



PCA Newsletter

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With school resuming soon and many of us going back to a more normal routine, 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 your commute but it might save a life.

PCA Annual Meeting and Election

In early October, property owners will receive a mailing announcing that the PCA will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 21. The mailing will include a ballot and a proxy voting form. If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, please complete, sign, and return your proxy form and ballot by mail. During this meeting, we will conduct an election to fill six vacant seats on the PCA Board of Directors.

Current PCA Board

Officers:

President – Rod Ibacache
VP – Michael McMillen
Secretary – Debbie Diatz
Treasurer – David Keim

Board Members:

Kathy Giles
Mary Ellen Gillard – ACC Chair
Shawn Howell
Joseph Melvin
OPEN SEAT

Call for Candidates for PCA Board

We need board members! Please consider joining us. It's a great way to contribute to our wonderful community and have a voice in matters affecting it. Our HOA is managed by a board of nine volunteer directors. They meet just one evening each month, on the second Monday, to discuss and plan community maintenance and improvements.

The HOA board attends to the maintenance of our parks, the common areas between the homes, and the general appearance of the community. We have committees that address grounds issues, architectural control issues, finance, and communications.

To add your name to the ballot or obtain more information, email info@plantations1.org.



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: [facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets](https://www.facebook.com/DamascusLostAndFoundPets)
- 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 discard your dog’s “business” bags.
- Dogs and cats 4+ months old require a current rabies vaccination and Co. 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.

CLUB VIEW PARK

24110 Club View Drive, 20882

Do you all know we have a beautiful and well equipped neighborhood park over 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! Use of the park pavilion for activities like family gatherings is an included perk of the HOA dues you pay! In order to accommodate everyone, and avoid unwanted issues, a reservation request be filed with the PCA (form available online). All requests will be confirmed on a first come first serve basis.

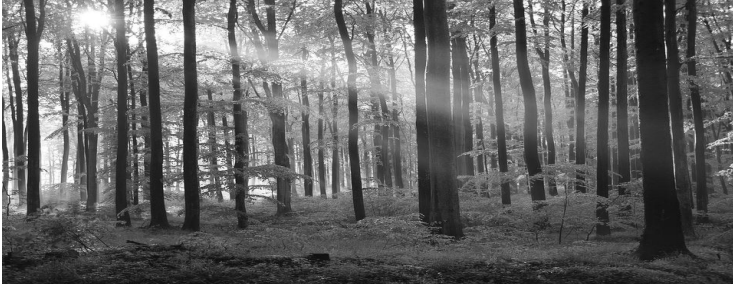
Can my team or athletic group pay to use the Club View Park playing field? YES! Group and team use of the playing field just requires a \$10/h fee for each hour of use. This fee helps pay for the upkeep and maintenance of our field and goals, so we can all continue to enjoy them..

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. In order to keep the courts in the best shape we ask all residents to share in keeping the courts nice for as long as possible by refraining from skateboarding, rollerblading/skating, and other non-racket type sports that can damage the court surfaces.

HOA's ICYMI: Club View Park Edition

- NEW soccer nets have been installed! This is a community investment. With everyone's help we can ensure the nets stay in good working order for everyone's long-term use and enjoyment.
- NEW wood chips have been added to the park, we do this +/- every three years, more info can be found on the PCA website.
- Welded plates were installed by a contractor on the Club View Park pavilion.

News You Can Use



Montgomery Parks Expands it's Annual Deer Population Management Program

This year Montgomery County is expanding it's 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 an archery managed 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



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 Plantations 1. The approval process is pretty simple and the form can be found on the website. Completed forms, questions, concerns? Email

info@plantations1.org or join us for an HOA meeting.

Upcoming Events

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

August 30 : First day of school for MCPS

September 10-12 : Damascus Community Fair

September 11 : Damascus Freedom 5k (register now)

September 13 : HOA Meeting (Woodfield E.S.)* - 7 PM

September 17-25 : The Great Frederick Fair

October 21 : *Annual HOA Election Meeting (vote at meeting or mailed proxy)* - 7 PM*

*Starting in September the Board has booked the Staff Lounge at Woodfield Elementary to conduct HOA meetings, so masks will be required. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.. Reminder emails go out the day of the meeting to all the email addresses PCA has on file, and include a Zoom access link and phone number, if you prefer to call in. HOA members are encouraged to participate. We need new ideas to grow and thrive!



Lace up your athletic shoes, the Damascus Freedom 5k. This year, in memory of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the race is being held on September 11, 2021. Currently in it's 12th year, this race has become a staple fall event in our community. Whether you're an avid runner or just along for the ride, this event is always a ton of fun for the whole family. Each year finds more people than the last, from all over the area, coming together to run, pay tribute to the memory of 9/11, and support some great organizations that benefit our troops on and off the field.

For more information and the link to register visit -

<http://damascusfreedom5k.com>

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?"

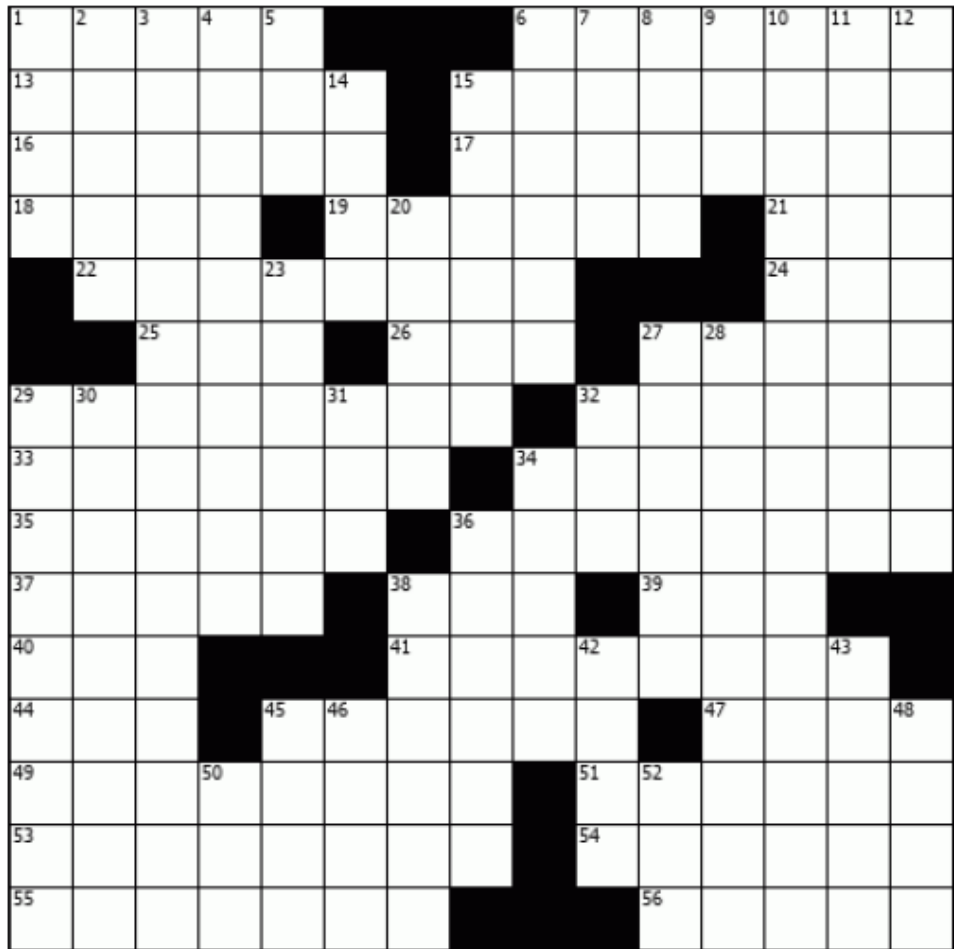
"That belt looks good on you."

THE FUN STUFF

Across

1. College Park, Md. players
6. Surly
13. Round ornament
15. Tapered smoke
16. McArdele of Broadway
17. Dine
18. Person
19. Athletic honor
21. Accept
22. Derides
24. One of the Bunker twins
25. Go awry
26. Sample
27. Craftsman's wood
29. Couldn't sit still
32. Zealous
33. Star in Scorpio
34. Goes bad
35. Theobromine, e.g.
36. Most dark and dirty
37. It's good to know them
38. Sequoia, for one
39. USN craft
40. Warning to drivers
41. Divides, in a way
44. Minority

45. Per
47. Dug-out tracks
49. Wood holders
51. It can help keep pupils clean
53. Places for some dancing competitions
54. Like some bonds
55. Checks over
56. Embarrassing



Down

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| 1. "__ brillig..." | 12. Christian spirit | 34. Honda model |
| 2. Rubik et al. | 14. Game segment | 36. Coercion |
| 3. Pulverized | 15. Old explosive device | 38. Is really bad |
| 4. Indoor amusement | 20. Colorado's __ Park | 42. Future reader |
| 5. __-Foy, Quebec | 23. Réunion attendees | 43. Some earrings |
| 6. "Dollars" star | 27. Lift | 45. "Che gelida manina," e.g. |
| 7. Artist's pseudonym formed from the French pronunciation of his initials | 28. Not divided into parts | 46. Form large puddles |
| 8. Not close | 29. "Let's play by the rules, huh?" | 48. Fix |
| 9. "The One I Love" band | 30. Fresh answers, say | 50. Outrage |
| 10. Produce section offerings | 31. Three times, in Rx's | 52. Starchy tuber |
| 11. Stops the flow of | 32. You may hear a report from one | |

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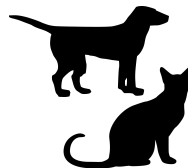
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References available upon request.

Free business card sized ads for young entrepreneurs

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