

Bentana Woods West

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Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar! The Cluster Annual Meeting is April 29, 7:00pm at 1510 Scandia Circle, the home of Eileen Dubose. The purpose of this meeting is the election of Board Members. There are three members whose terms expire this year.

Residents who are interested in being on the Board should submit their names to Heather Oppenheim (1524 Scandia ~ heatheroppenheim@gmail.com) to get on the ballot.

The Board meets once a month on the first Tuesday of each month. They meet at 7:30pm and the meeting usually lasts about an hour. New voices are always welcome and those who have never served are encouraged to take a term and participate on the neighborhood Board ❖

RA Assessments Due

Reston Association's annual assessment notices have been mailed to all residents. Payment is due no later than March 1 – penalties will be applied if payments are late. There are payment plans available. Membership in the Reston Association is mandatory for all residential property owners. Dues this year are \$565. If you haven't received your notice, contact RA at 703.435.6530 or www.reston.org. ❖

Winter Weather Reminders

Residents are responsible for shoveling the sidewalk in front of their own house, and their own parking spaces. Our contracted snow removal occurs when two inches of snow is on the asphalt. The trucks also apply deicer in the event of an ice storm. ❖

Stream Restoration

Reston Association has proposed preliminary watershed restoration plans for the stream that runs behind our cluster and will be presented to the DRB for approval on February 21 at 7:00pm at the Reston Association Office, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive. If you'd like to learn more or ask questions about the project come to the meeting and find out. The project's website can be found at reston.wetlandstudies.com. ❖

Design Review Board Process

Now that better weather is coming, your thoughts may be turning to spring projects that you'd like to get started. If any of those projects involve exterior changes to your property, you will likely need approval from the DRB.

Obtain a DRB Application

The first step in gaining this permission is filling out a DRB application. An application may be obtained by going to the RA website, www.reston.org, or by picking one up from the RA Headquarters at 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive.

Write a Description of Your Project

First, the application asks for a brief description of your proposal, to include attachments of more detailed plans, scale drawings or brochures as needed. Accompanying documents are required if your project isn't based on an

established cluster standard. "Design Guidelines" found on the RA website provide details on Reston's covenants for fencing, doors, windows, sheds, etc.

Still confused? Turn to Covenants Counselor for Bentana Woods West, Brad Baecht, at 703.435.6527 and he'll be able to help you. One of Brad's jobs is to act as an intermediary between cluster residents and the DRB, and to counsel and help residents understand what to expect throughout the application process.

Obtain the Necessary Signatures

After completing the description of your proposed project, sign the application and take it to your two nearest neighbors and to at least one Cluster Board Officer (not simply a Board Member) for their signatures. These signatures are not an expression of approval but are merely an acknowledgement that you have notified them of your proposed project.

If any of these individuals have concerns, they should check the box next to their signature indicating that they intend to register as an "affected party". This allows them to attend the meeting where your application is presented and to voice their point of view to the Design and Review Board Panel. However, to claim this right, they must also present their concerns in writing (via letter or email) to the Reston Association within five days of signing your application. ❖

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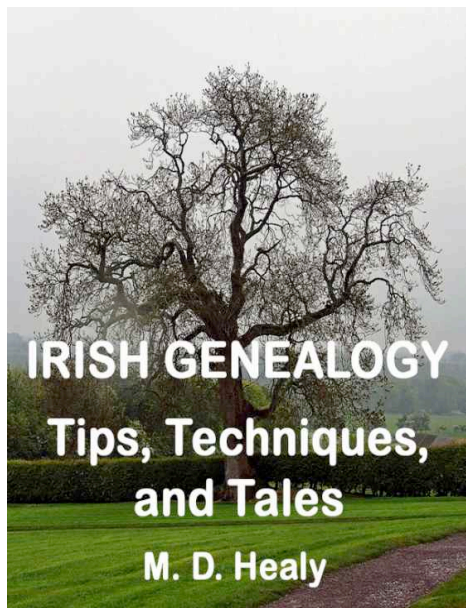
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Long time Scandia Circle resident author, travel photographer and Irish genealogist, Mike Healy has had three e-books recently published. "Ireland Mosaic: A Photo Journey", "Irish Genealogy Tips, Techniques, and Tales" and "Irish Pubs Photo Book Volume I" are available in the Amazon Kindle and Barnes & Noble Nook bookstores. Mike will be celebrating his newest books with a "Meet the Author" event at the Barnes & Noble in the Spectrum Plaza on Saturday, March 10 from 12-2pm. Stop by and say hello to your neighbor and learn more about Ireland.

If you have something to share with your neighbors, please send an email to our editor at bwwnews@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter, which will be April/May issue. We hope this new feature will be a success. ❖

Bringing the Birds to You

By Jane LeGros

As the frozen ground thaws and signs of spring slowly return, more birds are looking for sources of food. To help them out and to have the enjoyment that watching them brings, consider installing a feeder on your deck railing. The best type is a long armed feeding pole that swings – 30-36 inches in length with a curved lip at one end and a screw-on vise clamp at the other. These feeders can last for many years and are easy to use.

Squirrels? One sure deterrent is to add red pepper flakes to the seed. Mother Nature has taken care that birds do not taste it, but squirrels do. And they don't like it.

What birds to attract? There are many varieties that appear at my feeders – cardinals, titmice, chickadees, wrens, finches, nuthatches, blue birds and others who migrate may also show up.

Seed: By far, the most birds will show up for black oil sunflower seed in the shell. While there is a hullless variety, it's not recommended because the birds need to keep their beaks sharp.

Cardinals, Virginia's State bird, like safflower. If you fill a feeder with it, they will come and bring their young. It can be mixed with sunflower seeds too.

Blue birds come for mealworms and suet with insects. Suet feeders are a fun and easy way to start bird feeding.

For more information, and to see some squirrel-proof feeders, visit Reston's bird specialty store or search online.

Happy birding! ❖

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

VALENTINE'S DAY

FEB 14TH

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEB 14TH @ 1504 SCANDIA - 7:30PM

PRESIDENTS DAY

FEB 20TH

LEAP DAY

FEB 29TH

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAR 6TH @ 1504 SCANDIA - 7:30PM

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MAR 11TH

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

MAR 17TH

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

MAR 20TH

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

March 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, Mar 6th @ 1504 Scandia

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