

# Bentana Woods West

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## Remaining Leaf Pickup



**Cardinal Landscaping will pick up leaves on the following dates, all Mondays, weather permitting:**

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please rake the leaves onto the sidewalk or to the edge of the road in front of your property. Leaves from the rear of your property must be brought to the front of your property. Please do not rake any leaves on to any other Cluster areas, into the woods or onto nearby RA property. For the Cluster pickup by Cardinal, do not bag leaves as they are sucked up with a vacuuming system.

Should you somehow miss the Cardinal pickup, leaves may be put out with regular trash for AAA pickup but then they must be bagged. ❖

## Winter Reminders

Residents are responsible for shoveling the sidewalks in front of the own houses, and their own parking spaces.

Make sure that your guests do not take another resident's parking space. (Doing so may be especially tempting when it is particularly uninviting to walk from North Shore during winter weather conditions.) ❖

## Improving Home Energy Efficiency

Want to know a few ways to improve the energy efficiency in your home? Try these tips:

- Install ceiling and attic insulation
- Replace caulk and weather stripping around windows and doors
- Keep curtains and blinds drawn to prevent heat loss
- Close off little used and unheated areas of your home
- Don't overheat your home – increasing the thermostat setting by 1 degree can increase costs by 3 percent
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Wear warm enough clothing and lower thermostat to help cut heating costs
- Clean or replace HVAC filters regularly
- Choose energy-efficient appliances when making new purchases
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- Keep heaters free of dust and fluff around the fan and reflective surfaces
- Use CFL compact, high-efficiency fluorescent or LED lighting in areas where this is appropriate – it can save you up to 80 percent in energy costs ❖

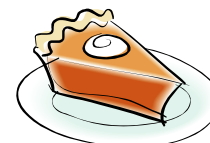
## Preventing Frozen Pipes



When water freezes, it expands. That's why a can of soda explodes if it's put into a freezer to chill quickly and forgotten. No matter the "strength" of a container, expanding water can cause pipes to break. When water freezes in a pipe, it expands the same way. If it expands enough, the pipe bursts, water escapes and serious damage results.

Pipes that freeze most frequently are those that are exposed to severe cold, like outdoor hose bibs, swimming pool and hot tub supply lines, water sprinkler lines, and water supply pipes in unheated interior areas like basements and crawl spaces, attics, garages, or kitchen cabinets. Also, pipes that run against exterior walls that have little or no insulation are also subject to freezing.

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Before winter hits, disconnect garden hoses and, if possible, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets. This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.

Seal leaks that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents, and pipes, and use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out. With severe cold, even a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.

We've already experienced sub-freezing temperatures and a surprise late-October threat of snow, but hopefully this doesn't signal a long, frigid winter. ❖

## Winter Care for New Concrete

Newly installed concrete sidewalks are subject to scaling and spalling when chemicals are applied for deicing. DO NOT USE DEICING SALTS such as calcium or sodium chloride, or other salts such as ammonium sulfate or ammonium nitrate. The only safe product to put on concrete during the winter is clean sand. While it will not melt the ice, it will give you traction and help reduce the risk of falling. Remember to re-sand after a slight melt so that your sidewalk continues to be safe. ❖

## A New Addition to the Neighborhood



Congratulations to Board Director Rebecca Krentel and her husband Jonathan in welcoming the latest member of their family! Gretchen Louise Krentel was born on Friday, October 28 at 8:13am and weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Our best wishes to them! ❖

## Quotable Quotes

*"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest. Second, by imitation, which is easiest. And third, by experience, which is the bitterest."*

~ Confucius

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

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NATIVE  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOV 6TH

### VETERANS DAY

NOV 11TH

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOV 15TH @ 1504 SCANDIA - 7:30PM

### THANKSGIVING DAY

NOV 24TH

DECEMBER IS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

DEC 20TH @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY

DEC 25TH

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>

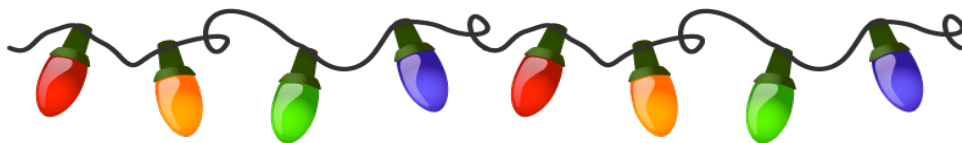
### December Cluster Meeting

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, Dec 6th @ 1533 Park Glen**

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