

# Bentana Woods West

Issue 5

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## Did You Know...

A traffic violation can be expunged from your record after a certain length of time. However, a violation regarding picking up after your dog is a CRIMINAL offense in Fairfax County and remains on your record permanently. Please be a responsible pet owner. Some dog owners have been seen not picking up when their dogs are in the wooded areas. Be advised that the woods are also part of the County and the pick up rules apply there as well. ❖



## Trash Reminder

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

- Trash collection is early in the morning **Monday** and **Thursday**. Recycle bins only 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 emptied.

Everyone's cooperation will be appreciated. Our neighborhood will look better and good curb appeal will be our reward, especially with homes now for sale in our cluster. ❖

## Annual Board Election

Three new members were elected to the cluster Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Elected for two year terms are Brian Cameron of 1515 Farsta Court, who will serve as Secretary, Bryant Smith of 1537 Park Glen Court, serving as Treasurer, and Bill Wagner of 1527 Scandia Circle, serving as a Director. Jane LeGros of 1504 Scandia Circle was re-elected to a two year term and continues on as Vice President.

At the cluster Board meeting held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, John Brigham was elected President – Eileen DuBose and Jonathan Krentel remain on the board as Directors. ❖

## BWWCA Website

*Please be sure to visit the Bentana Woods West Cluster Association website.*

***<http://www.bwwca.org>***

*It's your online resource for cluster information: whether you're looking up Cluster Bylaws or need Work Request Forms, an Application for Planting on Common Property, or minutes from previous Board Meetings and has lots of beautiful photos of our neighborhood.*

## Parking Problems

*Just a friendly reminder that parking along the curb is **ABSOLUTELY NOT PERMITTED***

## Teenage Helpers

*Need help with work around your house or yard? Please call Matthias Dailey at 703.318.1454*

We are sure there are many other high school and college-bound students in our cluster that would like to earn some money over the summer.

Following through with that thought, we can publish the names of responsible teenagers in the community who would like to provide their services. The idea is to help our teens by offering this information in the newsletter and in turn assist residents in knowing who to call.

So, if you're a teenager looking to earn some extra spending money, email [bwwnews@gmail.com](mailto:bwwnews@gmail.com) with your:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Brief listing of work you would be willing to do, such as: babysitting, cleaning, washing cars, windows, lawn mowing, odd jobs, weeding and other landscaping chores. ❖

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## Proposed RA/RCC Indoor Recreation Facility

The Reston Association and Reston Community Center Boards, through a Joint Task Force, have been working together since early last fall on exploring the potential for a joint indoor recreation facility that would include indoor aquatics, tennis, gymnasium, program and community space and the required parking. Both organizations have identified needs for additional indoor recreation space, as well as community use space. We are early in the process. The firm Brailsford & Dunlavey (B&D) was hired to conduct a market and feasibility study to determine the community needs, and to gauge whether Reston could support additional indoor recreation space.

The B&D final report was due on June 1, 2009, and should be posted on the RA website soon thereafter. The Joint Task Force commenced the community engagement portion of the process on May 18 and the Lake Anne / Tall Oaks District meeting is on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District**

*hosted by Robin Smyers,*

*RA President & District*

*Representative*

**Thursday, July 9**

**7-9 pm**

*Lake Anne Elementary School*

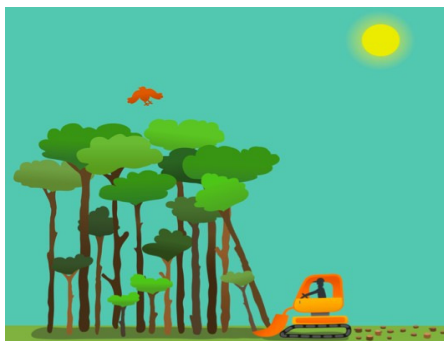
*cafeteria*

*11510 North Shore Drive, Reston*

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No decisions have been made by either Board. Gathering community input is critical to the process, and this summer will focus on this effort. They look forward to hearing from as many members of both Reston Association and constituents of Reston Community Center, Small District 5, as possible as they consider and evaluate the project.

Please see the Reston Association website for more information. ❖



**On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the RA Board of Director's meeting was well attended. Many citizens from all over Reston came to express their concern that the board is moving ahead with plans to pave over a park.**

**And one of the board members was listening.**

Late in the meeting, Director Joe Leighton put forth a motion to eliminate Brown's Chapel Park as a possible site for the proposed joint RA/RCC recreational center.

Joe Leighton asked for a second from Director Frank Lynch but he declined. The motion was seconded by Director Richard Chew. The motion was then tabled by Director Richard Chew until the next Board meeting July 23.

**What does this mean for the supporters of Save Brown's Chapel?**

It means that we need to ask the other board members to explain their actions.

Why is the Reston Association Board of Directors pursuing a plan that will enable the RCC to locate a county recreation center, of any size or shape, on Reston Association land?

The upcoming District Meetings will be our opportunity to ask the questions and get the answers.

**Please plan on attending while it is still your money and your park.**

<http://www.savebrownschapel.com> ❖

## Neighborhood Pool

Our neighborhood pool, Tall Oaks, recently began its "Season 3" schedule, which runs from June 19 to August 16:

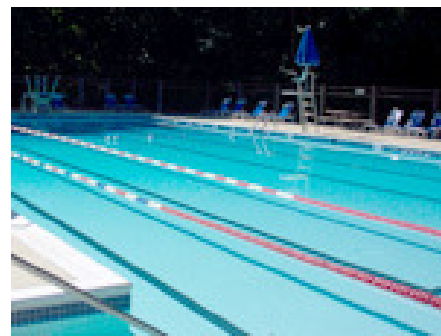
**Weekdays Noon – 8 PM**

**Weekends 11 AM – 7 PM**

**Closed on Tuesdays**

"Season 4" commences August 17 to September 7 and reduces opening times to only Weekends 11 AM – 7 PM.

Reston Association Pool and Tennis Passes are necessary to gain admission to the pool. Passes are available now at the RA Member Services Desk, 1930 Isaac Newton Square (M-F 8:30-5:30), or online at [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org).



Membership cards are \$15 for adults 18 years or older and \$10 for children. Family Pass Packages are offered for \$60 (2 adults and 3 children). Season Guest Passes are \$25 and are good for one guest per visit, while One-Day Guest Passes are \$5 each (available in packs of five) at the pool or RA main office, valid only for the day purchased.

RA Members 18 years and older must have a current photo ID and proof of owning or occupying a residence (upon which the RA assessment is current) in order to purchase passes for themselves and immediate family members.

Free sunscreen is available at any RA pool – just in case you forgot yours.

The pool can be rented for your party or group gathering. If interested, call 703.435.6530 for details. ❖

## Mosquito Season

We are soon approaching the height of the mosquito season. It seems appropriate to look at how we can cut down on the number of mosquitoes breeding in our back yards and at the same time reduce the thread of West Nile Virus.

According to a brochure put out by the Fairfax County Health Department, mosquitoes are poor fliers, so if they are a problem where you live, they most likely were bred in a still water source on or around your property. They are often called "back yard breeders" – they breed and feed in our back yards. So it is worth taking the time to make your yard mosquito free.

### Eliminate Standing Water

The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate or treat the standing water where the larvae live. Once the adult mosquitoes have emerged, chemical controls give only temporary relief.

- **Roof Gutters** – Clean out leaves and debris frequently. Flush out to ensure that new rain water drains properly.
- **Outside Containers** – Turn them upside down or sideways so they don't collect more water. A mosquito breeding pond can be quite small.
- **Bird Baths** – Clean and change the water every few days.
- **Wading/Kiddie Pools** – Change the water at least every few days and turn it upside down when it is not in use.
- **Puddles and Wet Soggy Areas** – Drain the water off or fill with dirt or other material.
- **Ornamental Ponds** – Stock with small fish or add a recirculating pump.

### Townhouse Communities

In a townhouse community, it is particularly important that we monitor standing water. One water filled container could provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes that would later infest many of our neighbors' yards and gardens. ❖

## The Emerald Ash Borer



You may have noticed what appear to be strange purple triangular box kites hanging from or secured to trees in the area. They are being utilized in a multinational effort to detect, monitor and research the emerald ash borer population and contain their infestations.



An exotic, shiny, metallic green beetle about half an inch in length and native to Asia, the borer is a highly destructive and invasive species, especially in its immature larval stage. It has been responsible for killing tens of millions of ash trees since its detection in the US in 2002 and threatens to kill most of the ash trees throughout North America, costing tens of millions of dollars to affected municipalities, property owners, nurseries and the forest product industry. Learn more about this destructive beetle at <http://www.emeraldashborer.info>. ❖

## RA Summer Camps

Friendship and Fun for 35 years! See for yourself why the longest operating camps in Reston are the place to be. Generations of Restonians have grown up through the RA Camp tradition from campers to counselors and directors to managers, even to an RA Executive Vice President!

Our safety and supervision exceeds the minimum standards for Child Day Centers as required by the Virginia Department of Social Services. The maximum staff to camper ratio is one staff member to every seven campers.

### RA Camps include:

- Nature Tots, Ages 3 - 5
- Hug-A-Tree, Ages 5 - 7
- Sportsters, Ages 6 - 8
- Mini Camp, Ages 5 - 10
- Day Camp, Ages 7 - 11
- Skate Camp, Ages 6 - 12
- Science Camp, Ages 8 - 12
- Adventure Links, Ages 8 - 14
- Teen Camp, Ages 11 - 14
- Guard Start, Ages 13 - 15
- Counselor-In-Training, Ages 14 - 16

### Additional Services

**Transportation** For an additional fee, van transportation is available within RA boundaries. Pick up/drop off locations must be home, place of employment or day care provider.

**Extended Care** For an additional fee, extended care is provided from 7:30 - 9:00 am and 4:00 - 5:30 pm.

To learn more about RA's camp sessions and themes, check out the A to Z Program Guide.

To register for a camp, please visit [Reston.org](http://Reston.org). ❖

## Questions About the RA?

Do you have questions about the Reston Association? Need to know about activities or even about the new Nature Center? Everything you need to know can be found at Reston.org. Just go online and find all the information you need about Reston and the Reston amenities. If you want to be up to date on activities, events and community issues you can choose to sign up for the individual e-mails that will be sent to you automatically. This is an easy way to keep up with everything you are interested in – especially with the summer here. ❖

## This is YOUR Newsletter

If you have an article or photo that you think would be great or would like to announce a special event in your household such as a birth, wedding, graduation, book published, etc. we can mention it in our newsletter. We gladly accept suggestions or any other informative tidbit that you would like to see in the BWWC Newsletter.

Questions about anything concerning our cluster, our Board, or how we allocate the dues? Please come to a Board meeting. We hold a Resident's Forum each month for this purpose.

Again, comments, articles and editorials are always welcome. This newsletter is for YOU. Deadline for the newsletter is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and submissions should be sent to Board member Eileen DuBose edubose@aol.com. ❖

## Recommended Contractors

Have you ever turned to a neighbor and asked "Hey do you know anyone in the cluster who's had their roof done lately?"

It's been discovered, in looking through old newsletters that the cluster used to collect information on recommended home repair contractors. It seems useful to once again pool our experiences.

We would like to continue publishing information about one or two contractors in each issue of our newsletter. So if you've had a positive experience, let us know by sending an email to bwwnews@gmail.com:

- What work was done
- When it was done
- What other kinds of jobs does the contractor take on
- Name and phone number of the contractor
- Your name and home address

Needless to say, don't give us any names of contractors you yourself would not hire a second time. ❖

### CITIZENS CONTRACTING COMPANY

703.536.6400

*"I've used Citizens for many jobs including replacement deck, front door, bathroom remodeling, foyer tile entrance, and roofing. Very reliable, responsive and careful. Not a handyman company and job must meet \$750 minimum. Fully licensed and insured. No charge for estimates."*

RECOMMENDED BY BERNIE KATZ

1524 SCANDIA CIRCLE – 703.471.8760

## Calendar of Events

*JULY IS NATIONAL GRILLING, HOT DOG, ICE CREAM, AND RECREATION MONTH*

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 4

### JULY CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

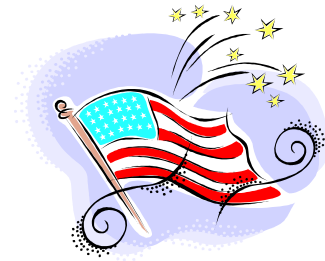
JULY 14, 7:30PM, 1510 SCANDIA

### ANNIVERSARY OF APOLLO 11 LAUNCH

JULY 16

### NATIONAL JUNK FOOD DAY

JULY 21




### July Cluster Board Meeting

*Board meetings are open to all members of BWW and usually held at 7:30pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Want to say something? You can! Board meetings always begin with a Resident's Forum.*

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1510 Scandia.**

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

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