

City Park Citizen

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Annual Meeting Scheduled for May 13 Several Positions on Board Will Open

The City Park Civic Association will hold its regularly scheduled annual meeting on Wednesday, May 13. Among the items on the agenda at the meeting will be the nomination and election of new members of the Association's Board of Directors. Several incumbent board members have indicated they will not be returning. The seat formerly held by Darryl Adams, who with his family moved from the area, is still unfilled as well.

Another item on the agenda for the annual meeting will be the proposed renovation of the area adjoining the ball field along Arlington Boulevard. A committee has been formed to present recommendations for this project at the meeting. Please call Chairperson Susanne English on 237- 0727 if you would like to help.

Phase III Road Work to Begin in Spring

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has advised the City Park Civic Association that it expects to award a contract in March for Phase III of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements project. VDOT's Assistant Resident Engineer for Maintenance, Ms. Reneé Hamilton, reports that the final construction documents have been sent to Department headquarters in Richmond, which will advertise the project for bids this month.

Construction will begin later this spring, and is scheduled to take 180 days. VDOT intends to have the work completed by the end of 1998, but bad weather and unexpected problems could delay this schedule.

CPCA 1998 Calendar of Events

<i>May 2</i>	<i>Neighborhood Cleanup</i>
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Annual Meeting</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Summer Picnic</i>
<i>Aug</i>	<i>National Night Out</i>
<i>Sept 12</i>	<i>Community Yard Sale</i>
<i>Nov 4</i>	<i>General Membership Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>Holiday Party</i>

Upon receiving the preliminary Phase III plans last year, the Association noted that the Arlington Boulevard service road was not included in the project. We expressed this concern to VDOT, but were advised that the street could not be rebuilt in Phase III because it is considered a primary road, whose maintenance is covered by a different budget from the secondary roads which make up the remainder of the Phase III area. We were told that the responsible VDOT superintendent and maintenance manager have looked at the street and placed it on the department's priority list, but that no work has been budgeted for the 1998 construction season.

DID YOU KNOW...

Large items left at curbside for pickup will remain there until a request is phoned into Fairfax County for a special pickup. Regular trash collection will not dispose of large appliances, mattresses, bathroom fixtures, full size furniture or large quantities of brush unless you make a specific request.

There is no fee for this service.

Call 550-3481 to request a special pickup.

It is the official policy of the City Park Civic Association that the road work must include all of the streets in our community. The Association will continue to work with VDOT and our elected officials to ensure that the much-needed work on the Arlington Boulevard service road is initiated as soon as possible.

In accordance with the work plan developed last year, the City of Falls

Church Department of Public Utilities is continuing with the replacement of all water mains and service lines in the project area. The Fairfax County Department of Public Works, as part of its ongoing maintenance program, is repairing sanitary sewer mains in the neighborhood. Much of this work is being performed by contractors using modern "trenchless" techniques which insert smooth, durable liners into deteriorated pipes without the need for excavation.

Residents having questions or concerns about the upcoming work may call their volunteer Block Captains, as listed on page 6. Residents of zones which do not yet have Block Captains should call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420 if they need any information about the project. Also, please let Mr. LaFrance know if you would be willing to serve as a Block Captain or alternate, or if you have already volunteered but were accidentally omitted from the list.

Fourth Annual Neighborhood Clean Up (and Plant-a Tree) Set for May 2

Come join your neighbors on Saturday, May 2, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to help make Jefferson Village Park a little more beautiful. We'll be planting three trees in the picnic/playground area, and cleaning weeds and debris out of Tripps Run. Bring work gloves, clippers, loppers, hand saws, or shovel and meet in the picnic area of Jefferson Village Park. We'll provide the trash bags.

Can't stay all morning? That's okay. Come help for an hour or so. If we all pitch in a little, we can make a big difference in our park. Call Betty Charles 534-4962 or Dawn Jacobs 532-7745 for more information.

1997 Holiday Party a Big Success

The City Park Civic Association Holiday Party, held on December 4th, was once again a great success! About 80 people braved the rainy December evening to enjoy good company and sample delicious foods prepared by their neighbors. Santa arrived by fire truck, compliments of our local Station 18, and the younger set waited anxiously for their turn to tell him their Christmas wishes. Thanks to all who helped make the evening great, especially local realtor Jim Feagins for his generous contribution.

Time to Renew!

One-year memberships in the City Park Civic Association expire on March 1. To renew your membership, please take a moment to fill out the attached application form and mail it in with your 1998/1999 dues. And if you're not an Association member, now would be an ideal time to join with your neighbors to help make City Park Homes a better place to live.

Some members who joined the Association after November 1 paid full-year dues of \$5.00, rather than half-year dues of \$2.50, and other members have renewed for multiple-year terms. If you have any questions about your membership status or the amount of your renewal dues, please call the Secretary, Dawn Jacobs, on 532-7745.

Each member household should have a copy of the Association's bylaws, including amendments. If you have not received these documents, please let Ms. Jacobs know and we will deliver them to you.

**THE CITY PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTS ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY
PARK NEIGHBORHOOD.**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU IN ORDER TO
BETTER SERVE YOUR NEEDS. CONTACT YOUR
BOARD MEMBERS ON GENERAL ISSUES, OR
YOUR BLOCK CAPTAINS ON ROAD ISSUES TO
LET THEM KNOW YOUR CONCERNS.**

Why is your membership important? It's not just about your dues money, although this plays a vital role in bringing newsletters to you and making other Association activities possible. The most significant element of your membership is YOU. When you choose to join the Association, you're telling your neighbors and elected officials that you care about the place where you live. When the Association takes a position on matters of importance to the community, it is your membership which gives us credibility in the eyes of the state and county officials whose decisions affect all of us.

No Cars for Sale

You may be tired of seeing the impromptu used car lot that springs up along Route 50 between Tripps Run and Summerfield. In tandem with the completion of Phase III, we would like to work with the County and State planners on making that patch of ground an attractive and well landscaped approach to our community, rather than an eyesore.

One of your neighbors, Susanne English, has graciously offered to coordinate efforts in this area. If you have an interest in participating in this process, please contact any one of the City Park Board Members (contact numbers listed on page 6), or Susanne English, at 237-0727.

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.

Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

Spring flowers aren't the only thing that seems to be in bloom in City Park Homes. Today's receipt of the NW newsletters from the Crime Prevention Offices show that City Park Homes Neighborhood Watch Unit needs to put more patrollers on the streets and develop effective crime prevention strategies to keep our community safe. The next training session is March 12, time and place to be announced. Please call for reservations and information. Until then,

Watch for and report suspicious persons and activities.

Watch for signs in the community announcing training sessions and special events.

Watch for education and information through a variety of sources.

Watch out for each other. The NW program is proven to be the most effective method of crime prevention. The basics of NW are simple. Patrol if you can, remain alert to unusual activities at all times. Participating in Neighborhood Watch is easy and takes as little as two hours per month. Can you help?

Crime report: In and around City Park Homes

December - 1 burglary and several larcenies reported in this community from the McLean Station of Fairfax County Police. Mason Station reports a robbery in the 6900 block of Arlington Blvd. (purse stolen). Armed robbery at a gas station in the 6500 block of Arlington Blvd. Commercial burglary occurred in the 6500 block of Arlington Blvd.

January - No information available at this time from Mason Station. McLean reports cash taken from parked vehicle 2900 block of Woodlawn Ave. Vehicle tampering, 6900 block of Jefferson Ave. Armed robbery at the Exxon station in the 7200 block of Arlington Blvd. Vehicle theft at Arlington Blvd. and Woodlawn Ave.

To remain informed, share ideas, report problems or potential problems in our area, or to share questions, comments or concerns, please contact us in any of the following ways.

Pam deWolfe (703) 241-0573

Marcia Cram (703) 538-7193

US Mail: 6901 Kincaid Ave. Falls Church, VA 22042

Email: nwatch@rocketmail.com Web site: www.dewolf.home.ml.org
(Web site undergoing renovation and will be completed on or before Feb 28)

Classified Advertisements

Items For Sale

30" nine-light wood door and storm door, excellent condition - fits back doors of cape cod homes in the neighborhood perfectly. \$125.

Compact Kenmore heavy duty portable washing machine. Three water levels, 5 water temperatures, excellent condition, all manuals with it. \$100.

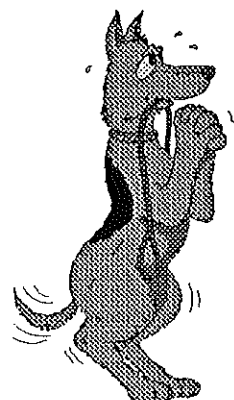
Computer -- 386/33 - 8M RAM, mini-tower, 15" SVGA monitor, upgraded mouse and keyboard, software included. \$300. Call Betty Charles at 534-4962

Dogs for Adoption

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) has many affectionate, healthy dogs in need of adoptive homes. Please call (301) 572-4PAW or visit their web site to view photos and bios of adoptable pets:

<http://www.access.digex.net/~rescue/DOGS/dogs.html>

PAW pets have all shots and are spayed/neutered. A home visit and adoption fee are required to ensure that these animals go to good homes. Thank you!



FCHS Annual Mulch Sale

Falls Church High School has begun its annual mulch sale to help support this year's alcohol and drug-free All Night Grad Party. Three-cubic-foot bags of double-shredded hardwood mulch are being sold for \$3.00 each. Orders of 15 bags or more will be delivered free of charge. A \$1.00 fee per bag will be charged for orders outside a ten-mile radius of the school. There will also be a limited number of bags available for purchase at the school.

The deadline for ordering is Saturday, March 14. The mulch will be delivered on Saturday, March 28.

To order, send your check, payable to "FCHS All Night Grad Party", to Cheryl McCulloch, 7203 Quincy Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042. Please include your phone number.

School Bus Drivers Needed

Fairfax County Public Schools has immediate openings for school bus drivers. Beginning salary is \$10.38 per hour plus benefits, including health insurance. A paid training program gives applicants the skills and confidence to safely operate a school bus. These are responsible, professional jobs with many positive bonuses. Parents may bring their preschool-age children with them on the bus. Retirees can enjoy part-time work and still have much leisure time. Regular and part-time substitute work is available. Call the Transportation Training Section on (703) 714-5660 for information and an interview appointment.

Phase III Block Captains

Zone	Street	Between		Contact	Phone	Address
1	Arlington	E. Tripps Run	Greenway			
2	Arlington	Greenway	Marshall			
3	Arlington	Marshall	Westcott			
4	Arlington	Westcott	Woodlawn			
5	Aronow	[entire street]		Jean Lowrance	533-0720	7004 Aronow
6	Carlton	[entire street]		Matt Jacobs	532-7745	2903 Woodlawn
7	Chestnut	Summerfield	Marshall	Kathy Ault	237-6851	6815 Chestnut
7	Chestnut	Summerfield	Marshall	Susie Brooks*	237-0894	6807 Chestnut
8	Chestnut	Marshall	Woodlawn [to end]	Matt Jacobs	532-7745	2903 Woodlawn
9	Ellen	[entire street]		Wayne Millner	534-7937	7010 Ellen
10	Farragut	Summerfield	Greenway	Laura Davis	241-2356	6805 Farragut
11	Farragut	Greenway	Marshall	Ann Dykman	237-9453	6914 Farragut
12	Greenway	[entire street]				
13	Jackson	[entire street]		Ford Jones	538-2620	6906 Jackson
14	Jefferson	Summerfield	Marshall	Dave Obeid	532-7051	6905 Jefferson
15	Jefferson	Marshall	Westcott			
16	Jefferson	Westcott	Woodlawn [to end]	Betty Charles	534-4962	2934 Woodlawn
17	Kincaid	[entire street]		Ford Jones	538-2620	6906 Jackson
18	Marshall	Chestnut	Carlton	Jane Chapman	532-1188	2904 Westcott
19	Marshall	Carlton	Jefferson			
20	Marshall	Jefferson	Arlington	Mike Pereira	227-6541	2928 Marshall
21	Rose	[entire street]		Craig Harner	536-1985	2904 Rose
22	Summerfield	Chestnut	Jefferson	Ann Divecha	532-4921	6800 Farragut
23	Summerfield	Jefferson	Arlington	Ann Divecha	532-4921	6800 Farragut
24	Westcott	Chestnut	Carlton	Jane Chapman	532-1188	2904 Westcott
25	Westcott	Carlton	Jefferson	Jane Chapman	532-1188	2904 Westcott
26	Westcott	Jefferson	Arlington			
27	Woodlawn	Chestnut	Jefferson	Matt Jacobs	532-7745	2903 Woodlawn
28	Woodlawn	Jefferson	Arlington	Betty Charles	534-4962	2934 Woodlawn

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* = Backup/alternate

City Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name (s): _____

Children's names and ages (optional): _____

Address: _____

Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone (Optional): _____

Dues: \$5 annually per household, payable at time of membership application.

Check one:

() \$5 March 1, 1998 to March 1, 1999

() \$10 March 1, 1998 to March 1, 2000

Members joining between November 1 and March 1 pay partial-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, VA 22042

I am interested in joining the following committee:

() Neighborhood Cleanup works to keep our neighborhood and Jefferson Village Park clean.

Comments: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

