

# Bentana Woods West

Issue 2

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## Trees Need Attention?



The Cluster takes a great deal of pride in our trees and does everything possible to maintain their health. Yet there are more than Cluster trees here. There are many trees that belong to you, the homeowner.

Around the Cluster, some homeowner trees appear to be in need of expert attention. Some may be diseased or have borers; both ailments which are quite common with local trees, especially oak and cherry. Perhaps they have sucker shoots or dead branches and just need pruning.

If you have an ailing tree, or a tree with many dead branches and it needs attention, please contact a member of the Landscape Committee who will put you in touch with our arborist, Twin Oaks.

Twin Oaks will provide a no-cost evaluation of your tree and an estimate for the work recommended.

We are hopeful that many homeowners will take advantage of this offer; not only will you save money, but the overall appearance of the Cluster will be improved and our home equity could benefit.

Thank you.

The Landscape Committee ❖

## Annual Elections

The date for the Cluster Annual Meeting is coming up. Generally, the meeting is held the last Sunday in April – which is April 27 this year and will be held at the home of Eileen DuBose with a 7:00pm social hour 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. 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.

## Updates to Cluster Website and Directory

As a part of keeping in better touch with our neighbors, the Communications & Outreach committee intends to update the Cluster website on a more regular basis with news and timely notifications as well as continuing to be a resource for important homeowner information and archived documentation. And in the future, we'd like to create a more interactive experience with online message boards and the option to include reader-submitted content.

This year, we also plan on producing a new Cluster Directory and will need your cooperation with gathering and compiling all the data necessary.

Members of the Communications & Outreach Committee include Danielle Reed, Mark Jones, JoAnne Henck and Tony Chang. ❖

## St. Patrick's Day



In American cities with a large Irish population, St. Patrick's Day is a very big deal. Big cities and small towns alike celebrate with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!

In Reston, you can head on over to the Town Center and celebrate on March 15 with Potomac River Running's "Lucky Leprechaun 5K" and afterwards join the crowd for a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the finish line.

Enjoy Clyde's offering of fun Irish fare like Dublin Potatoes, Shepherd's Pie and Corned Beef beginning at 9:00am. The party continues 'til 11:00pm with Guinness beer, Irish folk dancing, and children's activities including a moon bounce, face painting and more! ❖

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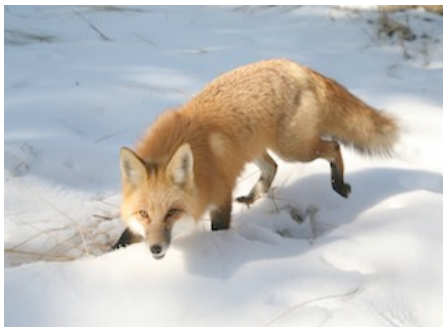


## Clear Those Sidewalks

Winter weather is here and with it comes the occasional accumulation of snowfall or freezing rain. Our neighbors, visitors, letter carriers and delivery persons depend on safe, clear walkways to move between homes and to and from the parking areas. Please be courteous enough to shovel and salt or sand the sidewalks leading up to and in front of your homes for everyone's benefit. ❖

## Animal Safety

There is a beautiful fox lurking about and has been seen hunting squirrels and cats. Please keep your cats indoors until he moves on. If you are missing an animal it is possible the fox got him/her. ❖



## Orchid Symphony

The U.S. Botanic Garden is committed to creating and offering extraordinary exhibits that delight, educate and inspire the public to become more active stewards of the plants that support life on earth.

**February 22 – April 26:** Experience the incredible elegance of an orchid symphony. The U.S. Botanic Garden will feature exuberant displays of orchids nestled among whimsical topiaries and musical fountains. Illuminated by an orchid chandelier, the Garden Court will sing the praises of beautiful orchids.



The Conservatory will feature orchids from all over the world in a multitude of environments. Come see desert orchids, jungle orchids and even orchids used in medicine and cooking against the gorgeous backdrop of the U.S. Botanic Garden collections.

Orchid Symphony is a collaboration between the U.S. Botanic Garden and Smithsonian Gardens.

See more at: [usbg.gov/exhibits](http://usbg.gov/exhibits). ❖

## Quotable Quotes

*“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.”*

~ *Anne Bradstreet*

## Calendar of Events

*MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH*

### MARDI GRAS (FAT TUESDAY)

MAR 4TH

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAR 4TH @ 1510 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

MAR 9TH

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MAR 17TH

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

MAR 18TH @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

*APRIL IS STRESS AWARENESS MONTH*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APR 1ST @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

### INCOME TAXES DUE

APR 15TH

### EASTER SUNDAY

APR 20TH

### EARTH DAY

APR 22ND

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING

APR 22ND @ 1504 SCANDIA CIR - 7:30PM

### ANNUAL MEETING

APR 27ND @ 1510 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.*

*The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Mar 4, 1510 Scandia Circle*

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