



HILLCREST HAPPENINGS

INFORMATION ABOUT HILLCREST CLUSTER SECOND QUARTER 2023

2023 ANNUAL PICNIC

Save the date – Saturday July 15th. That is when all Hillcrest Cluster residents should make their way to the basketball court from noon until 3:00pm for our annual picnic. We on the cluster board hope to reestablish some of the social events that were standard practice before COVID in hope of fostering more interaction among neighbors and a stronger community spirit. This year, different from past picnics and because we have not tapped the budgeted funds for a picnic for several years, we are having a Saffold Way resident cater the event. So, all you need bring is your family and your seating, chairs, blankets, etc. As mentioned in the previous email announcement there will be hamburgers, including some veggie burgers, hot dogs, BBQ and two side dishes plus cookies for dessert. We will also provide some soft drinks and water. Everyone must provide any specific beverages they prefer or require as well as any foods needed to accommodate food allergies or other concerns. Also, we are bringing in a moon bounce for the children which will be set up by the playground. In order to help the catering folks get the food right I need your response confirming attendance by July 4th. Please tell me how many adults, teens and children 10 and under will be attending. Send your response to Harvey@Hillcrest-Cluster.com and I look forward to seeing you there.

CLUSTER MAINTENANCE

Tree Trimming You probably noticed the Reston Tree Experts working in the cluster as previously announced by Ben. They were able to complete all scheduled work for now plus some additional items while still working within the budget we provided. This is part of our annual tree maintenance with work in the Spring and more to be accomplished this Fall after we see how our canopy survives 2023. We expend a major portion of the budgeted funds now and hold the remainder in reserve until October-November when we will schedule more work.

Stormwater Remediation Hillcrest Cluster has several areas where stormwater does not drain appropriately, leading to high levels of erosion and long term damage to the Cluster property. In order to address this issue, the Board has identified several areas in the Cluster that represent the most significant areas of erosion and undertaken a multi-year process to repair these. We continue to work the plan for stormwater remediation that was previously developed and for which funds are budgeted each year. There is one major site we call Water Slide yet to be completed and additional work must be done on the Lower Drybed. After that there are two additional projects that have developed over the past couple of years that will need to be estimated and then worked next year. These last two



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sites are lower priority as they do not directly impact any homes in the cluster.

Parking Re-striping and Curb Cuts This work has been budgeted for this year and we are gathering estimates now with plans to accomplish the work later this summer or in early fall. This will include repainting all the yellow curbs for no parking.

ATTENDING CLUSTER BOARD MEETINGS

To repeat, residents wishing to attend monthly Cluster Board meetings, which every resident is entitled to attend, should remember the following:

- As a courtesy to the meeting host and for agenda scheduling, advise the Secretary or the President 2 days in advance
- Tell them of any issues you wish to bring to the Board. Your issue or topic will be scheduled as the first item at the meeting enabling you to leave after it is addressed
- After discussion of their particular issues, residents can remain at the meeting unless the Board has topics that involve confidential or privacy information.

The next scheduled HCA Board meeting will be at 8:00pm on Tuesday, 11 July. Zoom meeting information will be published in advance.

There is no HCA Board meeting in August.

Meetings are conducted at the homes of board members and accordingly the date, time and location of any meeting may be changed on short notice to accommodate board member schedules.

RESIDENT NOTES

Calling all Hillcrest Moms of Littles, ages 0-4! We are organizing a Moms' Group to set up play dates, meet at the playground, share information and resources. Generally to support one another through this very fun and hectic stage of life. If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact Megan Diefenderfer at (434) 942-8961 (text message is best!). Hope to meet you soon!

RESIDENT REMINDERS

Speeding In case you had not noticed the speed limit on Saffold Way is 15 mph. This is often ignored, particularly on main Saffold Way between the four-way stop and Ring Road, where the median is. Summer is here and there are now more children than ever riding bikes, razor scooters, etc. and going to and from the swimming pool. Using a laser gun I have clocked vehicles doing 35 mph on this section of Saffold Way. Please be safe for all our neighbors and yourself.

Distracted Driving Because I live on this end of Saffold Way I see many vehicles driving while holding their cell phones or tablets which is also very frightening for many of us, walking or driving. As a reminder, the Commonwealth of Virginia



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prohibits driving while holding any electronic device in your hand, whether talking, texting or not. It is distracted driving and should you be involved in an accident while being distracted, most insurance companies will not cover any damages. Please drive safely everywhere but especially on Saffold Way and thank you.

Pick up after your dog Once again a plea to obey the Fairfax County law and pick up your dog waste. To paraphrase a sign seen on Saffold Way, your dogs are cute but we don't want their poop! Be a better human and pick it up.

Clean up after yourself While on that subject lets not leave our trash laying around the cluster for someone else to clean up. Here is a photo recently taken at the basketball court.



YOUR NOTE

If you are a resident or owner on Saffold Way and would like your note to appear in the next Hillcrest Happenings, please email it to me (Harvey@Hillcrest-Cluster.com) before the middle of September. This can include items you may have to give away or for sale.