



# Woodwinds News



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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Woodwinds Board would like to wish everyone a happy new year. Now that the holidays are over, we are returning to continuing the work of improving Woodwinds.

In 2008, in response to a mandated reserve study, the board focused on the financial health of Woodwinds Association, reviewing our financial holdings and maximizing the earning potential of our reserve accounts. Our reserves are returning to healthy levels and assessment fee increases have been lower than expected for the second year in a row.

In 2009, we turned our attention to the infrastructure and addressed several major projects, including correction of erosion and water leak damage throughout the community. Significant landscape modifications were made between Woodwinds and the neighboring Colonial Green community, curb and sidewalk improvements were made on Ivystone Court, and a retaining wall was also added to prevent continuing erosion and mudslides.

In 2010 more improvements are already lined up. Another set of 12 balconies are scheduled for renovation, which will address systemic water leaks that are inherent in the architectural design of our buildings. Landscaping will also be a focus of the 2010 board's activities.

We look forward to continuing our progress and invite you to join any of the standing committees (Communications, Covenants, Landscape, Maintenance, and Parking) to help us achieve our shared goal of making Woodwinds a community of choice in Reston.

## PARKING AT WOODWINDS

The board implemented a new parking scheme in June 2009 which included the following:

- Assigning reserved parking spaces for 22 units that did not already have a reserved space or a carport.
- Issuing 2-year parking permits that affix to a vehicle's rear window and identify residents' primary and secondary vehicles.
- Revising the parking regulations to include requirements for obtaining current parking permits

Enforcement of the parking regulations will begin in mid-January. All residents are strongly encouraged to review the parking regulations and ensure that their vehicles are properly registered and identified with the new (2009-2010) electrostatic window stickers.

## CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

AAA will recycle Christmas trees during the first 2 weeks in January. Trees should be placed at the curb with trimming removed. Trees over 8 feet in height must be cut in half. After Friday, 15 January, trees will be removed with regular trash.

## 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following residents will serve on the Woodwinds Board in 2010:

Eric Orr (President)	(703) 715-1172
Suzanne Wolfe (Vice President)	(703) 615-2054
Teri Jaeger (Treasurer)	(703) 620-2856
Gay Dillin (Secretary)	(703) 758-8815
At Large – vacant	

Any Woodwinds resident interested in volunteering for the At Large position should contact one of the current board members.

## BOARD MEETING

The first Woodwinds board meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20 January, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Reston Community Center. Details can be found on Woodwinds\_Homeowners Yahoo Groups website: [http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/Woodwinds\\_Homeowners/](http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/Woodwinds_Homeowners/)



All owners and residents are encouraged to attend board meetings. Future meeting times and locations will be posted on the Yahoo Groups website.

**2010 BOARD MEETINGS**

The following meetings have been scheduled on the Yahoo Woodwinds\_Homeowners Group calendar:

20 January	20 May	16 September
18 February	17 June	21 October
18 March	15 July	16 November
15 April	19 August	16 December

For the location of board meetings, contact LMA or check the Yahoo Groups calendar.

**WOODWINDS 2010 COMMITTEES**

Committees are integral to the running of the association. As service costs rise, the board seeks ways to minimize the expenses of association activities. Volunteers make this possible by patrolling our parking lots, distributing newsletters, noting burned out lights, and assisting with groundskeeping tasks such as mulching, planting, and watering.

If you have a talent or skill and a desire to help save the association some money, please consider donating time to one (or more) of our committees:

**Covenants** – ensure that the rules and regulations regarding the appearance of common elements are enforced.

**Landscape** – work in tandem with our grounds maintenance contractor to ensure a visually appealing landscape.

**Communications** – contribute to and distribute newsletters and other non-official correspondence to the community.

**Parking** – ensure that vehicles parked at Woodwinds are appropriate and conform to Fairfax County regulations.

**Maintenance** – Help with simple, handyman tasks such as water spigot shutoffs, reporting non-working street lights, and inventorying utility closet items owned by the association.

Please contact a board member if you are interested; more information on committees will be provided in the next newsletter.

**ATTENTION DOG OWNERS**

The Board would like to remind all pet owners that it enforces the leash law and the pooper scooper law. Violations of these laws may result in a \$50 assessment.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when on Woodwinds property. The leash law is not optional and there is no valid reason to allow a dog to be off-leash.

Animal feces may transmit diseases and parasites and are considered a pollutant by Fairfax County. Please pick up after your dogs when walking them on Woodwinds property. Disposable waste bags are provided at various points throughout the community.

**TRASH RULES REMINDER**

**Trash & Recycling** – Trash Pick-ups are Mondays and Thursdays. Trash may be set out no earlier than 8:00 pm the nights before and no later than 6:00 am on the mornings of pick-ups.

Recyclable materials should be set out with trash on **Thursdays only**. AAA suggests setting trash on one side of the walkway and recyclables on the opposite side of the walkway so the collectors don't have to rip open the trash bags. Alternatively, you may also use clear bags or the plastic recycling bins to assist in this process.

**Your trash is your responsibility until it is on the trash truck.** If your trash remains on the curb after pick-up, you must retrieve it and either store it until the next scheduled pickup or take it to the dump yourself. Leaving your trash at the curb until the next collection day will result in a \$50 assessment.

For more information on recycling and what is recyclable, visit Fairfax County's recycling website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling>.

The nearest landfill to Woodwinds is the Fairfax County Landfill at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA. (703-631-2765). <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispsites.htm>

**LOUDOUN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES**

Our property manager is Diana Fritts. She can be contacted at LMA, PO Box 2070, Purcellville, VA 20134. Phone: 540-751-1888 or 866-562-1890.