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Derwood, MD 20855

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LETTER TO DSHOA2 HOMEOWNERS BORDERING TREE PROJECT PHASE 2

February 25, 2013

Dear Association Members:

As was explained in a separate flyer distributed to all Association members last fall, the Association is undertaking a multi-year project to refurbish the Common Areas owned in common by all in our Community. This project includes removing trees that are dead, dying, severely damaged, or crowding out more desirable trees on all the Common Areas, creating walk pathways linking the Tot Lot area with the streets within the Community, working with homeowners to prune and thin trees adjacent to sidewalks, and monitoring the extensive “wetlands protection work” to be done by State of Maryland contractors immediately adjacent to our Community ... work that will require access by heavy equipment across several of our Common Areas. Such a project is extensive and expensive; the Board has approved, and begun the funding of, a five year project to do this.

The Board has spent two years in consultation with tree experts evaluating the trees in all the Common Areas in the HOA, and has concluded that most of these pine trees need to be removed and replaced with other types of trees that will both be pleasing to the eye and provide the needed privacy screening. Additionally, the Board has contracted for design of the walkways described above.

This letter from the Board of Directors comes to you specifically because your property abuts the Common Area running from Indianola to the Red Cross Parking lot. This area will be the second Common Area to be refurbished as part of the 5-year program mentioned above.

With the advice of our arborist consultants, we have identified and marked with yellow “danger” tape several trees in this area removal; primarily Lombardy Poplars White spruce, these trees in this area are reaching the end of their expected life expectancy and are beginning to die off; have now grown so tall that they no longer serve their original purpose of providing an eye-level, two-directional “privacy screen” between the Common Area and the individual properties; and/or are crowding out more desirable trees.

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Also, a sub-committee of the Board will be meeting with our Arborists to plan for plantings within the same area.

We want to let you know of this plan because it will be “right in your backyards”, and while this plan has been discussed at repeated monthly Board Minutes, presented in the Monthly minutes, and discussed at the 2012 Annual Meeting, you may still have “missed” the discussion. We do not want work on it to come as a surprise to you; hence this letter. Additional information is available on our website at www.DerwoodStation2.com.

Members of the Board will be available to meet with any Association member interested in obtaining a more detailed explanation of this plan at 1 pm on Saturday, March 16th; we will meet at the bench on Indianola nearest HOA South.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
Derwood Station HOA No. 2