Park West Pages

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Dear PWCA Homeowners & Residents,

On behalf of the Park West Community Association Board of Directors (BOD), I would like to inform you about the progress we have made so far this year and the projects we have planned for the rest of the year.

In January, the BOD reduced the quarterly dues for each household by \$12 per quarter to \$215 per quarter. Assessments are used to pay for trash removal, grounds and common area maintenance, and all expenses for the up-keep and running of the pool. The BOD also places a portion of the money into reserves for the replacement and maintenance of large items like the re-surfacing of the pool and the re-paving of the streets. This is the first ever reduction of the quarterly assessments and it is due to the hard work of the Association's BOD, whom I'd like to thank for all of their hard work and dedication. "Thank You!"

In the next few months a new entrance sign will be erected at the Roberts Road entrance to the community. This sign will be very similar to the entrance sign at the Braddock Road entrance, but smaller in scale due to the size of the area where it is being placed.

The BOD has also purchased covers for both the main pool and the baby pool to protect them from the harsh winter elements and reduce the need to re-surface the pools as often as we have in the past. Additional pool information can be found in subsequent pages.

I would like to remind ALL residents about our annual PWCA 4th of July Celebration at the pool. This year's celebration will be held on Sunday, June 30th. There will be food, music, fun and games for all ages. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

We hope that all community members are pleased with the actions of the BOD and, as always, look forward to your feedback. Our community website (www.parkwestcommunity.org) is regularly updated with valuable information. I recommend that everyone sign-up for e-mail alerts so that we may notify you when the website is updated. You can contact the BOD by e-mail at pwca@parkwestcommunity.org or by using the phone numbers found in this newsletter. All homeowners and residents are also welcome to attend all BOD meetings. The dates and times for these meetings are posted on the website and included in the quarterly mailings.

In closing, I would like to thank the numerous volunteers throughout the community for helping make this neighborhood a great place to live. We hope that all community members, owners and renters alike, will take an active interest in what the BOD does and we hope that all members will actively participate in community activities in the future.

Sincerely,

James P. McHugh

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PWCA Community Yard Sale

WHEN: Saturday, May 11

(Raindate: Sunday, May 19)

TIME: 8 am - 12 noon

WHERE: Pool Parking Lot

If you would like to participate, you may set up your table beginning at 7 am. You may bring your own table or a limited number of tables are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a table, call Kim Jukic at (703) 764-2676.

Pool Update

The pool will be opening Memorial Day weekend. On opening day, we have arranged to have the pool hours extended to 9:00 PM. Please read the enclosed pool newsletter for important details regarding pool passes and hours of operation.

In addition to the annual Fourth of July party, we are planning the second annual Adults Only Splash Party. The party will be in August - please sign up at the pool if you are interested (we need at least 25 adults in order to begin planning). This is a great opportunity to meet more of your neighbors in a fun and relaxing environment!

Important Parking Reminder

With the warmer weather approaching the Parking Committee would like to remind everyone of the community parking regulations. If you have a contractor to your home to do work, you are responsible to provide that contractor with a parking space. Cars double-parked or parallel parked more than 24 inches from the curb (not touching the concrete gutter) or parked in areas designated with yellow curbs (fire zones) are subject to immediate towing.

Also, please be courteous of your neighbor's reserved spaces. Parking in another resident's space without permission is subject to immediate towing.

Finally, if you are having someone to your house YOU are responsible for notifying them of the community parking regulations. If your or your guest's car is towed, please call Advanced Towing (703) 978-7990. If you would like to contest the tow or would like to see the photograph showing the violation, please call the Parking Committee Chair, Jim McHugh, at (703) 425-5080 between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. to schedule an appointment.

A Quick Note about ACC

The first inspections are complete and our community looks great! There were some things, but nothing that can't be made short work of. Some common items were: painting (rake boards, windows and trim), cleaning gutters (the underside where the water overflowed and stained), fences (boards loose, missing and broken, leaning posts and gates), and lastly landscaping (lawn mowing, tree trimming, weeds).

Thanks again for all your help and if you have any questions please call me, Rich Juchnewicz at (703)426-8097 or email me ACC@parkwestcommunity.org.



Tips on Flying the American Flag

This American flag trivia is in response to several resident requests for such information. The information is courtesy of Rich Juchnewicz, our resident Navy man.

- In our community, flags should be hung from your home on a 6 foot flag pole mounted to your house.
- If your going to leave your U.S. Flag out 24 hours a day, it should be made of a weather resistant material and should be well lit at night. A flag left out in the elements will normally last about two months before needing to be replaced for fading or ragged ends.
- When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.
- Memorial Day, your flag should be flown at "half mast" (straight out) until Noon that day and then placed at the full position for the rest of the day.
- Flag Day, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

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