



Park West Pages

PWCA Newsletter

March 2017

President's Message

Greetings to all – we've come through the winter with minimal damage and expenses thus far.

Our greatest time and effort in the last couple of months have been oriented on the passage of the Special Maintenance Assessment to cover the cost of the full repaving project this summer. My thanks to all who volunteered time (some of them HUGE amounts of time) to collectively work towards a better community for all of us in the very near future. You should have seen many different documents providing information on this project through separate mailings and email blasts. My main point for you in this message is for you to remember – should you elect to take a vacation during the month of July to get away from the project – to either relocate any vehicles you have within the community off-site or leave keys with a friend or neighbor to move your vehicle while you are gone. This will eliminate some heartache for you when you get back to find your vehicle has been towed during the course of the project. Unlike during the Phase 1 activities last summer we may not be able to relocate your vehicle within the community due to the scale of the project.

As we begin to focus on spring activities please consider volunteering some of your time to help our community. We will be having environmental clean-up days in the near future along with other volunteer landscape projects. By relying on volunteers we can continue to keep our overall costs down while continuing to enhance the community for everyone's enjoyment.

You are the Association. Almost all of what you see accomplished around our community is at least led by volunteers – consider helping during the various projects or volunteer a couple of hours a month to a committee or to the board – any one of us would greatly appreciate it... I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming volunteer projects or meetings – I anticipate a great 2017!

Mark Griffin
PWCA President

Upcoming Events

Mar 11: Spring ACC Inspections

Mar 21: Board Meeting 7pm

Apr 15: Easter Egg Hunt

Apr 18: Board Meeting 7pm

May 16: Board Meeting 7pm

May 27: Pool Opens!

Block Captains

We still need two or three more block captains for Gainsborough Drive.

If you can spare about an hour a month, please help us out and call Susan Underwood at 703-323-4710.

Parking Committee

Since its inception in early 2012, the PWCA Permit Parking Program – with the assistance of several of our neighbors serving as committee members and parking officials – has greatly alleviated parking issues in our community. As we receive and address parking questions from time to time, please note the following responses to frequently-asked questions:

- ALL vehicles parking in the community must have either a resident or guest permit, including those vehicles parked in PWCA-assigned (i.e., numbered) spaces; only permanent, full-time residents in the community are eligible to receive parking permits.
- All permits are nontransferable, and are only to be placed in PWCA-registered vehicles.
- Nonresident owners and renters: please check your permits, note their expiration dates, and take timely action to avoid being towed for having expired permits. Instructions for new permits are contained on the Parking Applications.
- Please make sure that vehicles parking along the curb have both tires on the concrete apron, in order to be in compliance with local fire and safety code regulations.
- Temporary guest permits are available, can be requested between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., and a list of PWCA parking officials can be found at www.parkwestcommunity.org. Please request temporary permits as early as possible (i.e., at least 2 hours prior to need, if possible), especially with requests for larger numbers of guests.
- If you have a permit that is faded or no longer clearly-readable, please contact Joe Underwood to arrange to have your permit replaced.

As well, please contact PWCA Parking Chairman Joe Underwood at parking@parkwestcommunity.org or (703) 3234710 with any questions or suggestions that you may have.

Communications Corner

We're trying to enhance some of the methods of communication with the neighborhood, including updating the sign boards more frequently, more relevant newsletters, website updates, and more.

Suggestions on what you would like to see are always welcome. Additionally, if you would like to contribute to the PWCA newsletter or volunteer to help on the communications committee, please email TJ Hanton at

communications
@parkwestcommunity.org



Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Spring is almost here and it is time to get that house and yard spruced up! On March 11th we will be conducting our semi-annual ACC inspection. Property owners interested in participating in the inspection contact acc@parkwestcommunity.org. Inspection teams consist of two to three people with at least one board member on each team. It is great exercise and with extra help the process goes much faster. We all have a large investment in our properties and it is important to preserve the value of our residences by keeping the exteriors in good shape, the yards maintained, and trash picked up so that the community is attractive to our residents as well as prospective buyers and renters. The ACC review process and the ACC guidelines help sustain the community's appearance and property values.

As we have done before, we will provide recommendation-only items to alert the owners of problems that may become violations in the future so they have advance notice and can make plans to address these items before they become a violation. This part of the inspection process that was implemented during the Fall 2014 Inspection and it has been very successful.

PWCA Architectural Modifications

Any replacement or additions made to the exterior of your residence requires an ACC Modification Form (found on the website) to be submitted and approved by the ACC prior to the start of the work. The completed form may be submitted either by mailing the PWCA ACC in the care of Summit Management Services, Inc. 8405-A Richmond Highway, Alexandria 22309 or by scanning and emailing a signed copy to our Community Manager; Ms. Lori Randall; lori.randall@summitmanagement.com. Approval or disapproval will occur within sixty (60) days of the completed request and supporting document submission. Questions should be emailed to acc@parkwestcommunity.org.

Art Gile
Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee

Important Numbers

Summit Management
Lori Randall
lori.randall@summitmanage.com
(703) 945-1425

FCPD Non-Emergency
(703) 691-2131

Dominion Towing
(703) 339-2400

Please Remember: Scoop the Poop!

Pet waste is ugly and smelly. But even worse, it poses a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, trails, and grassy areas is immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Even if you can't see the water near you, the pet waste goes into a storm drain where it travels untreated to your neighborhood stream or lake.

Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the receiving water unfit for drinking and recreation. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.

What should PWCA residents do with animal waste?

Scoop it up and bag it with the rest of your household garbage.
Or scoop it up, and flush it down your toilet just like human waste.

