

The Plane Tree Post

The Plane Tree Townhouse Homeowners' Association Newsletter

Spring 2020



Board of Directors

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John Kip
Vice-President
Douglas Crowe
Secretary
Lynn Caperton
Treasurer
Gary Nelson
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Association Meetings

In the wake of the current health crisis involving COVID-19 (coronavirus) and the actions recommended to be taken to prevent its spread, association meetings have been postponed.

The holding of meetings will be resumed when it has been determined that it would not be detrimental to anyone's health to hold them.

You may check the Association's page on the website, or call the office, to see if a meeting has been scheduled.

Architectural Approval

Don't forget to have all desired additions or changes to homes or properties, approved through the submission of an Architectural Approval Form.

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Association Meetings Held

Thanks to all of the homeowners who attended or returned completed proxy sheets, the Plane Tree Townhouse Homeowners' Association was able to hold its Annual Meeting on February 25, 2020.

The president of the Board of Directors, Doug Crowe, called the meeting to order and gave an overview of actions taken during the past year. The lights at the stairs to the public parking lot had been replaced. Some minor repairs had been made to the asphalt. New activities had been proposed to take place at the Boys' and Girls' Club. The Board had brought up to the Town of Warrenton, whether these uses are appropriate under the restrictions currently set on this property. The planting of trees in the area to the left as one enters the community was still under consideration. He asked that those residents who keep pets in their homes, to be considerate of their neighbors. They should make sure that all pet waste is promptly removed no matter where it is left, pets do not go onto other homeowners' properties without permission, and dogs are prevented from disturbing the community with their barking. Mention was made that homeowners need to keep up with maintenance at their homes, including repairing and painting wood trim, cleaning of brick, and repairing, cleaning, and restaining of decks and fences.

Homeowners then brought up their concerns. The situation regarding speeding in the neighborhood has not improved. It was said that this is difficult to address as the Association cannot issue speeding tickets. The suggestion was made that speed bumps be installed. Mr. Crowe stated that this had been brought up previously and the Board would look into it again. Anita Tortorella said that the markings in the parking areas had faded again, and she volunteered to paint them again. All agreed that this would be greatly appreciated.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were approved as presented, and the Treasurer, Gary Nelson, gave a report on the financial status of the Association. As of the end of January, the Association's operating account contained \$14,738.09, and \$60,590.97 was held in a money market account, which comprised its reserve funding. He explained the processes by which assessments payments are received and posted to homeowners' accounts, and bills for services provided to the Association, are paid. He commented that again in 2019 and the beginning of 2020, the relatively low amount paid for snow removal, had positively impacted the Association's budget.

The Board terms of John Kip and Christine Fox were expiring. Mr. Kip agreed to run for another term. Ms. Fox was not in attendance and had not agreed to run again. Homeowner Lynn Caperton was nominated to run for election to the Board. Since there were two volunteers to fill two open seats, these owners were elected to the Board by acclamation.

The Annual Meeting was then adjourned and a Board Meeting convened, during which the Board members chose the officers of the Board (listed above, to the left). Some additional discussion was held concerning the installation of trees or bushes in the area where trees had previously come down in a storm, the budget for 2020, and architectural approval.

The evening of meetings ended at 8:05 P.M.

Spring Extra Trash Pick-up

The Town of Warrenton Spring Clean-up extra trash pick-up is scheduled for Plane Tree on **Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Please have items you want to have removed, at the curb by 8:00 A.M., but no earlier than after dark on Monday.** No return trips can be made.

Unfortunately, the Town is no longer able to take away any appliance which contains or contained freon. Old tires will be still be picked up but there is a charge of \$3.00 per tire, which must be paid in advance, or the tires will not be removed. Call Public Works at 540-347-1858 to arrange to pay the fee. Items such as TVs, computers, monitors, copiers, microwave ovens, printers, battery packs, or any type of liquid chemicals or paint, will not be picked up. For more information, call the Fauquier Waste Management office at 540-422-8840 or go to http://www.warrentonva.gov/government/departments/public_works.

Be sure to remove any items which are not picked up!