

Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter - May, 2008

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PWCA President's Message

By Rich Juchnewicz

Now with the coming of the Great weather, everyone is thinking about the great outdoors. As you've seen throughout our Community, we've gotten a new landscaping company, Bladerunners, and I feel that in the first three months that they've been on the job, they've done an outstanding job to get a jump on upgrading and improving our common areas. There are several projects that they will be doing over the next six months, and we (the Board) need community input as to how you think they are doing.

Also with the great weather comes more and more people outside, during the day and during the night. As you probably read in the paper, there has been an increase in "smash and grab" larcenies in Fairfax County. It does seem to be in townhouse communities, where there are a lot of vehicles to look in and choose from. Please lock up your vehicles and put away valuables such as; Navigation Systems (GPS, TomTom), Satellite Radios, Laptops, and Purses. These items are being taken at alarming rates and then showing up in different areas (pawn shops, Craig's list) for a fraction of their price. Let's not let them "shop" here.



Time For Spring Home Maintenance

There's no better time than spring for getting the yard in shape, and taking care of household maintenance.

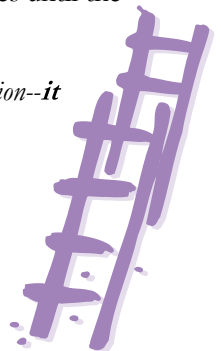
Inspections of the exterior of every property in Kings Park West have been completed, and violation notices have been sent to owners.

All homes that have fallen out of compliance have 30 days to correct any problems cited.

Homes that remain out of compliance after 30 days will be subject to fines and the loss of pool privileges until the issues are corrected.

Keeping your property up to standards is not an option--it is required.

For information on PWCA architectural standards, go to Community Guidelines: www.parkwestcommunity.org/accguidelines.htm



Community Guidelines

No Excuse for Not Knowing the Rules

Everyone who lives in Kings Park West is responsible for complying with the rules.

The Community Guidelines provide important information including:

- ✓ Maintenance Requirements (paint, storm doors, windows)
- ✓ Schedules and information on Trash and Recycling
- ✓ Parking Rules & Policy
- ✓ Pet Rules
- ✓ Noise Rules
- ✓ Landscaping Requirements
- ✓ PWCA Board of Director contacts and summary of committee functions.

Visit the website at www.parkwestcommunity.org

Trash Pick Up in Park West: *Help Keep Your Community Clean*



It seems like such a simple thing. But few issues spark as much conflict and controversy as trash pick up in our community.

Park West has clearly define rules about trash disposal, which can be found in the Community Guide, on the website, and the topic is covered in virtually every edition of the *Park West Pages* newsletter published.

Yet problems still persist: trash put out too early; trash put out after pickup on a Friday which sits for four days; and trash put out in flimsy white or clear bags which attract crows and other critters.

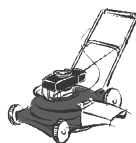
Just to recap the rules:

1. White trash bags are **NOT ALLOWED**.
2. Trash must be placed to the curb in heavy-duty **black** or **green** trash bags only. White bags draw crows and squirrels, who tear open bags, and create a mess. It is unsanitary, and unsightly - and your neighbors get stuck cleaning it up.
3. Trash days are Tuesday and Friday only.
4. Trash may be put at the designated pick-up areas **no earlier than 6 pm the night before trash pick-up**.
5. Trash violators will be fined for each violation!

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Making Exterior Changes?

*All Changes Require Prior
Approval of the Architectural
Control Committee*

Park West is a community with high standards intended to keep the neighborhood attractive and in good repair. Those standards are more important than ever for maintaining property values and attracting prospective buyers in a slow housing market.

In purchasing a home in the community, all residents agree to follow the standards. But in the excitement of a home-improvement project, or in the haste of getting an ACC violation corrected, it is possible to forget the rules.

So remember that all changes and improvements to your home -- even those required by the community's Architectural Control Committee -- require prior approval. A simple form on the community website provides all the information you need for a quick-turn-around approval.

So if you're planning any changes or improvements to your home -- including installing a satellite dish, changing storm doors or windows, painting, deck, fence and shed improvements, or landscaping -- you need approval from the Architectural and Control Committee (ACC).



See the PWCA website (www.parkwestcommunity.org, *Rules & Regulations and Community Information*), or email the ACC chair at acc@parkwestcommunity.org for more information.

Simple Steps to Protect Your Property

Summer means nice weather, open doors and windows, and relaxing hours on the patio. It's a time to relax -- but not let your guard down when it comes to common sense precautions to keep your family and your property safe.

The Park West community is a safe one. But basic rules always apply:

- Always lock doors and windows
- Lock car doors and windows
- Remove valuables from your vehicle
- Be observant - report unusual behavior in the community to the Fairfax County Police



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In Memory

Long-Time Park West Resident and GMU Professor Bob Hawkes Succumbs to Cancer in March

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Robert T. Hawkes Jr., a professor of history at Mason for 37 years who retired in 2006, succumbed to cancer the evening of March 3.

This scholar, who came to Mason in 1969, was much beloved by his many students and colleagues. Known for a dry wit and deliberate style of speaking, Hawkes was the university's first expert on its namesake.

Throughout his many years as a teacher – and at times, university administrator – Hawkes lectured on George Mason and his contributions to both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States.

Speaking for the university, university President Alan Merten expressed sadness at Hawkes' passing.

"Sally (Merten) and I deeply respected and thoroughly enjoyed Bob Hawkes. His knowledge of George Mason the man, and his devotion to George Mason University will be among my prized memories of Bob. We all feel the loss and will cherish what he did for us," said Merten.

Upon his retirement, Mason's History and Art History Department established The Robert T. Hawkes Endowed Professorship. This endowment was established to emphasize excellence in teaching as well as devotion to fostering relationships with students.

In addition to being a tenured member of the History and Art History Department, Hawkes served as dean of Mason's school of continuing and alternative learning for many years. Prior to coming to Mason, Hawkes served as assistant director of the University of Virginia's center for continuing education as well as a history instructor in that program.

He earned his doctorate in history from the University of Virginia in 1975; his graduate degree also at UVA in 1967; and his undergraduate degree at Randolph-Macon College in 1964.

No one is rich enough to do without a neighbor.

Danish Proverb

Virginia Rail Express Burke Station Parking Garage Construction

To meet the growing demands for parking at the Burke Centre VRE Station, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Railway Express have initiated a \$28.8 million project to construct a new VRE parking facility including a multi-level parking garage.

The new garage is projected to be open for public use by mid-June 2008. Site work will continue outside of the garage until the project completion date in fall 2008.





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Pool Opens May 24

Warmer temperatures mean only one thing: Memorial Day Weekend is just around the corner, and with it comes the opening of the Park West Community Association pool.

The 2008 pool season will officially begin on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Once again, Atlantic Pool Services will be managing our pool and providing our lifeguards.

Use of the PWCA pool is restricted to residents of Park West Community Association and their guests. Beginning the first week of April, all PWCA residents will be mailed an application for the pool passes. Residents interested in obtaining a 2008 pool pass should complete and return the application to our management company, Capitol Management.

If you reside in a rental property, you will also be requested to provide your current lease agreement with the pool application. Residents whose properties are in good standing with the PWCA (no delinquent dues, no 2nd & 3rd ACC violations, and no 2nd or higher trash violation) will receive their pool passes prior to opening day.

Residents who are not in good standing with the PWCA will not receive pool passes. Capitol Property Management will notify ineligible applicants of their violations and procedures for correcting them. Pool privileges will not be extended to members of the household until the violation(s) are cleared and removed from the Associations records.



No resident or guest will be admitted to the pool without a valid 2008 pool pass. Children ages 12 and under will be issued a separate color pass signifying their need to have an adult or parent in attendance while using the pool. Children age 12 and under will not be allowed to enter the pool without adult supervision. Additional information regarding hours of operation, rules and regulations for the use of our pool can be viewed at our website:

www.parkwestcommunity.org

Our annual Independence Day party is scheduled for July 4, 2008. Residents interested in using the pool for birthday parties or small gatherings should contact the pool chair to reserve the use of the pool.

The pool is for your use and enjoyment. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding the pool, please feel free to contact the pool chair or any member of the PWCA Board of Directors.

The PWCA Board of Directors can always use another pair of hands. During the summer months, Board meetings are held at the pool the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Board meetings are open to everyone.