

West
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Board of Director's Update

Special Notice

**ANNUAL
MEETING
AUGUST 12TH
ACCENTURE
BUILDING
11951
FREEDOM
DRIVE
ROOM 1801
7:00 PM**

The West Market Board of Directors (BOD) remains busy working on transitioning to the new management company, enhancing community safety, planning for the upcoming annual meeting and proposing changes to our by-laws that would allow for more efficient and effective operations. We are also beginning to prepare the budget for 2002. Stay tuned for more information about the transition process and proposed by-law changes. See the separate article in this newsletter to learn more about the safety issue and the meeting with Supervisor Hudgins.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER:

The annual meeting will be held August 12th, 2002 in the Accenture Building 11951 Freedom Drive, Room 1801. Registration will begin at 7:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM. The primary purpose of this meeting is to elect two (2) members of the Board of Directors. You should have received a notice in the mail announcing the meeting. This notice included a proxy form. If you are a unit owner and will not be

able to attend the meeting, please complete your proxy form so that we have a quorum. You vote does matter!

PARKING SIGNS: What's with all the parking signs? As you are no doubt aware, the developer placed lots and lots of no-parking signs throughout the community. This was done as part of the bond release and to ensure compliance with the County code. Please do not remove these signs. The Board will work on this issue with the County once bond release is complete (hopefully within the next few months). We are hopeful that we can find an alternative, more attractive way to communicate to people that yellow lines mean "no parking".

PARK PLACE RESIDENTS: As you are aware, Park Place residents pay an extra monthly fee for maintenance of owners' private property. There have been questions about what services are covered by this fee. To provide clarity on this issue, the following policy statement was created and approved by the Board of Directors at the July Board meeting:

BOARD UP-DATE – CONTINUED...

“Landscape/Ground Maintenance of Park Place Residents’ Property: The West Market Community Association will contract for and manage routine landscape/grounds maintenance services of Park Place residents’ private grounds. The service provided to Park Place residents will be the same service the Association’s common grounds receive. The same maintenance contractor will perform the service for both Park Place residents and the Association. Park Place residents are responsible for replacement of lawns, trees and plantings on their property unless actions of either the contractor or the Association caused the damage/loss.”

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Japanese Beetles – on the prowl: Keep careful watch of your trees! Japanese Beetles seem to be out in full force. They eat the leaves of flowering trees and even some of the largest trees in our development. If the problem is severe, you can spray your trees; however, realize that you may have to reapply the spray after a heavy rain. Please note that if you do decide to spray, follow the directions carefully to minimize the environmental impact.

Landscaping Committee Meetings: Like the Board of Director’s meetings, the first fifteen minutes of our monthly Landscaping Committee meetings is set aside for an open forum. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the clubhouse.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Activities Committee still needs more volunteers, so that we are able to be more creative in our planned activities. Please call Kathleen Terlizzo at the Clubhouse and/or join us for our next meeting on July 11th at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee will begin production of the directory soon. If you do not wish to be listed or have any special requests as far as how you want to be listed, you must notify the Clubhouse office by August 15th. Call (703) 435-3777 or e-mail our on-site manager at clubhouse@westmarketcommunity.com. Every effort will be made to avoid errors and omissions.

Community directory: The new Community Directory is off to a great start! There are only 2 (1/2 page), 4in. X 5in. size ads available for sale. If you are a business owner and would like to become a sponsor of the directory, please contact Kathleen, our on-site manager, at (703) 435-3777 or at:

clubhouse@westmarketcommunity.com

Advertising forms are available in the clubhouse office.

Telephone Tree: This important community link is still in need of volunteers to act as “CONTACT PERSONS”, especially for the Lincoln Park and Madison Park condominiums. These contact persons will be responsible for calling 6 to 8 of their neighbors when an important message needs to go out to the community. Please consider helping with this effort. Call (703) 435-3777 or send e-mail to:

clubhouse@westmarketcommunity.com

SUMMER POOL HOURS

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 adult only.

Pool Hours (Phone # - 703.435.8938)

Monday & Wednesday	12 Noon -8 PM
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	7-9 adult swim
Friday & Saturday	10 AM - 9 PM
Sunday & Holidays	10 AM - 8 PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Come out and meet the candidates that are running for the West Market Association Board of Directors! This event will take place at the community clubhouse on Monday, August 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Each candidate will speak briefly (about 5-10 min) and answer residents’ questions. Before you cast your vote, get to know who is on the ballot and what their positions are on many of the “hot topics” facing West Market. Refreshments (wine & cheese) and conversation will follow the formal discussion.

T-SHIRTS

West Market Community T-Shirts are available for purchase at the Clubhouse office. They will also be available before and after the Annual Meeting on August 12th. This is an Activities Committee fundraiser and all proceeds will go

toward future community events. Sizes are as follows: Children's L, Adult L & XL. Other sizes can be ordered. The price is \$20. This is an excellent way to show your community spirit and support the Activities Committee.

MEETING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

Early last month Michael Horwatt and Renee Calcote of West Market's BOD met with Supervisor Hudgins, Captain Roessler (the Reston Station Commander), Lt. Kennedy (the Deputy Commander), Lt. Mashinski (the head of the Bike Police), and Vicki Greene (the Director of the Teen Center). The meeting focused on the several incidents of vandalism and disturbances involving teens that have occurred around the WO&D trail in our community. The majority of the incidents have occurred on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM. The discussion focused on what can be done to improve public safety in our community.

Results:

- Captain Roessler of the Police Department confirmed that the Police Department shared our view of when the problems arise. He said that he would assign two or three under cover or uniformed officers to patrol West Market during that time. Bill Mashinski emphasized the importance of having No Trespassing signs posted at all entrances to West Market.
- Captain Roessler invited the West Market Community Association to participate in the Reston Station's regular monthly meetings by having a member on the Citizens Advisory Committee that works with the Station Commander and his officers in solving crime problems. The Citizens Advisory Committee meets at the Reston Station on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. If you are interested in participating, please contact Don Renner or Carin Painter by sending e-mail to safety@westmarketcommunity.com.
- As promised at the meeting, West Market has posted no trespassing signs as requested by the Police Department, which allows them to enforce violations of the signs. Further, as requested at the meeting, Association President Michael

Horwatt has signed a letter authorizing the Fairfax County Police to enforce the traffic and criminal trespass laws pursuant to the board's mandate. In addition, the community will formalize its neighborhood watch program by initiating a neighborhood patrol. If you are interested in participating in the neighborhood patrol, please email the safety committee and watch for a meeting in August about the neighborhood patrol.

- Vicki Greene from the Teen Center expressed concern regarding these incidents and noted that every 15 minutes during the time the Teen Center is open, staff scans the perimeter of the area. She said the perimeter refers to anywhere kids can be seen from the Teen Center. She asked that residents provide descriptions of kids causing problems they observe that may have come from the Teen Center. The Teen Center Staff will also stress the importance of being respectful of the West Market community as part of the Teen Center's mentoring program. Additionally, some of our residents might want to participate in this mentoring program. If interested please contact the Teen Center 703-326-7040.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Light the Night Walk: The National Capital Area Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is sponsoring a "Light the Night" walk in September. There are two walks, one in D.C. on September 26th and one in Reston on September 28th. The Reston walk begins at 6:45 PM. It covers two miles and begins and ends at the Reston Town Center. Keep an eye out for the walkers – the board gave permission for participants to walk through West Market. So give the walkers an encouraging cheer as they pass by – better yet, sign up to walk. If enough people are interested, the West Market Walking and Hiking Club will create a team. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to:

walkinghiking@westmarketcommunity.com.

Check-in for walkers begins at 5:30 pm. See the web-site www.leukemia-lymphoma.org for more details.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank Samantha Marra for all of her hard work and dedicated service to our community. Samantha was a key player in starting the West Market Newsletter and has served as its Editor for the past year. Unfortunately, Samantha is moving away from the West Market Community. We will miss her work in the production of the Newsletter and other community committees. THANKS for everything Samantha and best of luck!

“AROUND TOWN” - Activities at the Reston Town Center

Back to School with Appalachian Spring and Local Elementary School Students

Appalachian Spring would like you to join us in our effort to collect school supplies for needy children as they prepare for their return to school. On behalf of local elementary school students we will be collecting the following donations: pencils, washable markers, crayons, notebooks, glue, filler paper, yellow highlighters, rulers and medium point pens. New and gently used backpacks are also needed. During the month of August drop off your donations at Appalachian Spring. The store is open between the hours of 10 AM – 9 PM Monday through Saturday and Noon to 6 PM on Sunday.

Reston Concerts on the Town

Every Saturday night during the month, 7:30 – 10 PM, Equity Office Pavilion

- August 3 – All-Star Salute to Charlie Byrd, incl. J. Byrd, C. Redd, K. Peplowski, & more w/ Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet
- August 10 – Frederic Yonnet (Brazilian, French, Afro-Cuban, Jazz, Funk)
- August 17 – Country Current (Country and Bluegrass)
- August 24 – Fabulous Fantoms (hits from the '40s – today)

Forever Beautiful Annual Fundraiser for the Mara Adina Foundation

Friday, August 9, Equity Office Pavilion
Entrance fee is a \$10 minimum donation

12 – 4 PM – Kids Carnival

5 – 7 PM – Fashion Show

8 – 11 PM – Dancing

The Mara Adina Foundation is hosting this fundraiser to raise money for children with brain tumors. All of the proceeds from this fun filled day featuring a Kids carnival, fashion show, silent auction, toy drive, dancing and bachelor auction will go towards the financial needs of children with brain tumors and their families. To volunteer, purchase advance tickets or to find out more information please call 703/307-9786.

INOVA Blood Mobile

Tuesday, August 20, 12 – 7:30 PM

Please schedule your appointment time by calling 1/866-256-6372 or online at

www.inova.org/donateblood.

Mobile Commuter Store

Thursday, August 22, 11 AM – 4 PM, beside the Pavilion. Visit www.commuterpage.com for more information.

20th Annual Reston Century Bike Tour presented by the Reston Bike Club

Sunday, August 25, 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM
registration, there is a fee to register. Rides must start no later than 9 AM and be completed by 5 PM. Equity Office Pavilion & W&OD Trail
This Reston Bike Club (RBC) tour will start and finish at the Reston Town Center. Riders will select from three routes of approximately 30, 63 and 100 miles through rolling countryside. RBC will host the post-tour festival from 12 PM till 5 PM, with food and music at the Reston Town Center Pavilion. It will be free of charge to participating cyclists! Have your friends and family join you for \$10. To register online and learn more about the bike tour please visit www.restonbikeclub.org.

MADISON PARK CONDOMINIUMS NEWS

COMMITTEES

Madison Park is now in the process of forming two important committees. Karyn Jones (703.796.1399) has volunteered to chair a committee concerned with Community Awareness. This committee would have an ample scope including hospitality and social functions. So, be on the lookout for some fun when this committee gets into full swing and the weather gets a little cooler; a block party has even been mentioned. Please remember, Karyn will need volunteers if this committee is to be a success. This could be a fun committee. Give Karyn a call!

Bill Romano (703. 481.2215) volunteered to chair the Landscape Committee. Bill can't do it all alone and will definitely need volunteers in each building who can assist by watering our plants and grass areas. If you look around your building, you can certainly see that the hot summer sun has taken its toll on our plantings. (See Plantings below.) Watering will only be a part of this committee's scope of work. This could be an exciting and rewarding committee. Give Bill a call!

PLANTINGS

This hot, dry weather we have been experiencing over the past 45 days has taken its toll on both the plants and grass in Madison Park. Although we have had some soaking rain, it has been insufficient to keep our common areas green and alive. This month we even had a fire one evening in the mulched area in front of 12161 that was extinguished by a neighbor from another building. Please, let's be careful with our cigarette butts! Dry mulch is very flammable.

Since our last newsletter, we have surveyed the situation of missing hoses and sprinklers and have asked our management company to purchase additional units to replace those that have disappeared. Please do not remove these hoses for your personal use. Now that we have a Landscape Committee Chair, please call and offer your services to participate in the much-needed watering campaign.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

At the June Madison Park Board of Directors meeting, a motion was made and passed to explore sending out Requests for Proposals for Madison Park management services for the year 2003. West Market has just completed a similar operation and will be employing a new management company in September 2002. In fact, from September forward, one company will be managing four out of the five

components of the West Market complex. Because of this recent development, Madison Park is exploring what benefits, if any, would be gained by consolidating management functions and sharing on-site representation, whether we should proceed with a full-fledged RFP, or whether we should extend our present management contract into 2003.

INTERNET CONTACT

West Market has a very comprehensive web site where residents can access on-line about our community. If you haven't already tried it, it might be an enlightening experience to do so. Additionally, you have the ability to communicate with your Madison Park Board of Directors through this web site simply by typing madisonpark@westmarketcommunity.com into your Internet home page. We, as your elected representatives, are interested in your concerns and suggestions as to how to develop a more cohesive community.

PET RULES

Once more, the Directors of Madison Park would like to point out that the Rules and Regulations of our Condominium Association are quite clear concerning pets, especially dogs. Even though the June, West Market newsletter mentioned that Fairfax County requires all dogs be leashed when outside, even around the pond, some residents continue to walk their dogs disregarding this law. If this practice continues, the Animal Control Officer will be invited to make periodic visits to our community and pass out citations to those residents found disregarding this Fairfax County law. It's not unreasonable to ask residents to abide by the rules of the community and the laws of Fairfax County.

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