

# Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter - June 2011

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## PWCA President's Message

*By Rich Juchnewicz*

Just a quick note to point out that the summer is here, people are looking for ways to improve their homes, and we on the Board are looking for ways to improve our Community. We have several projects in the works to try to improve drainage in some areas, improve access to our walkways, and new walkways in and out of our Community. We would always like to have residents inputs on other ideas and also on these ongoing projects. Please feel free to point out projects that you may see around the Community and if you can, please volunteer some of your time to help put these projects together. We have an enthusiastic Board, but our time is limited too and most of us stretch that time to it's limits (of family and friends). We would love to have several groups to look over projects and advise and make decisions in the Community.

We (the Board) are looking forward to seeing you all around the Community and hearing from you (by e-mail, phone, in person, or even through the mail) with advice and ideas. Just remember, there are limits to some of the projects, but only in terms of organization and efficiency.



## News Splash

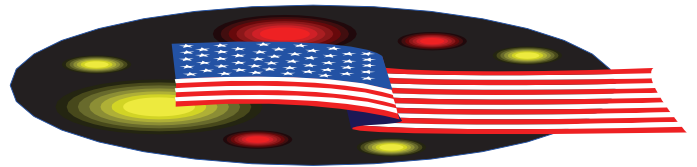
*By Joan Murphy*

Summer has arrived. The pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. With temperatures in the 90s all weekend, there was no hesitation to jumping in the water and getting cooled off. The weekend's attendance was probably the highest ever on this holiday weekend. It was so good to reconnect with neighbors, that in some cases, you haven't seen since September.

For a second year, Alison McBride operated Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise funds for children with cancer. In return for a donation to the charity, residents enjoyed lemonade, hot dogs, and donated homemade baked goods. The lemonade was available throughout the weekend. Alison reported earnings of \$220.22 for the foundation. What a win/win situation....we all get to enjoy the refreshments and a very worthy cause benefits. Our thanks and appreciation for Alison's efforts.

Now that the season has kicked off, we plan to utilize our facilities at the pool to make this a relaxing memorable season. On June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be "Sundae on a Sunday." We will have ice cream and toppings to make your own sundaes. See the bulletin board at the pool house for more details. Any donated baked goodies to enjoy with the ice cream are always welcome and appreciated.

And then July 4<sup>th</sup> will be upon us and we will host PWCA's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> party with food from Red Hot and Blue plus homemade culinary delights. The day will begin with hot dogs on the grill, followed by the buffet, games, face painting, prizes, and ending with the "Big Splash."



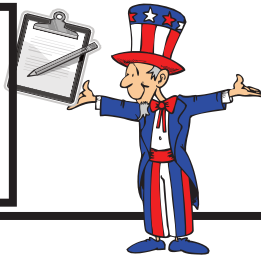
More summer activities are being planned and will be posted on the bulletin board in the pool house. We will have a pasta party, taco night, wine and cheese party and will close the pool Labor Day weekend with our second annual CHILI COOK-OFF. Suggestions and volunteers are welcome.

The grill, tables and refrigerator can be reserved for birthday parties or small events. Notify a pool chairperson of your date and time.

Remember no one is permitted entry to the pool without a pass. Application forms are available on the website. Complete, sign and return the application to Capitol Property Management.

Have a safe and happy summer. See you at the pool.

# PWCA WANTS YOU



## Block Captains

The Block captains have been greeting new neighbors this summer with our new neighbor packets, distributing flyers, and our new magnets with our website to the neighborhood. Please consider helping.

**We need a Treasure Court & Carriagepark Rd Block Captain!** Contact information for your block captain:

TJ Hanton- Carriagepark Road (lower), [tj@hanton.net](mailto:tj@hanton.net)

Tammi Jackson-Griffin: Malone Court, [jtammi@cox.net](mailto:jtammi@cox.net)

Laura McGiffin- Carriagepark Court,  
[laurasnote@cox.net](mailto:laurasnote@cox.net)

Jeanette Scheppan: 4765 Gainsborough Drive

Michael Zindler- Gainsborough Drive,  
[zindlerm@gmail.com](mailto:zindlerm@gmail.com)

For additional information or to volunteer, please call:

Debbie Kirvan-703-425-3403 or [poogiedak@gmail.com](mailto:poogiedak@gmail.com).

A special thanks to Liz Richardson who served as a captain and recently moved.

## Egg Hunt Rolls

Despite the threatening rain, the annual Easter Egg Hunt took place on April 11, 2011 at the tot lot. Armed with baskets and boots the neighborhood children retrieved over 400 hidden eggs. Parents and neighbors enjoyed coffee and doughnuts while the children executed their strategies to gather the eggs. The PWCA event was a success in no small measure due to the efforts of Don and Alison McBride. See you next year!



## YARD MAINTENANCE

Our PWCA guidelines state that lawns in our neighborhood must be regularly maintained and kept neat and tidy. Trees and bushes on private property must be pruned and not obstruct common areas. We have several lawns which are **not mowed** regularly and they provide a harbor for rodents, snakes, and mosquitoes thereby causing a health hazard. We want our neighborhood to be attractive, healthy, and well groomed so give your lawn, trees, and shrubs a haircut regularly.

## Architectural Alert Repair or Replace Steps?



The maintenance of architectural standards within the community is the activity probably most closely related to property values. The ACC committee has the responsibility of enforcing the exterior appearance standards found in the covenants and maintenance guidelines.

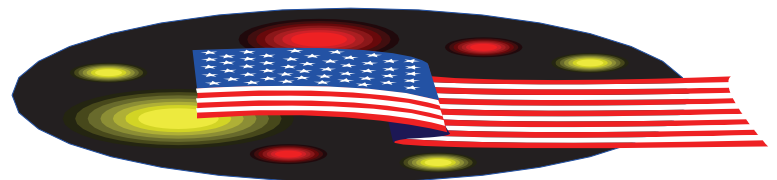
Inspections are conducted quarterly by our management company. During the spring inspection, several homes were found to have problems with the concrete steps leading into their homes. Sanctions have been imposed for repairing or replacing steps leading into homes during this spring inspection. **It is necessary for anyone who is going to repair steps to contact the ACC at [acc@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:acc@parkwestcommunity.org).** Please contact the committee prior to taking action on your steps so that your repair or replacement may be approved.

Anyone who is considering repairing or replacing steps may also contact streets and sidewalks at: [streets@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:streets@parkwestcommunity.org).

We are attempting to get a group discount from vendors if enough families are interested. Any information you may have from vendors is also appreciated. Please have information in no later than September 1, 2011.

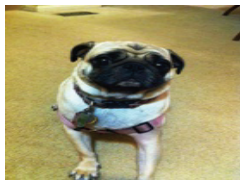
The Board would also like to applaud the many owners who maintain their homes so well. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our neighborhood attractive.

## Independence Day Pool Party



The Independence Day Pool party is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Kings Park West Pool. The party is open to PWCA residents and their invited guests. Once again there will be a sumptuous buffet including chicken wings, pulled pork, and salads from Red Hot and Blue. Festivities include games and prizes for all ages. Other events and activities will be posted on the pool house bulletin board. As always, suggestions are welcome and volunteers are in demand. All which makes for a successful season. Please contact Joan Muphy: 703-323-8827 or Joanne Biagi: 703-978-8258.

## Pet Etiquette



Miss Daisy Manners wishes all a Happy Spring! As I have been strutting around our neighborhood, I have noticed a new trend that seems to be developing in our community. Some of my canine owners are bagging my friends' poop (hooray) and then depositing it in piles (no not that kind) in front of their homes. What is up with that? Talk about letting it all hang out....Not exactly the greeting anyone would expect and definitely not a sign of hospitality. In Virginia, the pineapple is a sign of hospitality---not poop bags. Dog poop in bags at the entrance of your home or elsewhere is a true faux pas. So, doggie friends, please inform your owners that you do not want your waste material accumulating in public---how gauche. Please dispose of the bags in a trash can inside your fence---a much more discreet, desirable, and healthy receptacle.

A summer weather reminder from Miss Daisy Manners::

Dogs do not sweat the same as people and often cannot dissipate the heat as effectively. Avoid strenuous activity with your dog during the day. If your dog seems disoriented or weak at any point, immediately take them inside to cool off. Dogs cool off by panting and sweating through their paw pads. Therefore, if your dog appears to be sweating another solution is to pour rubbing alcohol on their pads. This helps the sweat to evaporate more quickly, and in turn to regulate the temperature again.



## Thank You!

Thanks to all those that came out for the April spring clean-up. Instead of the usual Saturday we met on a Sunday this time and had a great turnout! With bags in hand, our Park West neighbors spent just a few hours picking up trash left behind by others. Thanks to all those who participated and we look forward to seeing you at our next clean-up activity this fall.

## NO Parking Zones:

### *Obey the Rules...Or Face the Fine*

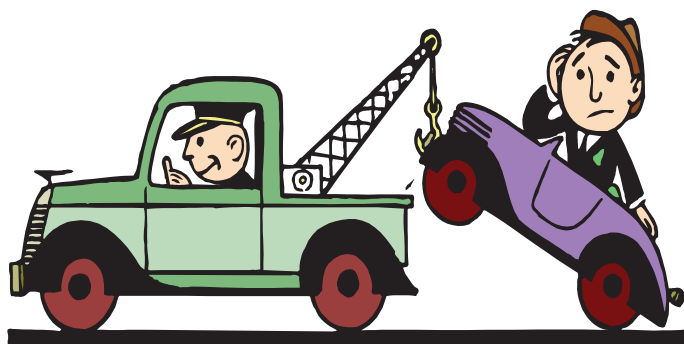
Our purpose for having an active towing program is to maintain our travel lanes so emergency vehicles can get through when needed. The presence of snow does not increase the distance that you can park off the curb. As a matter of fact, snow actually puts your vehicle further out into the lane of traffic, restricting the travel lane even more and creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Remember that it is **your responsibility**, as residents, to make sure you and your guests park correctly. Cars double-parked or parallel parked with both curbside tires not touching the concrete gutter (nominally more than 24 inches from the curb) or parked in areas designated with yellow curbs are subject to immediate towing. DMV regulation is 12 inches from the curb.

**Please be courteous of your neighbor's reserved spaces. Parking in another resident's space without permission is also subject to immediate towing.**

Finally, if you are having someone visit your house you are responsible for notifying them of the community parking regulations. If you or your guest's car is towed, please call Dominion Towing (703) 978-7990.

If you would like to contest the tow or would like to see the photograph showing the violation, please call or e-mail the Parking Committee Chair, Rich Juchnewicz, at (703) 426-8097 between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. to schedule an appointment.





## PSST...HAVE YOU HEARD THE TRASH TALK?

You may have noticed that American Disposal Services has been arriving earlier than usual for trash collection, sometimes as early as 9:00 A.M.

**Trash cans and black bags** may be placed outdoors after 6:00 P.M. on Monday and Thursday nights; before 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All trash not collected must be retrieved by the rightful owner and stored properly until the next assigned collection day.



*Under **NO** circumstances may white trash bags be used. Only dark, heavy-duty trash bags are to be used.*

**Recycling bins** may be placed outdoors after 6:00 P.M. on Monday. Bins should contain recycle items only.

Failure to adhere to these regulations can result in a fine of up to \$50 per incident.

Please help keep our community tidy and free of trash eating critters!



PWCA Meetings are open to all.  
Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month  
at 7:00 P.M.

The next meeting is July 12th at the pool.  
See you there!

