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GOLF COURSE SQUARE CLUSTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thank you to all who helped make the Story Time with Santa's Elf a huge success. It was great seeing so many kids involved and it was a great way to spread some cheer.

Our next Story Time zoom event will be Valentine's Day themed. We will host a zoom Story Time on **Sat, Feb. 6th at 10:30am**. We will read some stories while children create Valentine's Day cards for people at the nursing home and healthcare workers. You can drop off your cards at 2006 GCD by Sun, Feb 14th. and we will drop them off.

It has been such a joy walking around and seeing all of the beautiful Christmas lights. If you haven't taken down your lights, please consider leaving them up until the end of January to show support to all the healthcare workers.

REPORTS FROM OUR TREASURER

Attached below are links for the Operation and Maintenance Budget for 2021 and the 15 year Reserves Budget for 2021-2035.

15 year Reserves Budget

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HOA DUES

Normally the due date for the first quarter fee is **Jan. 1st** and the late fee date is **Feb 1st**. However, the coupon books were late at getting sent out because of short-staffing at the company we use due to COVID.

The new due date will be pushed back to **Jan 31st for this one time** with the late fee date on **Feb. 15th**. You will receive a letter with the coupon book stating the due date is Jan. 15th so please disregard that. HOA dues are to be paid by Jan. 31st and late fees will begin starting on Feb. 15th.

Please note there is an increase to our quarterly dues. This was voted on during our last board meeting on Dec. 14th. The new amount will be \$310 for each quarter. If you haven't already, please set up payment and automatic withdrawal with:

Lillian Sutherland
The Bradley Micro Company
3237 Brightwater Farm Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28739-7123
BradleyMic@aol.com
1-828-891-0083

They are due quarterly!

PLAYGROUND

We are hoping to relocate the chipmunk and frog spring rockers which used to be at the tot lot to the big playground once the weather warms up. The playgrounds are still open and have been a nice place for kids to get energy out and see friends. Let's work together to keep these areas clean!

Here is some helpful information from the Go Natives! Committee. They will publish a list of plants soon that will do well in sunny or shady yards.

- Now is a great time of year to plan for spring and your gardens.
 - Here is a 3 minute video on the importance of native plants:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTbPNwNIoLs>.
- Doug Tallamy has written two books on the importance of native plants in our ecosystems, **Bringing Nature Home** and **Nature's Best Hope**. Videos of his talks based on his books are available on line and on YouTube.
- A good source about our **local** native plants is:
<http://nebula.wsimg.com/e4e149a621e7fe59916869e61a84dbce?AccessKeyId=3787409C771EB71DC1CC&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

WANT TO GET INVOLVED

The Go Natives Transformation Crew invites you to enjoy fun, exercise, and socially distanced good deeds. This group started on Saturday, Jan 2nd at 1:30 pm and began removing invasive shrubs and vines. It is not too late to join and help out!

Where it's happening - Natural area number 1 next to 2007 Sarazen Place and moving on to natural area number 2 (Sarazen Woods) located along Golf Course Square Rd.

Please wear a mask, dress warmly and wear boots or sturdy shoes.

Helpful Equipment

Gloves

Clippers

Small Hand saw

Loppers

Screwdriver

Shovel (especially in the beginning)

Weather - we will work on days the temperature is 45 degrees or above with no rain or snow.

Schedule - During the months of January and February every Tuesday and Thursday as

Come for as long as your schedule and your back allows.

Questions?

Contact Ann Garvey

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CLUSTER EXTERIOR STANDARDS

If you have any questions regarding cluster standards, please email golfcoursesq@gmail.com and Moya at kong2rolle@gmail.com.

Please refer to our website for the online cluster standards guide:

<https://golfcoursesquare.org/exterior-guidelines/>

Reston Association has its own list of guidelines for all of Reston as a whole on their website and has an application for most exterior work unless it's already an approved standard for our cluster.

Look on the RIGHT side of the linked page for the RA application and details on how to submit:

<https://www.reston.org/PropertyOwnerResources/DesignReview/DesignGuidelines/ClusterHousing/tabid/377/Default.aspx>

<https://www.reston.org/PropertyOwnerResources/DesignReview/ApplicationReviewProcedures/SubmittingAnApplication/tabid/385/Default.aspx>

THE BOARD

Virtual HOA meetings were approved to continue in 2021

Open forum for all owners is at the start of every meeting so

BRING YOUR THOUGHTS – all are welcome!

The board is made up of all **VOLUNTEER** neighbors and meets on the

2nd Monday **EVERY** month at 7:30pm.

Feb 8th

March 8th

April 12th

Keep an eye out for the zoom link which is posted on the sign when you enter the neighborhood and on our facebook page. Board meetings are a great way to get an update on what's going on in the neighborhood and even join in on all the board fun!

Board Member Contact Information

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