



HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

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! UPCOMING WORK: DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

In **late August/early September**, the cluster will have maintenance work performed for the upkeep of our roadwork and sidewalks. Specifically, **sidewalk repairs will occur in the Fairfield and Bryan Courts sections of the cluster**. Road patches will be applied throughout the cluster, with a specific focus on cracks on the hill down to the Lower Bridges. The Board is coordinating with our contractor to schedule work with minimal to no impact on trash collection services. We will follow up with an email on specific dates, and notices on homes in areas where parking may be affected.

STANDARDS UPDATES

As an update on previous announcements. The Board of Directors has been on a lengthy effort to update and clarify the cluster standards on a variety of architectural features in the cluster. This effort was motivated by the goal of modernizing standards to offer inclusion of modern materials which represent reduced maintenance opportunities for homeowners, as well as the introduction of clarity of wording to better represent the intent of existing standards.

So far we have approved updates addressing:

- Cap Flashing
- Gutters & Downspouts
- Fences
- Landscaping
- Decks

We expect additional standards to be approved for the following sections in September:

- Siding
- Air Conditioners
- Stairs
- Paint

We will continue to work on this effort to address Lighting and Windows following the approval of the list above, prior to which will go through an open feedback window from all residents in the community. Your feedback will

be provided to Reston Association through the Design Review Board process, to help determine if the updates are approved.

With this all in mind, we ask that prior to completing any work on your property you consult the latest version of the cluster standards which are up to date on the Cluster website at <https://www.hillcrest-cluster.com/cluster-standards/>

If you have any questions regarding standards, please reach out to the Board at info@hillcrest-cluster.com before starting work. Our goal is to help you avoid any violations or issues.

CLUSTER COMMUNICATIONS

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Cluster Census form to confirm your contact information for cluster communications.

<https://forms.gle/eoiSNwgkmfjTt7ew8>

We recognize that if you received this newsletter via email, you are already in our database for communications. Consider mentioning and sharing this form with your neighbors if you see them in person, to help make sure we get as many people as possible the information they need on upcoming cluster announcements.

It is critical for the Board to have up-to-date contact information for all residents AT ALL TIMES.



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COMMUNITY OBITUARY

It is with a heavy heart that the Board has to share the news that in the last few months, the Hillcrest Cluster lost two longterm residents.

MICHAEL F. LEMAY | A 50+ year resident of Reston, Michael LeMay passed away at his home in Hillcrest Cluster, Reston, on June 18, 2021. He served on the Cluster Board from 2002-2010, and was president from 2006-2009. During his tenure, he was responsible for the updating of the Cluster paint palette, and also worked closely with Wetland Solutions on the stream restoration project. Michael was the founder and President of LeMay Erickson Wilcox LLC, an architectural firm located in Reston, which designed the Fairfax County Fire Department facility now being built on Wiehle Avenue. Throughout his career he was professionally and personally involved and committed to profession, religious, cultural and civic organizations in the Northern Virginia area. Mike is survived by two sisters, Patricia and Ginger, two children, Michell and David and, three grandchildren, his longtime companion, Lily, and many friends.

KYNOCH P. KENDALL | “Kyn”, one of the last original owners in Hillcrest Cluster, died on July 24, the day after his 02nd birthday. He had lived here since September, 1971. He retired in April 1994 from the Department of Health and Human Services. Kyn and his first wife Dottie, who died in 1991, had two daughters, MegAnn and Elizabeth Kendall. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Maryanne, his daughters, two step-children, Michael Lyons and Samantha Pauley, five grandchildren: Eli and Emily Howard, Kendall and Dorothea Thomas, and Tashie Lyonns, and a son-in-law, Steve Howard. Kyn was very creative, and enjoyed wood carving and making silver jewelry. He had a quirky sense of humor, and loved puns. He liked to tell people he was an only child, and so were his brother and sister (his father had married three times and had one child by each marriage.)

These two members of the cluster were both involved members of our community who will be missed dearly. Our condolences go out to their friends and family.

2021 DUES PAYMENTS

The dues assessment for 2021 is \$1320.00 per house, which were due by June 30th, 2021, afterwhich interest starts to accrue at a rate of 1.5% per month, charged on the first day of each month in which there is an unpaid balance until the account is paid in full.

Checks should be payable to **Hillcrest Cluster Association** and mailed to:

**Hillcrest Cluster Association
c/o Capitol Property Management
P.O. Box 71239
Philadelphia, PA 19176**

All accounts with an overdue balance on December 31st will be referred to the HCA legal counsel for collection. After the account is referred and after due notice has been given, a lien will be filed against the title of the property. Should the account continue in arrears, further legal action may be taken. All legal expenses, including attorney fees, incurred by the Hillcrest Cluster Association in seeking to enforce it’s governing documents shall be added to the account balance, and shall be the basis for a lien and/or lawsuit to recover all sums owed.

ANIMAL WASTE REMINDER

Here in Fairfax County, we love our dogs and clean water, too. We can have both if dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets.

Pet waste contains fecal coliform bacteria and can transmit diseases and parasites such as salmonellosis, cryptosporidiosis, and hookworm - just to name a few. These can make both humans and pets sick. Decaying pet waste can also contribute to fish kills in local streams and the Potomac River.

Always clean up after your pet. **IT’S THE LAW.** Failure to properly dispose of dog waste is a Class 4 misdemeanor and **subject to a \$250 fine** (County code, Section 41.1-2-6).



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NEW BIKESHARE ON RING ROAD

You may have noticed the addition of a new Capital Bike Share station on Ring Road near the Uplands Park recreation facility. This station was installed by Fairfax County with a grant they received. We understand that there has been some concern over the installation of this station, particularly due to its specific location/placement relative to surrounding car traffic.

We have been informed by the Fairfax County government representative that this location was reviewed and proposed over several years of procurement planning, with prior opportunities for community feedback.

If you have questions or feedback you wish to provide about this station, it can be directed to the county's Bike Fairfax team (https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/contact/bike_fairfax_contact_form)

In the meantime, please be careful driving on Ring Road near this bike station, and consider the station a new public transit asset to the community, should you need to use it.



COMPOSTING BASICS

Each day in the US, approximately one pound of food per person is wasted. According to the latest numbers reported by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), this equates to 103 million tons (81.4 billion pounds) of food waste generated in America in 2017, or between 30-40 percent of the food supply). If food waste were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gas emissions in the world after the US and China.

Fairfax County is offering residents the opportunity to reduce their food waste by bringing their food scraps to one of our drop-off locations. Collected food scraps are converted into compost, a nutrient rich soil amendment used on local farms.

The closest drop off location to Hillcrest Cluster is at the Herndon Farmer's Market, Thursdays from 8 am - 12:30 pm (765 Lynn St. Herndon), or at the County Transfer Station on West Ox Road in Fairfax.

What Can You Compost?

- Nuts
- Bread, cereals, rice, pasta
- Salads
- Vegetables
- Egg shells
- Fruit
- Flowers
- Tea bags & Loose tea
- Coffee grounds
- Meat, seafood & bones
- Cheese & dairy
- Uncoated paper plates
- Uncoated paper bags
- Paper towels & napkins
- Compostable bags
- Compostable kitchen ware

What Can't Be Composted?

- Plastic bags
- Yard waste
- Paper towels or napkins used with cleaning products
- Tissues used for personal hygiene

DOGGIE PADDLE AT RESTON POOLS

Reston Association is hosting its annual "Doggie Paddle" pool events around Reston, where your puppies can play in the water and cool down from the summer heat. Registration is required, and costs \$12 for Members, and \$20 for Non-Members. Fees are per dog, with reservations for a 90-minute visit. Multiple visits may be scheduled. The event is limited to small dogs under 20 lbs, and will be rain or shine. Register online at restonwebtrac.org



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DOGGIE PADDLE DATES & TIMES:

9 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday, August 14 - Autumnwood Pool

Saturday, August 21 - North Hills Pool

Sunday, August 22 - Dogwood Pool

Saturday, September 25 - Ridge Heights Pool

