



PCA Newsletter

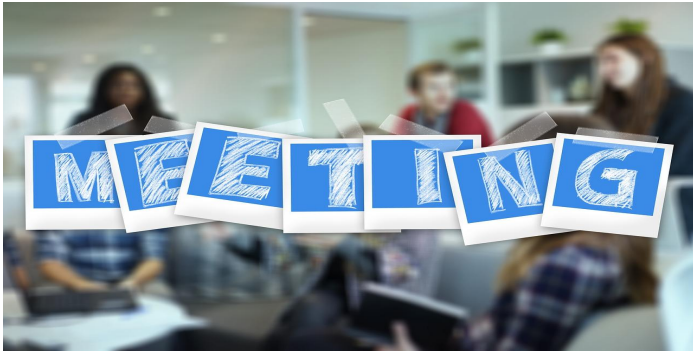
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Due to COVID-19, the monthly meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Reminder emails are sent to all residents who have provided an email to the PCA. The reminder emails are generally sent the day of the meeting and will include a Zoom access link and a phone number, if you prefer to call in. All are encouraged to participate, we need new ideas to grow!

Community Events

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

May 10 : HOA meeting (via Zoom)

May 22 : Peanut Mill Yard Sale

May 31 : Sign-up Deadline for Kid Run Program

June 14 : HOA meeting (via Zoom)

July 12 : HOA meeting (via Zoom)



Neighborhood Appearance Reminder

Members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) have begun the annual property inspections. One issue that has been noticed quite a bit is the storage of trash and recycling containers in front of homes, and at the top of driveways. Article VIII, Section 11 of the PCA Covenants states that **“No material or refuse or any container for the same shall be placed or stored in the front of any house”**, and **“All trash and garbage shall be placed in covered trash cans.”** Containers must not be stored at the front of the house. The PCA asks that containers not be stored in a very visible location, such as at the top edge of the driveway. Storage behind the house is preferred.

With inspections beginning, now would be a good time to remedy issues like this, and other appearance concerns such as overgrown shrubs and grass, mold/dirt on siding, damaged or leaning fences, cluttered car ports, etc.

If you receive a maintenance violation letter, it will clearly describe the problem, explain what is required to clear the violation, and it will provide a deadline. **Please contact the PCA if you need more time to complete the project.** The PCA’s purpose is not to be critical or punitive, but simply to encourage residents to complete needed maintenance and to keep the community looking attractive and welcoming, which is a primary responsibility of an HOA.

Community Resources

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Community News & Groups

The PCA sends out occasional e-mail notices, to keep you informed of upcoming meetings, announcements and occasional volunteer opportunities. We never share your e-mail address. To be included, please send your e-mail 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 for everyone to communicate and see what's going on in the neighborhood.

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

There is also a Damascus group:

Damascus, MD Neighbors and Friends

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

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>
- If your pet is lost, try an alert service to help locate him or her: www.findtoto.com/pet-alert-services

CLUB VIEW PARK FAQs

24110 Club View Drive, 20882

Can I rent Club View Park? The park pavilion can be used at no cost for activities such as family gatherings, but a reservation request must be filed with the PCA (see the Forms & Files Page). For group and team use of the playing field, a \$20 fee is charged for two hours of use.

What is the status of the tennis courts? An extensive renovation of the two tennis courts was completed in July 2019. The courts are available for use by PCA residents and their guests. Contact the PCA to obtain the gate code.

Can my team or group use the Club View Park playing field? Team or group use of the playing field requires a permit from the PCA, and payment of the \$20 usage fee.

News You Can Use

Montgomery Parks Needs Your Help with White-Tail Deer Fawn Project

Each spring, Montgomery Parks wildlife ecologists conduct a fawn tagging project to better understand the spatial dynamics of deer in Montgomery County.

Be part of science! If you find a fawn in your yard, or in the parks, leave it alone and call our staff at 301-962-1352. NOTE: Fawns must be laying still and not yet mobile. Wildlife Staff will respond as quickly as possible, and if appropriate, will come out to tag the animal and release it unharmed.

Visit [Montgomery Parks" Living With Wildlife webpage](#) for more information on the fawn tagging project and other wildlife resources.



Please contact us with any questions,
Montgomery Parks Outreach Team

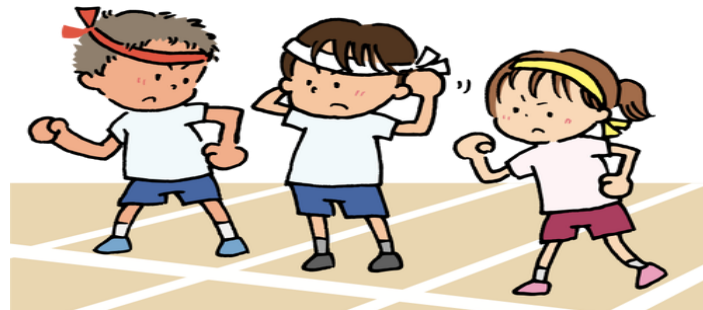
2425 Reddie Drive, 10th Fl, Wheaton, MD 20902
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Earth Day Community Clean-up Event

Took place on April 24, 2021 - It was a success!

This was an open invitation via email, members of the HOA and other volunteers spent the morning cleaning the wooded area behind Sugar Cane Land and Club View Drive. Thanks to all who participated. Be on the lookout for future events - will be shared via email, facebook and future newsletter editions.



The Damascus Freedom youth summer run program will be starting in June. This is a **free** program for kids of any age and it targets the Damascus Freedom 5K on 9/11/21. It's amazing what kids can do with some practice and the support of parents and peers! We've had five 3 years olds complete this program and run the 5K without stopping. This program is appropriate for kids of any age and it can be a great family bonding opportunity.

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, everyone that wishes to participate must pre-register and choose their initial session.

Information can be found here -
<http://damascusfreedom5k.com/youthrunning/>

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Dog Walking Safety and Courtesy

While walking your dog, please keep in mind the following, which not only represent courteous behavior but are required by County law:

- Dogs must be on a leash whenever they are off your property
- Dogs must not be allowed to approach other people or other dogs unless the person has agreed to the approach (avoiding "unwanted contact")
- Dog walkers may allow their dogs to "do their business" in the County right-of-way (the area between the street and sidewalk), or on a PCA common area, but the walker must immediately pick up remains. Please always carry plastic bags with you.
- All dogs and cats four months of age or older must have a current rabies vaccination and County license.

THE FUN STUFF

Classic Gazpacho Soup

This classic no-cook gazpacho is a mix of fresh vegetables and store-bought tomato based vegetable juice for a perfect blend of smooth and chunky vegetable flavors.

Ingredients

- 3 stalks celery diced
- 1 seedless hot-house cucumber with skin on diced
- 1 zucchini diced
- 3/4 whole medium red onion diced
- 4 cups tomato juice such as V-8 (the equivalent of fresh, chopped tomatoes could also be used)
- 2 cloves garlic pressed or minced
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil or grapeseed oil
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce or to taste
- 1 tablespoon celery salt
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 6 cocktail or campari tomatoes diced
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Fresh chives for garnish

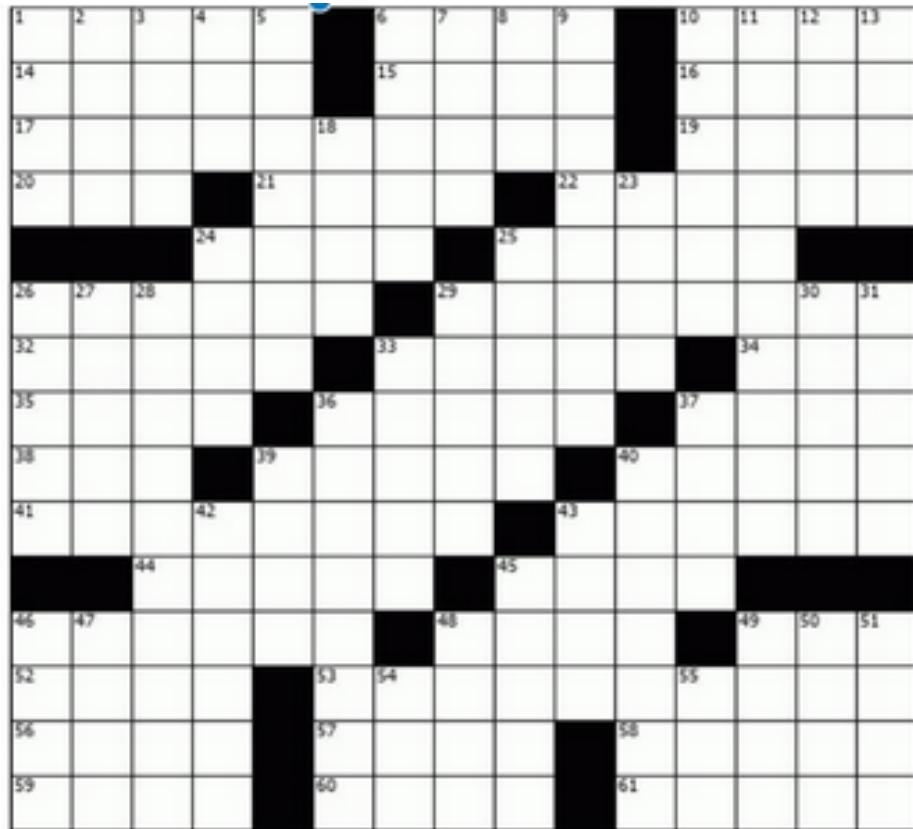
Directions

1. In the bowl of a food processor or in a blender, combine half of the celery, cucumber, zucchini, red onion, 2 cups of the tomato juice with the pressed or minced garlic, olive oil, red wine vinegar, sugar, hot sauce, celery salt and garlic salt.
2. Pulse all of the ingredients until well blended. Add the rest of the tomato juice and pulse to mix. Add the celery, cucumber, zucchini and the diced tomatoes and pulse once or twice. Season with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper and adjust the hot sauce to taste.
3. Chill the soup for at least 1 hour before serving.
4. Serve the soup with a drizzle of the sour cream that has been thinned with water. Top with fresh chopped chives.

THE FUN STUFF

Across

1. Make obscure
6. Sunday whisper
10. '70s tennis champ
14. Music student's assignment
15. Better for the nosher
16. "Saint Joan" author
17. On-camera audition
19. Convinced
20. "Frailty, --- name is woman!" ("Hamlet")
21. Jerusalem temple locale
22. Overcomes a block
24. 1969 Super Bowl winner
25. One who's done for
26. Garden shelters
29. Phone part
32. Marathoner's distance
33. Seasoned sailors?
34. Avg., size-wise
35. Wicked
36. Abandon
37. Provider of a one-way ride
38. Oscar winner Kingsley
39. Buenos ---
40. Respite
41. Danish storyteller
43. Spending plan
44. Do a tire job
45. Some pantry contents
46. River immortalized by Smetana
48. Snatches
49. Selena portrayer, popularly
52. Stylish reading matter
53. Summer havens
56. Futurist of a sort
57. Small carry-on
58. Painter's prop
59. Szechwan sauces
60. Pickle
61. Back-to-the-past style



Down

1. Champ
2. Embellish, as glass
3. Rage
4. "--- to Psyche" (Keats)
5. Eccentric old coots
6. Some Requiem singers
7. Bearing
8. Big-eyed dolls
9. Financial statement figure
10. Birthplace of a saint
11. One who has no trouble developing?
12. Snowshoe rabbit, for one
13. Merino mamas
18. Lousy deposits?
23. Some hip-hop tunes
24. Rocker Billy
25. Some powders
26. Biology 101 subject
27. Split
28. Dead end
29. Put down the hatch
30. Discontinue
31. Everglades denizen
33. Seductress
36. Fills with revulsion
37. Small amounts
39. "Salome" song
40. Witty word whiz
42. Church officials
43. Porcine star of 1998
45. West Pointer
46. Barracks break
47. Toast topper
48. U.S. force in Europe
49. Say in play
50. Lewd look
51. Site of 1952 Winter Olympics
54. Short flight
55. "Norma ---"

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



The Kid's Corner

Homemade Wind Chimes

aka Experiments with sound

Supplies

- cleaned out tin cans
- paint
- string
- hammer
- nail
- metal washers or nuts
- glitter (optional)
- tape (optional)

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

1. First, check over your cans for sharp edges.
2. Next, paint the outside of the tin cans.
3. If you are using glitter, this is the time to shake it onto the tin cans, while the paint is still wet.
4. Allow the paint to dry. Be patient.
5. Use the hammer and a nail to punch holes in the bottom of the tin cans (ask an adult to help with this)
6. Next, string a long piece of yarn through the holes and tie two washers onto the end of the string, inside the tin cans. One washer holds the yarn in place, the other is placed at the end of the string to make a lovely clanking sound when it hits the tin can. You could also use nuts or rocks instead of washers. Something that is hard enough to make a noise when it hits the can.
7. Once you've tied on your washers to the wind chimes, test out the noise it makes!

JOKES AND RIDDLES¹

Did you hear the joke about the roof?

How many letters are in The Alphabet?

What has one head, one foot and four legs?

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

beach
camp
fun
hot
summer
sun
swim
water

S	J	C	A	M	P	M	C
W	G	L	A	M	C	H	M
I	J	M	M	P	Y	Y	Z
M	V	K	B	E	A	C	H
S	U	M	M	E	R	M	S
M	H	O	T	E	B	H	U
K	O	I	G	U	F	U	N
W	A	T	E	R	O	Q	E

¹ 1. Never mind, it's over your head!

2. There are 11 letters in THE ALPHABET

3. A bed

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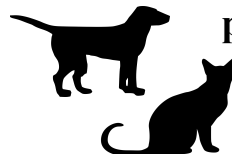


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