

# CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITY PARK CITIZEN

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## Annual Meeting Held June 5 Five Directors Elected; By-laws Amended

The fifth annual meeting of the City Park Civic Association was held on Wednesday, June 5, 1996. Attendance was good. Of the 104 member households, twenty-seven were represented at the meeting. The agenda included election of five directors to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors, and amendment of the Association's by-laws to allow new members to vote in an election immediately after joining the Association.

### Elections

The election resulted from the expiration of the two-year terms of Susie Brooks, Betty Charles, Mary Ann Daly, Pam deWolfe, and Albert LaFrance. Nominations were taken from the floor, and each nominee spoke briefly about his or her qualifications. The elected nominees, who will each serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, are: Betty Charles, Ann Divecha, Dawn Jacobs, Ford Jones, and Albert LaFrance. Immediately following the general membership meeting, the Board of Directors met to elect Association officers for 1996-1997. The resultant 1996-1997 City Park Civic Association Board of Directors is listed at the end of this article.

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## Marshall Street Traffic-Calming Measures Approved

Responding to the opinions expressed by residents of the City Park Homes and Greenway Downs communities, Providence District Supervisor Gerald Connolly has advised the City Park Civic Association that he will seek implementation of several of the traffic-calming measures proposed by a joint community task force and by Virginia Department of Transportation engineers for Marshall Street.

The measures which Supervisor Connolly judged to have strong community support are:

- A four-way STOP sign at the intersection of Marshall and Jefferson Avenue
- A four-way STOP sign at the intersection of Marshall and Chestnut Avenue
- Pavement markings to visually narrow Marshall in the vicinity of Custis Parkway

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## By-Law Amendments

### Voting Privileges

The original City Park Civic Association by-laws, written in 1992 at the inception of the Association, prohibited anyone who joined the Association fewer than 20 days before a meeting from voting at that meeting. However, since the Board Members have found that it is most efficient to issue meeting notices within the 20 day period prior to a meeting, the by-laws as written would in effect prohibit a non-member from joining the Association at the last minute to vote on an issue of importance to him. It is a goal of the Board of Directors to promote as much participation as possible in our neighborhood and the Civic Association; therefore, the Board made a motion to remove the 20 day waiting period from the by-laws. The motion passed by a vote of 18 members in favor of the amendment; therefore, new members may now vote at a meeting immediately after joining the Association.

### One Board Member Per Household

The original by-laws did not explicitly prohibit multiple residents of the same household from serving concurrently on the Board of Directors. However, since this works against broad-based community representation on the Board, a motion was made to amend the by-laws to specifically prohibit this practice. The motion passed by a vote of 21 members in favor.

### City Park Civic Association Board of Directors 1996-1997

Name/Office	Address	Phone Number	Term Expires
President: Albert LaFrance	6800 Jefferson Ave	536-2420	1998
Vice President: Ford Jones	6906 Jackson Ave	538-2620	1998
Secretary: Dawn Jacobs	2903 Woodlawn Ave	532-7745	1998
Treasurer: Marcia Cram	6805 Chestnut Ave	538-7193	1997
Directors:			
Darryl Adams	3003 Westcott St	237-4872	1997
Steve Armstrong	6936 Chestnut Ave	532-6631	1997
Jane Chapman	2904 Westcott St	532-1188	1997
Betty Charles	2934 Woodlawn Ave	534-4962	1998
Ann Divecha	6800 Farragut Ave	532-4921	1998

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These measures have already been endorsed by the CPCA's Board of Directors, and the Association has written a confirming letter to Supervisor Connolly in response to his request for a final go-ahead.

Because speed humps are more severe, expensive, and permanent measures which often draw strong objections from residents once they are installed, both VDoT and Supervisor Connolly have asked that we bring the proposal for a speed hump between 2825 and 2827 Marshall Street to the attention of the community once more, to make sure all residents are aware of the proposal and have an opportunity to comment. If you have not yet submitted your comments to Supervisor Connolly, or wish to comment further, please call his office at 560-6946 or write to him at 8739 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Supervisor Connolly has said that, if a clear community consensus is determined in support of the speed hump, he will bring it before the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Marshall Street Task Force and the Boards of Directors of both civic associations will be considering this issue as well.

Supervisor Connolly plans to introduce a motion for the four-way STOP signs and pavement markings at the Board of Supervisors meeting on August 5. Once the motion is passed by the Board, VDoT would be authorized to proceed with the installation, which should be completed within 60 days.

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The City Park Neighborhood Watch operates under the auspices of the Fairfax County Police Department and is not affiliated with the City Park Civic Association. The Association has provided the following space to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator in the interest of promoting crime prevention efforts in our community.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 6, 1996

7-10 p.m.

## KINCAID AVENUE CIRCLE

6900 block of Kincaid Avenue

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You are cordially invited to  
"A Going Away Party For Crime"

This event is City Park Homes Neighborhood Watch's fourth annual participation in this nationwide program. Please join us for cooling refreshments, crime prevention information, childrens activities and neighborhood fellowship.

Don't forget, (even if you can't join us) to please  
**TURN ON YOUR PORCH LIGHTS TO SHOW  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

## CRIME REPORT

- 2900 block Summerfield Road  
VCR taken from parked vehicle
- 2900 block Summerfield Road  
Watch taken from parked vehicle
- Graffiti in the Jefferson Village Park has been reported and will be removed as soon as possible.

## UPCOMING WATCH EVENTS

- August 6      NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
August 15     Gazebo Gathering 6901 Kincaid  
Join us for dessert and conversation 8-10  
August 22     Neighborhood Networking Night  
Community business persons at Chili's to  
discuss business opportunities and crime  
prevention strategies  
August 31     Picnic in the Park 6 p.m.  
Jefferson Village Park

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION** or call  
Pam deWolfe 241-0573 or Marcia Cram 538-7193

## Community Yard Sale Set for September 7

A Community Yard Sale will be held in City Park Homes on Saturday, September 7, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Maps will be passed out to all residents participating so that "yardsalers" will know which houses are participating and what categories of items are available.

We will also be **raising funds** to support City Park Civic Association activities. Fund-raising activities will include selling coffee/juice/donuts, hot dogs/chips, soda/lemonade, baked goodies, and donated yard sale items at a community site.

If you are interested in holding a yard sale or helping to raise funds please check the following...

\_\_\_ I will be selling yard sale items and will donate \$1.00 so that my house will be on the map. Please circle the categories of items you will be selling:

FURNITURE , HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BOOKS, BABY EQUIPMENT, TOYS,

CHILDRENS' CLOTHING, ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES,

SPORTS EQUIPMENT, OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I can provide a bake sale item.

\_\_\_ I can donate things to sell at the community site (please plan on dropping off items the Thursday or Friday before the sale; call for details).

\_\_\_ I can help sell food/bake sale items at the community site.

\_\_\_ I can help sell donated yard sale items.

\_\_\_ I can take leftover items to Goodwill or food bank.

\_\_\_ I can help make and/or place signs.

\_\_\_ I am interested in helping - please let me know what I can do.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to 6800 Farragut Ave. or 2903 Woodlawn Ave., or call Ann on 532-4921 or Dawn on 532-7745 and leave the above information on the answering machine.

## Civic Association: Qs and As

*Are Civic Associations like Home Owners Associations?* Home Owners Associations are usually formed when a community of home owners have common properties and interests. All units are required to be members and to pay association fees. Fees pay for the maintenance of roads, landscape, parking lots, swimming pools, playgrounds, etc. As a result the fees can be quite high. Civic Associations are formed to improve the community by forming community cleanup days, holding regular social events, neighborhood safety programs, and voicing opinions on road improvement and maintenance, school districting, and zoning issues to state and local government officials. A community voice has more power than a single voice. Fees are generally small and cover the cost of copying and postage for newsletters and flyers and supplies for projects and events.

*If I am a member of a Civic Association will I be required to maintain my property in a way prescribed by the Association?* No. Civic Associations do not require that you paint your house a particular color or maintain your yard in any particular way.

*What will City Park Civic Association do for me?* Since its founding, CPCA has held annual Summer Picnics and Holiday Parties so that you can have the opportunity to get to know people in your neighborhood. Community cleanup days have been held to pickup trash throughout the neighborhood and park, trim bushes around the creek that blocks the view of patrolling police and removing graffiti that encourages gang activities. The CPCA has also worked with VDOT to promote the interest of citizens during the road and drainage improvement project. An offshoot of CPCA has been the Neighborhood Watch program. Other programs and activities are also possible according to needs and interests. Please let a board member know if you have comments about current projects or ideas for new ones. You can also advertise your business in the CPCA newsletter for a small fee.

*How much does it cost and how much time will it take to be a CPCA member?* Dues are only \$5.00 a year and you can be involved as much or as little as you like. Participation in events and/or serving on a committee are ways that you can be involved. For more information please contact a board member.

## Summer Picnic, a Big Success!

Between 75-100 adults (with many kids present as well) came out for the Civic Association's annual summer picnic on June 22. The weather was fine and food was good for the Saturday afternoon picnic. Darryl Adams of the Board of Directors organized the picnic with the help of many of our neighbors. Providence Supervisor Gerry Connolly, Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley, and State Delegate Bob Hull stopped by to talk to us and offer encouraging words to the civic association and to the neighborhood.

The City Park Civic Association gratefully acknowledges the generous financial contributions made to the picnic by local Realtors Jim Feagins and Bill McKaig.

A couple of items were found while cleaning up afterwards: A child's pair of athletic cleats and a plastic bowl and spoon. You can reclaim these items by calling Darryl or Susan Adams at 237-4872.

## Phase II Road Work Progresses

Work on Phase II of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements project, begun in late April, is continuing. The Phase II area consists of the residential streets east of Tripps Run, plus the portion of Chestnut Avenue between Tripps Run and Summerfield Road. Highlights of the project's status, as of August 1, are:

- All of the new water mains have been installed, and homes are being connected to the mains, with completion of this task expected before August 9.
- Installation of new curb and gutter on Jefferson Avenue and Madison Place has begun.
- Most of the new storm drainage pipes and inlet structures have been installed.
- Adjustments to gas lines to accommodate the new storm drains are almost complete.

The Association periodically distributes bulletins to residents in the Phase II area, providing detailed information on the work being done and any special requests from the contractor or the agencies involved. Anyone who would like copies of the bulletins or who has questions about the project may call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

## CPCA Responds to Graffiti

Residents may have noticed the graffiti which have been painted from time in the vicinity of the Jefferson Avenue bridge over the Tripps Run channel. Some of the graffiti are obscene, and most appear to be gang-related.

The City Park Civic Association has been working to control this problem by frequently inspecting the area, filing prompt and detailed reports with Fairfax County Police Department, and notifying the agencies and utilities owning the vandalized property and asking that the markings be removed quickly. On several occasions the CPCA has also removed the graffiti, and members have generously donated the needed paint. Removal of the most recent graffiti, on the concrete lining of the channel, was performed on August 1 by a private firm under contract to Fairfax County Public Works.

At the CPCA's July Board of Directors meeting, a decision was taken to make this graffiti-control effort an official Association function, to be carried out by a task group composed of directors and interested members. For more information, please call Ford Jones on 538-2620 or Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

*Kindermusik.*



**Open House  
Tues. Aug. 27**



**Columbia Institute of Fine Arts, Falls Church  
10 a.m. to noon or 4 to 6:30 p.m.  
RSVP 241-0485**

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## plastics Recycling



It used to be that a plastic soda bottle was only good for one thing — the trash. As the 21st Century approaches, many things have changed and this includes the uses for those empty soda bottles.

Plastics recycling is one of America's newest success stories. In 1995, one-third of all the carpet manufactured in the U.S. contains recycled #1 plastic, which comes from used soda bottles. In this and other manufacturing areas, the demand for post-consumer plastics has soared. Yet, there is a great deal of consumer confusion over what types and numbers of plastic are acceptable in a municipal recycling program.

While many residents realize that only #1 and #2 plastics can be recycled, they may not realize the further restriction of "bottles and jugs only." For example, while margarine tubs, yogurt cups, and frozen food trays may be marked with a #1 or #2, they have undergone a different manufacturing process and possess different physical properties from #1 or #2 bottles and jugs. These differences cause plastics other than #1 and #2 bottles and jugs to act as a contaminant to

municipal plastics recycling efforts.

The #1 and #2 plastic containers that are the most common recyclables are soda bottles and milk, juice, bleach and detergent jugs. To make sure #1 and #2 bottles and jugs are acceptable for plastics recycling, remember to "check for the neck." Examine each container and if the neck is smaller than its base, recycle

### **Remember . . . 1st Check the Number and 2nd Check the Neck**

it; if not, throw it away as part of household trash. If you do not have curbside collection of plastics, many local drop-off centers accept this material. Call the Fairfax County Automated InfoLine at 324-5052 for locations and directions; select message #1, submessage #1.

### **Why Doesn't the County Collect Other Types of Plastics?**

To continue to operate at peak efficiency, the County's program must be market driven; currently County plastics markets only purchase #1 and #2 bottles and jugs.

When other types of plastic are mixed in, the marketing facility must expend time and resources to manually sort and remove any incorrect plastics from the load.

### **How Should I Prepare My #1 and #2 Plastics for Collection?**

Plastics preparation is quick and easy: remove caps and lids (neck rings are OK); rinse the container to remove food or product residue; crush plastic to save space in the bin. Do not try to cut out pour spouts or any other molded plastic. That's all there is to it!

### **What Else Does Recycled Plastic Become?**

In addition to carpet, common recycled plastic products include T-shirts, sipper bottles, frisbees, desk accessories, recycling bins, parking stops, decking materials, "new" bottles and many other useful household, commercial and recreational products.

For additional information about plastics recycling, call the Fairfax County Automated Recycling InfoLine at 324-5052 and select message #7 or TTY 1-800-828-1120. ▲

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City Park Civic Association  
Membership Application

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Childrens' names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional, for event planning)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \$5.00 annually per household, payable at time of membership application

Members joining between November 1 and March 1 pay part-year dues of \$2.50 upon application, then pay regular dues of \$5.00 at renewal time.

Renewals are payable by March 1 for all members.

MAIL TO: City Park Civic Association  
Post Office Box 2232  
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

I am interested in joining the following project group(s):

[ ] Welcoming Team      greets new residents and provides them with information about our community

[ ] Neighborhood Cleanup      works to keep our neighborhood and Jefferson Village Park clean

Comments/ideas/questions: \_\_\_\_\_

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