



PCA Newsletter

The Plantations Community Association, Inc.



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SNOW REMOVAL

With the rest of February and the month of March ahead of us, there is still a chance for measurable snowfall in our area. The PCA is taking this opportunity to help you with questions that may arise regarding snow removal.

Who is responsible for snow removal on my street?

Montgomery County is responsible for snow removal on all roadways within the Plantations community. The County works to clear highways and primary roads first followed by residential roads.

I live in a townhouse. Does the County plow the parking lot?

The County clears Ambergate and Bush Hill Cts. However, the PCA contracts a company to clear the parking lots for the Newbury Rd. and Tobacco Leaf Rd. townhouses.

Is the PCA responsible for any other snow removal?

Yes. The PCA removes snow from the sidewalks adjacent to PCA-owned property, the Bush Hill Rd. walking path to the school, the path between Newbury Rd. and Sugar Cane Ln, and the path between Club View Rd. and Ambergate Ct.

Do I have to clear the sidewalk in front of my home?

Yes. The PCA does not clear sidewalks in front of homes. Per Montgomery County law, you are required to clear the sidewalks in front of and, if applicable, on the side of your home within 24 hours of the end of snowfall.

For More Information

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/snow/>

Upcoming EVENTS

CONSTRUCTION CREW: DUPLO

When: Thursdays through March 2, 2017 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Event Type: Science and Math (STEM)

Location: Damascus Library

Age Group(s): Preschool and Kindergarten, Babies and Toddlers

Description: Imaginative construction with DUPLO (ages 2-5) and EDU-BLOCK (ages NB-2). We supply the blocks; so, please leave yours at home-- just bring your ideas and start building! Your creations must be left at the library but may be photographed before deconstruction. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Drop-in, no pre-registration. FREE.

BOOK DISCUSSION

When: Monday, February 27, 2017 | 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Damascus Library

Age Group(s): Adult

Description: This month's title is Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. No registration required. Call 240-773-9444 for more information.



The common areas of our community are not for the disposal of household trash. Please do not dump unwanted household items, such as televisions, furniture, etc., in our parks, the pavilion, or other areas.

If you have items you no longer want, contact your private trash collection company regarding a pickup; or, take it to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws

Please take pride in your community by keeping it clean.



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 – 8:30 PM. All are encouraged to attend.

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday Feb 13

Monday Mar 13

Monday Apr 10



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The PCA is looking for additional volunteers to help deliver our community newsletter to residents. The newsletter is delivered by your fellow neighbors who offer their time to help. We have several longtime volunteers whose efforts we greatly appreciate. However, as time goes on, people have different schedules, move away, etc. As a result, we have lost several volunteers in the past few months.

The newsletter comes out just four times a year. Each person is assigned a specific route and just has to put the newsletter at the front door. It's an easy way to help out and not be tied down with a day-to-day commitment.

Please contact us at the email provided below, if you would like to be a volunteer.

Thank you!



STAY IN TOUCH

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

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Crime Summary



- ★ Multiple thefts from vehicles between 01/06 and 01/08. Affected streets include Shell Drake Cir., Shell Drake Ct., and Valley Park Dr. No force. Two vehicles were reported to have been left unlocked, unknown means of entry into the other vehicles. Cash and property taken.

REPORTING CRIME & VANDALISM

- For an immediate threat to public safety, dial **911**. For non-emergencies, use **301-279-8000**.
- For problems on county park land, call the Maryland-National Capital Park Police at:

301-949-3010 – Emergency

301-949-8010 – Non-Emergency

Please also report incidents to the PCA:

301-330-8560

RECIPE BOX



Sheet Pan Chicken Thighs with Green Beans & Potatoes

INGREDIENTS:

- 4-5 small bone-in chicken thighs, approximately 2 pounds
- 1 pound small red potatoes, halved
- 1 pound fresh green beans
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place the chicken, potatoes, and green beans on a large baking sheet. Stir the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic together with all of the spices. Drizzle the spice mixture over the meat, potatoes, and vegetables. Use your hands to stir the pieces around a bit and make sure everything is well coated. Be sure to leave the chicken skin-side up.
2. Place the pan in the center of the oven and roast for approximately 50 minutes, until the chicken is golden brown and cooked through. The potatoes should be tender and slightly crisp and the green beans should be browned, crisp, and somewhat shriveled.

*If extra crispy green beans aren't your thing, you can place the coated beans in a bowl and wait to add them for the last 15 minutes of the cooking time. Just spread them around the pan over the potatoes.

RESOURCES FOR LOST PETS



Visit one of the following:

→ Facebook - Damascus MD Lost & Found Pets:

[facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](https://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)

→ Facebook - Montgomery County MD

<https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>

→ Or visit:

pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DamascusLostandFoundPets

→ If your pet is lost, try an alert service to help locate him or her:

www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services

Reminders:

Avoid lost pets, by keeping dogs on leashes at all times, and make sure they cannot jump yard fences or dig under them. Be aware when you open and close doors, to prevent cats and other pets from getting outside.



If it's too cold outside for you, it's too cold for your pets. Please do not leave them in the cold.

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