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HOA Meeting Dates



Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the staff lounge at Woodfield Elementary School from 7:10 p.m. – 8:40 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

Monday Dec 9

Monday Jan 13

Monday Feb 10

Meetings are an opportunity to observe the work that goes into running the PCA. You can also stop by to volunteer for some of our 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.

You don't need to invest a large amount of time to help your community. Every little bit helps!

VOLUNTEER



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

As previously mentioned, one of the ways to help your community is newsletter delivery. The PCA needs 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, we urgently need additional volunteers.

The newsletter comes out just four times a year. Each person is assigned a specific route and only 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 info@plantations1.org, if you would like to help or come to one of the meetings.



As some of you may have noticed, foxes are now common in our neighborhood at night. Please, keep this in mind. Small pets outside and unattended may be at risk.



Recipe Box

Spicy Chicken & Bacon Stir Fry

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 large egg white
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- ½ lb. bacon cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 inch fresh ginger cut into tiny matchsticks
- 2 bell peppers any color, stemmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 bunch of green onions trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon chili paste (ex.: Sambal Oelek)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- ½ cup soy sauce

Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the cornstarch and the egg white. Toss the chicken pieces in this mixture and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, brown sugar, and chili paste and set aside.
2. Heat a large skillet over high heat. Add the bacon pieces and cook, stirring frequently, until they are crisp and browned. Drain all but 1-2 tablespoons of bacon grease and add the chicken and the ginger to the pan.
3. Cook over high heat until browned, approximately 3-4 minutes. Add the bell peppers and green onions and stir to combine. Cook over high heat, stirring until crisp tender, about 2-3 minutes.
4. Add the soy sauce mixture and stir to combine. Cook about 2 minutes, until the sauce is thick enough to coat the meat and vegetables. If desired, serve over rice. Enjoy!

Advertise Here!

Your ad reaches 406 homes! Ads are very affordable. Place an ad and watch your business grow, or sell unneeded items around the house! For more information, send an e-mail to: info@plantations1.org. The PCA newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November.

Business Card (or same size ad) - \$5.00

Quarter Page - \$9.00

Half Page - \$16.00

Full Page - \$28.00

Upcoming EVENTS

Montgomery Co. Thanksgiving Parade

When: Saturday, November 23

Where: Downtown Silver Spring
916 Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring

Details: Marching bands, Bolivian dancing groups, floats, giant characters, balloons, and Santa. The only Thanksgiving Parade in the metro DC area.

The parade begins at Ellsworth Dr. and Fenton St. and proceeds south on Georgia Ave., ending at Silver Spring Ave. It also is televised live on News Channel 8 and rerun on Thanksgiving Day.

For more information:

<https://www.silverspringdowntown.com/montgomery-county-thanksgiving-parade>



NOTICE FOR RETURNED CHECKS

Periodically, the PCA receives check payments from accounts with insufficient funds. Our bank charges us a returned check fee for those checks. Starting immediately, we require that residents and/or landlords reimburse the PCA for returned check fees incurred.

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LOST PET RESOURCES



Visit one of the following:

- ❖ Facebook - Damascus MD Lost & Found Pets:
[facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](https://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)
- ❖ Facebook - Montgomery County MD Lost Pets
<https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>
- ❖ Or visit:
<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/DamascusLostAndFoundPets/info>
- ❖ If your pet is lost, try an alert service to help locate him or her:
www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services



STAY INFORMED & UP-TO-DATE

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:

info@plantations1.org

Across

- 1. Make origami
- 5. "But ___ art?"
- 9. Crazy bed cover
- 14. Hunky-dory
- 15. Ranch visitor
- 16. ___ grabs (available)
- 17. It can be found between the ears
- 18. "This won't hurt ___!"
- 19. Usher's beat
- 20. 2002 Olympic gold medal winner
- 23. Bullring "Bravo!"
- 24. Othello, for one
- 25. Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 27. Aberdeen native
- 29. Feeder frequenter
- 31. Facilitate
- 35. Words before time or loss
- 36. Speller's phrase
- 38. Weather map line
- 40. "Murder, She Wrote" character
- 43. Capital of Turkey
- 44. Level a building in Soho
- 45. Switch positions?
- 46. ___ Hashanah
- 47. Make-up artist?
- 49. Between birdies and bogeys
- 51. Fragrant necklaces
- 53. Native of France
- 55. Clansman's topper
- 58. "Best in Show" actress
- 63. One of a mythological ennead
- 65. Sheltered, at sea
- 66. Sign on
- 67. Bit of history in a museum
- 68. Brain tests (Abbr.)
- 69. Seed envelope
- 70. Word with box or maker
- 71. Building block brand
- 72. Ooze through the cracks

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Down

- 1. Bewildered mental states
- 2. Gumbo veggie
- 3. Leo's retreat
- 4. Energetic person
- 5. Quality potato
- 6. "The Stepford Wives" setting
- 7. "Understood," hippie-wise
- 8. Leash
- 9. Somewhat
- 10. Reuters rival
- 11. In that case
- 12. Hang in the hammock
- 13. Genealogy display
- 21. Windbag's output
- 22. Whirling currents
- 26. Workplace antidiscrimination agcy.
- 27. Speedy note taker
- 28. Wine holders
- 30. Prefix for structure
- 32. Can't stand
- 33. Composer Camille Saint-___
- 34. Goes wrong
- 35. Not quite shut
- 37. Colleague of Ginsburg and Thomas
- 39. Increase
- 41. Satirist Mort
- 42. Ostrich's output
- 48. Sharon's land
- 50. Greetings from Maui
- 52. Momentous era
- 54. Response to "Am not!"
- 55. Part of a semester
- 56. Geometry class calculation
- 57. Soda jerk's creation
- 59. Swiss painter Paul
- 60. Your highness
- 61. Mule Sal's canal
- 62. Sharp bark
- 64. Persistent personal quirk

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