



PCA Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

5/11 7:00pm PCA Board Meeting at Woodfield Elementary | Room: Teacher's Lounge

5/16 1:00pm PCA Block Party at Club View Park

6/8 7:00pm PCA Board Meeting at Woodfield Elementary | Room: Teacher's Lounge

7/13 7:00pm PCA Board Meeting at Woodfield Elementary | Room: Teacher's Lounge

8/10 7:00pm PCA Board Meeting at Woodfield Elementary | Room: Teacher's Lounge

PCA Community Party

PCA members are invited to a neighborhood community party for the whole family at Club View Park on Saturday, May 16th at 1:00pm with a weather back-up day of May 23rd. Food and games will be potluck style, so bring a dish or a game to share! We already have soccer goals, frisbee, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk.



The Board is seeking volunteers who have watercoolers, folding tables, or chairs. If you want to help, please send your contact information to info@plantations1.org with "Block Party Volunteer" in the subject line.

Volunteers Needed



The PCA volunteer corps helps with a variety of tasks, from shoveling or moving downed tree limbs to delivering newsletters. Email info@plantaions1.org to volunteer. We especially need 3-4 volunteers for Peanut Mill, Bush Hill Rd, and Newbury Rd homes and townhouses.

Current PCA Board

Officers

President: Nathan Booth
VP: Brandon Martin
Secretary: Debbie Diatz
Treasurer: David Keim

Board Members

Kathy Giles
Mike Giles
Denitsa Kirilova
Chris Kiron – Grounds Chair
Evan Margelos – ACC Chair

Neighborhood Streets



In the last couple of years, Montgomery County has removed several trees in the public street right-of-way (ROW). The ROW basically refers to the county street and the land immediately on either side of the street, which the county may improve. Residents can request planting, pruning, removal (for dead or dying trees), or stump removal from the county at this web page: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/request-tree-services>.

Speeding & Hit-and-Runs

The Board received a complaint about speeding on Newbury Rd and a report about multiple hit-and-runs that damaged parked vehicles. In general, the County

is responsible for traffic and property damage on County roadways. Residents are encouraged to report speeding and hit-and-run events with the non-emergency police. You can report by calling 311 or emailing the complaint to poltrafficedivisiondirector@montgomerycountymd.gov. If you use email include photographic evidence and specific date, time, and damage information. If your car is damaged in a hit-and-run and you don't know who did it, you may want to look at whether you want to use the uninsured or underinsured coverage from your car insurance policy.

Motorized Bikes & Scooters

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

PCA Board Activities

ACC

The ACC Committee began inspections in April. The most common violation letters the ACC sends out are for mold on siding and improper storage of trash bins.

As you plan exterior home improvements, remember to submit an ACC Request form through the [PCA website](#).

Grounds

The Board made use of its tree and landscape contractors to clean up the downed trees and branches on PCA property throughout the neighborhood, including a tree that blocked part of the Newbury Rd townhouse parking lot. The Board continues to assess leaning trees and dangling branches for further trimming, pruning, or removal.

Finances

The Board is pursuing several projects regarding its financial operations and strategy. First, the PCA started its 2024 financial audit with an accountant. Second, the Board is crafting an investment strategy for a portion of the funds sitting in checking and savings accounts that matches both the Board's low-risk appetite and its

fiduciary responsibilities to the community. This year, the Treasurer will transition PCA bookkeeping from home-made spreadsheets to QuickBooks to ease the effort required to complete regular reporting and annual financial audits.

Community 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>

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 dispose of your dog's "business" bags.
- Dogs and cats 4+ months old require a current rabies vaccination and County license.

Lost Pet Resources

- [Damascus, MD Lost & Found Pets](#) Facebook group; they can scan found pets for microchips
- Montgomery County MD Lost Pets <https://www.facebook.com/MCMDLostPets>



- If your pet is lost or you find a pet, the Montgomery County Animal Services Center recommends you file a report at 24petconnect.com

PCA & County 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 call Montgomery County – 311.

Club View Park

Can residents use Club View Park Pavilion for an event? YES! Your HOA dues allow you to use the park pavilion for activities like family gatherings! To accommodate everyone and avoid unwanted issues, file a reservation request with the PCA (form available on the PCA Forms/Files web page). Requests are 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/pickleball 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.

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