

# Park West Pages

Park West Community Association Newsletter

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## **Upcoming Events**

**April 20 - PWCA community clean-up**

April 22 - Earth day

May 12 - Mother's Day

**May 25 - Pool Opens**

May 27 - Memorial Day

June 14 - Flag Day

June 16 - Father's Day

**July 4th - BBQ**

## The President's Message

by Rich Juchnewicz

I hope this Spring finds everyone with flowers blooming and lawns growing. It's that time again to start looking at our homes and sprucing them up. Keeping a fresh coat of paint on that wood does keep our home values up and our community attractive. The Board will be going through the Neighborhood looking for projects to do around the community. Please let us know if there is a project that you've noticed, call us or drop us an email ([pwca@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:pwca@parkwestcommunity.org)).

We've had some issues over the winter within the neighborhood and we need our community to come together. First, our streets have been littered with trash this winter...more than usual. Please be mindful that trash, securely bagged or canned must be placed curbside by 7AM on Tuesdays & Fridays with recycling only on Tuesdays. Second, we have had some "neighborliness" challenges. As adults who have chosen to live in abutting homes, courtesy to others and the "golden rule" is a must to ensure a calm and pleasant Park West experience.

We always need people on the Architectural, Neighborhood Watch, Environmental, Streets and Sidewalks, and the Pool Committees; also as Block Captains. Remember, all are welcome to the monthly meetings, give us your ideas, and get involved. We (the Board) are fueled by the Community's enthusiasm to donate their time and make things better for all of us. Rich Juchnewicz: [president@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:president@parkwestcommunity.org), 703-426-8097. Have a great spring and summer!

### 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:

**TJ Hanton** / 4847 C'park Rd /  
TJ@hanton.net / 703.764.1671

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

### PWCA HOA Board Meetings

Scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday  
of the month at 7pm in the Gold  
Cafeteria at Robinson HS.

- April 9th
- May 14th
- June 11th
- July 9th (@ Pool)
- August 13th (@ Pool)

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 has begun, and several of our neighbors have stepped up to assist in this important community program. However, we still need additional volunteers or we will have to cancel the program. Volunteers will be asked to drive or walk around the community for just a few hours each month, and report any suspicious activities to the coordinator or the police department. It's a great way to get involved in our neighborhood. Please contact Joe Underwood by phone at (703) 323-4710, or by e-mail at [parking@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:parking@parkwestcommunity.org), if you would have any questions.

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 Permit Parking Program

Just a reminder that our community is a Permit Only parking area. **ALL** vehicles in **ANY** parking space must display either the official resident sticker, the official Guest hanging placard, or the official yellow temporary pass. Any vehicle without an official permit is subject to towing at owners expense. A temporary pass can be obtained from any block captain or board member.



Got questions or issues...please contact PWCA Parking Chairman Joe Underwood at [parking@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:parking@parkwestcommunity.org) or (703) 323-4710.

## Graduation Season Comes in June

Live or work near George Mason University? Keep track of this high school graduation schedule to plan your drives in and around the Fairfax campus.

About 25 different local area High Schools will have their commencement ceremonies at GMU's Patriot Center. While the Schedules is TBD you can expect the first 3 weeks of June to be the target dates. About 3,000 to 5,500 people attend each high school graduation hosted at the Patriot Center. Expect heavy traffic and possible delays on Braddock, Route 123, University Drive, Roberts Road and other connector routes on these days. Traffic will start slowing down about an hour before and after each two-hour ceremony.

## Stay Instantly Informed!

Want important or time critical PWCA information? Please consider adding your email address to the PWCA email group. Occasionally, the HOA is informed of short-notice traffic concerns, community hazards, or criminal activity; and if you are on the list, you'll be in the know! The HOA will not spam you. Register for the PWCA email notification by sending a blank e-mail message to [pwca\\_info-subscribe@parkwestcommunity.org](mailto:pwca_info-subscribe@parkwestcommunity.org) with the Subject 'Subscribe'.



## PWCA Community Clean Up

In support of Earth Day, our community clean-up effort will be Saturday, April 20th, at 9 AM (meet at the pool). This will be the perfect time to collect the garbage remnants of old man winter. Please dress accordingly and bring your gloves; garbage bags will be provided. Kids can log volunteer hours! This is our opportunity to come together as a community, clean-up our corner of the world, and make our home a little nicer.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:acc@parkwestcommunity.org).



## FLAG ETIQUETTE

Ideally, an American flag on your house should hang from a staff that angles out from the front wall, a windowsill, or balcony. It's a good idea to screw a bracket made for holding a flagstaff to the trim. Fasten it securely so it won't become soiled or damaged. Do not allow the flag to touch the ground, floor, water, or anything else beneath it. It's also appropriate to hang the flag from a horizontal staff.

Whether the flag hangs from an angled or horizontal staff, be sure the union or canton (the rectangle with the stars) is at the peak. (Hanging the flag with the union down signals extreme distress.)

When the flag is displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be at the top and to your left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be hung so that the union is on the left when you see it from the street.

The American flag is meant to be a flag; don't use it for any other purpose. For example, don't use it as drapery, ceiling decoration, or as a bed spread. And never use it as a receptacle for carrying or holding anything.

Though it is customary to fly the flag from sunrise to sunset, the U.S. Code says that "when a patriotic effect is desired," you can display it around the clock. If you do, you should illuminate it with a light.

When displayed from a car, the flagstaff should be fixed or clamped firmly to the vehicle, ideally on the right side. The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back. The same holds true for a flag displayed on a float in a parade. Don't carry the flag flat or horizontally. And, because it is not meant to be apparel, do not wear a United States flag. If you wear a lapel flag, pin it on the left side, near your heart.

Appropriate USA flag folding procedure: Basically, fold the flag in half width-wise twice. Fold up a triangle, starting at the striped end ... and repeat ... until only the end of the union is exposed. Then fold down the square into a triangle and tuck inside the folds.

Why bother with flag etiquette when you're excited about flying the Stars and Stripes? Consider this - for more than two hundred years, our country's military, firemen, police, and other service personnel have practiced these measures faithfully, treating our flag with the highest esteem. This is one way we can show respect and meet the high standard they have set.

## 2012 National Research

How satisfied are residents in homeowners associations with their elected boards? How do they feel about their association's rules and restrictions? How about their association assessments?

The Foundation for Community Association Research commissioned a national survey of association residents to answer these and other questions. Here are some of the key findings:

- Estimated number of U.S. association-governed communities and individual housing units and residents within those communities: 63.4 million
- 70 percent of residents in common-interest communities say they are satisfied with their community association experience, while 8 percent express dissatisfaction and 22 percent are neutral on the question.
- 88 percent of residents believe their association board members strive to serve the best interests of the community, while 12 percent say the opposite or aren't sure.
- 73 percent of residents say their professional managers provide value to their communities, while 21 percent of residents say the opposite is true and 6 percent say they aren't sure.
- 76 percent of residents believe their own community association rules "protect and enhance" property values. Only 3 percent say the rules harm property values, while the rest see no difference.
- 81 percent of residents say they get a "good" or "great" return for their association assessments, while 18 percent say the return is "not so good or bad." The reminder

## The Benefits of Recycling Add Up!

- Using one ton of post-consumer paper to make new paper products saves approximately 7,000 gallons of water and conserves 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
- Recycling 300 lbs. of paper saves roughly one tree
- For every ton of glass that is recycled we eliminate 384 lbs. of mining waste
- Using post-consumer aluminum cans to make new cans produces about 95% less air pollution as compared to the process of manufacturing aluminum cans from virgin materials
- Paper recycling reduces pollution by about 50%
- Recycling a 36-in stack of newspaper saves about 73 kilowatt hours of electricity (about 14% of a typical residential electric utility bill)
- Recycling one pound of aluminum saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for 290 hours.
- It takes 64% less energy to make paper products from post-consumer paper, saving the equivalent of three barrels of oil for each ton of paper that is recycled



# NEWS SPLASH

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Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Atlantic Pool Services will open our PWCA pool for the start of the 2013 summer season. Pool pass applications have been mailed out in March along with the quarterly invoices. Residents should complete and return the application to Capitol Property Management by April 30<sup>th</sup> to receive their passes by opening day. The application form is also available on the website along with additional information.

Applications will be approved by Capitol Property Management if the applicants are in good standing (i.e. no delinquent dues or violations). Capitol Property Management will notify ineligible applicants of their violations and procedures for correcting them. Our community renters will also need to provide a copy of their current lease agreement with the pool application as proof of PWCA residency. Passes will be delivered to the home in mid-May. Pool use is for residents and their guests only; you must have a valid 2013 pass to be admitted.

The social events for 2013 are currently being planned. The following is a current list of planned events:

- May 25 - Opening Day. Hot dogs and lemonade starting at Noon.
- June 9 - "Sundaes on a Sunday." Make your own sundae 3 PM. until 4 PM.
- July 4 - Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> barbecue, hosted by your PWCA HOA, starts with hot dogs grilling at Noon, BBQ buffet at 1 PM, games at 2 PM. This is a big neighborhood project, so we need volunteers to help organize the children's games and contests and bake desserts.

In addition to the listed festivities, we plan to host a pasta party and Mexican Fiesta during the summer. The season will end on Labor Day weekend with our fourth annual Chili cook-off. Dates and times are TBD and more information will be posted on the pool house bulletin board. Volunteers are always needed to help plan other social events. Please contact Joan or Joanne if you have any suggestions and/or want to plan an activity.

A section of the pool deck can be reserved for a small party. Team, birthday, or any small gathering can be scheduled by reserving the date and time with a pool chair person. The lifeguards will make tables, grill and refrigerator available if needed. Guest passes are required for all non-residents attending. Additional guest passes can be purchased by calling Joanne or Joan. Clean-up is the responsibility of the host resident.

Additional information regarding pool hours of operation, rules and regulations for the use of our pool can be viewed on our website, [www.parkwestcommunity.org](http://www.parkwestcommunity.org). We look forward to a safe and fun 2013 season. Any comments or suggestions regarding the pool, please contact a pool chair or any member of the PWCA Board of Directors.

## Pool Chairs:

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Joan Murphy (703) 323-8827