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## Metro gate to be replaced this week, bulletin boards will be a survey topic, COLR extended to December 30

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In an unusually brief Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 11, the board whipped through the agenda in just 45 minutes. Fewer than 20 residents were in attendance.

General manager Liz Foltin reported that the Metro gate damaged during its collision with the shuttle bus will be replaced by the end of this week. The gate has been inoperable for the past three weeks, which forced the bus go through the front gate on its runs to the Metro.

In other general manager news, director Guido Zanni said the search committee to hire a new GM after Foltin leaves later this month placed an ad in a publication. As of Tuesday, 36 potential

applicants had responded. The ad will run for two weeks, until Oct. 28, and the committee will rate the applicants based on established criteria. Zanni said the board plans to have a new general manager report for duty on Jan. 2.

The board unanimously approved director Jerry Stedge's motion to extend the existence of the Committee on Landscape Restoration (COLR) until Dec. 30. At the Sept. 27 board work session, Stedge shared a PowerPoint presentation describing committee's three top recommendations for 2017. A copy of this presentation is available in hard copy at the association office.

Director and chair of the Quality Improvement (QI) Committee, Zanni, reported on two future topics for 30-second surveys to be sent out to residents via MMLs.

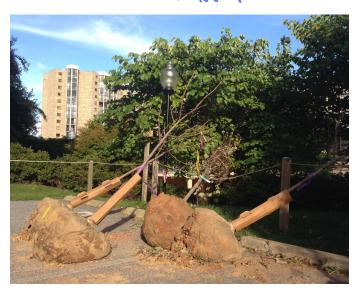
The first survey will be an open-ended question about the walking trails in the woodlands.

The subsequent survey will follow up on a petition to return bulletin boards to elevator lobbies, which was signed by 115 residents and presented to the board on Sept. 13. Zanni said this question will likely consist of multiple parts, such as gauging how many people routinely enter and exit the buildings through garage-level lobbies, as well as residents' willingness to volunteer for the bulletin boards' upkeep. Surveys are typically sent out once a month.

## "Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky."

## Kahlil Gibran





Two dozen new trees – willow oak and red sunset red maple – were delivered on Oct. 11 for planting on the gazebo hill behind Building 2. These trees are replacement for the mature trees cut down a year ago during construction of the new fitness center. Twenty-six species of shrubs, trees, and evergreens will be planted in this space.