

Park West Pages

PWCA Newsletter

President's Message

Greetings to all – may your summer have been great and you are looking forward to the change in seasons.

For the Association, this summer has been fairly quiet, at least by 2017 standards. We've had a great pool season, held some awesome social events at the pool, and just completed a weather-delayed community yard sale! The abnormal summer rains impacted several events – we look to stage our inaugural Puppy Plunge in 2019. Near-term community improvement actions include the Fall 2018 tree work (October timeframe), erosion control system maintenance and installation (ongoing as I write this), aeration of the entire common area (October-November timeframe), and topsoil and seeding of certain common turf areas within the community (October timeframe). We also anticipate finally eliminating the various mounds of stump chippings that were left from the previous fall and winter tree removals by applying topsoil and seed.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Chili Cookoff / Fall Fest / Halloween social, the 2018 Annual Meeting, and the Holiday Tree Lighting social! These events all need volunteers to make them successful, please consider volunteering an hour or two of your time to help make these events a success.

Specifically, our 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. The church is located at 5114 Twinbrook Road. We'll have food and beverages for you and will conduct the meeting in the same format as the last couple of years. One of the topics we will be informing you on will be the sealing project of our asphalt in 2019 – expect the same execution plan in principle as the paving project.

OCTOBER 2018

Upcoming Events

Oct 16: Board Meeting 7pm Lord of Life

Oct 27: Fall Community Cleanup 8:30am Pool

Oct 27: Chili Cookoff and Fall Social 4pm - 9pm Pool

Nov 15: Annual Meeting -8pm Lord of Life

Dec 1: Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony 6pm - 7:30pm Pool



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REMINDER - SPEEDING

The speed limit in our community is 15 miles per hour. Speed bumps are there to try to remind you to stay at or under the limit. Fairfax County police have the authority to enforce traffic and motor vehicle laws on our private streets and are in the community on a regular basis. Keep your speed down and keep alert for walkers and children playing.

Block Captains,

Thank you so much for helping with the distribution of the last PWCA newsletter. I was unable to help as I was recovering from surgery earlier this summer. The block captains have been quiet, and that is a good thing. It means all is good with the neighborhood. Enjoy these beautiful fall days!

- Susan Underwood

Parking Committee Report

The Parking Committee would like to remind our residents about responses to recently-asked questions and recurring parking issues:

- **ALL** vehicles parking in the community must have either a resident or guest permit, including those vehicles parked in PWCA-assigned (i.e., numbered) spaces.
- All permits are nontransferable and vehicle-specific, cannot be exchanged between different vehicles, and are only to be placed in PWCA-registered vehicles to which the permits are assigned.
- Nonresident owners and renters: please check your permits, note their expiration dates, and take timely action to avoid being towed for having expired permits. Instructions for new permits are contained on the Parking Applications.
- All owners requesting any new permits must submit applications/requests at least seven days prior to the issuance of new permits. Only owner-generated applications are accepted. If you are getting a new vehicle, please be sure to take the sticker off of your old vehicle, and turn it back in when you receive your permit for the new vehicle.
- If you have a parking permit that is faded or no longer clearly readable, please contact Joe Underwood to arrange to have your permit replaced.
- Please make sure that vehicles parking along the curb have both tires on the concrete apron, in order to be in compliance with local fire and safety code regulations.
- Temporary guest permits are available, can be requested between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., and a list of PWCA parking officials can be found at <u>parkwestcommunity.org</u>. Please request temporary permits as early as possible (i.e., at least 2 hours prior to need, if possible), especially with requests for larger numbers of guests.

As well, please contact **PWCA Parking Chairman Joe Underwood at <u>parking@parkwestcommunity.org</u> or (703) 323-4710 with any questions or suggestions that you may have.**

REMINDER - SNOW POLICY

Winter is coming! The 2018-2019 snow policy is available on the website under "PWCA and Community Information". Familiarize yourself now and **be aware of the no parking zones** located throughout the community.

Pool Committee Update



The Pool season is Done, Say Goodbye to the Sun.

The Extended daze (days), With a frolicking gaze,

For those who were a Fan, "We should continue that Plan!"

And yet to come, A Chili Cook Off for Fun,

Where we'll have some Eats, And be tortured by the Heat!

Where we'll be Entertained by Fancy Ghouls, For the Parade around the Pool!

Looking forward to the Day, And we'll See you all next May!

REMINDER - BIKES AND SCOOTERS

ACC Rules and Regulations, Townhome Lot Maintenance, Item D: e. Bicycles, scooters, or motorcycles shall not be parked in front yards or in visible side yards. Motorcycles or scooters may not be parked or operated on common property. Motorcycles or scooters may not be operated on private property.

REMINDER - STOP SIGNS

Stop signs are placed throughout the community for safety. Fairfax County police have the authority to enforce traffic and motor vehicle laws on our private streets and are in the community on a regular basis. Stop at the stop signs in our neighborhood and keep alert for walkers and children playing.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Information

Thank you for getting the items corrected on your properties. The community is looking better every year and the sales prices are increasing based on everyone's effort. Fall is now upon us and, as a reminder, please check your homes for any potential problems that need to be addressed before the 2019 Spring Architectural Control Committee (ACC) inspection. Many of the homes have items listed as recommendations that will be rechecked during the Spring Inspection. This would be a good place to start making a list for items that need to be corrected. Normally inspections are planned for the first Saturday in March depending on the weather. We will post on the bulletin board at each entrance the time and date for meeting to do the inspections. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the inspection process. There are 270 homes that we will inspect.

Should you ever have questions regarding architectural matters, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Randall. She can be reached via phone (703-945-1425) or email (<u>lori.randall@summitmanage.com</u>) and would be glad to assist you. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Park West Community Association, we thank you for your assistance.

Art Gile Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee

PWCA Architectural Modifications Request Form

As a reminder, any changes to the exterior require an ACC Modification Form to be submitted and approved prior to work. For further information please see the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions and the Rules and Regulations (ACC Section) on the website <u>parkwestcommunity.org</u>. The completed form may be submitted either by mailing the PWCA ACC in the care of Summit Management Services, Inc. 8405-A Richmond Highway, Alexandria 22309 or by scanning and emailing a signed copy to our Community Manager; Ms. Lori Randall; <u>lori.randall@summitmanage.com</u>. Generally, approval or disapproval will occur within a week to 10 days of the completed request and supporting document submission. Questions should be emailed to <u>acc@parkwestcommunity.org</u>.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Thank you to all community members who participated and volunteered in the community yard sale this year. A special thanks to SK Hogan for coordinating with the board and helping put everything together!







If you're interested in helping or participating next year, please contact the board for information

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Our not-for-profit corporation is managed through a nine-member Board of Directors. Each year three of the nine positions are due for election. A fourth position is projected to become available shortly thereafter as another of our Directors plans to step down and take a break after many years of service to our community. The Call for Candidates form along with a variety of annual notices may be found on our website and in a mailing to Members of the Association. Fresh insight and energy is greatly appreciated and needed on our Board, please consider submitting your name for consideration by the Members for election at the Annual Meeting.

You are the Association. Thank you for your support during 2018, I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings and anticipate an even better 2019!

Mark Griffin — PWCA President

REMINDER - TRASH

Trash collection will occur on TUESDAY and FRIDAY each week. Recycling collection will occur on TUES-DAY each week. Yard debris collection will occur on WEDNESDAY each week from March through December. Trash/recycling/yard debris may be placed out after 6:00PM the day before collection and returned to the townhouse no later than the evening of the day of collection.

REMINDER - PET CLEANUP

Common Area, Trash, and Recycling Rules and Regulations, Item D: d. Pet owners must clean up waste deposited by their pets on others' property or public property, the so-called "pooper scooper" law. Specific information may be found on the Fairfax County Municipal Code website (see our website for a link). Failure to clean up after your dog creates a health hazard for children who play in the common areas as well as adults who walk this area. Owners who violate the Fairfax County law may incur a fine of between \$25 and \$250.

Communications Committee

The bulk of this year has already flown by! I've spent the majority of the time trying to standardize, streamline, and make communication updates more routine.

Things we currently do to keep the community updated:

- Regular President's Email "blasts"
- Quarterly newsletters
- Signs at Braddock entrance, Roberts entrance, and at the pool
- Official updates always available at <u>parkwestcommunity.org</u>
- Monthly board meetings

For the remainder of 2018 (and into 2019), we plan to work on a website update and a tie-in PWCA Facebook page to mirror all the updates on the webpage. This should be a nice addition to the current community group on Facebook.

If you're tired of receiving paper communications or just trying to go paperless, there is an "Electronic Communications Consent Form" available on the website. Just fill it out and scan or send to Summit Management (email and address available on the website. If you have any questions or comments about PWCA communications, feel free to contact me at <u>communica-</u> <u>tions@parkwestcommunity.org</u>.

