

CITY PARK CIVIC  
ASSOCIATION

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# CITY PARK CITIZEN

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## **Celebrate the Season at the CPCA Holiday Party!**

You are cordially invited to the City Park Civic Association's 1996 Holiday Party:

Thursday, December 5, 1996  
7:00 to 9:00 P.M.  
at the Devonshire Center  
(across from Magruder's on Graham Road)

Please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, dessert, or covered dish to share with your neighbors! Hot and cold drinks, and paper goods will be provided. Santa will be coming (delivered all the way from the North Pole by fire truck, thanks to our friends at Station 18), and he'll have a tiny treat for everyone who visits his lap! Everyone gets an instant picture with the jolly old elf, too. There'll be live entertainment, a kids craft corner, and plenty of good company! Come join us!

## **Phase II Road Work Nearing Completion**

Work on Phase II of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements will soon be finished. Granja Contracting is performing some final tasks, including grading and seeding of disturbed grass areas, removal of debris and excess soil, and repair of fences accidentally damaged by equipment.

After the contractor reports that work is complete, officials of the Virginia Department of Transportation will conduct a detailed inspection of the project area to ensure that all of the work required by the contract has been performed in accordance with State specifications.

Residents having questions about the Phase II work may call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

## **Can You Help Us?!**

The CPCA Board of Directors needs a volunteer to take notes at our meetings! We've found that it is difficult for the secretary to effectively participate in meeting discussions while trying to take accurate notes, so we need a non-board-member who can concentrate specifically on the notes. Your monthly time commitment would be about 1 1/2 hours of note-taking at each of our monthly meetings (the third Monday of each month from 7:30 to 9:00 pm), and about 1 hour to type the notes and provide a draft copy to the CPCA secretary. Please call Dawn Jacobs at 532-7745. We would greatly appreciate your help!

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Inside: Spring Yard Sale, Phase III Road Work Information

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## Time for Spring Cleaning?!?

Not quite! But here's an early warning. The CPCA will be setting up a yard sale table at the Boulevard Baptist/Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's community yard sale on April 19, 1997. Peggy Fewell at 2927 Marshall Street has generously volunteered to store donated items beginning now! Proceeds from selling the donated items will go to the CPCA to support community activities. So while you're digging through your attic for holiday decorations, pull out that stuff you haven't used in years -- it will likely be a treasure to someone else! Call Peggy (237-8947) to schedule a time to drop items off at her house. She has room for boxes and small items, but not for large furniture items.

If you're interested in setting up your own table at the sale, contact Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (532-6617) or Boulevard Baptist Church (533-9171). Use of the tables is free of charge. They'll be set up in the church parking lot and/or along the Route 50 access road.

## CPCA Gearing Up for Phase III Construction; Volunteers Needed

The City Park Civic Association has begun organizing to help make the upcoming Phase III road work proceed smoothly for everyone. The Board of Directors recently approved a plan to divide the work area into zones, each of which will be served by a block captain who will help his/her neighbors by answering their questions and receiving their requests and reports of problems. The zones are listed below; volunteers are needed as block captains for the zones marked with asterisks. If you can help, or have questions, please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

Zone	Street	Between
1*	Arlington Blvd.	E. Tripps Run Rd. Greenway Blvd.
2*	Arlington Blvd.	Greenway Blvd. Marshall St.
3*	Arlington Blvd.	Marshall St. Westcott St.
4*	Arlington Blvd.	Westcott St. Woodlawn Ave.
5*	Aronow Dr.	[entire street]
6	Carlton Ave.	[entire street]
7*	Chestnut Ave.	Summerfield Rd. Greenway Blvd.
8*	Chestnut Ave.	Greenway Blvd. Marshall St.
9	Chestnut Ave.	Marshall St. [west end]
10*	Ellen Ave.	[entire street]
11*	Farragut Ave.	Summerfield Rd. Greenway Blvd.
12*	Farragut Ave.	Greenway Blvd. Marshall St.
13*	Greenway Blvd.	[entire street]
14	Jackson Ave.	[entire street]
15*	Jefferson Ave.	Summerfield Rd. Marshall St.
16*	Jefferson Ave.	Marshall St. Westcott St.
17	Jefferson Ave.	Westcott St. Woodlawn Ave.
18	Kincaid Ave.	[entire street]
19	Marshall St.	Chestnut Ave. Carlton Ave.

Phase III Zones, *from page 2...*

Zone	Street	Between	
20*	Marshall St.	Carlton Ave.	Jefferson Ave.
21*	Marshall St.	Jefferson Ave.	Arlington Blvd.
22	Rose Pl.	[entire street]	
23*	Summerfield Rd.	Chestnut Ave.	Jefferson Ave.
24*	Summerfield Rd.	Jefferson Ave.	Arlington Blvd.
25	Westcott St.	Chestnut Ave.	Carlton Ave.
26	Westcott St.	Carlton Ave.	Jefferson Ave.
27	Westcott St.	Jefferson Ave.	Arlington Blvd.
28	Woodlawn Ave.	Chestnut Ave.	Jefferson Ave.
29	Woodlawn Ave.	Jefferson Ave.	Arlington Blvd.

## Here They Are ... Some of Your Frequently-Asked Questions About City Park Homes Phase III Road Construction (And the Answers, Too!)

A number of residents have come forward with inquiries about the Phase III road work. Here are some of the most common questions and their answers. Please note that the answers represent the best information available to us and are believed to be accurate, but have not yet received official approval and are thus subject to change.

Also, please note that many block captain positions have not yet been filled. We will distribute a complete list of block captains as soon as possible. Until then, please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420 with your questions and requests. If there is a block captain for your area, Albert will refer you to that person. If not, please consider volunteering!

### 1. When are they ever going to fix my street?!

If you live in City Park Homes west of Summerfield Road, you are in the area designated as Phase III of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements Project. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has told us that construction of Phase III is to begin in the late spring of 1997.

### 2. Exactly what will be done? Water lines replaced? Gas lines replaced? Storm drain system replaced? In what order?

As a minimum, we expect new pavement, curb and gutter, and correction of storm-drainage problems. The replacement of underground gas, water, and sanitary sewer lines is at the discretion of the corresponding utility organizations. We understand that the City of Falls Church plans to replace its water mains and service lines but do not know the other utilities' intentions. Underground pipes are usually replaced before the curb and roadway are rebuilt.

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## 3. Will my street be widened or moved?

No streets will be widened, except that residents of the circles on Kincaid and Jackson have asked to have their portion of the street widened by reducing the size of the circles' centers. Some streets may be shifted one or two feet to allow greater clearance between the curb and the utility poles. All streets will remain within VDoT's existing right of way.

## 4. Is there a standard definition of the "right of way" (i.e., the width of land owned by VDoT), or does it vary from property to property?

On every street, VDoT owns a right of way which consists of the paved roadway plus a certain width of land on either side of the roadway. Your property line is the edge of the right of way. There are several important points to remember concerning rights of way:

- The width of land owned by VDoT is usually the same everywhere along a street, but may be different from one street to another.
- The width of land owned by VDoT on one side of a street may be different from that on the other side. For example, along the north side of a street the distance from the curb to the property line may be five feet, while on the south side it may be ten feet.
- Some homeowners have built fences, walls, and hedges inside the right of way. In these cases land which the residents may consider as their yards actually belongs to VDoT.

The best way to determine your property line is to examine a drawing or plat created by a land surveyor. Many homeowners had surveys performed at the time they bought their homes. As an alternative, the CPCA has maps of the project area which show the right-of-way lines, although the maps' scale makes precise measuring difficult.

## 5. I can now drive over the existing rolled curb to enter my driveway, but I'll need an opening in the new curb. Do I need to submit a driveway entrance request?

When VDoT conducted an engineering survey of the area, existing driveways were noted. Entrances, in the form of aprons or simple curb cuts, will be automatically provided for these driveways. You need not do anything unless you plan to move your driveway, in which case you should complete a driveway entrance request form, available from your block captain.

## 6. I don't have a driveway, but plan to install one in the future. Is there anything I should do now?

Yes, you should fill out a driveway entrance request form. Subject to VDoT engineering approval, an entrance will be constructed at no charge to you in the location you specify.

## Phase III Q&amp;As, from page 4...

The CPCA strongly urges everyone who does not already have a driveway to request an entrance, even if they have no plans to construct a driveway. If you do not obtain a driveway entrance during Phase III construction and later decide to install a driveway, you will have to pay a contractor to construct an entrance, and your contractor will have to pay for a state permit and inspection and provide a completion bond. If nothing else, the entrance will be a good "selling point" for your home.

7. There is a specific problem with the street near my house that I would like VDoT to fix during construction (for example, water ponds at the intersection of Westcott and Chestnut, or, debris accumulates in the gutter in front of my house due to poor grading), or I would like to have a fire hydrant moved or a special driveway entrance installed. Who should I talk to to make sure it gets included in the plans?

Discuss the problem as soon as possible with your block captain, so that it can be referred to the appropriate designer.

## Some Useful Phone Numbers...

**Emergency Services**

**Police/Fire/Ambulance** 911  
**Rape Crisis Hotline** 360-7273  
**Fairfax County Public Works (for sewer backup)** 323-1211  
**Virginia Power (for power outage)** 934-9660

**Fairfax County**

**Consumer Affairs** 222-8435  
**Disposal Sites I-66** 631-1179

**Fire/Rescue (Non-Emerg.)** 246-2126  
**Police (Non-Emerg.)** 691-2131  
**Public Works (Sewer)** 324-5015  
**Real Estate/Pers. Prop. Tax** 222-8234  
**Recycling Hotline** 324-5052  
**Trash/Refuse Pickup** 550-3481  
**Supervisor Gerry Connolly** 560-6946

**State of Virginia**

**Dept. of Motor Vehicles** 761-4655  
**Dept. of Transportation** 631-9611  
 (Potholes, snow removal,  
 general maintenance)

**HELP WANTED** - Boulevard Baptist Church is seeking a part-time organist - one service on Sunday and one rehearsal on Wednesday night. For additional information or to apply please call Ed Lewis, Music Minister, on 301-435-0427 during the day, 540-374-2330 in the evening, or the church office to leave a message on 703-533-9171.

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# Recycling

## Recycling Requirement for Grass Clippings, Leaves 'Hibernates' for Winter

Much like bears hibernate during the winter months, so do recycling requirements for grass clippings and leaves! From Jan. 1 through Mar. 31, you are not required to recycle any grass clippings or leaves generated from your property. Please place any remaining small quantities in with regular household trash.

There is a nine-month seasonal requirement for the separate collection of grass clippings and leaves (April 1 - Dec. 31) which coincides with the active



grass and leaf drop seasons. During the winter months, the recycling requirement is suspended.

Brush, however, is separately collected for recycling year round.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling's 24-hour Automated InfoLine at 324-5052 (a Customer Service Representative is available to take your call Monday through - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.); 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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