



GENERATION CLUSTER NEWS



Fall Edition

Generation Cluster Association Newsletter

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Neighborhood Watch: Increase in Crime

In the past few months, our area has experienced an increase in crime. Some of the reported crimes include: burglary of a residence, larceny of items from vehicles, drug offenses, vehicle tampering, assault and noise violations; some of these are possibly linked to gang activity. In Generation Cluster, we have reports of burglary and larceny. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts to the Fairfax County Police Department, crime prevention officer positions are being cut or eliminated. Because of this, there will be less crime prevention and therefore more of a need for citizens to actively participate in Neighborhood Watch and prevent crime from happening. Here are some tips on how you can help prevent crime and keep our neighborhoods safe:

- Do not start your vehicle and leave it unattended
- Lock vehicle doors at all times
- Park in well-lit areas
- Do not leave valuables or keys in vehicles
- Remove the cradle of your portable GPS unit and clean the suction cup mark off of the windshield
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times, even when you are home
- Keep the exterior of your home well-lit
- Secure all outdoor property
- Record serial numbers of your property
- Report suspicious activity
- And of course, participate in Neighborhood Watch

Our Neighborhood Watch signs are in and will be installed at the entrance to both Generation Drive and Millennium Lane. We hope this will help others know that we are watching and crime in our neighborhood will not be tolerated. If you would like to become involved in the Generation Cluster Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact your coordinators Mac Cannon or Kai Chung by sending an e-mail to: cannonclan@gmail.com

We will begin our Annual Meeting with an update on Neighborhood Watch and we hope you will join us then.

Yard Waste



The time for yard and leaf clean-up is fast approaching, and we will be trying to deal with all of those leaves.

PLEASE DO NOT dump them into the wooded areas. It suffocates the undergrowth and even the trees. It is against Reston rules and it is harmful to the forest environment. Please pick up and bag all leaves and yard waste, and tie branches into bundles and leave for our regular trash pick up on Tuesday or Friday.

Remember the Annual Meeting at Hunter's Woods Community Center, Monday, November 2nd, beginning at 6:45 P.M. with refreshments and information on our Neighborhood Watch Program. Annual meeting business will begin at 7:15.

One board position is up for election this year. If you are interested in running for the board, please send in the form which accompanies your annual meeting notice.

Inspection Letters and Follow-Up

A big thank you to all of you who addressed the issues listed in the inspection letters sent out this summer. Follow up inspections were completed in early October. Those residents who failed to complete the necessary maintenance will be receiving follow up letters to remind them that they need to deal with the issues found on their property. Our new management company is more able to keep track of such issues and provide continued supervision on outstanding concerns.

Because of the maintenance work of the majority of our residents, our cluster looks attractive and the homes in our cluster continue to sell on a regular basis. Many thanks to all of you who have made an effort to keep up or improve your property!!

Tree Care



Thrive, our tree care company will be working in the cluster this fall to remove a few dead or damaged trees. If you have concerns or problems with trees on your own property, please feel free to call them at 703-709-0007. It is often cost effective to schedule work on private property at the same time as Cluster work is being done.

Parking Lot Maintenance

It is important to maintain our parking/street areas to prolong the life of the asphalt. We finally have a contract with Dominion Paving to seal the cracks that develop over time. They will be doing the crack sealing operation sometime this fall.

We will let you know if vehicles need to be moved or if the lot needs to be cleared. Thanks for your cooperation.

Remember your fourth quarter fees were due on October 1st. Late charges will be applied beginning 30 days after the due date. Residents two or more quarters delinquent may lose parking privileges and will be referred to our legal counsel for collection.

Street Concerns



There is ongoing concern about children playing in the streets. The Generation Cluster Handbook states that **children are not to play in the street**. Vehicles have the right of way to enter and park, and children should not impede them. It is imperative that ramps, logs and other barriers not be placed in the streets or sidewalks for safety reasons, and any such items left on common grounds and sidewalks will be removed. Football and other ball games should not be played in the parking area to avoid injury to children or vehicles.

Reminders

- ✓ Please put your trash out on trash day, or no earlier than 7 p.m. the night before.
- ✓ Please use trash containers or strong trash bags.
- ✓ Please pick up any trash that escapes the trash pick-up or any trash you see lying around the cluster. Help keep our neighborhood neat and tidy.
- ✓ Please help children understand that they are responsible to pick up any trash they create and to put it in a trash container.
- ✓ Please retrieve your trash containers by evening of trash day
- ✓ Please put your house number on your trash container and recycle bin so they can be returned to you if they get left out.
- ✓ Please pick up after your pet and deposit it in a trash container.

BOARD MEETINGS

First Monday of January, March, May, July, September, and November (annual meeting)

7:00PM

Place to Be Announced

For more information

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Public aspects of meetings are open to all cluster members.

BOARD MEMBERS:

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