

West
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West Side News



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Special Notice

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

**JUNE 10TH
7:00 P.M.**

CLUBHOUSE

**Mark The
Calendar!**

**ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE**

**SUMMER POOL
PARTY
4-7 PM
SATURDAY
JUNE 29TH**

**ALL RESIDENTS
ARE INVITED
FREE**

Board of Director's Update

NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY AS OF JULY 1!

We continue to be busy with several activities. The most noteworthy is the decision regarding our management company. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board narrowed the selection to three candidates from the original five proposals received. The three finalists were Legum and Norman, Service First, and ProCam. After additional meetings and discussions with the finalists, the Board selected Service First as our new management company. Service First is a relatively small company whose strength lies in efficient and effective operational management and support. Given that the Board has addressed many of the strategic issues (reserve study, transition study, bond release (almost complete), master landscaping plan, etc.), we felt that it is time to turn our attention to day-to-day operations and that Service First offered the best value for the community in that area. Many of our residents already have experience with Service First as this firm represents the Lincoln Park condominiums. There will be changes with the new management company, including a full-time on-site manager (details still to be worked out). Almost all of the proposals we received recommended this change for a community of

our size and complexity. Service First's contract begins July 1, and you will be receiving instructions in the mail relating to the specifics of transitioning from Legum and Norman to Service First.

In June we will begin planning for our Annual meeting and elections. Please note that as of this time there is one position open on the Board. Start thinking about running for the Board. It's a great way to contribute to your community. Although we've come a long way in the two years since the homeowners took control of the Board, there's still much to be done and we welcome fresh perspectives.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

You may have noticed some tall grass in various parts of the community. No, our landscaping company isn't forgetting to mow certain areas... they've have been specifically asked to stop mowing areas that we are trying to naturalize. By the time this newsletter comes out, much of that tall grass will be killed and mulched as part of our naturalization efforts (see the May newsletter for further details). The grass around the pond will continue to remain uncut as we begin our efforts in working with the Reston Town Center Association (the owner of the pond) to make the pond look more attractive. Our long-term goal is to create a more natural

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setting with grasses, wild-flowers, and hopefully some additional shrubbery that will deter the geese from coming onto our sidewalks, add color and interest, and promote wildlife (birds, butterflies, etc.). Short-term, we are simply letting the grass grow to see what happens when we allow nature to take its course. As funds permit, we will add enhancements. Please remember that we are very limited as to what can be planted along the dam (the entire bank above the rocks) due to Fairfax County restrictions. Although it appears to simply be a large mound of dirt, the dam is actually an engineered structure filled with pipes and other things that are designed to control water seepage. We will keep you posted regarding future plans, but please bear with us as we work through this process. And remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder!

NEW STOP SIGNS

Please take note of our new “stop signs” at Market Street. Traffic is moving much too quickly through our complex and this is an effort to slow people down. The number of children in our community is on the rise, so please be safe and considerate by allowing just a few minutes in your journey as you maneuver your way to and from your home. Please advise your guests to be careful as well. Also, please be extremely careful when entering New Dominion Drive from the end of Crescent Park. The automotive traffic is exiting the Fairfax County Parkway often at high speeds and an accident may be in the making until the County installs a traffic light. So please BE CAREFUL and buckle-up!

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Crime Reporting for Non-emergency Reports the Fairfax County Police Department has implemented a new system for reporting crimes or incidents. The online report and Citizen's Reporting Unit (CRU) is for information and insurance purposes only. The on-line form or citizen's reporting unit cannot be used to report any type of violent crime, sex crime, stolen vehicle, stolen license plate or traffic accident. To report these listed crimes, call 703-691-2131 or 911 for a crime in progress. The new system,

unlike 911, is not a fast response system. Within 72 hours you will however receive a follow-up. You may access the on-line report form through the county website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov. Enter by linking through public safety and the police homepage. You may call the Citizen's Reporting Unit for the Reston District Station at 703-464-4756. Please remember to speak clearly when calling the Citizen's Reporting Unit as it is an unattended recorded procedure

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**SUMMER POOL PARTY!**

Come one, come all! Start the 4th of July week off by attending the community “Patriotic-All American Bar-B-Q”. Held on Saturday, June 29th from 4 to 7 PM. Expect plenty of food, drinks and fun. This is a FREE event so get out those trunks and Hawaiian shirts and come have fun! Note that in the event of rain, the alternate date is Sunday, June 30th.

T-SHIRT SALE

This new Activities Committee fundraiser will start at the summer pool party. Stylish T-shirts with the “West Market” name and logo will be available for purchase. The shirts are \$20 and are available in sizes L and XL. Other sizes including children's can be ordered. Proceeds will be used for future community events. This is a great way to show your pride in West Market and they'll look great in the gym as you work out!

WANT TO TAKE A DIP?

The 2002 swim season is now underway. Please make note of the new extended hours and inclusion of an adult swim policy. On Tuesday and Thursday nights, the hours from 7-9 pm are designated ADULTS ONLY. Your access card to the clubhouse Fitness Center will also be your pool pass. Please show it to the lifeguard as you enter the pool area. If you do not have an access card or would like to purchase an extra card, please stop by the clubhouse office or call (703) 435-3777. The charge for additional cards is \$25 each. We would also ask that you sign in as you enter. This enables us to track the use of the pool and better determine hours and services. Thank you and have a GREAT SUMMER!

NEW POOL HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	12 noon-8 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	12 noon-9pm
	(7-9PM Adults Only)
Friday & Saturday	10 am- 9 pm
Sunday & Holidays	10 am- 8 pm

POOL PHONE NUMBER - (703) 435-8938

PARK PLACE LANDSCAPING

Tom Moeser, at 12188 Chancery Station Circle, is a member of the West Market Landscape committee and has been asked to act as monitor for the mowing, mulching, and other details provided by Community Landscape Services [CLS]. Our contract with CLS specifies that mowing shall occur every 7-10 days. For those residents who have fenced in yards, CLS will mow inside the fence as long as there is no locked gate or obstruction to entry with mowers. Park Place residents should feel free to contact Tom if they have concerns or comments. He can be reached at his new Email address: moestoes@comcast.net

In the next two months Tom will inventory dead or missing shrubs and trees in the common areas of Park Place. We hope to replace these in the fall when new plants will best survive. Remember that shrubs and trees on your own property [as opposed to common areas] in Park Place are your responsibility.

To keep our community beautiful and remaining valuable, our shrubs and trees and turf need constant care, fertilizer, sun and water. CLS will provide the care and fertilizer and Nature does the rest...But sometimes, especially in the months of June through September, She is short on the water! Please water your plants periodically and also share in watering those in the common areas also. We have no sprinkler system or contract for watering. Residents who band together to share their water and a little time to water common areas, especially around the fountain, will be much appreciated and will see their efforts flourish.

SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY
A CONTINUING SUCCESS

Thanks to Greg Vickers for organizing West Market's third community cleanup day. On

April 20th, 15 residents donned gloves and trash bags, traipsed through woods and streams and picked up trash throughout the development. The group filled over 30 bags.

West Market Community Cleanup Days are held twice a year; once in the spring and again in the fall. The tentative date for our next outing is Saturday, October 12th. Watch your newsletter and postings at your mailbox for further details. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and provide a valuable service for your community. We hope to see you in the fall!

Special thanks to all those who participated: Lumi Binkley, Jeff Green, Michelle & Mike Kopp, Tim McLean Robert Noble, Luz Rivera, Gary Rockwell, Marshal & Bill Romano, Karen & Tom See, Greg & Gillian Vickers, and Mary Webster

MADISON PARK CONDOMINIUMS

The new Board of Directors of "Madison Park" has decided to hold meetings in the West Market Clubhouse on the **fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm**. The first portion of each of these meetings is going to be an open forum allowing members to ask questions, voice opinions, and make community improvement suggestions. We would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to attend. At the March Board of Directors meeting, two new members were elected to fill vacancies on the Board. The Madison Park Board of Directors now consists of the following members: President, Robert Etheredge; Vice-President, Jack Murray; Secretary, Douglas Pruitt; Treasurer, Linda DeAngelo; and Member at Large, Renee Calcote. If you are unable to attend monthly Board meetings and you have an issue for the Board to discuss, please deliver it in writing to the West Market Clubhouse, attention Madison Park Board of Directors. Any change in this procedure in the future will be posted in the West Market newsletter. Remember, this Board is your Board. It meets to ensure that your community remains a desirable community. Each of us has a considerable investment in our condo; the Board needs your input and cooperation to protect our investment.

MADISON PARK TEA TIME

Last November the folks in Building 2 (12170) got together at a very informal coffee and dessert session arranged just to meet the neighbors. It was an unqualified success. In these times of concern about security it would be nice to know the neighbors in your own building and in the community. Anyone interested in replicating the past success of Building 2 can call Judy Etheredge at (703) 709-2587.

VEHICLE PARKING

Surely none of us would like to see fire equipment arrive and be unable to reach the fire because one of our vehicles was improperly parked. Not only is it illegal to park in the areas marked fire zones, but it's a discourtesy to your neighbors. Condo rules and regulations, as well as those of our community, authorize the towing of vehicles illegally parked, but we all would prefer to not be forced to exercise this option. Realizing parking is at a premium throughout our community, please cooperate and use the assigned or open parking spaces for your vehicles. Additionally, there has been an increase in angled parking across the community in areas designated and parallel curb parking. This too creates problems by compressing traffic the through-streets and potentially restricting the space for emergency vehicles to pass. Could you imagine a community in which a two truck would have to roam the streets for prey as they have tended to do across the street in the Town Center? Let's work together not to go to that, please be responsible and following the posted signs and community parking guidelines. This is our community, let's keep it clean, let's keep it beautiful, and most of all, let's keep it safe!

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AROUND TOWN

Free Kids Swimming Classes!

RCC is offering free kids swimming classes at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods for children ages 6-12. Contact RCC Aquatics Department at 703 476-4500 for more information.

Reston On-Line

RESTON sits right in the middle of the big Internet cyber-pipeline in the Dulles Corridor that carries two-thirds of all Internet traffic. So it's not surprising that a majority of Reston households are connected to the Internet. But as a West Market resident are you aware of all the websites dedicated to servicing Reston? A few of the ones you may want to check out are listed below. Know of other great sights we should pass along? Let us know by dropping us an e-mail at webmaster@westmarketcommunity.com Happy browsing!

- Reston eVillage:
<http://www.restonevillage.com/>
- RestonWeb:
<http://restonweb.com/>
- RESTON, VA - A Community of Neighborhoods & Clusters:
<http://reston-va.com/>
- The Reston Association:
<http://www.reston.org/>
- The Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.restonchamber.org/>
- The Reston Town Center:
<http://www.restontowncenter.com/>
- The Friends of the Washington and Old Dominion Trail:
<http://www.wodfriends.org/>
- All of Northern Virginia.Com, a Yahoo! like tool for N. VA:
<http://www.allnva.com/>