



# PCA Newsletter

The Plantations Community Association, Inc.



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## dates to Remember

### PCA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the staff lounge at Woodfield Elementary School from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### Future Meeting Dates:

Monday Dec 10	Board Meeting
Monday Jan 14	Board Meeting
Monday Feb 11	Board Meeting

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### Gaithersburg's Jingle Jubilee

**When:** Saturday, December 1, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** City Hall Concert Pavilion, Olde Towne 31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg

**Details:** Tree lighting, live holiday music & performances, card signings for the troops, photo booth with dress-up props, and visits from Santa, Frosty, Rudolph, Elmo, and the Cookie Monster. Free

**More info:** 301-258-6350



### Breakfast with Santa: Relay for Life Fundraiser

**When:** Saturday, December 8, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Where:** Damascus United Methodist Church 9700 New Church St, Damascus

**Details:** \$5 per person includes a continental breakfast of pastries, bagels, fruit, coffee, tea and juices. Photos with Santa \$10. Holiday vendors: jewelry, bags, sweets, candles, and more! Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets sold at the door. Children under 2 free.

**More info:** Carolyn at carolynrfl@gmail.com



## HOLIDAY SAFETY

The holiday season is upon us! To keep you, your family, and your neighbors safe, here a few holiday safety tips:

- ❖ Never leave lit candles unattended. Remember to double check for forgotten candles before going to bed. After turning off the lights and before leaving the room, take a look around the darkened room. Any unextinguished candles will stand out in the darkness. Also, be very careful with a candle's proximity to flammable materials, e.g., garland, curtains, trees, etc.
- ❖ Make sure all of your indoor and outdoor lights are in proper working order and do not have damage or exposed wiring. Another trip to the store is better than a house fire!
- ❖ Keep your live trees watered! A dry tree is a fire hazard.
- ❖ Practice pet safety and keep decorative candles and menorahs at a safe height. Also, tinsel is very attractive and very harmful to cats. Dogs are like children; they like to put things in their mouths. Keep small ornaments and other items out of reach, to prevent a choking hazard.



## Sweet, Salty, Spicy Party Nuts

### Ingredients:

- Cooking spray
- 1 C untoasted walnut halves
- 1 C untoasted pecan halves
- 1 C unsalted, dry roasted almonds
- 1 C unsalted, dry roasted cashews
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp. ground cumin
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- ½ C white sugar
- ¼ water
- 1 T butter

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.
2. Combine all nuts in a large bowl. Add salt, pepper, cumin, and cayenne pepper; toss to coat.
3. Heat sugar, water, and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat until the butter is melted. Cook for 1 minute and remove from heat. Slowly pour butter mixture over the bowl of nuts and stir to coat.
4. Transfer nuts to the prepared baking sheet and spread into a single layer.
5. Bake nuts in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Stir nuts until the warm syrup coats every nut. Spread into a single layer, return to the oven, and bake until nuts are sticky and roasted, about 6 minutes. Allow to cool before serving.



## STAY INFORMED & UP TO DATE

The PCA sends out occasional e-mail notices to help keep you informed and to announce volunteer opportunities. We never share your e-mail address. Please send your e-mail address to:

[info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org)

Facebook users: There is a group for **Plantations I and II**. The group is not affiliated with the PCA but is a nice way for everyone to communicate and see what's going on in the neighborhood and in town.

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

There are also two Damascus groups:

### **Damascus, MD Neighbors and Friends**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/799185880144769/>

### **Damascus, Maryland Town Center**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/334078076694824/>



## **We need PCA volunteers.**

The PCA can always use help from the community to reach our goals and help to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Please consider helping your community by volunteering some time to better The Plantations.

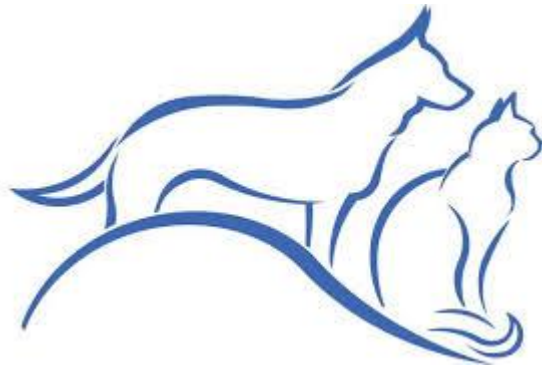
It doesn't take a lot of your time. We only meet one evening a month on the second Monday to discuss and plan how to maintain and improve our community. We are responsible for the maintenance of our local parks, the common areas between homes, and the general appearance of the community.

We need more participation. You don't need to invest a large amount of time to help your community. Every little bit adds up!

We also have occasional one-time volunteer opportunities. You can volunteer for these without making a long-term commitment. Examples are newsletter delivery, mailing assembly, and repair projects in the parks.

Please stop by one of the meetings to learn how you can help or send an email to offer a hand.

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## RESOURCES FOR LOST PETS

Visit one of the following:

1. Facebook: Damascus MD Lost & Found Pets:  
[www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](http://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)
2. Or visit:  
[pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DamascusLostandFoundPets](http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DamascusLostandFoundPets)
3. If your pet is lost, try an alert service to help locate him or her:  
[www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services](http://www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services)



*Remember: If it's too cold outside for you, it's too cold for your pets. Please don't leave them in the cold.*

## ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

Ads reach 406 homes and are very affordable! Place an ad and watch your business grow, or sell unneeded household items! The newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November. For more information, send an e-mail to: [info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org).

- Business Card (or same size) - \$5.00
- Quarter Page - \$9.00
- Half Page - \$16.00
- Full Page - \$28.00

## THE PCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
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| <b>Manny Gomez</b>        | - Board Member               |
| <b>Mary Ellen Gillard</b> | - Board Member,<br>ACC Chair |
| <b>Rod Ibacache</b>       | - Board Member               |

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