



# PCA Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Have an event we can include? email [info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org)

- July 4:** Independence Day
- July 11:** HOA Meeting 7 PM @ Woodfield ES  
in the Staff Lounge
- August 8:** HOA Meeting 7 PM @ Woodfield ES  
in the Staff Lounge
- August 8 - 15:** Howard Co. Fair
- August 12 - 19:** Mo Co. Agricultural Fair
- September 9-11:** Damascus Community Fair
- September 11:** Damascus Freedom 5k

## As of June 17th



Reminder that we should see more and more kids out playing at different hours. Drive carefully, phones down, and eyes on the road. (It's also the law!)

## Who Knew?



Replacing an appliance? Cleaning out the garage? Avoid those pesky haul-away fees, use your county resources! Montgomery County provides scrap metal collection services to all properties that receive county recycling collection services. There is no annual limit on scrap metal requests and a long list of items that can be picked up. Residents must schedule scrap collections in advance with the Co., either by filling out the online form or calling 311. Examples of eligible items include:

- large air conditioners, aluminum ladders
- auto parts, brake rotors, tire rims
- BBQ grills, gas grills, metal bed frames, clothes dryers/washers, dehumidifiers, appliances like dishwashers, microwave ovens, pots and pans, range hoods, ranges, refrigerators, freezers, metal doors, exercise bikes, jogging stroller, treadmill
- garden gas heaters, hot water heater, patio umbrellas (mostly metal), lawn mowers, leaf blower, metal tool boxes, riding mowers, shovels, metal hand tools, snow blower, snow blowers, space heater, stove, table saw, typewriter, weed whacker, window fans, yard edgers



For a complete list and more information call 311 or visit: <https://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/SolutionView.aspx?SolutionId=1-17LFVN>

## Community News & Resources

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](mailto: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>

Ever wonder how our community pays for the common grounds maintenance or upgrades to the Club View Park, among many other things? That is what your annual HOA dues are used for. Accounts that are delinquent affect the entire community. In mid-December, each year, the PCA sends out invoices for the annual HOA assessment fee. Payment is due the next month, by January 31st. We still have several accounts that have not paid the 2022 assessment, and some that are significantly past due. These accounts risk being sent to collections and filed as property liens. If you have extenuating circumstances, the PCA is here to work with you. Please email [info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org) to see what arrangements/resources are available. We want to help.

### Current PCA Board

#### Officers:

**President – Rod Ibacache**  
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#### Board Members:

**Kathy Giles**  
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**Shawn Howell**  
**Joseph Melvin**  
**Mike Giles**



If you live in the community townhomes please be mindful and refrain from using the visitor parking spaces for personal vehicles. These spaces are intended for use by all resident visitors and not for personal use.

## 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, make sure to file a lost report with MCASAC by posting on [phshelter.com](http://phshelter.com)

**ASPCA**

### Safeguard Your Pet This Summer

The dog days of summer can be a blast for your furry friends, but the fun and commotion can also lead to pets going missing during these common summertime events:



**BARBECUES**

Summertime can be perfect for barbecues and picnics, but don't forget to keep your pet in a secure area if guests will be coming and going. Pets can easily escape in the bustle of a party!



**THUNDERSTORMS**

One in five pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, so be sure to keep your pet in a quiet, secure area at home when summer storms come rolling in.



**FIREWORKS**

Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for pets, who can become frightened or disoriented by the sound. Resist the urge to take them to July 4th festivities by keeping them safe at home.

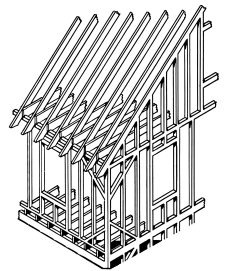
To prevent your pet from going missing, make sure your pet always wears an ID tag with your up-to-date contact info.

Graphic Courtesy of the [ASPCA](https://www.aspcanews.com/news/fireworks-and-your-pet-tips-staying-safe) <https://www.aspcanews.com/news/fireworks-and-your-pet-tips-staying-safe>

## Planning an exterior home improvement?

Summer is a great time to undertake those upgrades to your exterior spaces. The PCA is here to help you ensure your project adheres to the recorded Covenants that govern our community, and bind every homeowner in P1. The approval process is simple and the form can be found on the website.

Completed forms, questions, concerns? Email [info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org) or join us for an HOA meeting.



# THE FUN STUFF

## Watermelon Feta Salad

- Ripe watermelon
- Feta cheese
- Fresh herbs: basil or mint
- Olive oil (or a mild vinaigrette)
- Salt and pepper
- optional additions: thinly sliced red onions, cucumbers, arugula

The best part of this recipe is the lack of measurement. Cube the watermelon, drizzle with oil or vinaigrette and sprinkle with herbs and feta cheese. Voila! A quick, yummy, and refreshing summer salad.

\*Recipe courtesy of [www.acouplecooks.com](http://www.acouplecooks.com)

## Summer Garden Tips

Sweeten your tomatoes by adding baking soda to their water or sprinkling it on the soil once a week. The baking soda absorbs into the soil and lowers its acidity levels helping to sweeten the fruit.



## PAINTED GLUE SUNCATCHERS



### Supplies:

- Recycled Plastic Lids (old soup, deli or carryout)
- White Glue (like Elmer's)
- Food Coloring
- Toothpicks
- Hole Punch
- Ribbon

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

### Steps

1. Pour a layer of glue into the lid, covering the bottom.
2. Add just a few drops of food coloring. Too much and you will get a brown suncatcher.
3. Using a toothpick, gently swirl the food coloring around in the glue. The food coloring will expand in the glue as it dries so don't over-swirl.
4. When you're satisfied with your swirls, set the lid in a safe place and allow it to dry completely.
5. Once all of the glue has dried, carefully peel the suncatcher from the lid.
6. To hang...punch a hole through it, and string a piece of ribbon. Hang in a sunny window!

\*Craft and photos courtesy of capturingparenthood.com

### **Joke of the day:**

**Why did the teacher jump in the pool?**

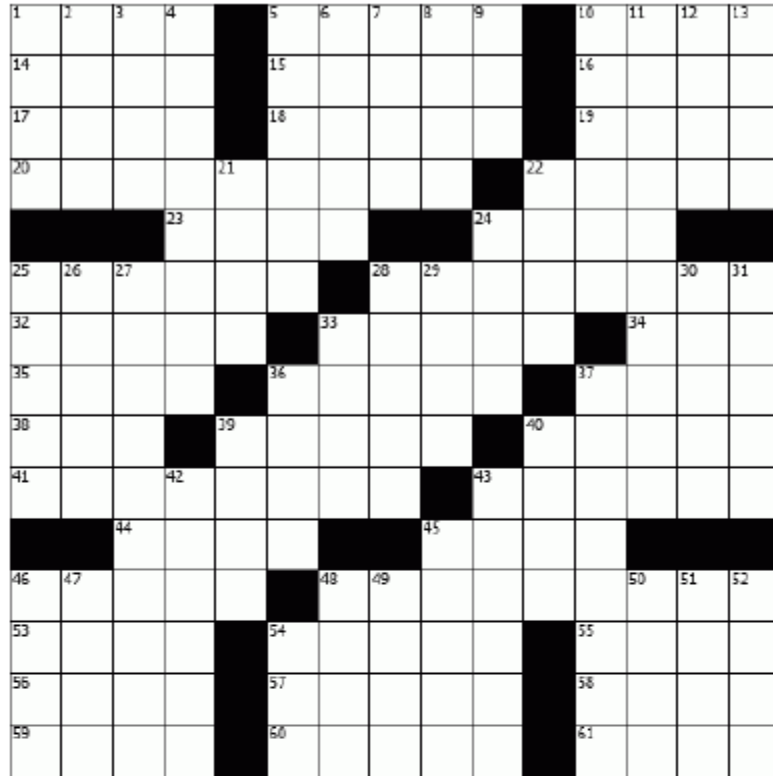
He wanted to test the water.



# THE FUN STUFF

## Across

1. Hunger twinge
5. Clears the windshield
10. Certain herring
14. "House of Wax" henchman
15. Grow accustomed (to)
16. Emulate Echo
17. You, long ago
18. Officer's jacket
19. Pillar of heaven, to Pindar
20. Get out of here
22. Peony part
23. Sexy dress feature
24. Abundantly endowed
25. Complain
28. Scroungers
32. Jackson's predecessor
33. Capital of Belarus
34. Upholstery problem
35. Reheat, in a way
36. À la \_\_\_ (one way to order)
37. Volcano shape
38. Big heart
39. One gentleman of Verona
40. Moon stage
41. Starred in high school sports
43. Set on by surprise
44. Try for a part
45. Potter's purchase
46. Bees aplenty
48. Get out of here
53. Canine pests
54. Desert sanctuary
55. Gamblers' paradise
56. Expresses curiosity
57. One with a cover story, perhaps
58. Tennyson's "Geraint and \_\_\_"
59. Flat-topped hill
60. Score marks
61. Grouper snaggers



## Down

1. "Meet Joe Black" star
2. Ottoman bigwig
3. Cranny's companion
4. Macabre
5. Word with "reason" or "reach"
6. One in an igloo, perhaps
7. Rock music genre
8. Clinton's "Big Ditch"
9. "Just a \_\_\_!"
10. After-dinner item, maybe
11. Get out of here
12. Name in a Tolstoy title
13. Word with "big" or "raw"
21. Dignified "Shucks!"
22. Prospector's tool
24. Floribunda, e.g.
25. Hackneyed
26. Draw out
27. Get out of here
28. Stuck in goo
29. Not tricked by
30. Shampoo instruction
31. Celerity
33. "Auntie \_\_\_"
36. Telephone part
37. Soap title word
39. Paper unit
40. Emotional distress
42. Humanitarian Mother
43. Friars Club events
45. Time spent on the job
46. Word with "body" or "grand"
47. Word with "clock" or "penny"
48. Zoo fixture
49. Takes off the shelf
50. Mathematician Descartes
51. Entity
52. Signals at Sotheby's
54. Ripple maker

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



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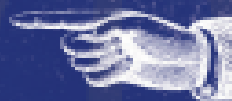
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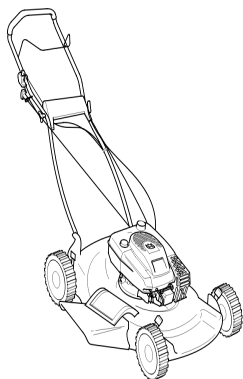


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## **Free business card-sized ads for young entrepreneurs**

If your child would like to earn money doing work for neighbors, we will gladly publish their information. Contact the PCA, if you would like to have their name and service listed here free of charge. Applies to neighbors 17 and younger. email [info@plantations1.org](mailto:info@plantations1.org)



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