



THE BARK

The Greentree Village Community Newsletter
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Message from the President

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to scheduling conflicts, we apologize that your year-end packet will not be mailed until January 6, 2007. Your December 2006 packet includes important documents for your review. Therefore, if you do not receive your packet by January 15, please contact the Greentree Village Community Secretary, Ms. Tammy Locher, at secretary@greentreevillage.net and she will send you a packet.

Important documents included in this mailing are:

- Individual 2006 Year-end Homeowner's Financial Statement
- 2007 Monetary Assessment
- Community Parking District Information
- 2007 Board Bulletin
- New Policy Resolution 02-01-01
- New Board of Directors
- Homeowner Manual Updates
- Budget and Annual Meeting Outline
- Notice of Annual Meeting

Many of the 2006 projects were completed including the marquee, residential license agreements, the community parking district petition and pot hole repair.

Our goal for 2007 is to finalize the property, drainage and grading surveys, watchlight and trash can installation and final arborist design projects. These missions and more are outlined in the 2007 Board Bulletin.

Monetary Homeowner Assessments beginning 2007 will be \$225.00 per Quarter and the Special Assessment will \$32.50 per Quarter as outlined in Resolution 03-01. Both are due and payable on or before the last day of the last month of the Quarter.

Letter from the Editor

This past November, in a fast turn of events, I found myself, along with Nonie, running door-to-door on a rainy evening, distributing notices concerning repairs to the parking lots and the potential damage to parked cars. That's when I decided the next time we needed to get important notices out quickly, we must use mass emailing via the internet.

That opportunity came about with the leaf removal in November. With only 100 email addresses in my residential list, I sent out a simple email to all. Unfortunately, 16 emails bounced back due to invalid email addresses or spam blockers.

To receive these notices and other essential Greentree Village related emails, it is important that you fill out and return your 2007 Owner/Tenant Information form inside your December mailing packet. If you do not have an email address or do not wish to share it, please indicate. Most notices emailed will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board as well as our web site at www.greentreevillage.net.

If your email address is using an aggressive spam blocker, please add "@greentreevillage.net" domains to your safe email list. Your email address is private and will not be shared with anyone outside the GVC Association.

2007 - 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome new Board members Charles Osborne, who will be serving as Environmental Director, and David Plaska who will be serving as the Neighborhood Watch Program Director for 2007. Samantha Wade, Treasurer, will continue in her role as webmaster, but as of January 2007 will be handing The Bark newsletter over to Evan Reese, Vice-President.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

The Greentree Village Community Association now has a main number for you to reach the Directors. When you call, leave a message with your name. Telephone number and the person or department you wish to reach and your voicemail

will be forwarded to the appropriate Director within 24 hours. Our new main number is [703.650.9500](tel:703.650.9500). We hope by implementing this new number, your response calls will be received in a timely manner.

The 2007-2008 Board of Directors include:

- Nonie Stager, President
president@greentreevillage.net
Evan Reese, Vice President
vicepresident@greentreevillage.net
Tammy Locher, Secretary
secretary@greentreevillage.net
Samantha Wade, Treasurer
treasurer@greentreevillage.net
Tawn Gorbitt, Architectural Director
architectural@greentreevillage.net
Charles Osborne, Environmental Director
environmental@greentreevillage.net
David Plaska, Neighborhood Watch Director
neighborhoodwatch@greentreevillage.net

Other Important Addresses:

The Bark Editor, thebark@greentreevillage.net
General Information, info@greentreevillage.net
Web Site Master, webmaster@greentreevillage.net

2007 PARKING PERMITS

2007 Parking Passes will be available no later than January 12 for Green Ash Drive and Sweet Spice Court.

You must sign for your passes and provide appropriate vehicle information. To pick up your parking permits:

- Green Ash Drive residents contact Michael Ann Beissner At 703.451.9154
- Sweet Spice Court residents contact Jimmy Ortiz at 703.801.4325

All 2007 permits must be displayed no later than January 31, 2007. Parking permits must be hung from your rear view mirror. All vehicles without a permit are subject to tow. Permit colors this year are white and black.

TREASURER REPORT

There are three outstanding accounts as of December 31 that will be sent to the attorneys for lien processing. These accounts have been sought after by register mail and telephone calls with no response. It will be customary in the future, the GVCA can list name and addresses in *The Bark* of those individuals whose dues are past due. Please pay on time!

ARCHITECTURAL REPORT

2006 has been a good year for Greentree Village. We have a new marquee, new mailboxes and better landscaping in the common areas. We've

pushed through a zoning change that will make our streets safer and less congested. There is less peeling paint, fewer broken shutters and brighter holiday decorations. Fences have been repaired or replaced. Individual properties just look brighter and better maintained.

Thank you for your hard work. Greentree Village is a better, cleaner and safer place to live because you've put forth the time, effort and resources to make it so. We live in a wonderful community...one of the best in the country...with great schools, low crime rates and high property values. Greentree Village has been a great place to live in 2006 and will be even better in 2007, thanks to all of you who take pride in your homes and work hard to maintain and improve them.



The next Architectural/Environmental Review of the community will be July 2, 2007.

We in the Architectural Committee wish you happy holidays and an especially peaceful, prosperous and rewarding new year.

MAILBOXES

Please remember! There is a \$250 fine if you post ANY notices on our mailboxes. The tape from these notices defaces the structure by removing the paint. It is illegal to deface or post any notices on a United States Postal Mailbox! If you would like to post a notice in the Community Board next to the basketball court, please either email your request to secretary@greentreevillage.net or mail your posting request to our address.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

So, it's been a great summer and fall. But, now it's time to tuck your lawn away for the winter. There are a few things you should do in the late fall to get your lawn ready for a long winter's nap. The extra effort now, will allow your lawn to wake up next spring in great shape, and save you time in the spring.

We recommend four basic steps:

1 - As fall arrives, reseed areas as needed. Fall is a great time for new grass seed to take root. It also eliminates areas for weeds to grow in the spring.

2 - Fertilize one more time with a high nitrogen fertilizer to encourage root growth. Lawn and garden stores have an ample supply of Winterizer fertilizer.

3 - Rake leaves and debris off your lawn in the fall. Be aggressive, and rake out any areas where heavy thatch has built up.

4 - After the lawn has stopped growing, and before the snow flies, give your lawn one more cutting. Lower the mower deck to cut your lawn to about one inch. We like to do the final mowing with a bagger to pick up cut grass, stray leaves, and other debris. We do this to leave fewer places for disease to develop.

Christmas Tree Collection

AAA Trash Removal Services will remove Christmas trees from the curb on the first two Wednesdays in January. This service is free of charge and requires no prior scheduling by the homeowner. Please place your trees at the curb only on these days. All tinsel and ornaments must be removed from the trees and Trees in excess of 8 feet in length need to be cut in half in order to be removed by the crews. A notice will be placed on the bulletin board as a reminder. The website with holiday schedules for AAA Trash Removal Services is www.aaatrash.com.



Please continue to help keep our neighborhood free of trash and debris throughout the year by doing your part each day to pick up trash that you see outside your home and in the common areas. Besides keeping our neighborhood attractive, it also prevents unwanted critters from finding a free meal!

Snow Removal

When winter drapes our neighborhood in a blanket of white snow, it can be both beautiful and hazardous. Please keep in mind these points from our Homeowner's Manual:

- We have a contractor under contract to clear the parking lots only when the snow is two inches or greater.
- The sidewalk in front of your home is your responsibility. Please clear the sidewalk so children can safely walk to the bus stop without slipping on ice.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION!

If your family uses the open field along Field Master to sleigh down during snow, please be aware that there is rif-raft around the storm water drain which can be very dangerous.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 7:30pm. Location will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board as well as online at www.greentreevillage.net.

Crime Report

Between the dates of October 16 and December 11, Fairfax County Police recorded seven calls responding to the Greentree Village streets and

homes. Two of these calls were in regard to tampering of property on Silvervine Lane. This along with the damage to the open field in early October, is all the more reason for everyone to get involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

The other reports did not concern property and were mostly noise violations. Please be considerate of your neighbors when celebrating. Noise control hours are between 8:00AM and 11:00PM.

Crime Information such as weekly incident summaries and crime statistics can be found on the Fairfax County web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime_w.htm.

Door to Door Sales

Solicitation is not allowed in the Greentree Village neighborhood. If you are harassed by any solicitors, please find out the name of the company or group, and report them immediately to David Plaska, Neighborhood Watch Director, at neighborhoodwatch@greentreevillage.net

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please be extra careful driving in the neighborhood of children playing outside.

- December 25 to January 1, Winter Vacation
- January 15, King's Birthday Holiday
- January 25 and 26, Student Holidays
- February 19, Washington's Birthday Holiday

Fairfax County School calendars can be found online at www.fcps.edu as well as on the www.greentreevillage.net web site's calendar.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next GVCA Regular Meeting will be held on January 10, 2007 at 7:30pm. Location will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board as well as www.greentreevillage.net.

[2007 Calendar of Events](#) is enclosed in your December packet for displaying. All Regular HOA Meetings are open to all residents and begin at 7:30pm. The locations will be posted on the Community Bulletin Board as well as online.

SERVICES / ADVERTISEMENT

Isabela and Margarita's Pet Sitting Service
Contact 703.912.5082.

If you would like to advertise your services or items in *The Bark* newsletter or on the Community Bulletin Board, please submit your request in writing to either the info@greentreevillage.net or by mail.

