

Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter

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FALL 2012

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Upcoming Events

September 11 - Patriots Day

October 3 - Parking Meeting

October 7 - PWCA Clean Up

October 8 - Columbus Day

November 4 - Daylight Savings

November 6 - Election Day

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 15 - Annual Meeting

November 22 - Thanksgiving

The President's Message

by Rich Juchnewicz

School is back in session and autumn is upon us. We have had a busy summer with several projects in the neighborhood that I would like to mention. With the use of your HOA dues, we resurfaced the pool parking lot, completed much needed concrete curb and sidewalk repairs, and commissioned over \$12,000 in needed tree maintenance. Additionally, we have installed informational displays at each of our community entrances to better inform the neighborhood of upcoming events or issues. Park West is almost 30 years old and community repair, upkeep, and improvement is both a fiscal necessity and property value enhancement.

The PWCA will host our community's **Annual Meeting on 15 November at 7pm (Laurel Ridge Elementary Cafeteria)**. This is your chance to participate in your PWCA Home Owners Association. We are always looking for people to help with the management of our Community by seeking Board membership or Committee Membership to help out as they can throughout the year. Additionally, we are working to replace the basketball hoops and re-establish the Neighborhood Watch Program (October is National Crime Prevention Month). We have enough work around the neighborhood for everyone to help out; its both fun and rewarding! Also, we have begun to test LED bulbs in our street lamps for sufficient illumination and power savings.

We have several homes in our Community which house students, and I would like them to know that they are an important member of our neighborhood. I will be going around with the representatives from GMU and Superintendent Cook's office to answer any questions that the students may have. If you do have new neighbors, please take the time to meet them and ask them if they have any questions about our Community.

Finally, come to the monthly meetings and sit in, give us your ideas, send them in by email or phone call. We will listen to them all. We (the Board) are fueled by the Community's enthusiasm to make things better for all of us. On behalf of the HOA, thanks for the great summer, happy fall and happy holidays. Rich Juchnewicz: president@parkwestcommunity.org, 703-426-8097.

Block Captains

Our Block Captains have been greeting new neighbors, sharing information, and keeping our community running! Contact information for PWCA Block Captains are below:

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For additional information, or to
volunteer, please contact the PWCA
HOA Board

PWCA HOA Board Meetings

- September 11th at 7pm in room 504 at Robinson HS.
- November 15th (Annual Meeting) at 7pm in the Laurel Ridge ES Cafeteria.
- December 11th at 7pm in room 504 at Robinson HS.
- January 8th at 7pm in room 504 at Robinson HS.

Meetings are open to all interested in the PWCA. Be sure to check the website for updates/cancellations.

PWCA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The PWCA Neighborhood Watch program will conduct its reorganizational meeting on Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the PWCA community pool. A Fairfax Co. Police Dept. representative will provide an orientation session for the program at that time. While several neighbors have expressed interest in participating, we still need additional volunteers. Participants typically would either drive or walk around the community for just a few hours each month, and report any suspicious activities to the coordinator. You also can merely assist by reporting anything unusual or suspicious in the community. It's a great way to get involved and assist our neighborhood. Please contact Joe Underwood by phone at (703) 323-4710, or by e-mail at parking@parkwestcommunity.org, if you would have any questions, and we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!



To report criminal activity, please call 703-691-2131 (non emergency). You may also report certain crimes and incidents through the online crime reporting page at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crs/>

PWCA PARKING PROGRAM MEETING

As promised in February, the PWCA HOA Board will hold a special community meeting on **Wednesday, 3 October**, at **7:30pm** in **Robinson HS's Blue Cafeteria** to review the progress of the PWCA Permit Parking Program over the past several months, and to discuss any outstanding issues and suggestions. The Parking Committee will have data relating to the program for review and discussion. The Program has been very successful to date in alleviating the parking problems in our community. All residents are welcome to attend this important meeting and share their critiques and suggestions. If you cannot attend, please contact PWCA Parking Chairman Joe Underwood at parking@parkwestcommunity.org or (703) 323-4710 with any questions or suggestions that you may have.



PWCA R&Rs (REQUESTS AND REMINDERS)

- For community crime prevention and security, consider leaving your porch light on at night. A CFL bulb will minimize the cost of electricity and last years longer than an incandescent lightbulb.
- Recycling is Tuesday only, visible recyclables will be left curbside on Friday to litter our areas.
- Garbage and recyclables must be appropriately secured to prevent critter infestation or wind blown items; use cans or black bags only for garbage, bins or clear plastic bags (in bins) for recyclables.
- All resident's vehicles MUST have a parking permit; guests must have a temp or guest pass.
- Parallel parking--both wheels must be on the concrete apron (within 12 inches) of the unpainted curb. Dominion Towing: (703) 339-2400; impound location: 2810 Juniper Street, Fairfax.

APPROVED FOR THE RECYCLE BIN

- 1 **Rinsed Aluminum Cans, Foil, and Trays**
- 2 **Rinsed Metal food & beverage cans**
- 3 **Rigid plastics**
- 4 **All rinsed glass food and beverage containers**
- 5 **All rinsed plastic containers labeled #1-7**
- 6 **Rinsed Wide-mouthed plastic containers: like buckets**
- 7 **Non-hazardous aerosol cans: like cooking spray, shaving cream, & cleaning sprays.**
- 8 **All mixed paper:** This includes white and colored printer paper with or without ink, construction paper, window envelopes, or any type of paper insert
- 9 **All paperboard products:** This includes cereal boxes, frozen dinner boxes, cracker boxes, orange juice containers, chicken stock containers, or juice boxes.
- 10 **Corrugated cardboard & pizza boxes:** Pizza boxes are safe to recycle as long as no grease has seeped onto the bottom of the box. Nowadays, pizza makers place a sheet of wax paper on the bottom of the box to protect the recyclable material. If grease is does manage to contaminate the box, rip the top of the box off and recycle. The top is still good to recyclable.
- 11 **Newspaper, Magazines, & Catalogs**
- 12 **Hardcover and paperback books**
- 13 **Wire and Plastic Coat Hangers**



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HELP...Block Captains & Committee Members Wanted!!!

Your community needs concerned residents who want to get involved, meet new friends, and further the Park West spirit of neighborliness. We need more Block Captains overall but specifically need one for Treasure Court. All Committees need your help, ideas, and energy. If you are interested in a BC or committee position, please contact the PWCA Board at president@parkwestcommunity.org.

PWCA Architectural Modifications

Exterior alteration or modification of a Kings Park West Community townhome (including window replacement) is not permitted without prior written approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Requests should be made via the Architectural Control Modification Form found on the PWCA website. The completed form should be mailed to PWCA Architectural Control Committee, Attn: ACC Chair, c/o Capitol Property Management, 3914 Centreville Road, Suite 300, Chantilly, Virginia 20151. Approval or disapproval will occur within sixty (60) days of submission of written request. Questions should be e-mailed to acc@parkwestcommunity.org.

Life as a PWCA Block Captain

The PWCA has a handful of volunteers known as Block Captains and each area of the neighborhood has one or more Block Captains. So, what does a Block Captain do? First and foremost, they're a source of information. If you have questions about the neighborhood, want to get to know one of your neighbors, or have a question for the community's Board of Directors, stop by and talk to your Block Captain! They're probably one of the first people you'll meet when you move in, in their role as the welcoming committee. Finally, they're another source of temporary parking passes if you need any. So, feel free to drop by or call your local Block Captain. If you're interested in becoming a Block Captain, email the Board and let them know!

by TJ Hanton, Block Captain

NEWS SPLASH

The Park West community pool opened for the 2012 season on Saturday, May 26th to grilled hot dogs, lemonade, and homemade baked goods for lunch with donations going to help pediatric cancer patients and Children's National Medical Center. Katherine Porter and Megan Murphy attended to the table and replenished the drinks in between jumping into the pool to get cooled off. Their charity work earned \$154.

The pool-pasta-party followed in June where neighbors brought spaghetti pies, pasta salads, garlic bread and various desserts to share. The "Derecho" left us with multiple trees and branches down and no electricity to run the pool pumps.

Jay the Tuba Guy started the July 4th festivities with the Star Spangled Banner. As we hosted a record number of attendees for the sumptuous BBQ buffet followed by a table of homemade desserts including a tray of cupcakes forming the American flag. The day ended with Paul Downey winning the Big Splash contest. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered their time, effort and baked goods.

July was the hottest month on record in Virginia and our pool cooled us off. Families grilled dinner or had pizza delivered to the pool while the kids splashed in the water. In addition, there were many birthday, team, and club parties. Robinson's Drama camp counselors met twice and Robert Ritchie celebrated his 80th birthday at the pool.

Unfortunately, the summer was not without incidents. We experienced several incidences of trespassing, vandalism, and theft with locks broken and the basketball nets destroyed, American flags and buntings were stolen off the fence and a TV was thrown into the pool. Regrettably, this behavior costs our community in lost time and money to clean, repair, and/or replace these items. We can only hope that community members will remain vigilant and report such disturbances in the future.

We finished our pool season Labor Day weekend. The tables and chairs were put away, the pool was drained and covered, and the children started back to school. If you would like to serve on the Pool Committee, please contact the PWCA Board. See you next Memorial Day weekend.

By Joan Murphy, Pool Committee Chair

Chocolate Cake Cookies



Chocolate Cake Cookies photo by Taste of Home

Prep: 30 min. Bake: 10 min./batch Yield: 84 Servings

Directions

In a large bowl, combine cake mix, pudding mixes and mayonnaise; mix well. Stir in chocolate chips and walnuts.

Shape by teaspoonfuls into balls; place on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 9-10 minutes or until cookies puff and surface cracks slightly. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. **Yield:** 7 dozen.

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Chocolate-Cake-Cookies>

Cinnamon Chip Scones



Prep: 25 min. Bake: 10 min. Yield: 12 Servings

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the flour, 1/3 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until mixture

resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in buttermilk just until moistened. Fold in chips.

Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead gently 10-12 times or until dough is no longer sticky. Divide in half; gently pat or roll each portion into a 7-in. circle. Brush with butter and sprinkle with remaining sugar.

Cut each circle into six wedges. Separate wedges and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 425° for 10-13 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm. **Yield:** 1 dozen.

Ingredients

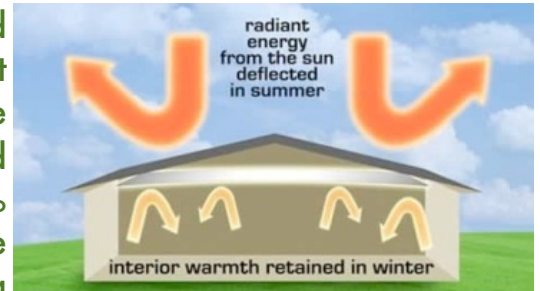
- ❖ 3-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- ❖ 1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar, *divided*
- ❖ 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- ❖ 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- ❖ 1/2 teaspoon salt
- ❖ 3/4 cup cold butter, cubed
- ❖ 1 cup buttermilk
- ❖ 1 package (10 ounces) cinnamon baking chips
- ❖ 2 tablespoons butter, melted

<http://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/Cinnamon-Chip-Scones>

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND YOUR ATTIC

Did you know more than 100 million U.S. homes are under-insulated? That translates into billions of wasted dollars per year. Also, an under insulated attic can translate into an uncomfortable upstairs all-year-round. So, a resident took action and he could not be happier. In the summer, attic temperatures can rise to over 150 degrees overheating the upstairs bedrooms; also, conditioned air travels through heated attic spaces, greatly increasing AC energy costs and taxing the HVAC system.

The resident added a radiant barrier, (also called reflective insulation) in his attic to improve the comfort of his home and reduce his energy bills. An option he chose was the *Green Zone*; a multi-layer, thermal and reflective insulation that combines two layers of 99% pure reinforced reflective insulation with a center core of high-density encapsulated fiberglass that produces a system R-Value of 11.6. The *Green Zone* works by deflecting heat away in the summer and reflecting heat back into the house during the winter. Traditional mass insulation only slows down heat transfer but the *Green Zone* combines an R-Value with a dual-reflective shield that redirects 97% of the heat that it comes into contact with.



When correctly/professionally installed, the *Green Zone* is warrantied for the life of your home without settling, condensation, or mildew and is guaranteed to reduce energy costs by 25%. It never needs replacing or maintenance. It is free from dangerous fibers, off-gassing, or asthma causing allergens and it qualifies for the Energy Tax Credit. Other radiant barrier options can be found at your local Home Improvement Center.

Finally, our resident insulated the attic access hatch. The hatch leading to the attic can be a major source of energy loss equal to that of an open chimney flue. He installed weather-stripping to prevent excessive heat / cold transfer and an R-30 patch of reflective insulation to the wooden hatch. Attic hatch insulation kits can also be found at your local Home Improvement Center. So, with a little effort our resident is now much more comfortable upstairs, added resale value to the home, and the energy savings will soon pay for the upfront cost.

www.greenzoneinsulation.com
www.aapcohi.com/Products/GreenZone.aspx

