

# CEDAR GROVE PARK NEWSLETTER

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## CGPA Members Approve Board and Budget for 2010

At the Cedar Grove Park Association annual meeting on November 20, 2009, attending members approved a new board of directors and budget for 2010. **Regis Gottus**, **Susan McElheny**, **Murali Nataraj**, and **Judy Keene** were re-elected to the board, and **Mary Horton** was chosen to replace outgoing boardmember **Sangeeta Shrestha**, who declined nomination for re-election.

The 2010 budget proposed by the Board was unanimously approved. For 2010, each homeowner's \$195 quarterly dues payment is budgeted to be spent as follows:

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| Mowing & Landscaping             | \$90.69 |
| Trash Removal & Recycling        | 47.06   |
| Electricity                      | 11.76   |
| Pavement & Sidewalk Repairs      | 9.80    |
| Snow Removal                     | 7.35    |
| Pest Control                     | 5.88    |
| Playground Maintenance & Repairs | 4.41    |
| Legal Fees                       | 3.43    |
| Administrative Expenses          | 2.76    |
| Insurance                        | 2.70    |
| Taxes and Corporation Fee        | 2.57    |
| Miscellaneous Expenses           | .99     |
| Reserves                         | 5.60    |

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## Board Biz

At its meetings during the fourth quarter of 2009, the CGPA Board of Directors discussed bids received for repainting the fire lane curbs in the community, but decided to postpone repainting until warmer weather in the spring.

Other matters addressed at the meetings included:

- Rodent activity in the community.
- Drainage problems on the playground sidewalk.
- The agenda for the annual homeowners meeting.
- The 2010 budget proposal presented at the annual homeowners meeting.
- Activities and improvements to be implemented in 2010, including an architectural review and additional plantings of perennials and flowering shrubs throughout the community.

In addition, at the December meeting, the Board's officers for 2010 were selected. Regis Gottus and Judy Keene will continue serving as President and Treasurer, respectively. Murali Nataraj was chosen as Vice President, and Susan McElheny will serve as Secretary. Susan will also continue her work as Grounds Manager, with the assistance of Mary Horton, Member at Large.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 3116 Cedar Grove Drive. All interested homeowners and residents are invited to attend. □

*Arnav (#3112), age 3-1/2, gleefully shuffles through hip-deep snow.*



## Winter Wonderland

A week before Christmas, a recordbreaking December snowstorm dumped up to 22 inches of snow on the metropolitan area and, according to one resident's unofficial measurement, at least 17 inches on Cedar Grove Park. The snow fell on Saturday, but its aftermath extended well into the following week. Most CGP residents spent Sunday and Monday at home, digging out, but some took the time to throw a few snowballs, build a snowman, or go sledding on the hill next to the playground. □

### Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, January 12:** CGPA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at #3116 Cedar Grove Drive.
- **Tuesday, February 9:** CGPA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at #3116 Cedar Grove Drive.
- **Tuesday, March 9:** CGPA Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at #3116 Cedar Grove Drive. □

## Rodent Report

Jason Chinn, the Superior Pest Control technician who checks and rebaits the CGP rodent stations, reports that all the stations showed some activity when he checked them on December 15. However, he says that rodent activity has decreased and appears to be caused mostly by mice, although one station continues to show significant rat activity. □

**Sangeeta Shrestha is on a break. Her column, *Know Thy Neighbor*, featuring a different CGP resident in each *NewsLetter*, will resume in April.**



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## Notices

**Email List.** To receive occasional emails about community news and events, send an email to [smcelheny@verizon.net](mailto:smcelheny@verizon.net), with the subject "Add Me to the CGP Email List."

**Trash Removal & Recycling.** Trash is collected every Tuesday and Friday, except holidays. Recycling is collected on Fridays only. You should place these items on the Cedar Grove Drive curb by 7 a.m. If you discard large, bulky or heavy items, such as furniture, appliances, construction debris, or large quantities of brush, you must pay an extra fee for the pick up. Call McLean Trash Service at **703-442-7387** to schedule a special pickup and arrange payment.

**Christmas Tree Pick-Up.** Natural Christmas trees will be collected for recycling on **January 8 and 15**. You must remove the tree stand and all lights, ornaments, tinsel, etc. After January 15, you will need to call McLean Trash at **703-442-7387** to schedule a special pick up for your Christmas tree, or else cut it into pieces to be collected as trash. □

*Have a comment or suggestion? Want to contribute an article or post your own notice in this space? Please contact Judy Keene, 703-281-7695 ([judyk21@verizon.net](mailto:judyk21@verizon.net)).*

### Cedar Grove Park Association

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#### Board of Directors:

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