

# Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

*March 17 - St Patrick's Day*

**April 7 - PWCA Easter Egg hunt**

**April 22 - Community Clean-up**

*May 13 - Mother's Day*

**May 26 - PWCA Pool opens**

*May 28 - Memorial Day*

*June 17 - Father's Day*

## The President's Message

Rich Juchnewicz

Once again the Spring Season arrives at a rapid rate and your PWCA Board has been busy ensuring our community remains safe, clean, and desirable. Contrary to what some might believe, your Board members are not self-centered, idiotic renegades who dictate by fiat for personal gain. Quite the contrary, your PWCA Board receives input from a lot more people than its nine elected members. Our members work with and support the Block Captains, Neighbors, Residents, Absentee Homeowners, our Management Company, other associations and outside entities too numerous to name. Your

board ensures a safe pool opens on time, the streets are plowed of snow, the common areas are maintained, the garbage is collected, and the aesthetic value of your property.

The Board takes community input and processes it with a goal to improve our community's Quality of Life and re-sale value. The Board is always looking toward the future for ways to enhance those common goals. Every HOA Board meeting is open to the community. Homeowners and residents who choose to attend are allowed to speak first so that they can leave early and not have to stay for the entire

meeting. Residents can also check up on their Board by reading the Minutes from the monthly and Annual meetings (they're all posted on our web page), to get a full picture of what's going on in our Community.

I constantly tell people that I'm trying to get off the Board, but my fellow Board members that I serve with compel me to stay. They not only challenge me, but they enrich my (and my family's) life with their caring, dedication, and commitment to our community. People make the difference; concerned residents make all the difference.

**April 22: Community Cleanup day** - Celebrate Earth day and Spring by "sprucing up" our community. The PWCA will, rain or shine, remove the trash from unattended common areas around the community. Volunteers are asked to gather at the **Tot Lot** on Sunday, April 22nd at 1:00 PM for fun and frolic to dispose of the remains of Winter. Don't forget to suit-up with clothes that can withstand the rigors of the underbrush. Don't forget your gloves. Trash bags will be supplied. Mark your Calendars and we'll see you there!

### Block Captains

Our Block Captains have been greeting new neighbors, sharing information, and keeping our community running! Contact information for PWCA Block Captains:

**TJ Hanton** / 4827 C'Park Rd /  
TJ@hanton.net / 703.764.1671

**Fred & Alice Heyer** / 4935 C'Park  
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For additional information, or to  
volunteer, please contact the  
PWCA HOA Board at  
[www.parkwestcommunity.org](http://www.parkwestcommunity.org)

### PWCA HOA Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings are scheduled  
for the 2nd Tuesday of  
each month at 7:00pm in  
room 504 at Robinson  
Secondary School.

Meetings are open to all,  
interested in the PWCA.  
Be sure to check the website  
for cancellation.

## PWCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Recently, the HOA board has received reports of naughty behavior in our common areas and parking lots. Beer cans and bottles, trash, loud noise/music/parties, late-night confrontations in parking lots, outright theft and vandalism have all occurred. This behavior should not and cannot be tolerated. To report criminal activity, please call 703-691-2131 (non emergency). You may also report certain crimes and incidents through the online crime reporting page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs/>



## NEW PWCA PERMIT PARKING PROGRAM

The PWCA Permit Parking Program is scheduled to begin on April 1, 2012. At that time, parking permits will be required in our community. Any person who maintains their residence within the PWCA area may apply for one parking permit per motor vehicle, up to four permits per household. Non-resident owners with tenants shall apply for permits on behalf of their renters. Only resident owners and renters are eligible to receive Parking Permits. One visitor permit also will be issued per household, with additional temporary visitor permits to be made available. The current two parking space-per-household allotment is not impacted whatsoever by the new system, and all current spaces will remain intact, although permits will be needed for parking in them. Permit applications and "Q&A" sheet have been mailed to your residence. However, please contact Joe Underwood, PWCA Parking Chairman, at (703) 323-4710, with any other questions that you may have.



## THINKING OF REPLACEMENT WINDOWS? THINK AGAIN

([NewsUSA](#)) – Being aware of your home's carbon footprint takes targeted effort, but it can also save you money. Incorporating eco-friendly additions into your home can massively reduce energy bills and save on repairs. According to CellularWindowShades.com, up to 24 percent of a fuel bill can escape out of leaky windows. But replacing windows can cost anywhere from \$400 to \$800 per window. Depending on the size of your house and the state of your windows, total cost could be anywhere from \$3,000 to \$10,000.



One affordable yet environmentally efficient option is **insulating window shades**. There's some hesitation around insulating shades, but here are a few questions and explanations straight from the expert's mouth.

Q: Our windows are cold. Do we need to replace them, or can we use insulating shades?

A: If your windows are no longer functional, and your energy bills are off the charts, go with replacement windows. However, if they are simply old and cold, homeowners might want to consider high-quality insulating shades with side tracks that provide a four-sided seal. Shades like these will solve your heat-loss problems immediately.

Q: How do I know if insulated shades are the right option for my home?

A: Quality insulated shades are part of a good energy-conservation plan. After installing energy-efficient CFL bulbs, insulated shades are the next step. Mini-blinds can transfer the cold from your window into the room, increasing your energy costs by 10 percent. Insulating shades can reduce that by half.

Q: What are the environmental benefits of using insulated shades?

A: Residential heating and cooling eat up more fossil fuels than any other sector. A shocking 50 percent slips through poorly insulated windows. Experts gauge that the equivalent of 450 million barrels of oil could be saved every year if all windows in the U.S. had effective insulating shades.

For more information, go to [cellularwindowshades.com](http://cellularwindowshades.com). The shades come in a variety of attractive and complementary colors.\*

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### PWCA Architectural Modifications

Exterior alteration or modification of a Kings Park West Community townhome (including window replacement) is not permitted without prior written approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Requests should be made via the Architectural Control Modification Form found on the PWCA website. The completed form should be mailed to PWCA Architectural Control Committee, Attn: ACC Chair, c/o Capitol Property Management, 3914 Centreville Road, Suite 300, Chantilly, Virginia 20151. Approval or disapproval will occur within sixty (60) days of submission of written request. Questions should be e-mailed to [acc@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:acc@parkwestcommunity.org).





# NEWS SPLASH

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, is the opening of the 2012 pool season for PWCA.

Pool pass applications will be mailed out in March along with the quarterly invoices. Residents should complete and return the application to Capitol Property Management by April 30<sup>th</sup> to receive their passes by opening day. The application form is also available on the website along with additional information. Applications will be approved by Capitol Property Management if they are in good standing i.e. no delinquent dues or violations.



The management company will notify ineligible applicants of their violations and procedures for correcting them. Passes will be delivered to the home in mid-May. No resident or guest will be admitted to the pool without a valid 2012 pass. If you reside in a rental property, you will also be requested to provide a copy of your current lease agreement with the pool application.



The social events for 2012 are currently being planned.

Suggestions and volunteers are needed and welcomed. Along with the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> barbecue and festivities, we plan to host a Pasta Party, Fiesta, Chili cook-off, and at least one Ice Cream Social. Dates and times will be posted on the pool house bulletin board. A section of the pool deck can be reserved for a small party. Team, birthday, or any small gathering can be scheduled by reserving the date and time with a pool chair person. The lifeguards will make tables, grill and refrigerator available if needed. Guest passes are required for all non-residents attending. Additional guest passes can be purchased by calling Joanne or Joan. Clean-up is the responsibility of the resident. Additional information regarding pool hours of operation, rules and regulations for the use of our pool can be viewed on our website, [www.Parkwestcommunity.org](http://www.Parkwestcommunity.org).

We look forward to a safe and fun 2012 season. Any comments or suggestions regarding the pool, please contact one of the pool chairs: Joanne Biagi (703) 978-8258 or Joan Murphy (703) 323-8827 or any member of the PWCA HOA Board.

