



PCA Newsletter

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ACC Inspection Season

Annual Architectural Control Committee inspections have begun. Board members will inspect the exterior of each property for issues. If you do receive a violation letter, you may request more information or appeal the violation by emailing info@plantations1.org or attending a Monthly Board meeting held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

MoCo Events

Montgomery County Public Libraries registration for its 2025 Summer reading challenge is open. Kids, teens, and adults may participate. Visit <https://mcpl.link/summer-reading>.

Registration for summer programs is open. There are programs, activities, classes, leagues, and events throughout the summer for kids and adults. Check out the digital guide at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec/howto/guide.html>.



Motorized Bicycles

The prevalence of motored bikes (distinct from motorcycles) has increased over the last 20 years. Here's a brief primer on their definition, varieties, and ownership responsibilities. Motorized bikes make use of a motor to power the vehicle. The motor is often gas or battery-powered, with electric battery-powered (e-bikes) growing more popular. The motor serves to assist pedaling or power the bike independent of active pedaling.

Maryland law defines 3 classes of electric bikes (e-bikes): Class 1 only assist active pedaling and stop assistance at 20 mph, Class 2 can be propelled by motor only with the same assistance cut-off, and Class 3 only assists active pedaling and stops assistance at a higher threshold, 28mph. The Maryland Department of Transportation states that *E-scooters and e-bikes must be operated on the road, permitted paths, and abide by all traffic laws and posted signages. These laws include, but are not limited to, stopping at stop signs, obeying traffic signals, riding in the direction of traffic, the prohibited wearing of headsets or earplugs in both ears, and yielding to other vehicles and pedestrians.*

Bikes may be used on PCA sidewalks and paths, but must give way to pedestrians. Motorized bikes may not be used on the grass at Club View Park because they damage the grass.

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PCA Pet Profile



Meet Dunkin, a two year old Pug mix. Dunkin was rescued last May from a hoarding case and we were the lucky adopters. Dunkin is a big love bug. He enjoys cuddling with his humans. He also enjoys all his toys and treats, especially blueberries. – Submitted by Debbie Diatz

Want to make your pet neighborhood famous? Email us their name, age, sex, and favorite activities or short story at 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!

Montgomery County recently released the results of a survey that shows an increase in homelessness. This is a great time to volunteer to support the people in your county. Here are several organizations who offer volunteer opportunities to support the homeless:

- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless: <https://mcch.net/>
- Interfaith Works: <https://www.iworksmc.org/>
- Montgomery County Volunteer Center: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/> or 240-777-2600. Select "All Opportunities", and filter for your interests.

PCA Animal Prohibitions



PCA Covenants [Article VIII, Section 8]: Prohibit all animals, livestock, and poultry from our properties, except that "dogs, cats, and other household pets may be kept" as long as they are not being kept for commercial purposes (for example, they cannot be bred for sale).

Montgomery County Code [Chapter 5 – Animal Control]: Chickens and roosters cannot be kept in an aviary (structure that confines/houses the chickens) within 100 feet of an adjacent dwelling.

For most or all PCA properties, this means the property is not large enough to accommodate chickens.

For more information or to report a problem:

PCA – info@plantations1.org

Montgomery County - 311

Animal Control – 301 279 8000

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 group
- 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

Club View Park

24110 Club View Drive, 20882

Do you all know we have a beautiful and well-equipped neighborhood park 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!

Protect the turf

To avoid damage to the playing field turf, avoid using the playing field when it is wet and soggy. All motorized vehicles are prohibited from driving on the grass.

Club View Park FAQs

Can residents use Club View Park Pavilion for an event? YES! The use of the park pavilion for activities like family gatherings is included in the HOA dues you pay! In order to accommodate everyone and avoid unwanted issues, a reservation request must be filed with the PCA (form available online). All requests will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served 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 requires a \$20 fee for a two-hour period 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. To keep the courts in the best shape, we ask all residents to refrain from

skateboarding, rollerblading/skating, and other non-racket-type sports that can damage the court surfaces.

Non-residents who live nearby can also use the courts for a small annual fee.

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 residents 17 and younger.

Place Your Ad Here

Your very affordable ad reaches **406** homes! Place an ad, **watch your business grow**, or **sell unneeded items**, or **celebrate upcoming events**! For more information, e-mail: info@plantations1.org.

The PCA newsletter is published in February, May, August, and November.

**Full Page \$68.00 - Half Page \$40.00 -
Quarter Page \$22.00 - Business Card \$12.00**

Italian Pasta Salad

A simple nutritious recipe easily adaptable to your tastes.

Ingredients

- 1 pound fusilli or rotini pasta
- Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1½ cups mini fresh mozzarella cheese balls, 8 ounces
- 1 medium red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced
- ½ English cucumber, diced
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- ¾ cup kalamata olives, pitted and halved
- ¾ cup sliced pepperoncini
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 recipe Italian Dressing
- 1¼ teaspoons sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves, plus more for garnish

Preparation

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Prepare the pasta according to the package instructions, cooking until slightly past al dente. Drain and toss with a drizzle of olive oil to prevent sticking. Set aside to cool to room temperature.
2. Transfer the cooled pasta to a large bowl and add the cherry tomatoes, mozzarella, red pepper, cucumber, red onion, olives, pepperoncini, and parsley. Toss to combine, then add the dressing, salt, and several grinds of pepper and toss again.
3. Stir in the basil and season to taste. Garnish with more basil and serve.

Joke of the day:

The best time to wash your slinky is during spring cleaning.

Bird Nest Build Challenge



Background

Different birds build different types of nests that must be strong and waterproof. Building a nest requires physical and engineering skill. Birds build using materials available in their environment, including borrowing materials from their human neighbors!

Supplies

- Natural materials: small twigs, dry grass, dried moss
- Optional: string, yarn, thread, fabric scraps, paper, cotton balls
- Shallow bowl or plate to use as a guide

Steps

1. Look-up types of bird nests.
2. Take a walk in the woods or along a nature trail to collect building material.
3. Gather building materials and your guide (bowl or plate) in a workspace.
4. Build the nest using only your thumb and index finger.
5. Compare your nest to pictures of real nests.

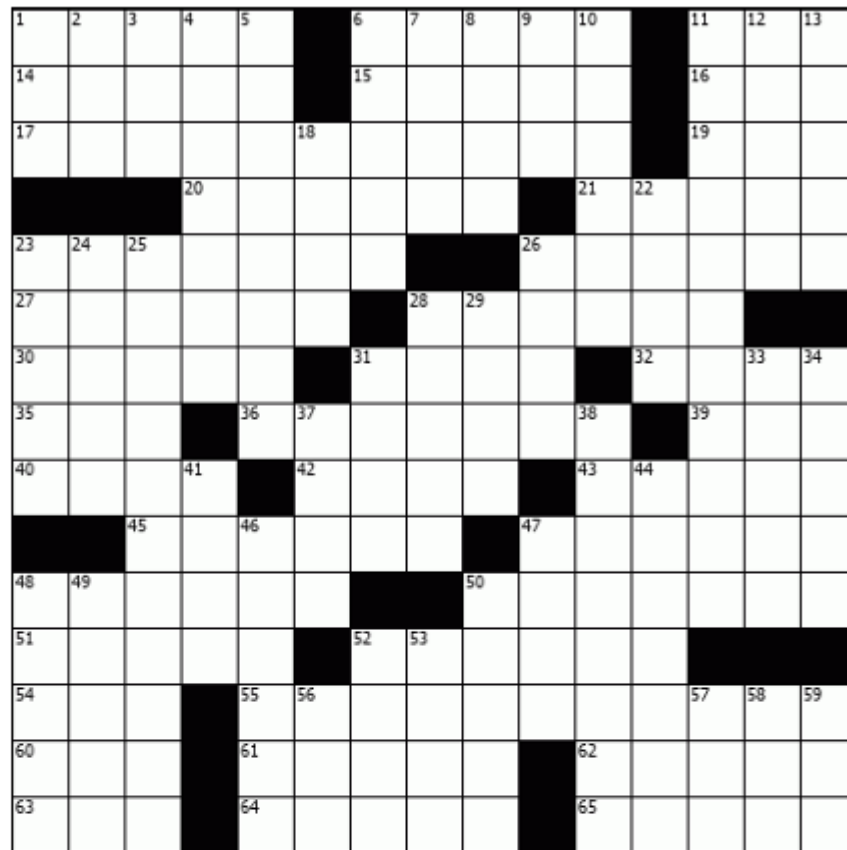
Tips

- Start with the strongest materials.
- Weave the materials together.
- Slightly moisten the materials if they're too dry to stay together.
- Use the softest materials on the inside.

Send us a message at info@plantations1.org, subject "Bird Nest" and we will post your sightings in the next newsletter!

Across

1. King and Hale Sr.
6. Moth-repelling wood
11. Tag pursuers
14. Surfer's gadget
15. Obviously in awe
16. Indicator of a maiden name
17. Concerts held in arenas?
19. Cornfield call
20. Sun blockers
21. Many of that
23. Had under surveillance
26. Like a span of oxen
27. Preserved, in a way
28. Bad thing to bear
30. It's for good measure
31. Smooth-talking
32. Sting a customer
35. Mode preceder
36. Show anger toward, in a way
39. Like a barrel of monkeys
40. Unwitting accomplice
42. Region
43. Customary practice
45. Lathered (up)
47. Low-heeled shoe
48. Saguaro, e.g.
50. Bestows upon
51. Throbbled
52. Idiotically wrong
54. "Who am ___ argue?"
55. Stumble while running the bases?
60. Brazilian hot spot
61. Royal topper
62. Go partner
63. It may be essential
64. That's a wrap
65. Did some picking



Down

1. "Who ___ kidding?"
2. Bela contemporary
3. Annex
4. Geologic time division (Var.)
5. Glows like coals
6. Louisiana cuisine
7. Relative of "Zounds!"
8. Oroville and Coulee
9. LAPD advisory
10. Ready to play again
11. Social Security?
12. Badger
13. Put in stitches
18. Crucifix
22. Beldames
23. Discontinue, as a project
24. Prentiss or Abdul
25. Where to learn how to tolerate your spouse's parents?
26. Brass member
28. Fastened, in a way
29. Beatles meter maid of song
31. 2000 also-ran
33. Be an omen of
34. Strike zone's lower boundary
37. Chance occurrences
38. Sought help from
41. One on a staff
44. Convertible cover
46. CPA functions
47. Hit the lanes
48. Nile city
49. When Hamlet pretends to go mad
50. Rated G, so to speak
52. Off in the distance
53. Italian coin no longer minted
56. Vardalos of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
57. Place to get stuck
58. Chill
59. Third degree, usually

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