# **Bentana Woods West**

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# **Notice on Leaf Pickup**

Cluster property is defined as the property that begins where yours ends. At this time of year, it seems a good neighbor is defined as one who takes care of his property and does not defile others. Please make every effort to NOT rake or blow leaves into the common areas that surround our homes.

Just a little more effort and you can have them bagged for the trash pick-ups. If you're new to the Cluster, talk to a neighbor about property lines. If you have a fence, then pick up what's inside the fence for either leaf pick-ups our for our trash crew. Please, do not open the gate and dump them on the common areas. Do your part to set a good example.

The LAST scheduled leaf pickup is MONDAY, December 7th. ❖

# **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 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. ❖



# Your Cluster Dues At Work

Two large Oaks infected with Borers were treated by Twin Oaks Tree Care.



Five Hollies and one Redbud Tree were planted at the end of Farsta by Meadows Farms.



Reseeding was done and topsoil was added to the lawn between Park Glen and Scandia, which was damaged by tree removal in September.



Landscape plantings were replaced on North Shore and Scandia by Meadows Farms to maintain the common areas' appearance.



Wood chips were spread in areas surrounding the Farsta/Scandia playground by Cardinal.

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# Free Foreclosure Prevention Services

There may be homeowners in our community who are facing economic hardships at this time and are uncertain where to turn for help. Homes may be in danger of foreclosure, an outcome that would be detrimental not only to the homeowner but also to the neighborhood and to the community as a whole, as home values become depressed.

Reston Interfaith would like to help those homeowners and our community, free of charge. Reston Interfaith is a social servies organization celebrating 40 years of service in northwestern Fairfax County. Last year, in response to the overwhelming number of foreclosures in the region, they trained and redirected staff to launch their FREE Housing Counseling office. Their bilingual staff (Spanish/English) has helped many families preserve stability in their homes through effective foreclosure prevention strategies. <

#### If you need assistance, please contact:

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### **Tree Care Discount**

Twin Oaks Tree Care is offering special discount rates for tree work done in January 2010.

Our cluster is planning on taking advantage of these rates by scheduling a day of tree work in January instead of this spring. We take great pride in our trees and do everything possible to maintain their health.

We hope that individual homeowners will also take advantage of these discounted rates to have necessary tree work done. Remember, a dead tree homeowner's property can detract from the appearance of the entire street; and therefore, have a negative effect on all our property values.

An arborist from Twin Oaks Tree Care will come and give you a no-cost/no-obligation estimate of the work you need. If this meets with your approval, you will then be scheduled on their January calendar.

If you have an ailing tree or a tree with many dead branches, please contact a member of the Landscape Committee who will then arrange for the arborist to give you an estimate. Keep in mind that rates will be raised in the spring. Discounted rates are being offered because of the current recession, and in order to keep employees on during the winter months. .

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#### Calendar of Events

DECEMBER IS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

#### **CLUSTER BOARD MEETING**

DEC 1 – 7:30рм @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR

#### HANUKKAH BEGINS

DEC 11

#### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

DEC 15 - 7:30PM @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR

#### FIRST DAY OF WINTER

**DEC 21** 

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**DEC 25** 

#### KWANZAA BEGINS

**DEC 26** 

#### **December Cluster 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, December 1, 1504 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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