

CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITY PARK CITIZEN

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Phase II Construction Set for this Summer

Engineers and designers in the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Location and Design Section are putting the finishing touches on plans for Phase II of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements Project. After the design has been completed and the necessary authorizations obtained, the project will be advertised for bids. Construction is expected to begin in late spring or early summer of this year.

The Phase II area consists of the portion of City Park Homes located east of Tripps Run. The streets included in the project, and the work to be done on each street, are as follow:

Jefferson Avenue, from the bridge over Tripps Run eastward to the last house

- Street will not be widened or re-located
- Pavement will be replaced
- Storm drainage pipes and inlets will be replaced with new, larger-capacity system
- Rolled curb will be replaced with standard "box" curb and gutter
- Driveway entrance aprons will be constructed
- Existing sidewalk will be retained
- Underground utility lines may be replaced (to be determined)

Chestnut Avenue, from Tripps Run eastward to the last house
Madison Place, entire street

- Streets will not be widened or re-located
- Pavement will be replaced
- Storm drainage pipes and inlets will be replaced with new, larger-capacity system
- Rolled curb will be replaced with standard "box" curb and gutter
- Driveway entrance aprons will be constructed
- Underground utility lines may be replaced (to be determined)

Monroe Place, entire street

- Street will shifted one foot to the east (i.e. towards Annandale Road) to avoid utility poles on west side; street will not be widened
- Pavement will be replaced
- Storm drainage pipes and inlets will be replaced with new, larger-capacity system
- Rolled curb will be replaced with standard "box" curb and gutter
- Driveway entrance aprons will be constructed
- Underground utility lines may be replaced (to be determined)

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East Tripps Run Road, entire street

- Street will not be widened or re-located
- Replacement or repair of existing pavement will be decided based on extent of underground utility work
- Storm drainage pipes and inlets will be replaced with new, larger-capacity system
- Rolled curb will be replaced with standard "box" curb and gutter
- Driveway entrance aprons will be constructed
- Underground utility lines may be replaced (to be determined)

Farragut Avenue, from Tripps Run eastward to the last house

- Street will be shifted two feet to the south (i.e. towards Arlington Boulevard) to avoid utility poles on north side; street will not be widened
- Replacement or repair of existing pavement will be decided based on extent of underground utility work
- Storm drainage pipes and inlets will be replaced with new, larger-capacity system
- Rolled curb will be replaced with standard "box" curb and gutter
- Driveway entrance aprons will be constructed
- Underground utility lines may be replaced (to be determined)

Because cars cannot drive over the type of curb to be installed, VDOT's plans provide a driveway entrance apron each existing driveway. In addition, the project will include the driveway aprons requested last year by residents who do not have driveways but who may wish to construct them in the future.

- Albert LaFrance

Holiday Party a Huge Success

The third annual CPCA Holiday Party was lots of fun! We had approximately 100 guests attending, including 35 children. County Supervisor Kate Hanley even stopped by. We had great food, fellowship, and fun.

We would like to thank the following people for their very significant contributions:

Ed deWolfe, Jim Little, Elizabeth Rasmussen, Marcia Cram, Bob Donohoe, Mr. Donohoe (Bob's father), Susie Brooks, Albert LaFrance, Mrs. Lowrance and her daughter, all of the people who brought food, and the CPCA Board and membership for providing the funding to have such a successful event.

- Pam deWolfe

CPCA 1995 Calendar

- Feb. 7 Home Security seminar,
Mason District Police Station
7:15 P.M.
- Feb. 8 Home Security/Personal Safety seminar,
sponsored by Greenway Downs Citizens
Assn. and Fairfax County Police Dept.,
Devonshire Center, 7:30 P.M.
- Feb. 15 Lighting and Alarms seminar,
Mason District Police Station,
7:15 P.M.
- Feb. 23 Personal Safety seminar,
Mason District Police Station,
7:15 P.M.
- Mar. 1 Membership renewals due
- Mar. 7 General membership meeting
- May 10 Annual Meeting and Elections, Devonshire
Center, 7:30 P.M.
- Jun. 24 Summer Picnic, Jefferson Village Park
- Aug. 1 Neighborhood Watch "National Night Out"
- Dec. 8 Holiday Party, Devonshire Center

*** Watch this space for details on the next ***
 *** Community Yard Sale! ***

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Phase I Road Work Completed

Construction of Phase I of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements project, begun in June of last year, was substantially completed by the end of December, with the contractor now correcting "punch list" items. These are deficiencies, identified by Virginia Department of Transportation's inspectors, which must be rectified before the work is accepted by the State. The City Park Civic Association is working closely with the inspectors to assist in handling residents' questions and concerns.

- Albert LaFrance

Neighborhood Watch

CRIME REPORT - There have been no significant incidents reported to me.

NEWS - The Mason District Station is in the process of redistributing its area. Mason District is the most densely populated area in Fairfax County. West Springfield and McLean Stations will be taking over some of Mason's patrol areas. Patrol area 400 is one of the zones going to the McLean Station. City Park Homes was to be included in this plan, but when I pointed out to Officer Josh Brown that our community was divided into two police patrol areas (400 and 410), it was decided that we would stay in the Mason District to avoid confusion. Greenway Downs and many other surrounding communities will be affected, though. What does this mean? With the redistricting, the police should be able to respond more quickly to calls. We may notice increased police presence in City Park because we're being patrolled by both stations, at least during the transition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. A special personal safety and home security presentation will be held at the Devonshire Center at 7:30 p.m. on February 8.
2. The in-depth Home Security Seminar Series for the spring will be held in February. This is the three-night seminar held every spring and fall. Please plan to attend as many of these sessions as you can, but if you miss one, you can make it up in the fall. There are no fees or reservations required. All are held at 7:15 p.m. at the Mason District Police Station on Columbia Pike.
 - February 7 -- Home Security. Security basics including locks and hardware.
 - February 15 -- Lighting and Alarms. (Updated since the Fall seminar.)
 - February 23 -- Personal Safety. How to stay safe when you are away from home.

As always, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions, comments or problems at 241-0573.

- Pam deWolfe

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Park Improvements Slated for '95

Jefferson Village Park will be enhanced by two improvements in 1995. First, the Fairfax County Park Authority is finalizing plans to install a pedestrian bridge over the concrete-lined ditch extending from Jefferson Avenue to the Tripps Run channel. This bridge will greatly ease access to the park by residents of City Park Homes and nearby communities, especially for persons having mobility difficulties or pushing baby strollers. The bridge is a steel structure with a wood-plank deck. It is now installed in Lake Accotink Park, and has become available due to planned renovation to that park.

The second improvement will be the installation of a bronze plaque commemorating the role of the early residents of City Park Homes in building the park and donating it to Fairfax County. Current plans call for mounting the plaque on the new bridge. The funds for the plaque were donated by the Falls Church Kiwanis Club, and the wording was approved by a vote of the CPCA membership.

The CPCA Board of Directors and Public Works Committee worked closely on these projects with Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley, Park Authority Representative Joanne Malone, and officials of the Fairfax County Park Authority. The CPCA wishes to express its appreciation to these individuals, and to the Falls Church Kiwanis Club.

- Albert LaFrance

It's Time to Renew

Annual memberships in the City Park Civic Association run from March 1 to March 1, so renewals will be due soon.

Here's how renewal works:

All memberships expire on March 1. 1995/1996 dues of \$5.00 per household must be paid by that date to maintain your membership.

If you joined the Association on or after November 1 of last year but paid the full-year dues of \$5.00 at that time, you'll only pay \$2.50 with your renewal application.

If you have paid the full year's dues in advance, you will owe nothing, but we would still appreciate your sending in a new application form.

To receive a membership application, please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420 or Susie Brooks on 237-0894. Please include a completed form with your dues payment; it greatly simplifies our recordkeeping, and the form has an up-to-date list of committees and an authorization for your inclusion in the City Park Homes Community Directory.

Finally, if you aren't a member, why not start off the year by joining your Association and working with your neighbors to make life better for everyone in City Park Homes? For new members joining before March 1, pro-rated dues are \$2.50 for the remainder of the 1994/1995 term. On or before that date, you can renew for 1995/1996 as described above. If you join after March 1, you'll pay \$5.00 for your full-year dues.

