

Sunny March '08



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A happy and sunny spring to everyone! My crocus have been out for two weeks now, and the daffodils are just about to pop, it's a beautiful time of year, eh? I've had my road bike out for a short run, and it's almost time for some real riding.

Wow – that's how I started the March newsletter last year, and it works perfectly again!

We'll be holding the **Annual Members Meeting on Monday, April 7, at 7:30pm** in Meeting Room 1 at the Reston Regional Library. Come by and discuss cluster business, meet your neighbors, and do a little visiting – sound like a plan? Of course, monthly business meetings are usually the second Monday at 7:30 at my house, and the board extends an invitation to everyone to come with any ideas and concerns you may have. You might want to send an email or call and verify that we've not moved it, eh?

And how about a cluster cleanup day the Saturday after the meeting, April 12? Our streets are always so grimy and gritty by spring, from the winter's sanding, and it sometimes takes all summer for things to wash away and the streets to look good again. So let's get out there on Saturday, April 7, with our push brooms and dustbins, and give our streets a good sweeping. And anyone who's really industrious can help clean up near the cluster entrances. The cost of having it done by machine just isn't in the budget this year – maybe it can be another year.

Our Treasurer reports a few accounts which have been falling into arrears, and the board asks me to tell you that deadlines will be enforced and past due charges will be collected – a word to the wise, and thank you. Remember that each quarter's fee becomes past due, with a late payment penalty, if it's not received by the 15th of the second month of the quarter.

Just one other thing, it's almost time to worry about mosquitoes. These things can breed in just a tiny bit of water, so it's important to eliminate all the little puddles. Suggestions: check your gutters for leaves and debris which can cause standing water, turn your concrete downspout trays so that the lip is on the upper side and they drain out completely, and don't use any trays or saucers under your outdoor plants this year. That should keep the skeeters down, thanks.

Remember now, for a good time -- Monday, April 7, at the Library, mark that calendar!

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