

Newsletter

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McLean Province Homeowners Association
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Message from Anne Pace, the President of the Homeowners Association

Dear Neighbors,

Your association's board of directors prepared the 2003 budget with an eye towards the community's long term considerations. Prudence indicates we should work to increase the road reserve and the operating reserve. To move in this direction, and maintain the current level of services and the community's appearance, there was a modest dues increase and vendor costs were adjusted. We still have astoundingly low HOA fees, particularly compared with other townhouse communities, yet our grounds are some of the most attractive in the area.

Did you know that by being a self-managed community, we save ourselves \$20,000 - \$30,000 per year in management fees? This is due to the work of the homeowners association board of directors. I have truly enjoyed serving on the board; I've become better acquainted with my neighbors, and I like to think I've made a small contribution to an area I am proud to call my home. I hope you will consider serving on the board next year and let one of the board members know

of your interest. There will be a few board members stepping down, and you are now needed!

As the recent architectural review pointed out, many of our homes are nearing an age when considerable attention is needed. Exterior woodwork seems to be in dire shape on many of these houses, and since our reviewers' sharp eyes did not catch everything, check for peeling paint or a misshapen wood surface – it might signal rotten wood beneath the paint. It probably needs replacement. You may wish to investigate use of a more durable substance such as Hardiplank, a concrete and cellulose siding described as “a durable, attractive alternative to traditional wood” (for more information, see the website

**www.jameshardie.com/hardi plank.htm). We are developing a collection of hints about construction alternatives, new windows and other replacement materials. If you have that type of information to share, please submit it to a board member for inclusion on our website, **www.mcleanprovincehoa.org.

Wishing you a good holiday season and new year of peace!

Anne Pace

**!!! !!! !!! !!! !!! !!! Important -
Please note As of December 31, our
community will have a new trash service
provider, McLean Trash Service, tel.
(703) 442-7387. Trash will be picked up
on Dec 31st by AAA Trash Service, the
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provided by AAA will be picked up
(empty, please!) New recycling bins will
be provided by McLean Trash Service.
After January 1st, the schedule will**