



PCA Newsletter

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It has come to the PCA's attention that some residents are still not picking up after their dogs. **Montgomery County law requires immediate clean-up of dog feces on any property other than your own.** This is also a common courtesy. Clean up after your pets.

Dog Walking Safety and Courtesy

While walking your dog, please keep in mind the following, which are **required by County law**:

- Dogs must be leashed anytime they are off your property.
- Dog owners must avoid "unwanted contact" between their dogs and people and other dogs.
- Dog walkers may allow their dogs to "do their business" in the area between the street and sidewalk, or a PCA common area, but the walker must immediately pick up remains. Please always carry, use and properly discard your dog's "business" bags.
- Dogs and cats 4+ months old require a current rabies vaccination and County license.

Upcoming Events

Have an event we can include? email info@plantations1.org

April 11: HOA Meeting - 7 PM (Location/Zoom TBD)

April 11- 18: Spring Break for MCPS

April 22: Earth Day

April 23: Community Earth Day Clean Up

May 9: HOA Meeting - 7 PM (Location/Zoom TBD)

May 30: Memorial Day

June 13: HOA Meeting - 7 PM (Location/Zoom TBD)

*Starting in April the Board has booked the Staff Lounge at Woodfield Elementary to conduct HOA meetings, Currently masks are optional per MCPS guidelines. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.. Reminder emails go out before the meeting to all the email addresses PCA has on file, and include a Zoom access link and phone number, if you prefer to call in. HOA members are encouraged to participate. We need new ideas to grow and thrive!



With recent reports of vandalism and petty theft in Montgomery County, something we can all do to help keep our community safe is to reduce temptation. Please secure your vehicles and remember to remove valuables from your car.

Community News & Resources

The PCA sends out occasional email notices, to keep you informed of upcoming meetings, announcements and occasional volunteer opportunities. We never share your email address. To be included, please send your email address to: info@plantations1.org

Facebook Users: There is a group for **Plantations I and II**. It is not affiliated with the PCA but is a nice way to communicate and keep up with the goings on in the neighborhood.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108739809260974>

Lost Pet Resources



- Damascus MD Lost & Found Pets: [facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](https://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)
- Montgomery County MD Lost Pets <https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>
- If your pet is lost, make sure to file a lost report with MCASAC by posting on phshelter.com



Each year the PCA sends out invoices for our annual assessment (HOA fee) in mid-December, with the payment being due on January 31. As is usually the case, we still have some accounts that have not paid the 2022 assessment, and some that owe for previous years. Accounts that are past due are at risk of being sent to the PCA attorney for collections activity.

Current PCA Board

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Recycling bin busted?

Getting new bins is easy and, whether you use it or not, you pay for that service as part of the “Solid Waste Charge” in your property tax bill. ***Don't let your money go to waste!*** Call 311 to have the county replace those broken bins for you and help keep our neighborhood clean!

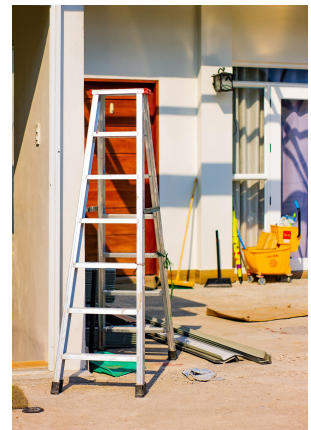


CLUB VIEW PARK

Do you all know we have a beautiful and well equipped neighborhood park over on Club View Drive? Our park has a huge open field perfect for soccer, football, tag, you name it. Prefer court sports? Well the basketball and tennis courts have been recently renovated! A shady playground and well maintained pavilion round out the package to make for a great picnic or birthday party, all just around the corner at 24110 Club View Drive, 20882. Email info@plantations1.org for terms of use.

Planning an exterior home improvement?

Spring is the perfect time of year to start those awesome upgrades to your exterior spaces. The PCA is here to help you ensure that your project follows all the HOA Covenants that govern our community. These governing documents are part of the recorded documents for our HOA and are binding upon every homeowner in Plantations 1. The approval process is pretty simple and the form can be found on the website. Completed forms, questions, concerns? Email info@plantations1.org or join us for an HOA meeting.



As the weather gets warmer and the days grow longer everyone is enjoying the great outdoors! Everyone can use the reminder to slow down when driving through our community. Please remind your visitors, new and younger drivers too. The difference between 25 and 30 mph won't save your commute but it may save a life.

THE FUN STUFF

Easy Apricot Chicken (only 5 ingredients)*

Ingredients

- 3 chicken breasts (boneless, skinless)
- 1 cup apricot preserves
- 1 cup Catalina salad dressing (or Russian dressing)
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 ounces dried onion soup mix

Preparation

1. Cut chicken breasts in half or into serving-sized portions.
2. In a medium-sized bowl, combine apricot preserves, Catalina dressing, onion soup mix, and Dijon mustard. Mix well.
3. Oven Instructions:
4. Preheat oven to 375-degrees. Place chicken in a greased 9×13 baking dish. Pour apricot mixture evenly over chicken and bake 40-45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.
5. Pressure Cooker (Instant Pot) Instructions:
6. Put 1/3 c. water in the Instant Pot. Place chicken in the water and then pour the apricot mixture over the top. Place lid (make sure release tab is set to “sealing”) and cook on high pressure for 10 minutes and allow to natural release for additional 5 minutes.

*Recipe courtesy of avfamilyrecipes.com

Spring Cherry Blossom Tree



Supplies:

- Blue stock card or cardboard painted blue
- Bubble Wrap
- Brown, Pink and White Paint
- Paintbrush(es)

Always ask an adult before starting a project! Adult supervision is recommended.

Steps

1. Mix the paint to make brown and paint a basic tree shape. Alternatively, try drawing around your child's hand and arm to create a 'handprint tree'.
2. Cut out a small piece of bubble wrap. Aim for an amount that fits your child's hands – it will make it easier for them to use. Alternatively, fingertips also make great mediums for blossom creation.
3. Using a paint brush, paint the individual bubbles with a mixture of white and pink paint. This is a great activity for developing fine motor skills!
4. Turn the bubble wrap over, paint side down, and press it firmly onto the tree.
5. Remove the bubble wrap to reveal the print.
6. Repeat and layer until the tree is covered with blossom and ta-da, you have a beautiful Bubble Wrap Cherry Blossom Tree!

*Craft courtesy of www.artycraftykids.com

Joke of the day:

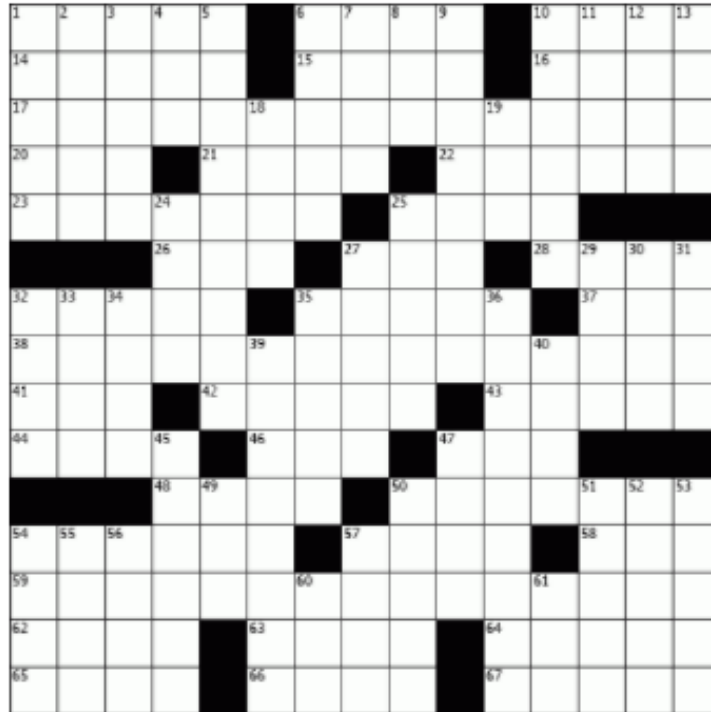
What kind of bee can't make up its mind?

A maybe

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Across

1. British surgeon Sir James
6. Nursery fixture
10. Step down
14. University of Maine locale
15. Succotash bean
16. Drive, say
17. Crow
20. Capt's. heading, perhaps
21. Classic TV captain
22. Scabbard
23. Texas tea tower
25. ER command
26. Publicity, so to speak
27. Short life story
28. Piece of cake
32. Hovering
35. Buffoons
37. Frehley of Kiss
38. Show off
41. Picador's cheer
42. Brown-baggers?
43. Barn baby
44. Percussion instrument
46. Morgan of the comics page
47. Coaching great Parseghian
48. Guns it
50. Organic catalysts
54. South of the Sahara
57. Square measure
58. Seam material
59. Crow
62. Give the boot
63. Dry as dust
64. Administered medicine
65. Predator's dinner
66. Not nuts or crackers
67. Some newspaper essays



Down

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Presented, as a problem | 19. Inventor's cry | 45. Tough and courageous |
| 2. Come into being | 24. Ubiquitous | 47. De novo |
| 3. Hopeless case | 25. S, M, L and XL | 49. Author Umberto |
| 4. Chang's Siamese twin | 27. Fenway's nine, familiarly | 50. Eat away at |
| 5. Conveyed | 29. Item often filed | 51. Archie and Jughead's buddy |
| 6. Bob Cratchit's occupation | 30. Part of a plot, perhaps | 52. Committed a faux pas |
| 7. Peril | 31. Troublesome insect | 53. Transmits |
| 8. Mischief maker | 32. Highly excited | 54. Lying on |
| 9. Lush berth | 33. "___ and Stitch" | 55. Word with square or star |
| 10. Quells | 34. Tandoor, for one | 56. Kennedy family matron |
| 11. Heavenly bear | 35. "Seinfeld" character | 57. Speller's phrase |
| 12. "___ Around" (Beach Boys hit) | 36. With force, musically | 60. Timeline section |
| 13. New Age composer John | 39. Elysian fields | 61. Bygone school event |
| 18. Superficial wound | 40. Kind of baseball game | |

Solution at <https://plantations1.org/> . . .



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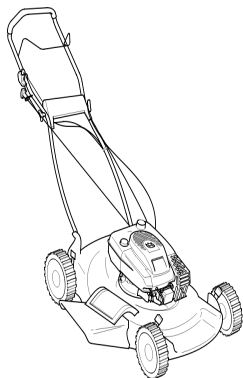


Did you know that the PCA newsletter is published quarterly? Your very affordable ad reaches **406** homes! Place an ad, **watch your business grow, sell unneeded items, or announce upcoming events!** For more information, e-mail: info@plantations1.org.

Full Page \$28.00 - Half Page \$16.00 - Quarter Page \$9.00 - Business Card \$5.00

Free business card sized ads for young entrepreneurs

If your child would like to earn money doing work for neighbors, we will gladly publish their information. Contact the PCA, if you would like to have their name and service listed here free of charge. Applies to neighbors 17 and younger. email info@plantations1.org



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