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# RICHLAND FOREST

## HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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### Meetings now Bi-Monthly

At the March meeting of the RFHOA Board of Directors, a motion was made and passed to have future RFHOA meetings bi-monthly rather than monthly, to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of odd-numbered months. Thus, our next meeting is now scheduled for Wednesday, May 13. As always, refer to the web site ([richlandforest.com](http://richlandforest.com)) for the most up-to-date information.

### Development at Rt 7 and Rt 28

Mr. Chris Flynn of Bendure Communications, Inc. has asked for a few minutes at our next meeting (May 13) to provide information, clear up any misconceptions and answer any questions that local residents might have concerning the development project at the intersection of Routes 7 & 28 in Loudoun County.

In a letter to the Board, requesting time to speak at an upcoming meeting, he said:

"As this project will impact both residential communities in close proximity as well as those whose residents who routinely commute through the area, we are trying to get in front of as many Loudoun County HOAs as possible to briefly outline the benefits of the project."

So if you have any questions or concerns about this project, plan to attend the May 13 meeting at the Cascades branch of the Loudoun County Library.

### Hey, Remember the embezzlement?

Well, we finally got all that money back! Just thought you'd want to know.

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# Spring Cleaning!

*...and a walk-around inspection*

This is a good time of year to look around your property and see what minor upkeep may be needed to help our community maintain an attractive appearance. The RFHOA Design Guidelines, last updated in October 2000, is a great reference for this activity and is available on our web site. To get to it, click on **ARCHITECTURAL FORMS** and you will see the link for **DESIGN GUIDELINES**.

On a related note, a walk-around inspection of Richland Forest will be conducted in April (and may be completed by the time you read this newsletter). We will be looking for compliance with the Design Guidelines and notifications will be mailed to homeowners regarding any discrepancies noted.

## Speaking of Guidelines...

Here's one of the more commonly ignored paragraphs from the Design Guidelines:

**TRASH CONTAINERS.** All trash containers and recycling containers should be stored out of view at all times except on the evening before and days of trash collection.

Yes, it's much easier to just leave the trash can in your driveway, or store it on the side of the house and, from recent surveys, about one in four owners are guilty of this at times. In fact, there were 15 houses which were in violation of this requirement on *each* of four separate surveys. Those homeowners recently received a notice asking them to comply.

This seems like a small, perhaps annoying requirement. How do you feel about it? Are you one of the "compliant" homeowners who wishes his/her neighbor would store their containers correctly (i.e. out of sight)? Or perhaps you think this is a nitpicking requirement that does little or nothing to maintain a neat appearance of our community.

If you have a strong opinion one way or the other, let us know by attending a meeting or dropping an email to us at [board@richlandforest.com](mailto:board@richlandforest.com). For now, it's the "law of the land."

## Please Drive Carefully

*Watch for children at play!*

Spring is here and Summer is just around the corner.

Many children will be out playing in our neighborhood and common areas as the weather warms up. Please be alert, obey the speed limit and help keep our children safe!

## Safety and Prevention

There has been an increase in thefts from vehicles in the Loudoun County area. Here are some helpful hints for you to avoid being a victim:

- LOCK YOUR CAR
- Remove all valuables from the vehicle, do not leave any items on seats or floors of vehicle
- Park in a well lit area
- Remove keys from the car

## Vandalism: It costs us all \$\$\$

Richland Forest Community recently had vandalism to playground equipment and graffiti in the common areas. Both incidents were reported to the authorities and the areas will be fixed as soon as possible. If you see any suspicious activities or persons, report it!

### **Emergency**

Call **911**

### **Non-emergency Sheriff's office**

Call **703-777-1021** or **703-777-0445**

## Two Puzzles

(check [www.richlandforest.com](http://www.richlandforest.com) for puzzle solutions)

### Addition and Subtraction

The following two diagrams represent the same two numbers added together and subtracted. In the upper number each digit is less than the preceding one, and in the second number each digit is greater than the preceding one. There are no zeros in either number.

The digits shown are all wrong. *Find the two numbers.*

$$\begin{array}{r}
 - - - - - \\
 - - - 9 \\
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 - - - - -
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 - 4 - - - \\
 - - - - - \\
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 9 - - - 3
 \end{array}$$

### Logic about the logic prize

Smith, Brown, Jones and Robinson are told that they have each won one of the four prizes for Mathematics, English, Chemistry, and Logic, but none of them know which. They are speculating about it. Smith says he thinks Robinson has won the logic prize. Brown thinks that Jones has won the English prize. Jones feels confident that Smith has not won the Mathematics prize, and Robinson is of the opinion that Brown has won the Chemistry prize.

It turns out that the winners of the Mathematics and Logic prizes were correct in their speculations, but the other two were wrong.

*Who won which prize?*