

Bentana Woods West

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❖ **REMINDER! Annual General Meeting – Sunday, May 1, 7:00pm** ❖

Annual Elections

The date for the Cluster Annual Meeting is coming up. Generally, the meeting is held the last Sunday in April. This year, however, that day is Easter Sunday. The Board voted to move the meeting a week out to Sunday, May 1. The meeting will be held at the home of Anne Smyers, 1531 Park Glen Court with a 7:00pm social hour and 7:30pm as the start time for meeting business. We thank Anne and Dennis for their generous offer to serve as hosts.

Four seats on the Cluster Board of Directors are going to be open this year. Homeowners are encouraged to take an active part in our community by running for a Board seat. Regular Board meetings are held only once a month.

General Notes

Elections are held each year at the Annual General Meeting on the last Sunday of April. There are a total of seven directors elected for overlapping terms of two years.

Three are elected one year, and four the following year, three the year following year, etc.

If a director resigns (or is removed) for any reason then the Board may appoint any eligible cluster member to fill the seat for up to three months from the effective time of resignation. Within three months an election must be held for that seat and the winner will serve out the remainder of the original resignee's term.

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

Cluster Dues at Work

The editors of the newsletter would like to share with you the Landscape Committee's proposed plan for the cluster for 2011.

This year, the focus is on clean up. As our community ages, it is most important to keep not just our home areas but the surrounding cluster areas fresh looking and free of debris.

The first area to be worked on is the stretch behind 1510 Scandia to 1516 Park Glen. For 6-10 feet from the path, all leaves, trash and branches have been removed. This is the first time for some of these areas to be thoroughly cleaned – something the Committee and Board agreed is much needed. Also in this newsletter is an update on the small tot lots, which are located along the path next to 1531 Scandia, and between Scandia and Farsta Court.

Another clean-up project is the areas of riprap throughout the cluster. If you would like more information on the cleanup project, or have questions about the work of our very active Landscape Committee, please attend any monthly meeting. The information is on the reverse side of every newsletter.

The cluster's two small tot lots, located between the back of Farsta Court and

1531 Scandia, have been refurbished. This is the tot lot for small tots, up to the age of 5-6. The tot lot for older children (6-12) is off North Shore Drive, near the entrance to Park Glen Court.

The old railroad ties have been removed and replaced with new pressure-treated landscaping timbers and a new seating area has been designed.

Several tasks remain for this area:

- Remove and replace the old bench. It will be reinstalled on the opposite side of the path so parents have a sitting spot for that tot lot.
- We have an agreement with one of our contractors to remove much of the low weedy growth in this area.
- The Landscaping Committee will request that the Board allocate funds for replacement mulch in these tot lots using the smaller nickel and quarter size chunks instead of the larger ones currently there.

Proposed work will be completed with another cleanup by the end of March. ❖

Trash Reminder

Please put your trash out the previous day AFTER 5pm.

Be a good neighbor. Trash collection is usually early in the morning on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycle bins only go out for Monday pickup. ❖

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Spring Improvements

When the weather warms and we get outside more, it's the exterior of our homes that gets most of our attention. Want to add a deck or install a patio?

If you are considering outside projects please find out if you need a Design Review Board application. The Reston Association and Cluster standards are available with one phone call to Lucy Renault, our cluster's RA contact. If you need an application, it's not a difficult process, the application can be downloaded from Reston.org and you can get help from the Cluster Board member who will be signing it.

Some new lighter Olympic solid color stains have been added to our "palette". You can choose one and change your house color so long as it's not the same as your next door neighbors' stain color. Trim stain colors are Oxford Brown or Mahogany.

You have the option to apply new siding and trim to your house – vinyl or fibre-cement (HardiePlank) products are much more durable alternatives to wood if it needs replacement, not just staining.

There is a list of contractors who have performed work in the cluster if "do-it-yourself" is not an option. Good luck! ❖

Quotable Quotes

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

Sir Winston Churchill

Your Board at Work

Earlier this year, residents requested the Board consider installing cluster signs to remind drivers to slow down on the cluster streets. The Board has investigated the feasibility of signage and will vote on the purchase and installation at the March 1 meeting. If approved by the board, an application for signage would be made to Reston Association. After the RA approval, the signs will be installed at the entrance to each street. ❖

No Time to Cook?



Dial a dinner for delivery from one of the neighborhood's restaurants at Tall Oaks:

Chinese

Ma Ma Wok

703.689.9968

Mediterranean

El Manantial

703.742.6466 (take-out, no delivery)

Pizza / Italian

Vocelli

703.471.8008

Domino's

703.787.9330

Paisano's

703.707.1000

Vietnamese

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703.481.5935 (take-out, no delivery) ❖

Calendar of Events

MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

MAR 1ST @ 1533 PARK GLEN - 7:30PM

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAR 15TH @ 1504 SCANDIA - 7:30PM

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

MAR 17TH

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

MAR 20TH

APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

APR 8TH @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

INCOME TAXES DUE

APR 15TH

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 19TH @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APR 24TH

ANNUAL MEETING W/ ELECTIONS

MAY 1ST @ 1531 PARK GLEN - 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 8 @ 1504 Scandia Cir



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