



Birchfield Woods Cluster Association Newsletter

Summer 2002

Community Web Site: www.geocities.com/bwca.geo

Walkabout Report

On May 5th, twelve homeowners surveyed the curb appeal of the cluster's homes. The purpose of this peer review is to ensure that the quality of the neighborhood as a whole is maintained, which helps maintain property values. This year, the review focused primarily on fading paint, broken and missing window grids, warped and moldy siding, and general yard maintenance. Most of the homes looked great, however some needed attention. The owners of homes that were found to be in violation of any Reston Association Standard were sent letters stating that they should correct the problem before their homes are reevaluated in October. Those homeowners that had been sent violation letters during the last walkabout yet failed to take corrective action were cited with an ongoing violation. If these owners do not fix the problems by October, their properties will be reported to the RA Covenants Board. Some homes have been placed on watch status. Although owners of these homes have not been notified, during the next general walkabout in Spring 2003 the committee will carefully reassess these properties. Hopefully by then, the homeowners will have taken the initiative to spruce up their dwellings. Thanks to all of the homeowners that continue to make our neighborhood a well-maintained, beautiful place. Volunteers for the Spring 2003 walkabout committee will be asked for at the annual meeting in April.

Reminders

- All trash must be placed in trash cans with a lid (no plastic bags by themselves – animals get into them and spread trash all over the place)
- Please clean up after your pets in all areas of the cluster, including the cul-de-sac at the entrance.

Cluster Cleanup Day / Yard Sale

We would like to ask all BWCA residents to mark their calendars for **Saturday morning, October 5. From 9 to 12 A.M.** on that day, we'll be having a Cluster Cleanup. This will involve picking up litter, tidying up the Tot Lot, and trimming any common area plants/trees (including killing any poison ivy!!) that may interfere with sidewalks or lights. Please meet at the Tot Lot at 8:30 am for some bagels/doughnuts and juice, and then grab a bag or pruner and help us make the neighborhood clean and trimmed. If you have any questions or comments please contact VP Bill Brazier at halrob@fcc.net, #1638. Thank you!

The neighborhood yard sale is scheduled for **September 7**. More information will be available soon.

Selling your home? Don't forget the disclosure packets!

If you are planning on selling your home you must provide the buyer a copy of the Reston Association (RA) and Birchfield Woods Cluster Association (BWCA) disclosure packets. The Reston packet can be obtained by contacting Reston Association at (703) 437-9580 or jill@reston.org. The BWCA disclosure packet contains the cluster's by-laws, corporation papers, and a letter explaining the duster dues and the unit's status. The cost of the BWCA packet is \$25, and can be obtained by contacting Jan Batch (see last page for contact info).

Parking and Vehicles

Parking - Just a few reminders on resident and visitor parking in the cluster. There are two (2) assigned parking spaces for each unit in the cluster. Visitor spaces are for guests and visitors. All vehicles shall be in safe operating condition with current

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Virginia state license plates (unless active duty military non-residents or new residents of VA - who have 30 days to obtain VA license and registration), county sticker, and safety inspection decals. Only minor spark plugs, air filters, etc.). Recreational vehicles or trucks that do not fit into a standard parking space shall not be parked inside the cluster. No boats or trailers shall be parked in the cluster for more than 24 hours. No parking in the fire lanes, except to load/unload a vehicle. Violation of these rules could result in a fine or towing of the vehicle at the owner's expense. More information can be found at the cluster website (www.geocities.com/bwca.geo/), the Reston Association website (www.reston.org), the Fairfax County website (www.co.fairfax.va.us), or in the BWCA Bylaws.

Speeding - The speed limit is 10 MPH. Due to excessive speeding, the Board is considering purchasing removable speed humps, which may require a special assessment. This won't be necessary if people slow down upon entering the neighborhood.

Window Grids

In April 2000, the Reston Association Design Review Board approved the cluster standard option of removing window grids with the stipulation that all windows on any house (front and back) be consistent, i.e., all with grids or all without. What it means is that you can either have the window grids in all of your windows or have them in none of your windows. If you are removing your window grids, please post a message on the BWCA web site message board (see bottom of page for address) before you throw them out!

If you have broken or lost a grid or two, you can now order them directly from Andersen Windows. The number to call is 1-888-888-7020. You will need to know the window glass size and also the numbers and letters etched on the bottom corner of the window. The window grids range in price, anywhere from eight or nine dollars up to seventeen dollars for the larger box-bay window.

vehicle maintenance is allowed: e.g., washing exterior, cleaning interior, checking and adding fluids, tune-up adjustment, or changing superficial components (belts,

Andersen also gave a local dealer as well. Locally you can call Leland L. Fisher Lumber at 301-424-6500, they are located in Rockville, MD. Please check with both for pricing before ordering, as Andersen charges fifteen dollars for shipping and handling for the first grid and five dollars for every additional grid.

New to the area?

Vehicle Registration Information - Registration is required before you can get on the road with your motor vehicle, motorcycle, tractor truck, trailer or semi trailer. You can title and register your vehicle at one of Virginia's 73 customer service centers. Once titled, complete an Application for Registration (VSA 14) and present your emissions certificate. Motorcycles are not required to have an emissions inspection. (Note: When you have your vehicle's emissions system inspected, the emissions inspection station will electronically update your DMV vehicle record with the test results immediately. When registering your vehicle, DMV will not ask you for emissions information unless your vehicle failed the test or this information has not been received from the inspection station.) To purchase license plates or decals, you must certify that the vehicle is covered by the minimum insurance requirements or pay the uninsured motor vehicle fee. Your insurance carrier must be authorized to conduct business in Virginia. Virginia requires the following minimum coverage: Bodily injury/death of one person \$25,000; Bodily injury/death of two or more persons \$50,000; and Property damage \$20,000. (Note: If liability insurance coverage on a vehicle terminates or cancels during the registration period, either reinsure the vehicle, pay the uninsured motor vehicle fee or surrender the license plates to DMV.) More information can be found at:

<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/webdoc/citizen/vehicles/>.

We want to learn more about you - If you're new, please submit your name, house number and any additional info you want to share with your new neighbors (i.e. where you've moved from) by October 15, 2002 to James Juran (see last page for contact info).

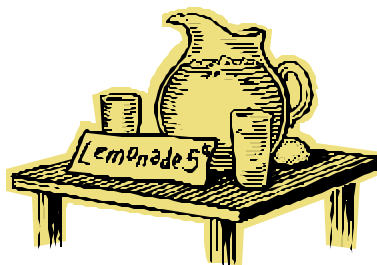
Officers and Board Members

Board meetings are held once a month. The next meeting will be held on August 21 at 7:30 PM at #1621. Announcements of meetings will again be posted on mailboxes one week in advance, starting with the August meeting. Minutes of past meetings are available on the cluster association web site, www.geocities.com/bwca.geo/minutes/.

Classified Ads

In future issues of the newsletter we would like to include free classified advertisements from residents. These can include service advertisements (e.g., lawnmowing or babysitting services), items for sale, or anything else. The guidelines for these ads will be:

- The same ad will not be run in consecutive newsletters.
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse ads.
- Only BWCA homeowners or renters may publish ads
- Commercial (i.e., business) ads will not be accepted.
- BWCA and the publishers of the newsletter are in no way responsible for any claims made in the ads.



FY 2002 Dues and Budget Information (May 1, 2002 – April 30, 2003)

Dues are \$600 for the year if paid in two installments or \$595 if paid in one installment. Total assessments received through 7/15/02 were \$37,920 of \$64,800.

Expenses	FY 2002 budget	Actual paid through 7/15/02
Landscape	16,500.00	5,110.00
Improvement projects	700.00	0.00
Common Area Maintenance	6,900.00	300.00
Snow removal	1,700.00	0.00
Trash removal	16,200.00	3,823.97
Virginia Power	1,400.00	334.64
Legal	1,000.00	0.00
Audit	1,000.00	0.00
Insurance	900.00	859.00
Taxes (state and federal)	700.00	142.24
Administrative (prior to mgmt co)		37.75
Management Company	5,400.00	0.00
To Paved Reserve	8,700.00	0.00
To Lighting Reserve	2,500.00	0.00
To Walk Area Reserve	800.00	0.00
Miscellaneous/contingency	400.00	0.00
Total	64,800.00	10,607.60

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Enjoy what's left of the summer!

