

CEDAR GROVE PARK NEWSLETTER

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Board Biz

During the third quarter of 2010, the Cedar Grove Park Association Board of Directors considered revising the Rules and Regulations. (See *New Rules Proposed* in the next column.) The Board also set the date for the annual homeowners meeting (see *Homeowners Meeting* in the next column). Other matters discussed by the Board at its third quarter meetings included:

- Architectural review notifications,
- Basketball backboard repair,
- Crabgrass,
- Delinquent dues,
- Drainage solutions for residents' yards,
- Fire lane sign replacement,
- Firelane repainting,
- Potluck dinner (see *Fall Potluck In The Park*, on page 2),
- Rodent bait station service,
- Sidewalk lighting behind houses,
- Swale (drainage ditch) replacement, and
- Yard sale (see *Got Junk?* on page 2).

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



Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.

George Eliot

Community Leaders

Did you know that, of the five current members of the CGPA Board of Directors, three have already served 3 consecutive years and one has served 4 years? And four of the five current members have also served on the Board in the past? Doesn't our community deserve new leadership?

If you are a CGP homeowner who has never been a Board member, or if it has been many years since you served on the Board, why not nominate yourself for the 2011 Board of Directors? Board membership requires only that you attend one meeting a month. (If you have a little more time to spare, you can serve as a Board officer, such as President or Secretary.)

To get on the ballot before the November 19 Annual Homeowners Meeting, contact Regis Gottus, 703-855-3472, rgottus@hotmail.com. □

New Rules Proposed

A proposed revision of the CGP Rules and Regulations is being mailed to each homeowner. The rules govern residence use and upkeep, trash and recycling, pets, common area use, noise, and parking.

The proposed rules are substantially the same as current rules, but have been reorganized, updated, and rewritten for simplification and clarity. The Board wishes to thank the members of the revision committee, Andrea Harvey (#3134), Susan McElheny (#3120), and Judy Keene (#3116), for their participation in this project.

Homeowners should send their comments on the proposed revision to CGPA, P.O. Box 2541, Fairfax, VA 22031 by October 11, 2010. The revised rules, along with any comments received, will be considered for approval by the Board of Directors at its October 12 meeting. □

Homeowners Meeting

Do you want to have your say about important issues affecting our community and help select the members of the 2011 Board of Directors? Then come to the **CGPA Annual Homeowners Meeting on Friday, November 19**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hawthorne Village Meeting Room, 9724 Kingsbridge Drive.

Become involved in your community! Share in the work required to keep Cedar Grove Park thriving. Sign up for a CGPA committee at the annual meeting. Committee work typically involves only a few hours of your time during the year.

Homeowners will get a letter from CGPA's president before the meeting, along with a meeting agenda and proxy form. So that we can count your vote even if you cannot attend, please sign the proxy and mail it back, or give it to a board member or other neighbor who is going to the meeting. Be sure to have someone else witness your signature and sign the proxy form. □

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, October 2: Community Yard Sale**, 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Saturday, October 2: Potluck Supper**, 4 pm in the CGP park.
- **Tuesday, October 12: CGPA Board Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. at 3116 Cedar Grove Drive.
- **Friday, November 19: CGPA Annual Homeowners Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. at Hawthorne Village Meeting Room, 9724 Kingsbridge Drive.
- **Tuesday, December 14: CGPA Board Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. at 3116 Cedar Grove Drive. □

Know Thy Neighbor

by Sangeeta Shrestha

Featured in this edition of our community newsletter is the Ryan family. Steven and Michele Ryan live in house #3118 with their daughter, Jaime. The Ryans also have a dog, Buddy, and Jaime has a pet snake, Tangy.



Michele Ryan

The Ryans have been living in the Cedar Grove community for 11 years. They love the place for its location and for the convenient distance from the metro and good schools.

Steven and Michele have been married for 21 years. Michele works for a law firm in Tysons Corner. She loves running, gardening and being outside. She attends “boot camp” three days a week and did a 10K in June. However, most of her time is spent toting Jaime from one activity to another, she says. Steven works for the EPA in DC. So, you will see that all the light bulbs in the Ryan residence are EnergyStar certified.

Michele had undergone a root canal procedure the day before I met her for this column. It was both painful and funny to see her trying to laugh at jokes and wince from pain at the same time. Steven needed some repeated instructions in the kitchen and that didn’t help her either. Michele thinks Steven is not handy around the house and Steven agrees happily. The best thing Steven does around the house is assemble furniture (with a very clear instruction manual, I suppose). “He is an assembler,” says Michelle.

Jaime attends Oakton High. She is very athletic and loves soccer. She used to play in house leagues but recently was selected for cross-country soccer. She has been playing soccer since she was seven. Manchester United is her favorite team. Besides soccer, Jaime loves photography. “She’s our shutterbug,” says Michele.

If you happen to meet Buddy, do not be alarmed by his size and his loud barking. He is a very friendly dog. The Ryans call him “Fat Man.” Tangy, the snake, got his name from his orange skin, the color of the drink “Tang.” Initially, when Michele promised Jaime that she could get a pet snake if she improved her penmanship, Michele wasn’t so sure if that could happen. But, when Jaime proved her wrong, Michele had to fulfill her promise.

The Ryans love to travel. They went to the Cayman Islands this summer and are planning to go to Alaska next year. They visited England last year. “It snowed in April in London,” Michelle recalls. They would also love to visit Italy and Ireland, where Michele and Steven have roots. Michele is 100% Italian and Steven is Irish and “a hundred other things,” according to Michele.

It was a great pleasure to chat with Michele. Steven dropped in once in a while and inquired “So, is this an interview or something, and what is it for?” He was funny. Finally when I was getting ready to take a picture, I asked if Steven would like to join us. “No,” he replied. “She is beautiful by herself. I don’t want to ruin the picture.” So, if you see a gentleman walking a big brown dog, that’s Steven. And, if you see a young girl almost always in a soccer jersey, that’s Jaime. As for Michele, see the picture above. Thank you for your time, Ryan family. It is great to know you all. □

Got Junk?

Don’t have your junk hauled away—sell it during the CGP community yard sale on **Saturday, October 2**, between **8 a.m. and noon!** Display it in front of your house or bring it to the common area lawn in front of #3120-3122. The yard sale will be advertised on Craigslist, and yard sale signs will be placed at the entrances to Cedar Grove Drive.

During the yard sale, customers may be temporarily parked in residents’ assigned parking spaces or along firelanes. Please be patient if you find a strange car in your space. □

Fall Potluck In The Park

Join your neighbors on **Saturday, October 2**, at **4 p.m.** for a community get-together and potluck supper in the CGP park and picnic area. The CGPA will provide soft drinks and water, charcoal for our picnic grill, and paper plates, napkins, plastic forks, etc. Each household should bring a favorite main dish to share. Multi-person households are asked to also bring either a side dish or dessert.

If you can provide folding tables, extra folding chairs, or lawn games for this event, please contact Judy Keene (703-281-7695, judyk21@verizon.net). □

Rodent Report

Jason Chinn, our Superior Pest Management technician, says that when he checked the CGP rodent bait stations on August 17, some stations showed activity by mice and some showed activity by rats. In July, he attributed heightened rat activity in one location to bird feeders in a neighbor’s yard.

If you want to have a bait station placed in your back yard, call Superior’s Service Manager Kevin Longerbeam at 703-404-1921. To have the station serviced, you must leave your gate unlocked on the third Tuesday of each month. □

Notices

Email List. To receive occasional emails about community news and events, send an email to 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.

Special Trash Pick-ups. 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 pick-up and arrange payment. □

To contribute an article to the Newsletter or post a free notice in this space, contact Judy Keene, 703-281-7695 (judyk21@verizon.net).

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Would you like to feature yourself or nominate your neighbor for this column? Please contact Sangeeta Shrestha, 571-309-8905, sangeeta.shrestha@yahoo.com.