

# Bentana Woods West

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❖ **NOTICE: Saturday, March 20, at 9:00am – Offer Feedback on Future Land Use Near Wiehle Avenue Metro Station** ❖  
❖ [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2010/future-land-use-wiehle-avenue-metro-workshop.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2010/future-land-use-wiehle-avenue-metro-workshop.htm) ❖

## Board Elections April 25!

Elections are held each year at the Annual General Meeting on the last Sunday in 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. This year, there are three seats that will be open for election. 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.

For many of us here in Bentana Woods, our home is our most valuable asset. The Board that you elect will make decisions that affect everything from air conditioner placement, to putting in the right windows, trees, snow removal, road surfaces, etc. A community is only as good as its Board is successful, and the Board is only successful with dedicated members.

It takes very little personal time to occupy a Board seat – there is only one nightly meeting a month. What it takes more of is concern: concern for your property values, concern for your neighbors and concern for your community.

What about YOU? Whether you are a newcomer to Bentana Woods West, or someone who has lived here for 30 years, please give a Board seat your consideration.

Board Officers are elected by majority vote of the Board Directors at the first monthly meeting following the Annual General Meeting. ❖

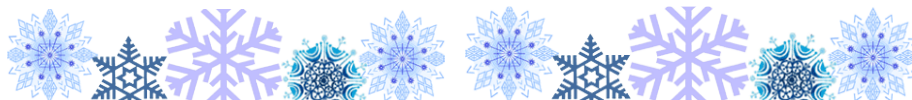
## Your Cluster Dues at Work

Mother nature let us know that winter was definitely here and did so in a big way, dumping two feet of snow on a region already weary from a heavy December snowfall. February's record blizzard paralyzed our nation's capital and left many snowbound for days.

We've all seen resulting tree damage the snowstorms produced – it's been a tough season. Our Cluster has expended over \$13,000 this season for snow removal alone and \$4,000 for tree debris cleanup. Luckily for us, the Board has budgeted for such emergencies and doesn't need to have special assessment increases like other neighborhoods. Reminder that cleanup of tree branches and debris on private property is the responsibility of individual homeowners.

Trees that were broken were evergreens that are known as softwood trees; when they were planted to act as a privacy screen and windbreak. Having reached maturity, they no longer serve the same purpose and are prone to storm damage because the branches have a long reach. Lesson learned is to plant varieties that will not exceed 20 feet in height. ❖

## Winter's Fury is Winter's Beauty



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## Critter Control

You left your trash can out one night and find that a 'critter' has taken up residence. What to do...

If you can, identify the critter. Most likely it will be an opossum or a raccoon, but we do have woods nearby so a fox or coyote might also be considered. We're providing the information below to assist you in humane handling of this type of situation.

Animal Control Officers get involved in a wide array of encounters between animals and humans, whether it's a report of stray dogs, raccoons roaming around in living rooms, or possums poking into trashcans. ACOs are trained law enforcement officers responsible for enforcing county ordinances and state laws that pertain to animals and their treatment. The primary function of a Fairfax County Police Department Animal Control Officer is to help protect county residents while dealing with pets and animals as humanely as possible.

Animal Control is available seven days a week 6:00am-12:30am. Call 703.691.2131 to report an incident. ❖

## County Dog Licenses

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. A license and ID tag will ensure quick identification and reunion if your dog is ever lost or missing. Licenses are good for one year and must be purchased by January 31.

The fee to purchase a dog license is \$10 for all dogs. License tags are issued free of charge for owners of service dogs aiding blind, deaf or mobility-impaired residents. The fee to replace a lost license tag is \$1.

Please call the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration at 703.222.8234 or see [fairfaxcounty.gov](http://fairfaxcounty.gov) for more details. ❖



## Quote of the Month

*"In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past, bridge to our future."*

**Alex Haley**

We encourage residents to submit their favorite quotes. If you think you have a quote you'd like to see here, send an email to the editor at [bwwnews@gmail.com](mailto:bwwnews@gmail.com). ❖

## Calendar of Events

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

APR 1ST

### EASTER

APR 4TH

### CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

APR 6TH @ 1533 PARK GLEN - 7:30PM

### EARTH DAY

APR 22ND

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APR 25TH @ 1531 PARK GLEN - 7:00PM

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

### April 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, April 6, 1533 Park Glen**

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



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