

Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter - July, 2005

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President's Message

By Rich Juchnewicz

Happy Summer to all! Hope it's been going great, and will only get better.

I was going to start off my quarterly paragraph with some tidbits about the problems we've been having in the community, talking about the same old stuff; trash, parking, architectural changes, things like that. But all of these items are covered in our Park West Community Guidelines. It's an abridged version of our By-Laws and Resolutions that can help everyone (try to) figure out how residents of 270 town homes can live together, owners and renters alike.

The Community Guidelines are designed to introduce you to the community and to the policies of the Park West Community Association (PWCA). You'll find important information in them such as:

- ✓ PWCA Board of Director contacts and summary of committee functions.
- ✓ An overview of the Architectural Review inspection program
- ✓ Schedules and information on trash/recycling removal
- ✓ Parking rules and restrictions
- ✓ Park West Community Pool information

There are several ways you can get a copy of these guidelines. One is to visit our website at www.parkwestcommunity.org, where you can download and print off a copy from there .

Another way is to contact Koger Management and request a copy. Or, you can contact one of your Board Members and we would be happy to get a copy to you and answer any questions you might have.

With Summer and the warmer weather comes the end of "cabin fever" when everyone starts to really enjoy the outdoors. But I've gotten phone calls and e-mails about some of our neighbors "enjoying" the outdoors just a little too much, including walking the community with open containers of alcohol.

We've also had reports of people drinking at the Tot Lot after dark and leaving their empty containers around on the ground. Along with that, comes reports of people drinking in their cars and leaving the empties on the common area. All of these issues are violations of Virginia Commonwealth Law and the police should be called in either instance.

The simple rule on the Tot Lot is that after dark, the Tot Lot is closed. Anyone there after dark is *trespassing*, plain and simple.

So to review, *open containers, drinking in public, driving under the influence, and trespassing are not tolerated in Kings Park West*. When you see illegal activity, call the Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency Number: 703-691-2131. The Board will prosecute those who are caught, but enforcement is for the police.

Hopefully, this is the last time we'll have to cover this. The goal is for everyone to have a *safe* and *happy* summer.



Fourth of July Pool Party

The Independence Day pool party for residents and their guests is scheduled to take place on Monday, July 4 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kings Park West pool with food, games and fun for everyone! We are looking for volunteers to assist in organizing the party. Please contact Don McBride (703) 978-1510.

Around the Community...

Speed Bump Project Finished

Residents with lower-riding vehicles were happy to see the speed-bump project completed in April. Bumps that were too high were re-done, and new ones were added where needed.

Pool Path Project Scheduled

The smoothing of the path leading to the pool will be completed early this summer.

Landscaping Work Ahead

The center islands throughout the community are scheduled to be cleaned out this summer, removing brush and overgrowth.

Odd Job Squad - Accepting Applications

Young residents interested in doing "odd jobs" such as lawn care, pet sitting, and babysitting, are encouraged to download and fill out an application. The application requires the signature of a parent, and can be sent to PWCA, c/o Koger Management Group, Attn: Communication Chair, 3554 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030. See website for details.

Subscribe to Community Email Service

Subscribe to email alerts, news and announcements of community events by sending a blank e-mail with the subject line "SUBSCRIBE" to:
pwca_info_subscribe@parkwestcommunity.org

ACC Violations & Recommendations

Spring Architectural Control Committee inspections were done and notices mailed to residents. Though *not* a violation, it is recommended that firewood be stored off the ground to avoid termites.

New Environmental Committee Chair

Neighbor Robert Ritchie was nominated to the PWCA Board, accepting the positions of Vice Chair and Environmental Committee Chair. Bob brings a strong commitment to keeping our community a desirable place to live, emphasizing community engagement to beautify open spaces and individual properties as well.

Bob notes that with the arrival of summer, many residents have beautified their space. "Check them out! They might just provide inspiration for more action," he said. Anyone interested in helping on the committee should contact Bob through the website.

You'll find links to committee chairs under "Board of Directors" at www.parkwestcommunity.org.

2005 Pool Season Begins!

The summer swim season has begun, and plenty of hearty souls braved the cool water temperatures opening weekend that resulted from our below-average temperatures in May to enjoy the pool. Pool hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and until 9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Information on pool rules was sent to residents in April, and can be found on the PWCA website. In the interest of everyone's safety, lifeguards Laura, Christel and Steve have the Board's full backing for strictly enforcing all rules.

Residents still needing pool passes should send their completed form to Koger Management. Copies of the form can also be downloaded from the PWCA website.



Lifeguards Laura (l) and Christel keep swimmers safe by enforcing the rules.



Nora and Hanna have fun in the little pool.



Steven and Andre stay cool in the deep end.

2005 Calendar

July

4th - Pool Party

September

TBA-Community
Yard Sale

5th - Pool Closes

14th - Annual
Meeting

October

TBA-Fall Community
Clean-Up

December

22nd - Holiday
Decoration Judging

Monthly

Board Meetings
are held the
second Tuesday
of each month.
All are welcome.

Annual Meeting Date Changed for 2005

In order to align the PWCA fiscal year budgeting process with the annual meeting, the date of the meeting has been changed to **Wednesday, September 14**. All homeowners will receive a notice in the mail from Koger Management 60 days prior to the meeting.

Miscellaneous Public Service Notices: For information on employment opportunities for people age 50 and older, contact the non-profit Senior Employment Resources: www.senior.jobs.org.