

Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter ~ March, 2005

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The President's Message

Richard Juchniewicz

Well, so far this year has been pretty uneventful... until now. Kristen Cigler, our Vice President, neighbor and friend is leaving -- not only the board, but the community too. She has been a great person to work with throughout the years, and an even better friend. The work stops but the friendships continue. There are too many ways to say 'thank you', but many years to come to say them all in time. *Well done Kristen*, and the community thanks you for all you've done for us.

Winter will soon be over, or so Phil, the groundhog, tells us. So it's time to start thinking warmer thoughts. Flowers, trees, grass, home projects (oh no! Painting!), clean cars and the POOL!

We've been working on the speed hump project for two years now, and I promise this April we will have resolution. The speed humps will take a different shape - longer and lower.



Of course, we wouldn't have to have them if a few people in the community would drive cautiously throughout the neighborhood. We moved them away from the stop signs, hoping that people would slow down instead of drag racing from sign to sign. But we find people ignore the stop signs like they've never seen them before.

There are ways to get these people out of our community, but the board can't do it alone. We need your assistance in observing people and filing the paperwork with the DMV that states they've been seen driving in a reckless manner. Such a letter goes into that person's driving record - not a good thing when you finally go in front of the judge for other driving infractions.

Farewell from the Vice President

Kristen Cigler

It is with mixed emotions that I bid the Park West Community a fond farewell. I have really enjoyed my four and a half years on the board, and nearly six years as a resident of this great community. Throughout my years here, I have had the fortune of meeting many great residents and working closely with the various members of the Board of Directors.



You may not realize the countless volunteer hours that go into making this neighborhood such a great place to live. From monthly board meetings, to interaction with the management company, to walking the community, to trimming trees and cleaning up after storms, to organizing pool parties, your Board members are working tirelessly, often times behind the scenes, to make this neighborhood what it is - a community.

Next time you see a Board member, thank them. Thank them for their hard work and dedication to the community. Even better, ask them how you too can become involved. It's been said before, but it bears repeating -- the Board is always looking for more help. From committees to board positions, there is something for everyone.

My experience on the Board has been extremely rewarding. My farewell hope is that others will be able to share in this experience too. Thanks - and best of luck to you all!

Parking

How good are your, and your guests', parking skills? We have received several complaints about neighbors and guests who have been towed because they are parked too far away from the curb. The Parking Guidelines are listed in the Homeowner Re-Sale Package (House Rules), on our website, and almost quarterly in our newsletter to the community.



How far should people be allowed to parallel park from the curb? The Virginia DMV allows 12 inches, and our community allows approximately 24 inches. Any further than that and the vehicle starts to impede traffic. Our guidelines to our tow company, Dominion, are to tow from our No Parking zones, indicated by a yellow curb, and for not having two tires on the concrete curbing. Dominion will take photographs of violations prior to towing.

Easter Egg Hunt March 26



The Board of Directors of the Park West Community Association invites you and your family to join us at the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will take place this year on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00am at the Tot Lot. Children ages

12 and under are invited to participate. The children will be split into two age groups so that everyone has a chance to find the goodies. There will also be coffee and doughnuts available for the adults. This event is free to PWCA residents. *Rain date: Sunday, March 27th at 10:00am at the Tot Lot.*

Community Clean-Up April 23

Keeping our neighborhood clean and beautiful is a community effort – and you can help.

Join your neighbors for the annual Earth Day clean up on Saturday, April 23. Meet at the Tot Lot at 9:00 a.m.



Pool Opens May 28

Memorial Day Weekend is just around the corner and so is the opening of the community swimming pool! The pool will open on Saturday, May 28.

All Park West Community Association (PWCA) residents will receive an application for pool passes from our management company, Koger Management. Residents interested in obtaining a 2005 pool pass should complete the application and return it to Koger. Residents in good standing with the PWCA (no delinquent dues, no 2nd or 3rd ACC or trash violations) will receive their pool passes in the mail prior to the opening of the 2005 pool season.

The pool is for your use and enjoyment. PWCA residents interested in using the pool for birthday parties or small gatherings should contact the pool chair in advance of the intended day to reserve the use of the pool. Our annual 4th of July pool party will be

held on Monday, July 4th, and details will be forthcoming. It is our hope that this upcoming swim season will be one of fun and enjoyment for all.

Important Community Reminders

Exterior Improvements



If you're planning any changes or improvements to your home – including storm doors, windows, painting, deck, fence and shed improvements, or landscaping – you need approval from the Architectural and Control

Committee (ACC). See the PWCA website (www.parkwestcommunity.org, *Rules & Regulations and Community Information*), or email the ACC chair at acc@parkwestcommunity.org for more information.

Trash Policy

Trash is collected on Tuesday (including recycling) and Friday mornings. Trash can be put on pick-up corners only in black heavy duty trash bags or in covered trash cans after 6 pm the night before pick-up. White trash bags and grocery bags are not allowed. Cans and recycling bins must be removed from public areas the same evening after collection. Cans and bins left in common areas will be collected and taken to the pool for storage. Residents can re-claim their bins and cans at the pool. Violations will result in fines of up to \$50.



Noise Complaints

If you are disturbed by noise in the community, contact the Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency number: 703-691-2131. Contact the board if you experience an on-going problem with noise: pwca@parkwestcommunity.org

Upcoming Community Events 2005

March	
Easter Egg Hunt	March 26
April	
Community Clean Up	April 23
May	
Pool Opens	May 28
July	
4 th of July Pool Party	July 4

Board Meetings are held each month, the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.