

Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter - November 2010

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PWCA President's Message

By Rich Juchnewicz

What a great Summer! You couldn't ask for more fun than what we had down at the Pool. Thank You's to Joan Murphy and Joanne Biagi. 4th of July, Wine and Cheese with Representative David Bolova, Birthday and Graduation Parties, and a Chili Cook-off to end the dog days of Summer. Wow!

And the work around the Community continues. We've done a ton of sidewalk repairs and we've reconstructed all of our speed bumps (just in time for winter again), smoothing out the dings and some fresh yellow paint. We survived two serious storms over the summer with minimal damage to our trees and grounds. The electricians had to re-work several hundred feet of wires to get three street lights working (with more to be fixed, and maybe one or two to be replaced with solar powered lights). The next large project was the repainting of our curbs and parking spaces. And lastly, our same problems occur as ongoing issues. Trash, parking, and dues are never missing from the Board's discussion at our monthly meetings. Neighbors are still putting out trash early, in thin white trash bags (which let the crows and squirrels dig in) and then not cleaning up after the mess is strewn across the common areas. When our guests come in, there are still many who can't find the concrete gutters or can't stay out of the yellow "no parking" curbs. Not a lesson anyone wants to learn at anytime of the morning or night. And definitely not the least, our dues. Please make sure that your payments are going to the right management company (Capital Property Management) and that your dollar amount is correct. We always negotiate for the best contracts that we can get for our work around the Community (not always the cheapest, but the ones that are most effective for the cost). **Hope to see more (if not all) of you at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 8:00-9:30 PM in the Recital Room at Robinson Secondary School.**



Architectural Alert Unit Steps Showing Their Age Residents Responsible

The maintenance of architectural standards within the community is the activity probably most closely related to property values. The ACC committee has the responsibility of enforcing the exterior appearance standards found in the covenants and maintenance guidelines.

Inspections are conducted quarterly by our management company. During the spring inspection, several homes were found to have problems with the concrete steps leading into their homes. The BOD chose not to "sanction" these homes during this inspection period, instead choosing to alert all homeowners through the newsletter that the steps will be a major focus of next spring's inspection.

Any home found to have problems with their steps during the spring 2011 inspection will be sanctioned and expected to correct the deficiency.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the ACC committee at acc@parkwestcommunity.org.



News Splash

The 2010 pool season came to a close on Monday, September 5th. Labor Day weekend saw beautiful weather and residents came out to enjoy the pool for one last time.

Saturday the pool hosted a chili cook-off. Six contestants brought crock-pots of their favorite chili and the competition began. First prize went to Kristen Robinson. Husband, Kenny, claimed some credit. Second prizewinner was George Burgee and third prize went to Jay Converse. The real winners, however, were the judges that got to enjoy all the fabulous chili and fixings. Thanks to all the neighbors that made chili, sides, and helped with set up and clean up.

This season the pool hosted many events. Memorial day weekend started off with Alex's lemonade stand. Our annual July 4th celebration and barbeque followed. David Bulova, our community's representative in the House of Delegates, joined us at the pool to discuss the challenges and decisions that will impact our community. A pasta party was organized for the end of July. Neighbors brought their favorite pasta, salad, and desserts for all to enjoy. Again these are community affairs and my thanks go out to all that made them successful and fun. In addition to the planned events, we had several team parties, birthday celebrations, and plain old get-togethers.

Now that the doors are closed, the furniture stacked and stored, we can reflect on the past season and plan for next year. See you all Memorial Day weekend, 2011.



Holiday Disposal Schedule

Yard debris service ends effective December 29 th. If you have yard debris to be collected after this date, leave it at the curb for Friday's collection until debris collection resumes the first week in March 2011.

Christmas trees will be collected on the first two **Wednesdays** in January. All tinsel and decorations should be removed. Do not put trees in plastic bags.



Block Captains

The Block captains have been greeting new neighbors this summer with our new neighbor packets, distributing flyers and our new magnets with our website to the neighborhood. **We need a Treasure Court Captain!**

Contact information for your block captain:

TJ Hanton- Carriagepark Road (lower),
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Jeanette Scheppan: 4765 Gainsborough Drive,

Michael Zindler- Gainsborough Drive,
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For additional information or to volunteer, please call:
Debbie Kirvan-703-425-3403 or poogiedak@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your efforts!

Musical Chairs

We are pleased to announce that Tammi Jackson-Griffin is the new Architectural Committee Chairman. Tammi has lived in our neighborhood for seven years and has been on the Board of Directors for one year. Tammi brings outstanding leadership qualities to this important position.



Many thanks to Don McBride the former architectural chairman for his decade of service in that capacity. His efforts have helped shape our community into such a wonderful neighborhood. Don remains on the Board of Directors as the Streets and Sidewalks Chairman. Thank you, Don.



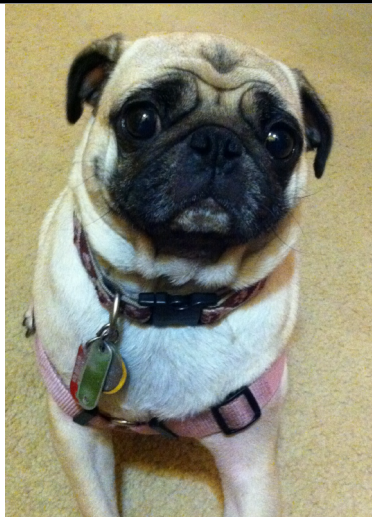
Pet Etiquette

In this issue we are introducing a new columnist: Miss Daisy Manners. Daisy is a three year old Pug who lives in our Park West neighborhood. Daisy will share her thoughts on pet etiquette as well as review the rules for the pet owners to ensure a healthy, safe, and happy environment for all. Daisy and her owners have displayed impeccable manners and consideration for Park West residents.

Miss Daisy would like to remind fellow pets to walk only in common areas. Front lawns are **not** common areas. Miss Daisy is affronted when her fellow dogs use their neighbor's property to answer the call of nature. Miss Daisy Manners Book of Pet Etiquette clearly states this etiquette rule.

Another point of etiquette to be remembered, says Miss Daisy, is that pets must be leashed in Park West. Miss Daisy sometimes is frightened by traffic, people, and other animals. Her leash protects her from darting into traffic or approaching another pet or resident. Miss Daisy feels much more safe and secure when she is with her owners. Miss Daisy also realizes that some people become anxious when she is not leashed. Since good manners dictate that everyone we encounter is comfortable and treated respectfully, Miss Daisy does not want to make residents anxious or frightened. Miss Daisy stays on her leash when she is out in our neighborhood.

Miss Daisy Manners column will be continued in our next newsletter issue.



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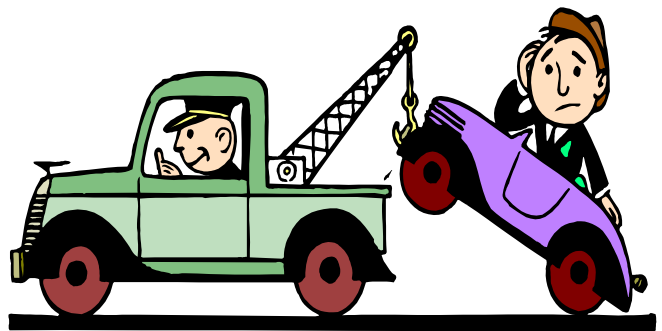
Obey the Rules...Or Face the Fine

Our purpose for having an active towing program is to maintain our travel lanes so emergency vehicles can get through when needed. The presence of snow does not increase the distance that you can park off the curb. As a matter of fact, snow actually puts your vehicle further out into the lane of traffic, restricting the travel lane even more and creating a potentially dangerous situation.

Remember that it is **your responsibility**, as residents, to make sure you and your guests park correctly. Cars double-parked or parallel parked with both curbside tires not touching the concrete gutter (nominally more than 24 inches from the curb) or parked in areas designated with yellow curbs are subject to immediate towing.

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 visit your house you are responsible for notifying them of the community parking regulations. If your or your guest's car is towed, please call Dominion Towing (703) 978-7990. If you would like to contest the tow or would like to see the photograph showing the violation, please call or e-mail the Parking Committee Chair, Rich Juchnewicz, at (703) 426-8097 between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. to schedule an appointment.



PSST...HAVE YOU HEARD THE TRASH TALK?

You may have noticed that American Disposal Services has been arriving earlier than usual for trash collection, sometimes as early as 9:00 A.M.

Trash cans and black bags may be placed outdoors after 6:00 P.M. on Monday and Thursday nights; before 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday and Friday mornings. All trash not collected must be retrieved by the rightful owner and stored properly until the next assigned collection day.



*Under **NO** circumstances may white trash bags be used. Only dark, heavy-duty trash bags are to be used.*

Recycling bins may be placed outdoors after 6:00 P.M. on Monday. Bins should contain recycle items only.

Failure to adhere to these regulations can result in a fine of up to \$50 per incident.

Please help keep our community tidy and free of trash eating critters!



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PWCA Board of Directors Meetings are Open to All. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Annual Meeting is Thursday, November 18th at 8:00 PM in the Recital Room at Robinson Secondary School.

