

CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION CITY PARK CITIZEN

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Neighborhood Beautification Committee Formed

Members of the City Park Civic Association have formed a new committee dedicated to enhancing and protecting the natural and man-made environment in our community. Called the Neighborhood Beautification Committee, this group will try to develop and promote gardening and landscaping projects at the community, street, and block levels. In addition, the committee hopes to assist individual residents, and the neighborhood as a whole, by obtaining and sharing expert advice in such areas as home maintenance, gardening, lawn care, and environmental protection.

Patti White, of 6812 Chestnut Avenue, has volunteered to chair the Neighborhood Beautification Committee. A wide variety of possible projects were discussed at the committee's first meeting on 27 February 1992. These included the installation of a community bulletin board at Jefferson Village Park, group purchasing of services such as painting and driveway resurfacing, and organized cleanups of public spaces. Residents who would like to contribute their ideas, energy, and talents toward a more attractive City Park Homes are urged to contact Ms. White on 534-4098.

Civic Association Meeting

**Monday, March 23, 1992
at 7:30 P.M.**

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Public Works Committee Report

On January 27, at a special meeting organized by the Public Works Committee, Mr. Don Pilkenton, Chief of the Community Improvement Program (CIP) of the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, spoke to a group of City Park Homes residents about the CIP's purposes and activities. Mr. Pilkenton's presentation included slides of some of the CIP's completed projects around the County, and detailed information about the procedures and costs involved in a neighborhood's participation. The information provided by Mr. Pilkenton was very interesting; however, he pointed out that a lack of funding makes it unlikely that the CIP will be able to consider new projects anytime soon.

Since the January 13 general meeting of the City Park Civic Association, the Public Works Committee has met several times to discuss the options that City Park Homes might have for obtaining much-needed repairs to our streets, gutters, and curbs. It appears that our best hope will be with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which has direct responsibility for this type of maintenance. In this regard, a letter has been sent to senior VDOT management, with copies provided to Tom Davis, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Katherine Hanley, Providence District Supervisor; Jane Woods, State Senator; and Leslie Byrne, State Delegate.

VDOT has recently completed the scheduled cleaning of our storm drainage structures and is now making major repairs to their walls, tops, and inlets. Road repairs and asphalt patching on a number of

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Bylaws Committee Releases Proposed Bylaws

On March 3, the Bylaws Committee of the City Park Civic Association released a set of proposed bylaws for the Association. The bylaws have been delivered to the residences of all members. A vote on the adoption of these bylaws is on the agenda for the Association's next general membership meeting, to be held on March 23.

In a cover letter which accompanied the bylaws, committee chairman Joe Leocha noted that, in developing the proposed bylaws, the group tried to adopt the best elements of the bylaws now being used successfully by other organizations. He reported that the committee studied the bylaws of other civic associations, some small corporations, and a national club.

Mr. Leocha's letter also pointed out some of the highlights of the bylaws, including incorporation of the Association to limit liability, a nine-member board of directors, dues of five dollars per year per household, an annual meeting to be held in May, and a quorum requirement of twenty percent.

In addition to Mr. Leocha, Bylaws Committee members are Steve Armstrong, Jane Chapman, Betty Charles, Albert LaFrance, and Robert Ritter.

The Bylaws Committee was formed at the Association's January 13th general membership meeting after discussion revealed concerns about the adequacy of the original proposed bylaws.

Association members who have not yet received their bylaws package should call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420, day or evening.

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streets in City Park Homes will begin in late spring or early summer. The storm-drainage study being conducted by VDOT should also be completed this spring. The results will be very important to us! At this time, our community is ranked 272 on the VDOT Sidewalk Management Assistance Program's priority list of neighborhoods needing repairs. Whether the study will result in our moving up on that list remains to be seen.

As you will notice, the Public Works Committee has included a survey in this newsletter. We are most anxious to know what our neighbors and residents would like to see done. Please take the time to complete and return the survey so that we can publish the results in the next issue of the Citizen.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments.

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

The second general membership meeting of the City Park Civic Association was held on Monday, January 13th, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. in the multi-purpose room of the Graham Road Elementary School. Approximately 50 persons attended.

Albert LaFrance, President, called the meeting to order and introduced Bob Hull, the Providence District Representative to the Fairfax County Park Authority. Mr. Hull announced that a donation of \$250 had been received to erect two plaques at the Jefferson Village Park. The plaques would read:

"In appreciation of the residents of City Park Homes who built this park in 1947 and donated it to the citizens of Fairfax County in 1980."

Mr. Hull expressed his enthusiasm for the civic association and asked that the association vote its approval for the wording on the plaques. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Mr. LaFrance then introduced the following officers: Vice President Bill Harrod, Treasurer Jim Feagins, and Secretary Susie Brooks. Mr. LaFrance also thanked Tom Saunders and Peter Hartzler for the fine job they did in putting together the first issue of the City Park Citizen.

Next, Mr. LaFrance introduced Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley. Ms. Hanley stated that she was very pleased with the organizational process and the hard work which had been put into starting the Association. She welcomed everyone and encouraged their active participation in making the Association a success. Secretary Susie Brooks then gave her report, noting that the Board of

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Directors had held two meetings, on November 20 and January 10, to discuss committees, special projects, the proposed bylaws, and the membership meeting agenda.

Treasurer Jim Feagins then reported that the Association has been issued a tax identification number, and that a checking account has been opened at First Virginia Bank. He noted that 28 paid membership applications had been received, with dues receipts totaling \$130. He also advised that the Association's first expense would be \$31.25 for check printing.

The next order of business concerned the proposed bylaws, which had been published in the first issue of the City Park Citizen. A motion was made to adopt the proposed bylaws; however, sufficient concerns were expressed to warrant the formation of a bylaws committee. Joe Leocha, Steve Armstrong, Bob Ritter, Betty Charles, Jane Chapman, and Albert LaFrance volunteered to take on the task of revising the proposed bylaws.

Public Works Committee members Susie Brooks and Albert LaFrance then presented their report. They noted that, as a result of committee action, pedestrian crossings had been marked at the intersections of Summerfield Road with Jefferson Avenue and Chestnut Avenue, and that storm-drain repairs and cleaning were being done in the neighborhood.

Ms. Brooks informed the attendees that Mr. Don Pilkenton of the Fairfax County Community Improvement Program had offered to give a presentation to the Association about what his program does. There being sufficient interest expressed by the membership, Ms. Brooks stated that the committee would schedule and publicize the presentation.

At this point the members agreed, in the interest of saving time, to forego the scheduled break.

The next order of business was a report from the Traffic Control Committee. Chairman Willie Weiss spoke on the issue of cut-through traffic, and explained that his committee was working with the Greenway Downs Citizens Association to explore the options available to control traffic on Summerfield Road and Marshall Street. He announced that a meeting on this topic was scheduled for January 14, and encouraged interested persons to contact him for details.

Neighborhood Watch chairperson Deborah Tootle handed out brochures entitled "An Introduction to Neighborhood Watch", and spoke of the need for active community participation in this program. She asked for ideas, suggestions, and volunteers for the committee.

The Covenants Committee, chaired by Gene Dahl, reported next. Mr. Dahl asked for volunteers and indicated that his committee would be holding a meeting with a report to be forthcoming.

A date of March 23, 1992, for the next meeting was proposed and was accepted by the membership, and Mr. LaFrance adjourned the meeting.

HELP WANTED

The City Park Citizen urgently needs help in the following areas:

Editing - Publishing a newsletter requires a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun. Here is your chance to help make each issue of the Citizen interesting, informative, and useful - a true voice for our community.

Writing/Reporting - Whether you would like to be a "regular", or to just contribute an interesting item from time to time, we need your talent.

Printer - Could you or your firm donate printing services? Reproduction costs are the largest item in the Association's budget. With approximately 500 copies needed to reach everyone in City Park Homes, keeping in touch is getting to be very expensive! Your help in printing any quantities of the Citizen or other Association materials is needed and will be appreciated by your community.

Interested? Please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420, day or evening.

City Park Citizen
City Park Civic Association
Residents Newsletter

President: Albert LaFrance
Vice President: Bill Harrod
Secretary: Susie Brooks
Treasurer: Jim Feagins
Production & Design: Tom Saunders

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

General Meeting
Monday, March 23, 1992 at 7:30 P.M.

Graham Road Elementary School cafeteria/multi-purpose room 3036 Graham Road

Parking, including handicapped parking with elevator access, is in the faculty/staff lot behind the school, on Monticello Drive. From the service road on the north side of Rt. 50, Monticello is one block west of Graham Road, just past the Harvest Moon Restaurant.

People who have difficulty climbing long flights of stairs may call Elizabeth Rasmussen on 533-1998 for information about alternate parking arrangements.

On the agenda...

- Report of bylaws committee and adoption of bylaws
- Progress reports from standing committees - Requests for volunteers
- Ideas for new projects and activities

- YOUR opinions:
 - what should be our objectives?
 - how can we achieve them?

All are welcome; however, voting privileges will be restricted to Association members.

A membership application form is included in this issue of the Citizen.

For more information about the meeting or to verify your membership status, please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

City Park Civic Association

6800 Jefferson Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22042

Child Find

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

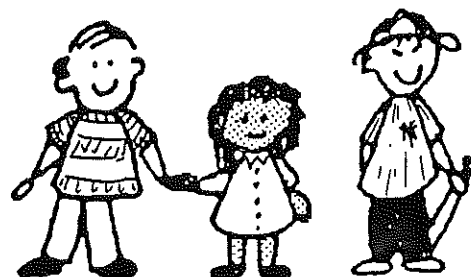
Who: Preschoolers ages 20 months to 5 years

Time: 1 to 1 1/2 hours

Cost: Free

Where: Devonshire Center
2831 Graham Road
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

876 - 5244
(TDD 876 - 5222)



or

Lorton Center
8101 Lorton Road
Lorton, Virginia 22079

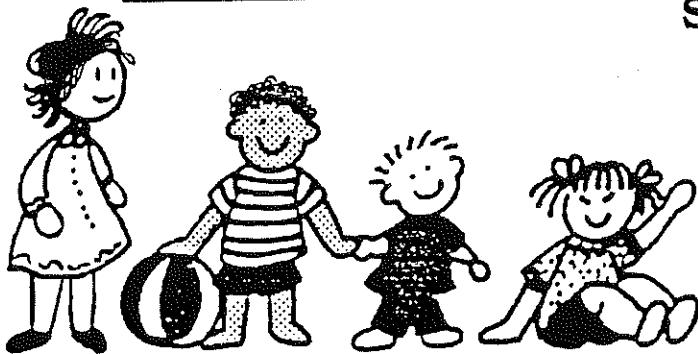
446 - 2100

SCREENING TO ASSESS SKILLS IN

- ✓ body coordination
- ✓ self help
- ✓ knowledge/concepts
- ✓ speech/language
- ✓ getting along with others
- ✓ vision/hearing

* If there are concerns about your 20 months to 5-year-old child's development, further evaluations are available

* For screening of children under 20 months, call 246 - 7121



SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

For a child five-years-old or older, contact your base-school principal if you have concerns. Referrals to the principal may be made either by parents or school staff.

CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

☐ Own ☐ Rent

DUES: Please make check for \$5 (per household) payable to City Park Civic Association.

Mail to: City Park Civic Association
6902 Farragut Ave.
Falls Church, VA 22042

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s):

☐ Public Works

☐ Health and Zoning

☐ Safety and Security

☐ Block Captains

(includes Neighborhood Watch)

☐ By-laws

☐ Covenants

☐ Newsletter

☐ Traffic Control

☐ Special Events

☐ Neighborhood Beautification

Comments _____

PUBLIC WORKS SURVEY

Please help the Public Works Committee by taking the time to complete this survey! Your input is so important in order to determine what issues have priority within our community! The results will be published in the next issue of the City Park Citizen.

(NEEDED TO PROCESS SURVEY:)

Address:

OPTIONAL:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time to Call: _____

Please check one for each subject:
Overall Rating is City Park as a whole

Opinion of condition		Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Curbs/Gutters	(My street Only)					
	(*Overall*)					
Street Lighting	(My street Only)					
	(*Overall*)					
Storm Drain Facilities	(My street Only)					
	(*Overall*)					
Asphalt	(My street Only)					
	(*Overall*)					
Existing Sidewalks	(My street Only)					
	(*Overall*)					

Many residents are displeased with the appearance of the right-of-way between Jefferson Village Park and Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard). What would you like us to suggest to the State?

- ☐ (1) Pave area/designate it as a parking lot for Jefferson Village Park Users.
☐ (2) Plant grass and/or trees in the area & prohibit parking there.
☐ (3) Leave it as it is.
☐ (4) Other _____

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: A LOT OF RESIDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING SIDEWALKS. THE SIDEWALKS ARE STATE OWNED AND MAINTAINED AND THE STATE WILL ONLY REPAIR OR REPLACE EXISTING SIDEWALKS. THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SIDEWALKS AND PETITIONS ARE NOT BEING ACCEPTED BY THE COUNTY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL SIDEWALKS IN THE COMMUNITY.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CONCERNS. YOUR COMMENTS ARE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED OUTSIDE THE ASSOCIATION.

Please mail or hand deliver the completed survey to one of the following committee members by March 31, 1992, or bring it to the Association meeting on March 23.

Susie Brooks 6807 Chestnut Ave.
 Mary Ann Daly 2915 Adams Place
 Albert LaFrance 6800 Jefferson Ave.

Betty Charles 2934 Woodlawn Ave.
 Peggy Fewell 2927 Marshall Street

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

