



THE BARK

The Greentree Village Community Newsletter
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Letter from the President

It has certainly been a very productive six months for the Greentree Board of Directors and our volunteer Residents. Our dedicated Board Members have successfully:

- completed the 1st and 2nd Quarter mailings with updates to the Homeowners Guidelines;
- collaborated with Valley Crest to complete Phase II;
- completed the design/installation of new Tot Lot signage;
- ensured Tot Lot inspection for 2004 and maintenance was completed;
- ensured final sidewalk repairs and re-pavement due to Residential destruction of original repairs;
- implemented Parking Permits for Green Ash Drive;
- completed an analytical outline of the parking situation on Green Ash Drive and Sweet Spice Court;
- organized and participated in our community clean-up day and summer yard sale with help from many of our Residents;
- completed the new Amendment to our By-laws regarding the Directors with an overwhelming response from our Residents;
- organized and successfully implemented our new Neighborhood Watch program;
- supervised completion of the cable box repairs;
- organized with VDOT for the installation and completion of new delineators on Field Master Drive;
- organized and completed sewer and maintenance inspections for 2004;
- completed the Architectural review for the 2nd Quarter with courtesy letters distributed; and
- supervised the telecommunication boxes for inspection and repair.

These items are just some of the tasks we have managed to complete to date. Many projects are still pending and we look forward to discussing these items with our members at our September 11 Annual Meeting.

Thank you.
Nonie Stager, President

Your concerns and letters are always welcome. You may contact any one of the Board of Directors directly by telephone, mail, or email at greentreevillage@cox.net.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

It has come to our attention that on the evening of June 9, 2004, two persons knocked on the front door of a residence on Green Ash Drive, identified themselves as GVCA Board Members, and asked to inspect the home. It has not been determined who the imposters were or why they wanted to enter the home. Please be very careful not to allow unknown persons into your homes. Please get to know each Board of Director. All Board of Directors wear an identification badge. Please ask to see it if it is not readily visible. The following is the list of the current Board of Directors:

Board of Directors/2004-2007

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| • Nonie Stager | President |
| • Sean McCoart | Vice President |
| • Karen Morris | Treasurer |
| • Tammy Locher | Secretary |
| • Brian Rever | Environmental |
| • Tawn Gorbutt | Architectural |
| • Anna Chulaki | Neighborhood Watch |
| • Evan Reese | Member At Large |

As always, all are welcome to assist the Board of Directors in any activity. Your volunteer support is much needed. Please contact Sean McCoart if you would like to assist in helping to maintain our community.

CLEAN UP DAY



The GVC Clean-up Day was held on Saturday, May 22. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time and energy helping to clear the common areas of trash, branches and debris. We would especially like to thank, Jim Bissner, Chris Brown, Jimmy Ortiz and Evan Reese, for their support.

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. *This is our community and we should take pride in how good it looks.*

* COMMUNITY PICNIC *

A Community Picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, September 11 at 12:00 Noon. The picnic will be held at the Basketball Court just off Silvervine Lane. The West Springfield Bike Patrol Officers will be on hand to present Bicycle Safety to our two wheelers. The West Springfield Volunteer Fire Department will also bring the Hook & Ladder truck and "Sparky" the fire department canine for all the children to see. Picnic provisions are to be provided by each Court as posted. Please contact your coordinator, Tammy Locher, at 703.912.9709 to assist and share your ideas for this special get together. In addition, please let Tammy know if you will or will not be attending so that we may have a count of attending Residents.



This will be a fun day for all. Rain date will be posted.

Due to heavy rain on June 5, the GVC Yard Sale was held on Saturday, June 12. Despite the postponement, the event was a huge success. Several Residents took advantage of the beautiful weather to display their goods and earn money. Among the items for sale were toys, clothes, exercise



equipment, and a multitude of household items. There was plenty of foot traffic from bargain hunters hoping to find the next \$100,000 item to be displayed on The Antique Road Show! *We'll have to watch and see!*

ARCHITECTURAL / ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

PARKING PERMITS

The implementation of parking permits on Green Ash Drive has proven to be a huge success. This is an excellent example of a community coming together to help resolve issues that arise from time to time. Further work and discussion is still pending to resolve the parking space situation in the best way possible. Information will be provided at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Please continue to remind your visitors to park on Silvervine Lane.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

The Architectural Control Committee has been going through the community during the past several weeks doing inspections. Our intent is, of course, to enforce the Community Association's Architectural Guidelines. The guidelines are intended to help each of us, as homeowners, to maintain a neat, well-kept neighborhood and to foster a pleasant and uniform sense of place here in Greentree Village.

Unfortunately, in our inspection tours, we found numerous violations in accordance with the Architectural Guidelines. In all, have issued 80 violation notices.

Most of the violations involve maintenance issues--cracking and peeling paint on shutters, overhangs and other wood trim, decaying back gates and fences, and/or weedy, overgrown lawns and planting beds; to name a few.

In other cases, we found toys, bikes, lawn furniture, trash bins, firewood and other items stored in inappropriate places. This and all other personal items must be stored in back yards, out of sight from the street or sidewalk.

There were very few cases where violations involved aesthetics--inappropriate paint colors--where these issues will be addressed separately.

If we hope to sustain a thriving community, with a good quality of life, and high property values, we have to take good care of the properties themselves. Take a look around your property and make repairs or do preventative maintenance before you receive a notice. If you receive a violation warning notice from the Architectural Control Committee, please accept it as a friendly reminder--but take it seriously. Failure to comply with the Architectural Guidelines and resultant violation notices will result in the issuance of a special assessment.

The Board and the Architectural Control Committee are dedicated to constantly improving the quality of life in our community and maintaining the value of our properties. We feel that heightened enforcement of the Architectural Guidelines will be a key to our success. In addition,

NO BABY CARRIAGES, BICYCLES, FIREWOOD, BARBEQUE GRILLS, LAWN FURNITURE, TOYS OR OTHER ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL BE DEPOSITED, ALLOWED OR PERMITTED TO REMAIN ON A LOT EXCEPT IN THE ENCLOSED REAR AREA. THE ASSOCIATION HAS THE RIGHT TO IMPOUND ALL SUCH ARTICLES AND MAKE A CHARGE FOR THEIR RETURN.



ENVIRONMENTAL

Greentree Village continues to catch up on its' tree trimming with the completion of Phase II. Phase I was completed in 2003, which marks the beginning of a four-phase process to beautify and maintain Greentree Village, while increasing the safety of its Residents. This is the most extensive of the four phases to greatly reduce the risk of personal and prospective property damage. You may have noticed brighter streets at night because overhanging limbs are no longer exist and that many of the dead trees throughout our community have been removed. We are all looking forward the getting started on the next two phases as soon as possible. As always, we

thank you for your support and patience while this work is being completed. If you have any concerns about the common ground areas, trees and/or environment issues in general that you feel need attention due to safety issues, please contact Brian Rever, your Environmental Director, at 703.644.0345.

Sidewalks

Sidewalk repairs will continue this quarter with the replacement of two slabs and the resurfacing of four others. The work will be done on Sweet Spice Court, Sweet Birch Court and Green Ash Drive. Please keep your children from affecting the beauty of our neighborhood sidewalks by not letting them write in the wet cement.

Tot Lots/Playgrounds

Our community's Tot Lots continue to be revived by the addition of 5-6 inches of mulch chips installed in April. The depth of these chips is in accordance with the U.S. Consumer Safety Commission's recommendations. It is our goal to make our playgrounds a pleasant and safe place for our children to play. ENJOY!

New signs have been installed at the Tot Lots and Basketball Court. These signs outline the rules and regulations required to ensure the safety of our children while playing on the equipment.

TRASH--Please pick up your trash before leaving the play areas. There are trash bins near each playground area. THANK YOU!

LINE DELINEATORS

VDOT responded to our many letters and phone calls to replace the delineators on the corner of Old Keene Mill Road and Field Master Drive. The old wooden delineators have now been replaced with longer lasting vinyl ones.

COMMUNICATION CABLE BOXES

Cox Communications has repaired the damaged cable boxes in our community. Four boxes were called in for repair and completed June 1.

VERIZON REPLACEMENT CABLE

Verizon Communications Company is in the process of replacing their old cable with new digital cables. Because this is a utility, they have the right to encroach on your property. Work should begin within two weeks, August 9,

and you will be notified. These replacements will not cause any damage to your property as the cable is snaked through the ground. The orange markings are the cable and the green marking are the sewer lines. Please be careful not to disturb.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

For the last four months, the GVC's Neighborhood Watch Program has successfully collaborated with the West Springfield Police District to ensure safety in our neighborhood.

We would like to thank the members of the Neighborhood Watch team who generously donate their time to patrol our neighborhood weekly and alert police when suspicious activity arises.

Join us for a short Neighborhood Watch meeting on August 3 at 8:00PM at 6655 Summer Grape Court.

You can also support our team by taking part in the National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3. America's Night Out Against Crime event involves over 30 million Americans annually. Please express your support for the Neighborhood Watch and police efforts by taking part in the "lights-on" front porch vigil between 7:00 and 10:00PM on August 3. Moreover, learn more about the National Night Out at www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno.

Important Contact Information:

- To report events that are life threatening or damage to property, call 911 immediately.
- To report suspicious activity and noise complaints, call 703.691.2131 (non-emergency).
- To report an abandoned vehicle, email: Gary.Treadway@FairfaxCounty.gov.
- To report aggressive driving, submit a form online at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm.
- To become a Neighborhood Watch member, inform us of a suspicious pattern, or to learn more about our activities, please email Anna Chulaki at GreenTreeVillageWatch@cox.net.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3rd QUARTER HOMEOWNER DUES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ARE NOW DUE. To avoid late charges, send in your payment when due. Promptly paying your assessments helps control our operating costs. Contact Karen Morris, Treasurer, at 703.923.9355 if you need assistance.

SERVICES / ADVERTISEMENT

If you would like to advertise your services or items here, please submit in writing to the greentreevillagebark@cox.net for submission.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

THE NEXT GVCA REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2004 AT THE POHICK REGIONAL LIBRARY AT 7:30PM, SYDENSTRICKER ROAD.

*VOICES - BARK TALK *

Contributions for publication and suggestions for THE BARK are always welcome. Please forward your Editorial, News or Classifieds to the Association mailing address in care of THE BARK or Email your request to greentreevillagebark@cox.net.

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