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*Derwood, MD 20855*

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## *Derwood Station HOA No.2*

*Dear Association Member,*

*As is explained on a separate flyer to be distributed to all Association members, 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 commonly referred to as the "Tot Lot Area" running from Oskaloosa Drive to the Tot Lot itself. This area will be the first Common Area to be refurbished as part of the 5-year program mentioned above.*

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*The Tot Lot area will be the focus of the initial aspect of this program. With the advice of our arborist consultants, we have identified and marked with yellow "danger" tape a total of 26 trees in this area recommended for removal; primarily Japanese Black pine and White pine, these trees in this area are reaching the end of their expected life expectancy and are beginning to die off; most 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.*

*Also, a sub-committee of the Board has worked with our Arborists to plan for tree replacements within the same area. These will primarily be "leafy" trees, rather than evergreens, and will be selected based upon both their growth rate and their mature size. With the arborist, we have marked on the ground the projected locations of these "new" trees.*

*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.*

*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, September 15th**; we will meet at the Bulletin board at the intersection of Oskaloosa and Mahaska.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Board of Directors,  
Derwood Station HOA No.2*