

# Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter -- September, 2004



*Landscaping by Melissa Mesner*

## The President's Message

Richard Juchnewicz

I've been asked more than once, "What can we do about the party houses?" And my response is, "It's a criminal matter when dealing with the noise, drinking in public and the damages they cause. Call the Police." Fairfax County Police policy states that the first time they come out, a resident of the house gets a warning (name and information taken); the second time they come out that night, that same resident will receive a summons for the noise violation. And if they have to come out a third time, the resident will be going to the Adult Detention Center (jail). You can read the Fairfax County Code Noise Ordinance from the link on our website.

If the yard is a mess (trash, in need of mowing and trimming), we can send the homeowner a letter requesting they clean-up the yard in a certain amount of time, citing health department concerns. If necessary, we can begin fining the homeowner if the violations are not fixed. Items that should not be left out front, such as, trash cans, trash bags, recycle bins, fire wood, tools, bikes and other toys can also be written up as violations, but we would prefer not to. According to our Declarations, only hoses and the like can be stored out front.

Another frequent question, "Why do we have the rule about using dark, heavy trash bags?" goes hand in hand with, "Why do we have a rodent

problem in the neighborhood?" Now, before you put up the *For Sale* sign because you think the Pied Piper might be coming through, relax. The rodents that we have are the field variety and are easily gotten rid of. They are attracted to cool, moist places (like low deck, wood piles) and where food is plentiful (including trash, animal waste, and even bird feeders). These are the reasons we ask that you use a trash can if possible and at a minimum, use a good heavy weight, dark trash bags to help keep the rodents (yes, squirrels too) crows and feral cats out of the trash. These critters are also the reason why we ask that you put out bagged trash the day of collection so that it spends the least amount of time curbside to be ripped open by our dining guests.

Last but not least, as always, the Board needs your help. If you feel you need to have a more direct impact on our community, please contact us. There are open positions on the Board and we do really need your help. If you don't want to be that much involved, there are committees that can always use extra hands in the mix, and you would never be turned down. And even if you don't feel the need to do any of those, please call or e-mail any of us when you have an idea for improvement or just want to lend a hand from time to time at: [pwca@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:pwca@parkwestcommunity.org)

## PWCA Website

The Association maintains a site on the Internet to provide timely notice of community events and other subjects of interest to our homeowners at

[www.parkwestcommunity.org](http://www.parkwestcommunity.org). The site is updated frequently between issues of this Newsletter to provide new information to our residents.



At the website, PWCA members and others view our current operating Budget, By Laws, Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions, and Community Guidelines. The form to request approval for Architectural changes can be downloaded. Links are provided to many other Internet sites of potential interest to our residents, including links to Fairfax emergency contacts and links to our local and national government representatives. Residents are encouraged to use this site to learn more about our community and to keep up to date on community happenings. There is an e-mail 'Blast' that

notifies subscribers via their e-mail provider of important news relevant to our community and to changes made to the website. All residents are urged to visit the website often and to sign up at the site for these e-mail notices. For additional information, please contact Steve Lubore at: [webmaster@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:webmaster@parkwestcommunity.org).

### Security Improvements on Roberts Road



Following recent incidents of vandalism to vehicles parked along Roberts Road, a community resident took the initiative to contact Sharon Bulova's Office to see what would need to be done to get street lamps installed. The Board endorsed the effort.

Citing funding constraints, the County denied the request for street lighting, suggesting we either add the project to the list of future projects, or fund the installation ourselves, with the understanding the County would take over maintenance and power in the future. Until cost information is obtained, we will pursue adding the project to the list of future projects.

### Another Pool Season Comes to a Close

With the first day of fall upon us, our pool season for 2004 comes to an official close. This summer was another enjoyable season for our community pool, with Mother Nature cooperating by providing us with plenty of sunshine and warm days to enjoy at the pool.

Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party, having been postponed due to inclement weather, returned as a season ending soiree over the labor day weekend. Approximately 75 people attended the festivities at the pool and enjoyed food from Red, Hot & Blue as well as various pool games (water balloon toss, wet T-shirt races) for the kids. Please thank Mother Nature for holding off the rain until the festivities were completed.

As we look forward to next year, the pool committee is looking to replace some of the worn pool supplies and older pool toys as well as purchasing some new ones. On our short wish list of new items is a water basketball game. If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations with regards to toys or other items they would like to see at the pool, please don't hesitate to let us know.

On a final note, the pool committee will be looking into the possibility of changing the pool's hours of operation next season. Currently the pool closes at 8 p.m. each day, with the exception of Wednesdays, when it closes at 9pm. We are considering having the pool remain open until 9pm every day to afford those residents who arrive home late an opportunity to utilize the pool. Your opinion is important to the Pool Committee and the Board of Directors. Please let us know what you think of this proposal by sending an e-mail to the board at: [pwca@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:pwca@parkwestcommunity.org).

See you next year poolside.

### Upcoming Community Events 2004-2005



#### October

Board Meeting October 12  
7:00 p.m. - Robinson Secondary School

#### November

Annual Meeting November 16  
8:00 p.m. - Robinson Secondary School

#### December

Board Meeting December 14  
7:00 p.m. - Robinson Secondary School  
Holiday Decoration Contest December 22  
Judging

#### 2005

#### March

Easter Egg Hunt March 26

#### April

Community Clean Up April 16

#### May

Pool Opens May 28

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> of July Pool Party July 4