

# CITY PARK CITIZEN

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## General Meeting Set for October 23

A general membership meeting of the City Park Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 1996 at 7:30 P.M., in the cafeteria of the Graham Road Elementary School.

The school is located at 3036 Graham Road, near the intersection of Graham Road and Arlington Boulevard (Route 50). Parking is in the lot behind the building, entered via Monticello Drive (off the Arlington Boulevard service road, one block west of Graham Road, just past the Harvest Moon restaurant). Some parking is available at the front of the building for persons having mobility difficulties.

Among the items on the agenda are...

- Road work phase III: Planning progress report
- Proposals for the Holiday Party: Can you help organize?
- Amendment to bylaws: see article on page 2
- Final plans for VolunteerFest work at Graham Road Elementary School - see article on page 5
- Your ideas, questions, and concerns

All residents (homeowners and renters) of City Park Homes are welcome; however, voting will be limited to Association members. For more information about the meeting, or to verify your membership, please call CPCA Secretary Dawn Jacobs on 532-7745.

## Boulevard Baptist Church to Hold Block Party on September 28

The Boulevard Baptist Church, located at 7000 Arlington Boulevard in City Park Homes, will hold its annual Community Block Party on Saturday, September 28, from 10 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine. This year's event is sponsored jointly with the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, also located in our community. The Block Party will feature food, door prizes, and informative booths and displays. Admission, food, and activities are all free of charge.

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## Bylaws Amendment Proposed

At its regular meeting on September 16, 1996, the Board of Directors of the City Park Civic Association voted to endorse the following proposed amendment to the Association's bylaws, and to present the amendment to the membership at the October 23 general meeting. Adoption of the amendment will require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote, provide a quorum exists.

### WHEREAS

- Directors are elected by the membership to participate in the leadership and management of the Association's affairs, and;
- Frequent absences by a Director from meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the membership are inconsistent with those responsibilities, and;
- City Park Civic Association's business is conducted at meetings of the Board of Directors, requiring a quorum at each meeting to take action, and;
- The Bylaws of the Association contain no provision for the removal of a Director who frequently fails to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the membership;

### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That Article III (Board of Directors), Paragraph 5 (Removal) of the Bylaws of City Park Civic Association, Inc., signed and dated on July 14, 1996, be replaced with the following:

5. Removal - A Director may be removed from office by the following means:

a. Vote of the Membership - Members may remove any director, with or without cause, but only at a meeting called for that purpose and the notice of the meeting must state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is the removal of the director. The name of such director shall not be published in the notice of the meeting.

b. Failure to Attend Meetings - Any director who fails to attend four (4) meetings of the Board of Directors or meetings of the membership within a series of twelve (12) such meetings shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

*Notes: The wording in a. of the amendment is the language in the current bylaws. The headings and section b. are the additions proposed. Should this amendment be approved, the effective date for starting the 12 month period would begin at the time the amendment passes.*

*Block Party from page 1*

The Block Party will feature a moonbounce, an open-air café, displays of firefighting and emergency medical apparatus from Station 18, Officer Friendly of the Fairfax County Police Department, health exhibits from Fairfax Hospital, and useful information offered by local businesses and professionals. A number of exciting door prizes are being offered, including Redskins tickets and gift certificates for goods and services.

The Block Party organizers have offered the City Park Civic Association the opportunity to set up an information table, so residents will be able to meet representatives of the Association and learn more about its goals and activities.

## Phase II Road Work Continues

Work on Phase II of the City Park Homes Drainage Improvements project is continuing, despite delays caused by wet weather, underground utility line conflicts, and design difficulties. Completion is expected in November.

Granja Contracting is completing installation of the new curb and gutter on East Tripps Run Road and Farragut Avenue. The old asphalt pavement has been stripped, and a new crushed stone sub-base laid, on Chestnut Avenue east of the Tripps Run creek, Monroe Place, and Madison Place, with work on the remaining streets in progress. New asphalt pavement, which will be placed in two layers, is to be installed by Superior Paving Corporation after the sub-base has been graded and compacted. Work on Chestnut Avenue west of the creek has been delayed due to design problems related to the storm drainage system. Residents having questions or concerns about the project should contact a VDOT inspector (in the orange truck), or they may call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420.

## City Park Civic Association Board of Directors 1996-1997

Name/Office	Address	Phone Number	Term Expires
President: Albert LaFrance	6800 Jefferson Ave	536-2420	1998
Vice President: Ford Jones	6906 Jackson Ave	538-2620	1998
Secretary: Dawn Jacobs	2903 Woodlawn Ave	532-7745	1998
Treasurer: Marcia Cram	6805 Chestnut Ave	538-7193	1997
Directors:			
Darryl Adams	3003 Westcott St	237-4872	1997
Steve Armstrong	6936 Chestnut Ave	532-6631	1997
Jane Chapman	2904 Westcott St	532-1188	1997
Betty Charles	2934 Woodlawn Ave	534-4962	1998
Ann Divecha	6800 Farragut Ave	532-4921	1998

## Community Yard Sale a Big Success!!!

The City Park Homes Community Yard Sale, held on September 7, was a huge success! Twenty-five families participated in the sale, with some reporting earnings up to \$200.00. Barbara Bush's yard sale, at 7003 Jefferson Ave, was so successful that she gave the Civic Association \$20.00 of her earnings; thanks Barbara! Many more people donated items which earned a total of \$210.00 for the Civic Association.

We collected \$25.00 in sign-up fees, spent \$90.00 on advertising/map production (a map showing the individual yard sale locations was available at all yard sale sites so buyers wouldn't miss a bargain), and spent \$35.00 for large wooden signs that can be used again and again for our future yard sales. So all-in-all the Civic Association made a profit of \$130.00! **Thanks to all who donated, participated, and volunteered their time, in particular organizers Ann Divecha and Dawn Jacobs.** We look forward to another success next year.

## Fairfax County's Special Refuse Collections

There are two types of "special collection pickups". One is for removal of large, bulky items such as appliances, mattresses and furniture. The other refers to *large quantities* of brush. The quantity of loose brush requiring special collection is defined as *any amount greater than four 30" x 4' bundles*.

Residents should note that County crews will *not* collect brush, limbs, and logs resulting from work done by commercial landscaping or tree services. Such material must be removed by the company doing the work. This responsibility should be clearly specified in a contract signed by the homeowner before work begins.

The County alternates the collection of bulky items and brush each week. For City Park residents, these collections are on Fridays. You must call early in the week to schedule a special pickup. *If you put something out for special pickup without calling, it will not be picked up.* Just as the County asks that you not put your regular trash out until the night before its collection, they also ask that any items for special pickup be put out the night before as well. The number to call is 550-3481. Here's the schedule for the next two months:

### BRUSH PICKUP

October 4  
October 18  
November 1  
November 15

### BULKY HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

October 11  
October 25  
November 8  
November 22

## How to Get Rid of an Old Car

Get rid of that clunker you no longer want and get a tax deduction too! The Salvation Army will accept an *operable* car, camper, or boat. Call them at 800-538-2438. Goodwill Industries will also accept any car that can crawl to one of its lots. Call 202-636-4225 for more information. The National Kidney Foundation will take a car whether or not it runs and will come pick it up! Call them at 202-337-6600.

## Use Caution Around Unfamiliar Animals

On September 20th a raccoon was seen behaving strangely in the 2900 block of Westcott Street. Animal Control was notified; the raccoon was destroyed by law enforcement officials and the carcass was taken to the animal shelter. The carcass was not tested for the presence of rabies. Nonetheless, please be cautious of any animals roaming the neighborhood. The *Falls Church News-Press* reported on September 19 that three cases of rabies had been confirmed in the City of Falls Church, with several more in Fairfax County. If you see a suspicious animal, do not approach it. Call Animal Control immediately on **830-3310**.

## Did You Know??...

Proceeds from The Clock Tower Thrift Shop, at the corner of Annandale Road and Chestnut Avenue, benefit the Northern Virginia Family Service.

Northern Virginia Family Service is a private, non-profit social service organization, whose motto is "Helping People Help Themselves". Their services address issues of relationships, homelessness, child abuse and health through counseling, home visits, support groups, and much more!

The Clock Tower Thrift Shop relies on our support to survive. Donations, all tax deductible, are accepted from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Sat. and 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Sun. Also, volunteers are always welcome. What a great way to clean out your closet and support a worthwhile community service!

## Volunteers Needed on October 26

The Fairfax County Volunteer Center has asked the residents of City Park Homes to assist with a number of projects in and around our community during VolunteerFest on October 26. On the following page is a letter from Supervisor Connolly explaining the program and how we can participate. The Volunteer Center is a county-wide group organized on the basis of Supervisor districts.

At its meeting on September 16, the CPCA Board of Directors voted to make the work at Graham Road Elementary School the Association's official project, since the Association has had a long relationship with that school and the Board has voted in the past to offer its support. Residents interested in helping at Graham Road are asked to contact any Board member, and to come to the general meeting on October 23 for detailed planning of our activities.

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NON-BUSINESS ADS - are free to City Park Civic Association members, subject to editorial approval and space availability. Please call Albert LaFrance on 536-2420 for more information.

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FOR SALE - Century 590 Infant Car Seat with detachable carrier and sun hood. Blue-grey, looks like new, with instruction manual. For babies under 20 pounds. \$20 Call Suzanne (703) 538-4785

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**COUNTY OF FAIRFAX**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22035



**Message From Providence District Supervisor Gerry Connolly**

Dear Neighbors,

On October 26, we have a unique opportunity to make a real difference by joining our neighbors in Volunteerfest, a day of public service projects ranging from assisting seniors to cleaning up our community parks and trails.

To make this exciting day a success, I am asking for your help. If you belong to a school, business, civic or religious group, please consider forming a volunteer team and joining us for a few hours. You don't need to be part of an organization to participate. You and your family can also join a Volunteerfest project.

In Providence District, we are organizing several projects in which you can participate. At the James Lee Community Center, we will be building shelves for the Senior Center, cleaning and landscaping the grounds, cleaning the kitchen, and decorating for that night's Halloween Party. At the Clock Tower Thrift Store, operated by Northern Virginia Family Services, we will organize the storage area and have a clothing drive. At Graham Road Elementary School, we will paint emergency exit doors, install outdoor garbage cans and a bench, and build shelves for band instruments. Throughout the district, school groups will be raking leaves for the elderly and disabled. In addition, we will "spruce up" several parks in Providence, including the W&OD bike trail.

If you can help, please call my office at 560-6946 or Providence District Volunteerfest Co-Chairs Linda Smyth 280-2627 or Dee Horsley at 591-4260. We will be glad to answer your questions, help you select a project, and send you a registration form. Advance registration needs to be turned in by October 15, and you will receive confirmation from the Volunteer Center. Anyone wanting to register on the day of the event should come by my office between 9 and 10:30 A.M. I look forward to seeing you on this exciting and important day.

Sincerely,

Gerry Connolly  
Providence District Supervisor

## 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)

## Getting Out Alive: A Fire Evacuation Plan For Your Home

You've only been asleep a few hours. An alarm is going off, but it's not your alarm clock. It's your smoke detector. What do you do now? If you don't have a home evacuation plan, it may be too late to come up with one. Plan ahead to survive your encounter with fire.

Make an **ESCAPE PLAN**. When a fire occurs, there's no time for planning. So sit down with your family today and make a step-by-step plan for escaping a fire. Your plan should include the following:

**1. Know Two Ways Out!** Draw a diagram of your home, plan two ways out of every room, especially bedrooms.

**2. In An Apartment:** Be sure you can unlock all locks quickly, even in the dark. Never use an el-

evator during a fire, it may stop between floors or even take you to the floor where the fire is burning.

**3. In A House:** Make sure everyone can unlock all locks and open all windows and doors quickly. If you must escape from a window be sure you have a safe way to reach the ground. Make special arrangements for small children and people with disabilities.

**4. Get Out Fast!** In case of a fire, don't wait for anything. Do not try to take possessions or pets. Just get out! Call the fire department after you are out.

**5. Choose A Meeting Place!** Everyone should gather at one meeting place outside, preferably at the

front, where the fire department will arrive. Each family member should know how to call the fire department from a neighbor's home.

**6. Don't Go Back, No Matter What!** Make sure everyone in your family knows that once they are out, they must not go back for any reason.

Develop your fire evacuation plan today. Practice your plan at least twice a year to ensure that everyone understands where to go and what to do in case of a fire.

If you need help with your evacuation plan, contact your local fire station or the Life Safety Education Branch of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at 246-3801; TTY 385-4419. ▲

## **FAMILY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.**

10335 DEMOCRACY LANE, SUITE 202, FAIRFAX, VA 22030  
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### **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

8 OCT. 1996	TOPIC: PAYING FOR COLLEGE	7:30PM
9 OCT. 1996	TOPIC: WHAT ABOUT "MOM & DAD"	7:30PM
22 OCT. 1996	TOPIC: PAYING FOR COLLEGE	7:30PM
12 NOV. 1996	TOPIC: PAYING FOR COLLEGE	7:30PM
19 NOV. 1996	TOPIC: WHAT ABOUT " MOM & DAD"	7:30 PM

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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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