the same as

the equivalent Duron colors shown here:

Original	Equivalent
<i>Bertram</i>	Tatami Tan SW6116
<i>Basil</i>	Baguette SW6123
Blue Fury	Refuge SW6228
<i>Cantonese Gold</i>	Yarrow SW6669
<i>Hunter Green</i>	Grasshopper SW6733
<i>Pumpkin</i>	Copper Harbor SW6634
<i>Titan Blue</i>	Loch Blue SW6502

New Duron Color Palette

Amber White
 Carolina Slate
 Chadwicke Tan
 Cobblestone Gray
 Foxhall Green
 Farm House Red
 Incense
 Mahogany (Olympic)
 Oxford Brown (Olympic)

Doors painted with an original palette color may be re-painted with that same approved color indefinitely. Should a homeowner wish to change color, only a color from the new palette may be used.

The main and external closet doors should be painted the same approved color.

A front screen door, if installed, must be painted the same color as either the front door or the trim.

Our thanks to Joanne Henck for working with the Duron store to obtain the equivalent matches for our original colors.



Calendar of Events

MAY IS ASIAN/PACIFIC AND JEWISH
 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

MAY DAY

MAY 1

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

MAY 3-9

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

MAY 5

7:30PM @ LOCATION TBD AFTER AGM

CINCO DE MAYO

MAY 5

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 10

ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 16

MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)

MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30


May 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, May 5 at 7:30pm location TBD after AGM.

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

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