



# THE WHEELWRIGHTER

Wheelwright Cluster Association, August 2011

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Cluster's Annual Meeting has been scheduled.

**When: December 12, 8:00 - 9:30**  
**Where: Reston Community Center**

We need a quorum to conduct cluster business and numbers are usually close. The meeting ends promptly at 9:30 so please plan on attending.

## Board Positions

Now is your chance to leave your mark on Wheelwright Cluster. Several Board members' terms end in December and replacements are needed. Please consider serving a term for the betterment of the cluster.



If everyone serves a term when possible, no one gets burned out. The typical commitment is one monthly meeting (fewer/none in the summer) and periodic other activities as necessary (cleanup, newsletter, etc).

Please direct any questions or interest to a current board member.

We also have an immediate need for a **Treasurer**. The position earns a small fee for generating a Cluster binder when a new homeowner moves into the Cluster.

## Cluster Cleanup Review

It was perhaps a bit later on the calendar than usual, but the 'Spring' Cluster Cleanup was a success nonetheless.

The Cluster undertook a very ambitious project to replace our aging mailboxes with modern locking units. It took a lot hands to dig the holes, build the forms, and pour the concrete on Saturday.

Thanks to everyone who came out

See **CLEANUP** on next page

## !!! Security Alert !!!

At least 4 **unlocked** vehicles have been burglarized in the Cluster in recent weeks. Some were only left unattended for very short periods in the middle of the day. Please be sure to lock your vehicle and secure



valuables as well as keep an eye out for suspicious activity. If you do become a theft victim, be sure to report to Fairfax County Police, no matter how small the loss.

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**WHEELWRIGHT CLUSTER** is now on FACEBOOK. 'Like' the cluster to stay up to date on upcoming events, news, & get instant notification of special alerts

**Next Board Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, Aug 16, 2011**  
**8:00 p.m. at 2223**  
All residents welcome

**Trash Only: Tuesday**  
**Trash & Recycling: Friday**

*Large trash items? Call American Disposal ahead of time to arrange a pickup: 703-368-0500.*

### Cluster Board & Officers

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**OPEN, Treasurer**

## CLEANUP *continued*

to invest some sweat equity in the cluster on the various tasks. Special thanks to the small crew that returned on Sunday and completed the installation of the five mailboxes, removed the old units, and delivered keys.

Finally, the cluster owes a debt of gratitude to Brad Mclean. Without the use of his business assets (truck, Bobcat, etc) the project would not have been possible. Thank you Brad!

It's estimated that the cluster **saved \$3,000** by doing the work ourselves - Just one more way that Wheelwright has managed to keep Quarterly Dues increases below the rate of inflation and one of the lowest in Reston.

The Cookout was also a success with a larger crowd than we've seen in recent years. Thanks to everyone who came out to share in the festivities.

Stayed tuned for details on Fall Cleanup. 'Cluster beautification' activities are tentatively planned including planting trees, grass, bulbs, shrubs, curb painting, etc. There will be plenty to do for everyone. Come on out and help improve the cluster.

Cleanup, as usual, will be followed by a cookout in the lower cluster.



## DID YOU KNOW?

*Wheelwrights,*  
in Colonial Times, were  
the people who made  
wheels for riding chairs,  
carriages, and wagons.

## Reminders

### Mailboxes

Help keep the Cluster's new mailboxes looking great. Please refrain from attaching posters or other solicitations on the boxes. All unauthorized postings will be removed.

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### Pets

Please remember to follow all pet guidelines and County leash laws. Remember to clean up after your pet for the health and courtesy of all neighbors and especially keep pets from doing their 'business' around the tot lot as it poses additional risk to children playing in the area.

Additionally, uncollected pet waste gets washed into our streams & eventually Reston's lakes. With the abundance of pets in the area, all that "fertilizer" causes algae blooms that overwhelm the ecosystem of our lakes.



Are you familiar with Hardie Plank siding? If not, let's get acquainted.

Hardie Plank® is the leading brand of fiber cement board. As the cluster approaches 40 years of age, many homes have some rotting exterior wood. Hardie Plank® is a great alternative to wood siding and even has a "stucco" alternative:

- Resists Extreme Weather
- Requires less painting
- Won't Rot
- Fire Resistant
- Lowers Home Insurance
- 30 year Warranty

Rhea Mohler, 2250, has taken the lead in working with Reston Association & they are receptive to approving it for Wheelwright Ct, as they have done for other clusters. Stay Tuned for additional details as they become available

<http://www.jameshardie.com>

## Farmers' Markets

There are two great Farmer's Markets in Reston that feature local fruits & vegetables as well as other fresh foods such as locally raised meats, cheeses, breads, & desserts.

**Reston Farmer's Market** is held at the Lake Anne Plaza Saturdays from 8AM – Noon from May through October. 'Voted Best Farmers Market in NoVA'

<http://restonfarmersmarket.com>

**Smart Markets** comes to Reston every Wednesday, from 3:30 – 7:00. Located at the corner of Reston Parkway and Sunrise Valley Dr, it's just a short trip from Wheelwright. <http://www.smartmarkets.org/>

## Guided Tours of Reston

Curious about the history of Reston, America's first Planned Community? The Reston Museum offers guided tours that review the early plans, dating back to the 1960s and outline the revolutionary concepts that impacted the planning and development of communities across America.

The weekly presentations also include a walking tour of Washington Plaza at the historic Lake Anne Village Center to illustrate the principles behind the creation of plazas and mixed use communities among other topics.

**When:** 12:15 each Saturday  
**Where:** 1639 Washington Plz  
[www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org)  
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