

Solar 'cember 2007

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Hi, Solar Neighbors! Here we are at the beginning of a Reston winter, and there are a few things I thought I should mention.

Of course, the pole lights are the first on the list this time of year, now that we've set the clocks back to winter time. They provide that warm and welcoming glow lighting our streets as we come home or walk next door in the evenings. Please make sure you have fresh bulbs installed – and if you haven't installed a photocell or timer so it lights even when you're not home, please consider doing this, for the community's sake, ok?

Holiday trees will be handled differently this year – they will be collected in early January from a single location. Please place your tree at the bottom end of the parking setback across from 11022 -24 on the Drive, under the London Plane (small Sycamore) tree. And please remember to remove all the decorations and tinsel so the tree can be chopped and reused as mulch!

The final cleanup of the autumn leaves happened today, and the cluster looks pretty good! Can you imagine that we're still cleaning up leaves this late? They stayed on the trees forever this fall! Note that we contract for our various services (lawn care, snow and leaf removal, etc.) on the common property, not private homeowner properties, so we still need our own rakes. Of course, homeowners can often persuade or pay the contractor a few dollars to include them in a service.

Messages to pass along at neighbors' request: make sure you don't leave pet food outdoors unattended, and try not to allow bird food to get scattered about. Those rodents we've been seeing are definitely NOT large mice! And do occasionally check your siding to see if any weathering or damage requires maintenance – it's best to stay abreast of the situation and keep your home your castle.

We're expecting snow this weekend, and I've told the contractor that much better work is expected this time. He in turn asks us to keep the streets as clear as possible during snowstorms – move your vehicle off the street if possible. If that's impossible, then be sure to park in a setback – the service sent a one-ton truck last storm and it had big trouble with clearance in places.

Of course remember that the snow and ice work will necessarily be imperfect, due to the conditions under which the work is done. And due to the fact that we want to spend enough money to make the cluster passable, not enough to make the job beautiful / perfect.

This is a web and email newsletter, and there may be a few people it doesn't reach. Especially since I lost my distribution list and had to rebuild it manually from old notes! If you know a neighbor who didn't receive it, I hope you'll make sure they get a copy, and ask them to send me their email address.

Now, let's all remember those pole lights! Thanks,

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