

Park West Pages

March 2003

President's Message

Hello, I'm Rich Juchnewicz, your new Board President. I've lived in our community now for almost four years and have been active on the Board since January 2000. If you haven't met me yet, I'm sure I'll be seeing you sooner than later. I'm always out walking our dog (big black hairy thing), so please feel free to stop me and chat. I have been the Architectural Control Chair for the past two years and will continue on in that position, because you know a President isn't very busy if they have good support and I believe that our Board Member's are the Best! And we're always looking for more, either Active Board Member's or Community Volunteers that would be willing to help keep our neighborhood going in the right direction. If you're interested, please either call me (703) 426-8097 or drop me an e-mail at: president@parkwestcommunity.org and let me know what some of your interests are. We can always use the help.

Some of the issues that we have been tackling the last three months have kept us pretty busy. In case anyone was vacationing on a South Pacific Island, the snow has been a big topic of discussion. Items like: Was the community plowed efficiently and effectively to maintain Safety? How can this process be improved? Is it even broke? We are always looking for input and suggestions, so please let us know because your opinions and ideas are valuable to the Board. Another hot topic is always parking. We are a community where we own our own streets and have the responsibility to keep them safe. I know that towing is a rotten subject, but it is necessary to keep the traffic lanes open so that Emergency Vehicles are not impeded in any way. So please, when you park or have a visitor park, please ensure that their vehicle is parked correctly against the curb (both tires on the gutter) and not in a yellow zone. Taking a little time to go the their car and checking could save a lot of time traveling out to Advance's lot to pick it up later.

Thank you ahead of time for any thoughts you might have on improving our community.

SNOW REMOVAL 2003

This year our area experienced an extraordinary amount of snow, which hopefully, we will not experience again for several years. In spite of the unusual accumulation of snow, Kings Park West Community fared considerably better than most neighborhoods in Fairfax. This was due, in part to the efforts of Advanced Towing who kept our streets plowed throughout the snowfall and our neighbors who worked together to ensure that our streets and sidewalks were safe for everyone living in our community.

Despite the fact that our community was one of the first in Fairfax County to be plowed, the Board of Directors, along with the input of many residents, was able to identify areas for improvement in future snowstorms. We have asked Advanced Towing to use two plows,

starting at each entrance of the community, and make a preliminary "sweep" of the neighborhood in order to give all residents initial access to the roads. In addition, Advanced will try to plow "curb to curb" around common areas and along the street.

In order for the community to gain the maximum benefit from the plowing company and keep the community safe, there are a few things that we as residents of Kings Park West need to do:

1. Park in your numbered parking spaces during a snowstorm to minimize the number of cars in the authorized curb parking. This will allow the plows to push the snow further into the common areas and plow "curb to curb", freeing up more street parking and making a wider passageway for vehicles and emergency equipment.
2. Shoveling of mailboxes, fire hydrants and storm drains is the responsibility of Kings Park residents and is not included in our snow removal contracts. Please help keep our community safe and assist public servants in doing their jobs by shoveling out the hydrants, storm drains and mailboxes near your home. This is something that not all residents are physically able to assist with, but is a high priority for everyone during storms with a significant snowfall.
3. Be courteous of your neighbors and remember that shoveling snow from your sidewalk or parking space into the street or someone else's space may impede your neighbor getting out and could ultimately present a safety hazard for motorists and children or prevent access to emergency vehicles.

Overall, Kings Park West survived the winter of 2003 relatively unscathed. The community pulled together and worked as a team to shovel each other out. Thank you again for your consideration and hard work. This is what makes our neighborhood a great place to live.

REMINDERS

The PWCA Parking Committee would like to remind everyone of the community parking regulations. Cars double-parked or parallel parked not touching the concrete gutter or parked in areas designated with yellow curbs (fire zones) are subject to immediate towing. Also, 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 to your house YOU are responsible for notifying them of the community parking regulations. If your or your guest's car is towed, please call Advanced Towing (703) 978-7990. If you would like to contest the tow or would like to see the photograph showing the violation, please call the Parking Committee Chair, George Burgee, at (703) 503-0065 between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. to schedule an appointment.

Spring is here!! - time to start thinking about cleaning up around the outside of your house and deciding which items need repair or painting. If you are thinking about any changes to the outside of your house (windows, painting, siding, etc.) you will need to submit an architectural

request form which can be obtained from the web site (<http://www.parkwestcommunity.org>) under Community Information, or call Howell (703-591-2414) for a copy.

Easter Egg Hunt - scheduled for Saturday, April 19th.

Community Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Koger Management	Howell Thomas	(703) 591-2414
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Odd Job Squad Form

Attention residents! There have been some suggestions about creating a directory of children/teens in our neighborhood who can perform odd jobs. Please fill out the form and return by April 30, 2003 to *Heather Villavicencio, 4745 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032*. Parents must give permission by signing the form for the listing to be included in the Odd Job Directory.

Name of person performing services: _____

Phone number: _____

Community services your child/teen offers (i.e. babysitting, dog walking, pet sitting, house sitting, yard care, snow shoveling, etc.):

Parent/Guardian signature (required):
