

CITY PARK CITIZEN

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Meeting Set for Nov. 15

The next general membership meeting of the City Park Civic Association will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 1994, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Devonshire Center, at 2831 Graham Road, near the intersection of Graham Road and Lee Highway.

Parking for the cafeteria is at the north (Lee Highway) end of the building. This is the second entrance drivers will encounter when approaching the Center from the south on Graham Road. If the north lot is full, more parking is available behind the building. Entrance to that lot is at the sign indicating "Driveway Entrance", at the south end of the building.

A ramp is available, at the front of the building, for persons having mobility difficulties.

On the agenda...

- Progress report on VDOT street and drainage project Phase I, and news on Phase II
- Plans for Holiday Party
- Neighborhood Watch update
- as always, YOUR opinions:
 - what should be our objectives?
 - how can we achieve them?

All residents (homeowners and renters) of City Park Homes are welcome; however, voting will be limited to Association members. Membership is open to all residents.

To obtain more information about the meeting, to verify their membership status, or to request a membership application, interested persons should call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

Holiday Party-Dec. 9!

The City Park Civic Association will host its third annual Holiday Party for the children and adults of our community on Friday, December 9, from 7 to 9 P.M., at the Devonshire Center. Our visitor from the North Pole has sent his RSVP. He'll be there, will you?

Lot of effort will be needed for a successful party. If you can help, please call Susie Brooks on 237-0894, or Pam deWolfe on 241-0573 after 6 P.M.

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Update

We have had a burglary in the 6700 block of Chestnut Avenue. Entry was gained through the back door during the day on Wednesday, November 2. This is a common mode of entry for residential burglaries. Please remember to lock your doors, keep an eye on your neighbors' homes, and report any suspicious activity or noise to the police immediately.

The October 5 issue of the Fairfax Journal newspaper reported the arrest of three people and warrants for ten more in connection with part of our graffiti, the "LA XIII" symbols that have shown up in our community. Police arrested two 18 year olds and a 27 year old in Round Tree Park, off Annandale Road, early on Sunday. The other ten are all under the age of 18, with petitions (the juvenile equivalent of arrest warrants) pending. Most of the teenagers involved are from Arlington County, one is from Falls Church and one is from Fairfax County. Does this mean that the problems in our neighborhood are over? I hope so, but this does not mean that we should let our guard down.

NOTE: Due to its destructive nature and new-found popularity, graffiti is now a separate crime from vandalism and should be reported to the police as graffiti.

Patrol Policy

We have several people who, either out of necessity or by choice, are patrolling alone. We cannot continue to do this. We have to find a way to "buddy up", either with another patroller or someone else. Only one partner needs to be trained, though.

Daytime patrollers: do you know of someone else who is at home and can spend an hour with you? Do you usually have coffee with a friend, neighbor or relative who could ride with you? They don't even have to be a member of this community. Drag your mother-in-law out with you when she comes to visit. (I'm sorry, she cannot be locked in the trunk while you patrol, but she might have a new respect for you after she accompanies you on your shift!)

If we do not strictly adhere to these rules, our community can lose our right to participate in Neighborhood Watch.

Training Meeting Set

The next NW training meeting will be held on December 8, at the Mason District Police Station, at 7:30 p.m.. If you know of anyone who would like to become part of NW or if you would like a refresher, please plan to attend this meeting. I can arrange for transportation if you need a ride.

NW Dinner Cancelled

The NW dinner has again been canceled. Only one couple responded to the invitation. If any of the patrollers are interested in accompanying me to the NW Holiday Party at the Mason District Police Station on December 14, at 7:30 p.m., please contact me on 241-0573.

- Pam deWolfe