

Park West Pages



Park West Community Association Newsletter - October 2011

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PWCA President's Message

By Rich Juchnewicz

The Fall is upon us and so is the influx of issues facing our Community. Trees, Steets, Sidewalks, Snow Removal, and the list continues. We always ask that our Neighbors help us out and let us know if they see issues that need repair or removal. We can't be everywhere all the time and we need your help. Please let the Board know either through e-mails, phone calls, U.S. Mail, or even stopping by and talking.

As a follow up to that, be aware that our Annual Meeting is coming up fast (November) and we try not to address these issues at that meeting, but we can. We do like to talk about them at the Monthly Meeting (Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at Robinson Secondary, Rm 504), when we have time to devote to each issue. Please feel free to come and help us out run our Community better, We (the Board) are always open for suggestions and recommendations.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



Please drive carefully and slowly for students' safety.



News Splash

By Joan Murphy

On September 5th the pool closed for the season. The 2011 pool season was not without incidents. We had record breaking temperatures, an earthquake, and Hurricane Irene. But, in spite of Mother Nature, it was a fun-filled pool season.

On opening day Alison McBride held a fund raiser for children with cancer. We had lemonade, hot dogs, and baked goodies with all donations going to Alex's lemonade. On Sunday, June 11th, the "kids," young and old, customized their sundaes with a variety of colorful sugary toppings. The creativity was amazing. The annual July 4th celebration and barbeque followed. Our Tuba Guy started the day's festivities and moderated the children's games. Later in July we hosted a Mexican Fiesta. Although the festivities were delayed by a thunderstorm it did not dampen the evening. Neighbors brought a variety of wonderful dishes to share. The pasta night followed in August. Again, participants made their favorite dish for all to enjoy. A chili cook off was planned for Labor Day weekend but had to be cancelled due to a lack of contestants. In addition to the planned group events, neighbors hosted team and birthday parties, going away parties, and individual cook outs.

The pool maintenance and organizing the parties requires a lot of help. The July 4th celebration would not happen without the volunteers that set up, prepare, and clean up. I want to thank all the residents that make this possible and successful.

See you next year.



BE OUR CAPTAIN



Block Captains

Please consider volunteering as a block captain for your neighborhood. Minimal time is needed but it has a huge impact in our community. Greeting new neighbors is a block captain's responsibility and we have had very positive results from this small gesture. Help build our team of block captains by filling a position. **We need a Treasure Court & Carriagepark Rd Block Captain!** Contact information for your block captain:

TJ Hanton- Carriagepark Road (lower), tj@hanton.net

Tammi Jackson-Griffin: Malone Court, jtammi@cox.net

Laura McGiffin- Carriagepark Court,
laurasnote@cox.net

Jeanette Scheppan: 4765 Gainsborough Drive

Michael Zindler- Gainsborough Drive,
zindlerm@gmail.com

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



Come One, Come All to our **First Annual Oktoberfest and Halloween Ball** on **Saturday, October 29th at 3:30 PM.**

We will have Brats and hotdogs as well as our Chili Contest. Please have your children dress in their Halloween attire for a parade and costume contest. Fun and Games for **ALL** ages including bobbing for apples and other exciting events.

In order to make the event a success we will need everyone to sign up for chili, side dishes, and desserts. Please email Deborah Porter at Dabporter@yahoo.com with your family's head count and what you plan to bring. Look for a flyer for more details. We look forward to seeing **YOU** there!.



Architectural Alert

Residents Stepping Up
By Tammi Jackson-Griffin

After the last inspection many of us have found that we need to have our steps/stoops repaired. Over the past few months we have collected some information on contractors who have expressed interest in providing services for these repairs.

For resurface work Silver Fleet Construction Corporation, 5403 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax VA, 22032, 703.272.3085 was suggested by one of our homeowners.

For repair/replacement work:

- 1) Fairfax Excavation and Paving - [\(703\) 620-6767](tel:7036206767) (Ask for Maureen)

This has been our concrete contractor for the community for some years. In order for them to get into contracts with homeowners in the community, they will require that at least a minimum of 4 homeowners chose them to do the work.

- 2) NETO Construction - [\(703\) 759-4524](tel:7037594524) (Ask for Joe)

This was provided by one of our homeowners. They, too, would prefer to have multiple homeowners to provide estimates as a means of reducing the pricing. They can't provide set prices initially, as each home will require different services and area of repair.

- 3) For the railings, the company that has been suggested by Capitol is Reliable Rails, Inc. [\(703\) 257 1321](tel:7032571321).

Again, each contractor has expressed a desire to have more than just one homeowner to resurface/repair. Please note that the association can't set up your estimate appointment or schedule any work for you. Each homeowner will be required to contact their choice in contractor to schedule the estimate, and at the same time can contact our Streets and Sidewalks Chair at streets@parkwestcommunity.org to express interest in getting a group rate. We can, in turn, let the company know how many homeowners are interested in their services for a possible reduced rate.

Please note that the association can't set up your estimate appointment or schedule any work for you.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to email me at acc@parkwestcommunity.org. Hope you have a great Fall season!



Pet Etiquette

Happy Fall from Miss Daisy Manners! To start the school year off on the right paw, I am brushing up on a few of the classics as well as some of the community rules. Some pet owners are receiving a failing grade in adhering to the neighborhood rules. It is such a shame for all of the other pet owners and pets who achieve an A+ in following these rules.



Here is a study guide for **all**:

Front yards are NOT common areas! This means pets may NOT be walked in the front, side, or back yards of neighbors. In addition, pets may NOT pee or poop there either. Be considerate of your neighbor and respect their property.

Clean up after your pet! Fairfax County Law as well as PWCA requires pet owners to clean up after your pet. It is your responsibility. Let's subtract this problem from our neighborhood.

Pets must be on a leash or carried when they are in a common area! Pets in common areas must be accompanied by a responsible person either carried or on a leash.

Violations of the rules may result in fines!

So as school days commence, help Miss Daisy to spread the rule through the grapevine so as not to incur the wrath of your neighbors.

SNOW DAYS



Old Man Winter will make his appearance soon so be prepared. Check your car battery, snow shovel, sleds, and cold weather supplies now. Be courteous to your neighbors when shoveling out and please clear your sidewalks as soon as possible. Stay safe and enjoy the hot chocolate!

POP QUIZ



- 1} Who can park in numbered spots in our community? **RESIDENTS ONLY**
- 2} Who is responsible for guest parking legally? **RESIDENTS**
- 3} Who will be towed? Cars parked in another resident's space **WITHOUT PERMISSION.**
- 4} Who is our towing company? Dominion Towing: 703-978-7990.
- 5} Who may NOT park in Park West? Students or anyone who do NOT reside in the community unless they are a guest of a resident.

If you answered all five questions correctly, you get a gold star! More information can be found at our website: www.parkwestcommunity.org.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The PWCA always needs some willing hands to help with small and large projects. Students who need community service hours are encouraged to contact the association. The BOD would like to welcome residents to lend a hand and keep our community's quality of life high.

PLEASE
RECYCLE!



Trashology 101

Answer True or False

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- 1) **Heavy duty dark** trash bags and **lidded** trash cans may be used for trash in our community.
- 2) Recycling may be put out **ONLY** on Monday night **AFTER** 6:00 P. M.
- 3) Trash may be put out **ONLY AFTER** 6:00 P.M. on Monday and Thursday
- 4) Trash cans and bags may **NOT** be kept in front of the house.
- 5) White bags and unsecure bags attract rodents and are unhealthy.
- 6) **If you miss the trash pick-up**, you should bring the trash back to you house until the next pick-up.
- 7) **Everyone** is responsible for picking up trash in order to keep our community clean and healthy.
- 8) Trash cans and recycling bins should be removed **as soon as possible** on Tuesdays and Fridays after pick-up.
- 9) Fines of up to **\$50 per violation** may result for failure to adhere to rules
- 10) Cooperation is necessary by **all residents** to maintain a well groomed community.



Answer Key:

Questions 1 through 10 are all TRUE.

PWCA Meetings are open to all.
Meetings are the second Tuesday of every
month at 7:00 P.M. At Robinson Secondary
School, Room 504

See you there!

Let us bring the FUN to you!

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