



# George Mason Forest Reporter

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## ANNUAL GMFHOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The annual GMFHOA membership meeting held on March 10, 2010 was well attended by homeowners. Annual reports were presented by the officers and chairs of committees. The complete reports are contained in the minutes of the March meeting and are posted on the association website, [www.gmfhoa.org](http://www.gmfhoa.org)

The slate of board candidates was presented to the membership. Nominations from the floor were requested, none were made and the membership elected the four candidates. They are Charles Cason, Paul Kite, Margo Lockard and Nancy Sajjadi. They will serve a three year term.

There were several comments and questions by members regarding the Buddhist Study Center located at the intersection of Burke Station and Braddock Roads. At the request of several members, a meeting is scheduled with the District Supervisor and Fairfax County zoning officials on May 18. (See article on Page 3)

### GMF BOARD MEMBERS

Tena Bluhm - President	703-978-9468
Nancy Sajjadi - Vice President	703-323-0042
Fred Knowles - Secretary	703-426-8204
Vikki Keen - Treasurer	703-426-1776
Charles Cason	703-978-7784
Susan Job	703-272-7234
Paul Kite	703-425-6314
Margo Lockard	703-978-2163
Frank McHugh	703-978-3219
Mike Miller	703-978-5515
Eric Mondschein	703-426-0403
John Sullivan	703-978-4522
Lori Taylor	703-978-1045



## SUMMARY OF GMFHOA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Complete Board minutes are on the web site [www.gmfhoa.org](http://www.gmfhoa.org)**

*The GMFHOA Board meets monthly except in August. Summary of Jan, Feb, March 2010 meetings is below*

**A. Latest Treasurer Report:** As of March: Operating account: \$29,957.85; Reserve account: \$18,444; CD: \$10,857 2008 audit is complete. No major issues were noted. Reports sent to auditors to complete the 2009 audit. As of March 10, 87% of homeowners have paid their association assessment. Late notices were sent out.

### **B. Committee Reports:**

**Grounds Committee**-Silverbrook Nursery and Landscaping was chosen to provide the grounds maintenance through 2011. All areas maintained prior to 2008 will be again maintained in this contract.

**Bridges and Trail** - The task force recommended to have a retaining wall to stabilize and support the dirt mound under the bridge. Three contractors submitted bids. No decision has been made by the board until further investigation of the contractors is done by the task force. For safety, access to the north bridge has been barred. Residents are requested to not remove the barriers.

**Publications** - A new phone directory will be published in the fall of 2010. Information sheets will be distributed asking for updates. The information sheets also act as permission to print residents information in the directory.

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## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Tapestry Drive gets the prize for most people from one street to help on community clean up day. Hooray Tapestry!! The participating Tapestry Drive residents are: Margo and Steve Lockard, Paul Kite, Herb Beard, John Sullivan, Tom Ruzic and Mike Green. Other community volunteers were: Charles Cason, Jon Thomas, Frank McHugh, Ray Bluhm, Vikki, Jared and Spencer Keen, Tracie, Tristan and Madeline Mocio, and Susan, Katie and David Job. Paul Kite hauled all of the large pieces of trash and trash bags to the land fill. Thanks to all of their help, our community common areas are cleared of trash for another year. A big thank you to all the volunteers. Volunteers will be needed again. Make your street the winner in 2011.

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### GMFHOA YARD SALE

The annual community yard sale will be on **Saturday, May 15, 2010**. The sale is from 8:00 AM until 12 noon. Ads are placed in the Washington Post and on Craig's List. Signs will be posted at the community entrances a few days prior to the sale day. Now is your opportunity to get the garage, basement and attic cleaned out and sell your "treasures". The event has been a popular and profitable one for our community. Don't be surprised at the early bird shoppers and be prepared.

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### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you know a resident who is **not** getting the electronic newsletter because they do not have a computer, contact [TenaRB@aol.com](mailto:TenaRB@aol.com) Arrangements will be made to get a paper copy of the newsletter to them. If a neighbor asked why they are not getting a newsletter anymore, remind them it is now sent electronically. To receive the newsletter inform them to contact Tena Bluhm to have their email address added to the email GMF Alert Net

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**Social Committee** - Calendar of events is posted on the web site. Annual community clean up was conducted on April 10.

**ACC Committee** - Responding to complaints of covenants violations, ACC visits were made to request violations be corrected. The violations consisted of unkempt yards, trash containers in street on wrong days, trees overlapping sidewalks and a shrub blocking line of sight at a corner. Requests for approval of new fencing, one porch addition and several house paintings and roof replacements were approved. Residents are asked to help pick up trash and newspapers tossed and in street gutters.

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## 2010 GMFHOA CALENDAR

- COMMUNITY YARD SALE** **MAY 15**
- MEETING WITH BRADDOCK SUPERVISOR** **MAY 18**
- COMMUNITY PICNIC** **SEPT 18**
- HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY FOR CHILDREN** **OCT 31**

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### 2011 GMFHOA PHONE DIRECTORIES

An updated GMFHOA phone directory will be published this fall. All residents will receive an information sheet asking for names of adults at the address; addresses; phone number; email address; children's names and ages. Even if your information is unchanged, you must completely fill out the form. This will help catch any former information that was incorrectly entered in the present directory. It also provides your permission to publish your information. You will need to indicate that you want to be included in the GMFHOA Alert Net.

This is a major task. Your prompt attention and corporation will help make it easier. Volunteers are encouraged to help. Contact [TenaRB@aol.com](mailto:TenaRB@aol.com)

## **BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER ON BURKE STATION ROAD**

One of the topics of concern by homeowners at the annual membership meeting is the Buddhist Study Center located at the intersections of Burke Station and Braddock Roads. Members questioned if Fairfax County zoning regulations were violated. Concerns expressed were: the storm water run off from the parking pad located on the property; the increased potential for traffic accidents with the entrance and exit to the study center so near the intersection; and potential parking in our community on Red Spruce Road and on Burke Station Road behind our community.

A public meeting for GMFHOA and surrounding communities will be held **Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:30 PM** with Supervisor John Cook and the staff from the Fairfax County zoning department. The meeting will be held in Braddock Hall (Office of the Braddock Magisterial District) **at 9002 Burke Lake Road**. It is co-located with Kings Park Library. This is an opportunity for residents to make comments and to ask questions of our government officials.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and hear first hand from authorities. It is an opportunity to ask your questions and have your concerns answered.

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## **CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE** **www.gmfhoa.org .**



For answers to questions about what is going on in our neighborhood, check out our web site. You can find GMFHOA policies; board minutes; the latest announcements; VDOT snow removal policy; our community calendar; request forms for a Disclosure packet; ACC request forms for making changes to the outside of your home and yard; and much, much more.



## **CONGRATULATIONS GMF GRADUATES**

Congratulations to all of our graduating high school and college students. Many best wishes in your new life adventures.

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## **WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

Our association makes every effort to officially welcome all new residents. If you have a new neighbor, contact Susan Job, Social Committee Chair at 703-272-7234 or Lori Taylor at 703-978-1045 and a welcome visit will be made. Make a point getting to know your neighbors!

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## **GMFHOA REMINDERS**

The GMFHOA restrictive covenants (Article VII) require review and approval by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before any **external change in your home**. Request forms for changes can be obtained on the web site. For questions, contact the ACC chair, Ray Bluhm at [RayBJr@aol.com](mailto:RayBJr@aol.com)

Residents are asked to keep the sidewalks in front of their homes cleared of overgrown shrubs, trees and vegetation. Take a look now.

Sellers of homes must obtain a **Disclosure Packet** to give to the buyer. This package contains the association By-Laws, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of the GMFHOA. The association by law has 14 days to respond, which includes an ACC external inspection of the property. View instructions and obtain the request form for the packet on the GMF web site.

**Dumping** of yard cuttings into the common land is prohibited. Yard waste is collected weekly by the trash companies, use that service. The dumped materials kill the natural vegetation that filters the water as it flows into the Chesapeake Bay, alters the habitat of wild life and changes drainage. Dumping is a violation of GMF Restrictive Covenants and the Resource Protected Area (RPA) act. The association as well as the individual can be heavy fined by state and county law.

**Encroachment** into the RPA stream common land by extending lawns, gardens, or storing of items is prohibited. Removing trees or natural growth must be approved by the GMFHOA Board, and new plantings must be native to Virginia.



# Electric Sundays

RECYCLE:



Televisions



Computers



Fluorescent Lights

The widely successful Electric Sunday e-waste recycling program will continue in 2010. Events will be held at the county's Recycling and Disposal Centers at the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax and at the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton. Events will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the specified dates and locations.

Fairfax County residents may use each Electric Sunday recycling event to recycle televisions, computers, monitors and peripheral electronic devices such as printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice and external drives. Residents may also recycle their fluorescent lights at these events as well! This is a free service for Fairfax County residents thanks to our partnership with Covanta Energy, Inc.

For additional information, please contact us at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

## 2010 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
JAN. 24	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
FEB. 28	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
<b>MARCH 28</b>	<b>I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX</b>
APRIL 25	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
MAY 23	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
JUNE 27	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
<b>JULY 25</b>	<b>I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX</b>
AUG. 22	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
SEPT. 26	I-66 TRANSFER STATION
<b>OCT. 24</b>	<b>I-95 LANDFILL COMPLEX</b>
NOV. 21	I-66 TRANSFER STATION

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## EVENT LOCATIONS



I-66 Transfer Station  
4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA



I-95 Landfill Complex  
9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, call the Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.