



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1999

ANNUAL CLUSTER MEETING **DATE:** Tues, Dec. 7, 1999
TIME: 8:00 – 9:30 PM
PLACE: Reston Community Center

PRIMARY AGENDA ITEMS (*detailed discussion of each item follows*):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS2. 2000 BUDGET3. REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS4. OPEN DISCUSSION OF OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES |
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ELECTION OF DIRECTORS—TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED

The three-year term of **Jim Allred** expires this year. Jim, our cluster President, has volunteered to stand for reelection. **Maureen Burns**, our Vice-President, Natural Areas, has decided to leave the Board at the end of the second year of her three-year term. A new director will be elected to fill the remaining year of her term. **Simon Rakoff** has expressed an interest in serving on the HGCA Board. Anyone else interested in submitting his/her name is encouraged to do so. Please call Jim Allred, 860-3343, if you have questions concerning duties as a Board Member and/or wish to have your name placed on the ballot. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

BUDGET

Attached to this newsletter is the Board's proposed budget for 2000 and the Board's projection for maintenance of HGCA's reserve funds. The Board's proposed **2000 Budget** keeps the quarterly dues at \$175, the fourth consecutive year without an increase. HGCA is following a maintenance program to extend the life of our roadways between pavings. The program calls for crack filling and sealing in the year 2000.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Work has begun or been completed on the first seven Infrastructure Projects. Three new projects have been added to the list.

DELINQUENT DUES ACTIONS

By now you are aware of our definitive policy pertaining to collection of delinquent dues. And congratulations! Over 99% of our cluster members are now current in their dues payments. The Board has taken legal action to collect the remaining significant delinquent dues.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT SIGNED

The cluster Board of Directors agreed unanimously to continue the existing snow removal contract with Bill Farrar for the 1999-2000 season. The contract calls for snow removal services to commence at the specific direction of the Contract Administrator or automatically when there is an accumulation of 2" or more. This year's contract will be administered by **John Piper, 620-2177**.

THANKSGIVING TRASH PICKUP AND CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

- There will be no trash pickup on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th.
- Christmas trees will be picked up on January 5th and 12th.

CARS DAMAGING PAVEMENT

Vehicles leaking fluids causing damage to our pavement will be removed in accordance with cluster By-Laws. If your car is damaging our pavement, please get it fixed now.

PET POOP

Pet owners, PLEASE! If you are not already doing so, get in the habit of carrying plastic bags and cleaning up after your pet. Our children play on the common ground, and no one, adults included, enjoys having to clean from his or her shoes or yard something that should not have been there in the first place. Earlier this year, one toddler was stopped by his mother just as he was preparing to pick up part of a deposit. Cleanups after your pet are part of the responsibility of pet ownership as well as being a considerate neighbor.

KEEP VEHICLES ON THE PAVEMENT

The Board has received reports of a couple residents driving their vehicles across the common ground to gain access to their back yards. Residents are reminded that this is in violation of the HGCA By-laws. Violators can be fined and assessed for any damages they cause. Such things as home or yard improvement supplies, building materials or firewood must be carried by hand or by wheelbarrow to your backyard. If you feel you have a special need, contact the Board for resolution.

CLUSTER SPEED LIMIT

At the request of some of the parents of small children, the Board will be erecting 15 MPH speed signs on both Indian Ridge Road and Hunters Green Court. Adhering to this speed, or below, should give drivers enough time and space to react to a carefree child who steps into the roadway unexpectedly. Let's keep a tragic accident from happening.