

Bentana Woods West

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Annual Elections

The date for the Cluster Annual Meeting is fast approaching, usually the last Sunday of April. This year, it falls on Sunday, April 29 and will be held at the home of Eileen Dubose, 1510 Scandia Circle with a 7:00pm social and 7:30pm as the start time for meeting business. We thank Eileen for her generous offer to serve as host.

Three seats on the Cluster Board of Directors are going to be open this year. 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.

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. ❖



Woodlands Dogwood Tree Program

The BWWCA Board recently approved a recommendation of the cluster's Landscape Committee to implement a Tree Replacement Program. We are not removing or replacing any of our existing trees to do this; rather, we are adding understory trees to our woodlands.

The committee reviewed with the Board the fact that every year we have many large cluster trees removed either because of storms or the fact that they have died or were in hazardous health. In 2010 and 2011 there was a higher than average loss of trees for a community of our size because of particularly destructive storm activity in our neighborhood and previous seasons of serious drought. With the loss of these trees, we suffer poorer air quality and risk more erosion issues – just to name two concerns.

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Cluster Parking

As a courtesy to your neighbors, we would like to remind you that many of the Cluster's parking spaces are reserved for individual homes. Please park in designated areas only and never alongside the curb. A seemingly open reserved space should not be used without permission from the owner. Our towing company is monitoring certain spaces that appear 'open' and cars parked in those spaces will be towed.

Cluster parking is only for residents and their immediate visitors. Only two vehicles per house may be parked in the Cluster at any time and it is expected that houses with garages park one of those in the driveway. Additional vehicles should be parked along North Shore Drive.

These rules apply to residents, renters, guests and visitors alike and residents and homeowners are responsible for the conduct of their visitors. ❖

Tot Lot Initiative

In response to neighborhood feedback, the BWWCA Board is looking for a group of volunteers to spearhead an effort to improve and update our playground spaces with an eye for new additions, design, layout, safety regulations and looking to the future. If you have any related experience on the subject or would like to actively participate in the project, please contact JoAnne Henck at 703.471.0446 ❖

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The Committee worked on ways to offset this loss, agreeing that a program using a tree easily grown in Virginia, which would thrive in the shaded woodland environment, would be most appropriate. The Committee voted to use the Cornus Florida, the dogwood tree. Today's dogwoods are not victims of the wild dogwood disease, anthracnose. The trees have white flowers in the spring and the red berries are a favorite food source for many bird species.

The next step was to determine how many dogwoods to plant, and where to locate them. The committee agreed that for every 2-3 large trees removed from an area, one dogwood would be planted. They then walked the cluster looking for areas affected by the loss of large trees. The two most prominent areas are in the vicinity of both of our tot lots. Many of the original trees there have been lost through the years. If you are by the small tot lot, you can still see many of the stumps.

Five dogwoods have been purchased and will be planted in these two areas this spring by Cardinal Landscaping.

Additionally, two dogwoods on the Park Glen berm that died due to bark injuries are also being replaced at this time.

If you know of an area where two to three large trees have been removed, the Committee would like to hear from you. The area will be evaluated to determine if a dogwood would be appropriate there.

By implementing this Program, the Board is stating their interest in maintaining and

enhancing our woodland areas. Trees are an important part of where we live – for shade and for the overall value they add to our cluster and the environment.

Reston is a Tree City USA

The Landscape Committee meetings are held monthly at 7:30p on the last WEDNESDAY of the month, at 1504 Scandia Circle.

Residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. ❖



Cardinal's Lawn Services

Cardinal Landscaping, which fulfills the majority of our Cluster's landscaping needs, offers an entire season of lawn mowing for only \$120 – their first rate increase in over three 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. ❖

Quotable Quotes

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Calendar of Events

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APR 10TH @ 1533 PARK GLEN - 7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APR 8TH

EARTH DAY

APR 22ND

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 25TH @ 1504 SCANDIA - 7:30PM

ANNUAL MEETING

APR 29TH @ 1510 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

MAY IS CLEAN AIR MONTH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TO BE DETERMINED

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 13TH

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 28TH

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 30TH @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

May 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.

Date and time of the next meeting has yet to be determined



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