



PCA Newsletter

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With school in session and winter weather not far away, please remember to slow down when driving through our community. If you have new or just younger drivers, please remind them too. The difference between a few mph won't save much commuting time, but it might save a life.

Current PCA Board

Officers:

President – Rod Ibacache
VP – (vacant)
Secretary – Debbie Diatz
Treasurer – David Keim

Board Members:

Nathan Booth
Kathy Giles
Mike Giles
Chris Kiron
Brandon Martin
Joseph Melvin

Get to Know Your HOA Covenants



PCA Covenants [Article VIII, Section 8]: Prohibit all animals, livestock, and poultry from our properties, except that “dogs, cats, and other household pets may be kept” as long as they are not being kept for commercial purposes (for example, they cannot be bred for sale).

Montgomery County Code [Chapter 5 – Animal Control]: Chickens and roosters cannot be kept in an aviary (structure that confines/houses the chickens) within 100 feet of an adjacent dwelling.

For most or all PCA properties, this means the property is not large enough to accommodate chickens.

For more information or to report a problem:

PCA – info@plantations1.org

Montgomery County - 311

Animal Control – 301 279 8000

Please Also Note – County Noise Ordinance:

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise.html>



We're always looking for community members who want to get involved from time to time, but might not necessarily be able to commit to a seat on the board. Please email your info to info@plantations1.org if you'd like to join the PCA Volunteer Corps, and we will reach out to you when opportunities for community service arise, such as newsletter delivery or neighborhood clean-up events. This is a great way to meet neighbors and invest in our awesome community!

Community News & Groups

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:
[Damascus, MD Lost & Found Pets](#)
If you are not a member of this Facebook group you will need to message the group to get something posted.
- Montgomery County MD Lost Pets
<https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>
- If your pet is lost, an alert service may be able to help: www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services

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 dispose of your dog's "business" bags.
- Dogs and cats 4+ months old require a current rabies vaccination and County license.



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.



Planning an exterior home improvement? The PCA is here to help you ensure that your project follows the HOA Covenants which govern our community. These governing documents are part of the recorded documents for our HOA and are binding upon every homeowner in The Plantations. The approval process is pretty simple and the form can be found on the website. Do you have completed forms, questions, or concerns? E-mail to info@plantations1.org or join us at an HOA meeting.

CLUB VIEW PARK

24110 Club View Drive, 20882

Do you all know we have a beautiful and well-equipped neighborhood park 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!

Club View Park FAQs

Can residents use Club View Park Pavilion for an event? YES! The use of the park pavilion for activities like family gatherings is included in the HOA dues you pay! In order to accommodate everyone and avoid unwanted issues, a reservation request must be filed with the PCA (form available online). All requests will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Can my team or athletic group pay to use the Club View Park playing field? YES! Group and team use of the playing field requires a \$20 fee for a two-hour period of use. This fee helps pay for the upkeep and maintenance of our field and goals, so we can all continue to enjoy them.

Can residents use the tennis courts? YES! The courts are available to PCA residents and their guests. Just email the PCA for the gate code. To keep the courts in the best shape, we ask all residents to refrain from skateboarding, rollerblading/skating, and other non-racket-type sports that can damage the court surfaces.

Non-residents who live nearby can also use the courts for a small annual fee.

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 residents 17 and younger.



Montgomery Parks Expands Its Annual Deer Population Management Program

This year Montgomery County is expanding its Deer Population Management Program to include our very nearby Damascus Recreational Park/Magruder Branch Stream Valley Park (Watkins Rd. NW to Sweepstakes Rd. [includes Wildcat Branch]). This is a managed archery deer hunting program and, per the signage and Montgomery Parks website, there will be “No Park Closure – Parks remain open to the public as usual. Hunting may occur Monday – Saturday, September – January, annually. Legal hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.” This is not a free for all though, “a pre-selected, insured Archery Deer Hunting Group will, within strict/clear regulations and qualification, access areas within this park to hunt deer by way of archery”.

Here is a link to the program:

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/caring-for-our-parks/wildlife/deer-population-management/>

Any questions, contact info@montgomeryparks.org or call Parks Customer Service at 301-495-2595.

Place Your Ad Here

Your very affordable ad reaches **406** homes! Place an ad, **watch your business grow**, or **sell unneeded items**, or **celebrate upcoming events**! For more information, e-mail: info@plantations1.org.

The PCA newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November.

Full Page \$68.00 – Half Page \$40.00 – Quarter Page \$22.00 – Business Card \$12.00

THE FUN STUFF

Grilled Corn & Poblano Salad

A yummy recipe with wonderful summer flavors.

Ingredients

- Vegetable oil (for grill)
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- ¾ teaspoon hot sauce (such as Frank's)
- 4 ears of corn, in husk
- 2 small poblano chiles
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 scallions, chopped
- Kosher salt

Preparation

- Prepare a grill for medium heat; oil grate. Whisk lime juice and hot sauce in a medium bowl; season with salt. Set dressing aside.
- Grill corn (still in husks) and chiles, turning occasionally, until corn is charred all over (husks will be nicely blackened and some of the kernels will become deeply browned in spots) and chiles are blackened in spots and crisp-tender, 10–12 minutes for corn and 8–10 minutes for chiles. Transfer to a platter and let cool slightly before shucking corn.
- Slather corn with butter, then cut kernels from cobs into bowl with reserved dressing. Remove seeds from chiles and chop. Add to corn along with scallions. Toss to combine; season corn salad with salt.

TP Roll Binoculars



Supplies

- 2 TP Rolls or a Kitchen Towel Roll cut in half
- paint, coloured paper, or wrapping paper
- strong glue
- ribbon and decorative bits and pieces (stickers, pretty tape)
- clothespins (to help it dry)

Always ask an adult before starting a project!

Adult supervision is recommended.

Steps

1. Choose your colors and paint your TP Rolls. If you don't want to paint, you can cover your rolls in colored paper – a bit like wrapping a present.
2. Once your paint is dry, glue on your ribbon (or staple it on) for your easy carry strap. Then add decorations to each roll. Be sure to glue your ribbon on first, then you can hide it under decorations. Use clothespins to hold things in place while drying.
3. Glue your two rolls together – make sure that the ribbons are at opposite sides so your binoculars hang nicely. Again, you may want to use clothespins to hold your rolls in place while it dries.
4. Add any remaining decorations and let dry!
5. Go on a big hunt. What can you see? What can you find?

Send us a message at info@plantations1.org, subject "Binocular Hunt" and we will post your sightings in the next newsletter!

Joke of the day:

What did the zero say to the eight?"

"That belt looks good on you."

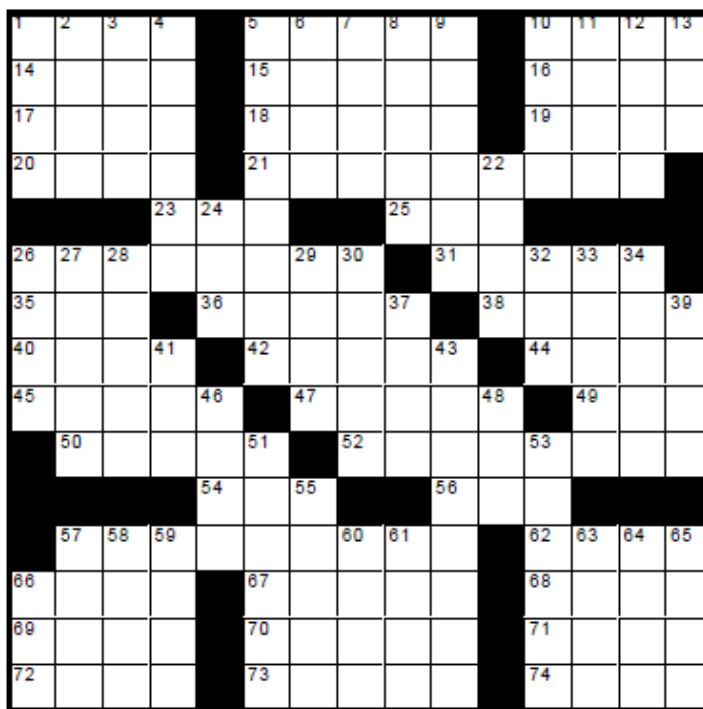
THE FUN STUFF

Across

1. Peeled
5. Half of a 45
10. Grating sound
14. Conception
15. Customary
16. So that's it
17. Litigant
18. Japanese porcelain
19. Distort
20. "Show Boat" composer
21. Sugar candy with gel interior
23. Flightless fowl
25. ___ Paulo, Brazil
26. State in SE Australia
31. Capital of Vietnam
35. Go astray
36. Capital of Belarus
38. Critical evaluations
40. Q.E.D. part
42. Glossy fabric
44. Facilitate
45. Adjust to zero
47. Forest makeup
49. "Today" rival, briefly
50. Kofi Annan's home
52. Supervisor
54. Last: Abbr.
56. Dwarf with glasses
57. Excitable
62. Blind as ___
66. Belgian river
67. Garden figure
68. Numerous
69. ...baked in ___
70. Frasier's brother
71. Type of school or cook
72. Beginner
73. Surgery souvenirs
74. Word of division

Down

1. Hazard
2. Together, musically
3. Not e'en once
4. January birthstone
5. Capable of managing one's



6. Woe ___
7. Twofold
8. Viscounts' superiors
9. Immigration of Jews to Israel
10. Greet the judge
11. ___ silly question...
12. Espied
13. Church perch
22. Fishing vessel, perhaps
24. Popular tattoo
26. Go off course
27. Like some vbs.
28. Collide
29. ___ the finish
30. The Jetsons' dog
32. Bridal bio word
33. Inedible orange
34. "Who's there?" response
37. Ukraine's capital
39. Cauterize
41. It's in the bag
43. Unnecessary
46. Hardware fastener
48. Theater sign
51. Straightens
53. Shrimp dish
55. Quinine water
57. See
58. Rabin's predecessor
59. Creme-filled snack
60. Vincent Lopez's theme song
61. From the U.S.
63. Building for storing hay
64. Work without ___
65. Word processing error
66. China's Sun ___-sen

"Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com (<https://www.bestcrosswords.com>). Used with permission."

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



THE FUN STUFF

TACO SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

1 TACO SEASONING MIX PACKET

½ MEDIUM ONION, DICED

1 CAN CORN

1 CAN HOT CHOPPED GREEN CHILES

2 CANS (24 OUNCES) OF WATER

1 POUND COOKED GROUND BEEF, FAT DRAINED

1 CAN BLACK BEANS (12 OUNCE)

1 CAN KIDNEY BEANS (12 OUNCE)

1 CAN ROTEL DICED TOMATOES AND GREEN CHILES

1 CAN DICED STEWED TOMATOES

TOPPINGS:

SOUR CREAM, SHREDDED CHEDDAR, TORTILLA CHIPS, DICED ONION

DIRECTIONS:

1. BROWN BEEF AND ONIONS; DRAIN FAT
2. ADD REMAINING INGREDIENTS; STIR & COOK 45 MINUTES

SERVE TOPPED WITH:

SOUR CREAM

CHOPPED ONION

SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE AND TORTILLA CHIPS

Plantations Community Association, Inc. Income-Expense Summary for Fiscal Year 2025 ¹

Budget Category	Budgeted Amount (dollars)
Professional Services	6,025
Administrative & Miscellaneous	597
Voice-Mail Services	96
Electric Service	697
Insurance Coverage	3,895
Legal Fees - Collection Services ²	5,105
Legal Fees – General	700
Maintenance – General	7,865
Maintenance - Landscaping Contracts	39,900
Maintenance - Snow Removal	8,500
Meeting Room Rental	601
Postage & Stationary	993
Printing & Copying	1,918
Reserve Fund Contribution - General Fund ³	12,615
Reserve Fund Contribution - Town-House Fund ³	5,040
Staff Training	-
Taxes & Fees - County, Montgomery, MD	5,261
Taxes - State of Maryland	48
Taxes - Federal	174
Trash Removal & Litter Clean-Up	420
Community Events	200
Internet Domain, Website, E-Mail, Data Services	904
One-Time Adjustments (none)	-
Total Budgeted Expenses:	101,554 (-)
Amount of Resident Assessment:	\$101,668 (+)
Projected Assessment Not Collected (5%):	5,083 (-)
Projected HOA Document Sales Income:	280 (+)
Projected Park Field and Tennis Rental Income:	40 (+)
Projected Newsletter Advertising Income:	74 (+)
Projected Interest Income:	50 (+)
Projected Funds Carried Over from 2024:	4,525 (+)
Projected Net (Income – Expenses):	0

¹ The PCA Fiscal Year 2025 budget covers the period from 01 Jan 2025 through 31 Dec 2025.

² A portion of collection legal fees are usually recovered when a property owner pays the outstanding balance on an account.

³ Not a true expense, but a transfer to a special-use account.

The assessment levels are: \$238 paid by all properties, with an additional \$84 paid by T-H properties, resulting in assessment levels of: \$238 for SFD properties, \$322 for T-H properties.