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Save the Date: Special Election Meeting coming on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00p at 1504 Scandia Cir.

A Message from the Board President: Thank you to those who attended the recent Annual budget meeting on October 7th. The proposed new budget was discussed and passed with only 4 residents in opposition. It is important to recognize that the main reason for the increase is the increase from our service industries, i.e., trash removal, landscape maintenance and snow removal.

SPECIAL DECEMBER MEETING: The Board is

Fall is here, and with it leaves and s-s-snakes

As you ride and walk the cluster, take notice of how some home owners take great pride in their properties. You will see mulched foundation plants and bedding, leaves blown to the curb for pick-up, plants neatly trimmed, and no tree branches are lying around. It's really lovely to walk along and see the pride that's visible here in our cluster. Let's make it contagious this year. It would take not more than 2 hours outside on a nice day to clean up the average back yard. And our trash company

required to hold a special election meeting to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Victoria Healy. The meeting will be held at the home of Board Director LeGros on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Please mark your calendars and join us. We encourage everyone to consider running for a Board seat. It is a great way to meet people while contributing to the good of the community.

WATER TURN OFF TIME. As the winter season

will happily cart them away if you don't have a wood burning fireplace or know someone who does. Organize a group clean-up by working with your neighbors. Everyone will benefit from the outdoor air and exercise, and the yards will be tidied up as a result. Be mindful, though, that we live in a state with a poisonous snake - the Copperhead. To date a number of areas have reported bites to people and their pets. We have NOT had any incidents in BWB but being

approaches, we remind you that turning off the outside spigots can prevent a burst pipe. This is especially important if you have pipes extending through a garage or under a deck. The shut-offs one each for front and rear, are somewhere in your laundry/utility room, usually near the ceiling. Locate the valve and close it. Open the outside faucet and let it drain. Open the very small bleed valve on top of the shutoff valve. It is a knurled screw about 3/8" in diameter which does not need to be taken completely off. **Continued on next page.*

cautious is still a good idea. If you have a stone wall or riprap in your area, proceed with caution. Though the sound of the leaf blower is not as easy on the ears as the sound of leaves being raked, using one will give you less chance to come across one of these critters.

It is official: We have a cluster website.

Check it out at www.bwwca.org. We will continually update the site, adding important information and locations of meeting. Cluster walks coming soon.

Parking update:

The Board has approved a letter regarding the reimplementing of a towing policy. A letter will be sent to all homeowners soon. Then Henry's Towing will be in the cluster between 5:00p-8:00a daily and will tow vehicles that are unmanned and parked along curbs.

Please be sure your guests and vendors know and park your own vehicle on North Shore to give them your space. .

Cluster Calendar -

The **DECEMBER Board Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 1530 Park Glen.

Committees are an immense part of cluster life. We run on volunteer energy. Have a skill or interest? Help your community! Become a part of this wonderful place where you live. Nothing happens without YOU.

Trash Pickup-

There will be **NO** pickup on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's Day but a normal pickup on the following Monday.

Christmas Trees and wreaths will be picked up on the first two Wednesdays (7th and 14th) in January.

WATER.. continued. The valve may dribble a little but leave it and the outside faucet like that over the winter. In the Spring: Close the bleed valve. Close the outside faucet. Open the shutoff valve.

CONTRACTOR REFERRALS by residents:

Atlas Tree – 703-591-3045

Recommended by Mike and Victoria Healy and Bernie Katz

Ken Pittington – 304-471-4758

Re-siding, painting for Karen Christenson

Don Taylor Home Services– 703-216-6516

All-around handyman at LOW rate, from Jane LeGros

You may contact the referring parties for details on the work they had done. You'll find them listed in the Cluster Directory.

Notes:

We thank Kim Rich and Charles Olson for hosting the annual Budget meeting.

Board meetings are held the FIRST Tuesday of each month at a Board member's home. Please check the location and attend. It is the single best way to learn what's going on in YOUR cluster.

Happy Thanksgiving to all

