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Landscaping Projects Completed

The Landscape Committee has recently seen two projects completed: The common area between 1507 and 1525 Scandia Circle and the entrance to Scandia Circle.

The first project was to revitalize a space overrun with ivy, poison ivy and weeds.

A drainage bed of river rock was installed to address the water flow from the Farsta street drain as the water was eroding the ground between the woodland trees and pooling rather than flowing to the open end of Scandia. The river rock drainage channel coupled with the sod, should resolve this issue. We ask that all refrain from using the river rock drainage as a path — the woodlands area is the pathway.

The second project was to add evergreen material to the right side of Scandia upon entering to prevent headlights from glaring into the homes of the residents. A similar planting was installed at the far end of Farsta Court for the same purpose two years ago and those plants are doing well.

For information on other Landscape Committee projects, meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at 1504 Scandia Circle. ❖

Cardinal's Lawn Services

Cardinal Landscaping, which fulfills the majority of our Cluster's landscaping needs, continues to offer lawn mowing the entire season for only \$115 – a price that has not changed in over two years. Also available are aerating, fertilizing and weed control services. Please make arrangements with Greg at 703.444.3311 and he'll be happy to provide you with a quote. •

Board Election Results

Residents elected two new Directors to the Homeowners Association Board at the Annual Meeting on May 1st. Both a long time resident and a new resident will join the Board for a two-year term. JoAnne Henck of Park Glen Court has lived in the neighborhood for over 10 years and has a great deal of knowledge about the local neighborhood and Reston. JoAnne looks forward to hearing from residents with ideas and concerns. Heather Oppenheim of Scandia Circle has lived here for almost a year and a half. Heather is looking forward to working on the Board and learning more about how our finances are managed as well as hearing from residents.

At the first Board meeting of the new 2011-2012 Board year on May 3rd, officers were elected for a one-year term. Eileen Dubose was re-elected President. Brigham was elected Vice President, Rebecca Krentel was elected Secretary and Martin Dapot was reelected Treasurer. For phone numbers and e-mail of Board Members and Officers, you can find their contact information on the back of the newsletter. The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm. Each meeting begins with a Resident's Forum and always welcomes the comments and concerns of our residents. The next Board meeting is on June 7th at 1510 Scandia Circle. *

Keep Your Cars Secure

We have received reports of items being stolen from neighborhood cars. To date it's been limited to small amounts of cash from open vehicles and as far as we know there have not been any break-ins, but it's best to err on the safe side.

Any valuables that might be considered easy pickings should not be left out in the open and you should always lock up your vehicles when unattended. Please keep a watchful eye out for your fellow neighbors. ❖

Attention Dog Owners and Parents

Your assistance is needed at the small tot lot between Scandia and Farsta. There is a trash container here that needs to be dumped monthly. We are asking that those who use the container while walking their dogs – and -- parents who use the tot lot to come forward to take turns monthly to bring the trash curbside. This task has been performed for many years by one homeowner who can no longer do this.

The container may be brought out to a curbside for either of the trash pickups or the container may be dumped into a trash bag to be brought curbside.

If you are a tot lot or container 'user' please take the first step to help. •

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Your Front Door Speaks for You

Spring is a great time to take on a small home project. One of the most effective is to update your front door. Love its color? Repaint it. Want to try something new? We have many colors to choose from.

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** Bertram Tatami Tan SW6116 Basil Baquette SW6123 Blue Fury Refuge SW6228 Cantonese Gold Yarrow SW6669 **Hunter Green** Grasshopper SW6733 Pumpkin Copper Harbor SW6634 Titan Blue 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 storm door, if installed, must be painted the same color as the front door or the trim. If it needs repairing, why not remove it until you can get to it? You can show off your freshly painted front door. ❖

New Outdoor Fixtures

Your Board recognizes the need for attractive outdoor deck and patio lighting. Samples that have been approved by the cluster Board are now in the hands of the Reston Association's Design Review Board for their approval. We'll inform you via newsletter when we have approval and the new lights can be purchased. ❖

Spring Cleaning

Could your sidewalk, steps, back patio or deck use more than a little clean up? Most walks get really dirty over the winter and a good power washing is the best way to take care of it. J&S Service has an agreement with the community – they will clean the front steps and the front walk for only \$8 per square of concrete in the walk and no extra charge for the steps. Call J&S to schedule a cleaning at 571.471.5095.

Quotable Quotes

"It's not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity."

~Sir Francis Bacon

Calendar of Events

MAY IS ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 8TH

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 24TH @ 1504 Scandia - 7:30PM

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30TH

JUNE IS NATIONAL FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES MONTH

CLUSTER BOARD MEETING

Jun 7th @ 1510 Scandia cir - 7:30pm

FLAG DAY

Jun 14_{TH}

FATHER'S DAY

Jun 19th

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

JUN 21ST

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

Jun 21st @ 1504 Scandia Cir - 7:30pm

June 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, June 7th @ 1510 Scandia Circle

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