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Music in the Park Puts Glasgow Park on the Map



The **Music In the Park** event took place at Glasgow Park this June. The event was highly publicized throughout area media and with the help of our local elementary schools. 2,200 flyers announcing the event went out to area elementary school kids. The Parklawn Civic Association (PCA) held the event to promote the park and raise funds towards park improvements.

There were more than 200 visitors to Glasgow Park on the day of the event. Musical Guests included the Glasgow Middle School Chorus, Rock Orchestra, and Jazz Band. Area neighborhood bands *Just for Kicks*, *Hello Headlights* and *The Suburbanites* played a variety of music throughout the day. All the bands hailed from area neighborhoods such as Parklawn, Barcroft Forest, Broyhill Crest and Lake Barcroft. It was a fabulous success for all communities involved.

Visitors to Glasgow park enjoyed listening to the music, eating treats from Moes and visiting tables from family-friendly vendors that lined up along the pathway selling their wares. Moon bounces provided by Astrojump were a big hit for all ages as was the face painting booth provided by J Art Studios.

Area fire and rescue teams came out as well as Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor and Sandy Evans, Mason District School Board Representative.

PCA spent \$2,676.00 of the grant money to fund the event. We netted \$1,607.00. The Vendors

were asked to split profits 50/50 with PCA and table space was sold for a fee. The money made will be matched by the Mastenbrook grant.

The main goal was to promote the park and let people know about it. The event was an unbelievable success. Our community was bursting with pride that day.

Amanda Aguilera and Mollie Loeffler planned the event together and did a fantastic job. Countless volunteers stepped up to help with this event. The printing cost of all the promotional flyers was donated by Liz Rissell. Tents were donated by neighbors. Street signs were put up by Barcroft Forest and Parklawn residents. The stage was provided by George West of G-Dub Productions, the sound system was provided by Greg Baxter, and all the bands played for free.

Dave Galway, Lynette Gates and Ken Platek worked behind the scenes with parking and logistics. Beth Kersey, A.J. Smith, Barb and Tom Browning, Gary Wallace and countless others helped man the ticket counters. Volunteers from Parklawn, Barcroft Forest and Glasgow middle school helped monitor the moon bounces. Thank you to everyone not mentioned here.



On the Move

Park Authority Takes Action



In preparation for the Music In the Park event, the Park Authority took action on our over-grown park.

Workers came, replaced swings, added new mulch and painted the signs. They provided us with additional trash cans and trimmed some of the branches off the dying trees.

Workers also replaced the old graffiti covered table tops on the picnic tables.

Tree trimmers lined Fairfax Parkway and cut away years of over-grown brush, dying trees and hazardous hanging limbs leftover from this past winter's storms.

The yahoo group once again was full of positive and excited comments from neighbors about the progress.

Our park has never looked so good. We encourage neighbors and parents to continue to keep an eye on the park and keep it clean.

The PCA is appreciative to the Park Authority for the most welcome updates to Glasgow Park.



Car Sales & Yard Sales

This summer residents on Braddock Road were sent Neighbor 2 Neighbor letters informing them that we would like to work as a team to keep our streets looking their best and that we must follow the zoning laws of Fairfax County.

Thank you to all the neighbors who are doing their best to keep Braddock road looking good.

Please remember:

- ◆ **Car Sales are limited to 5 per household per year (discretely please.)**
- ◆ **Yard Sales are limited to 2 per year.**

We ask that all residents comply with the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance>) regarding the restrictions of car and yard sales, vehicle repair, parking on front lawns and trash management. It's up to all of us to keep our neighborhood looking its best.

Please help us celebrate our successes by doing the simple things: disposing of litter and newspapers on the streets, curbs and sidewalks and caring for the physical appearance of your real estate. Our homes and our neighbors are our greatest assets.

Vandalism at Glasgow Park

In late September, Glasgow Park experienced some vandalism. Several of the new wooden fence posts were broken. Additionally, many new table tops have graffiti on them. The Park Authority has been notified and are responsible for reporting the incident to the Police. We have also been in contact with Glasgow Middle school and asked them to help spread the word and work with us to keep the park looking nice. Neighborhood Watch will also be stepping up their surveillance of the park.

We urge all parents to speak to their children about vandalism, and defacing property. Because there are no homes directly facing the park, we cannot always see what goes on there. We encourage you to keep an eye on Glasgow Park and help keep it clean and thriving. The more families use the park—the less opportunity vandals have to destroy the property.



Happy Hour Potluck & Annual Meeting

Friday ★ October 15 ★ 6pm - 8:30pm

Peace Lutheran Church—6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312

- Bring the kids and a dish to share
- Come drink a beer with your neighbors
- Vote on the 2011 Board
- Renew / Join the Civic Association (\$15/household)
- Thank the PCA Volunteers for all they have done for the 'hood



*Membership proceeds go towards sprucing up the hood, the website, newsletter costs, event costs, etc....

HEAR YE HEAR YE: The original 2007 board's term limit was up in 2008. We are still here and we need a drink. We are now in the selection process for new Executive Board leaders. Please email or call us if you are interested in serving your community and having some fun. Call 703.508.8320 or email: parklawncivic@verizon.net

Parklawn Improvement Committee Update

Thanks to Mike Gates , Mollie Loeffler, Richard Zambito, and Dave Galway, the Big Triangle at Braddock Road and Columbia Pike has undergone another rejuvenation of major plantings including: Cryptomerias on each side of the Parklawn Neighborhood sign, boxwoods, assorted grasses, Knock Out Roses, and Mums.



A lot of resources and time have been dedicated to improving our common areas and we need all deck hands to help keep it up. Thank you to all of you who join our association. Your funds help with these and other ongoing revitalization projects.

To Volunteer for various improvements please call 703.508.8320 and get involved!



Membership Form

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(Required* to receive important email updates)

Membership Type: New Member Renewal

Circle one

- Dues: \$15/year per household (cash or checks payable to Parklawn Civic Association)
- Please bring this form and your dues to the next meeting, or
- Mail to: PCA Treasurer, 6338 Hillcrest Place, Alexandria VA 22312
- Or to use paypal go to: www.parklawncommunity.org/PCAMembership.htm

Note: Membership runs May through June.

News You Can Use

Reclaim our corners, sidewalks and gutters!

One of the Parklawn Improvement Committee (PIC) agenda items is to monitor how the neighborhood looks beyond the large common areas. This includes sidewalks, corners, crosswalks and curbs. Unfortunately about 80% of our corners are thickly overgrown with weeds, debris and dirt. Many of our sidewalks and curbs are also overrun with weeds. Several curbs have weeds 2-3ft tall and 1 ft wide every six feet (at the joints) and prevent proper drainage. Please take a moment to look at your curbing and see if it is clear of weeds and debris.

Over the summer the PIC cleaned/reclaimed the following corners:

- Yosemite/Summit
- Yellowstone/Summit
- Parramore/Summit
- Hillcrest
- Chaco/Arcadia
- Bryce/Arcadia
- Verde/Braddock
- Braddock/Arcadia corners

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Reminder: Please pick up after your Dogs!

Recently a team of 3 PIC members spent seven hours cleaning the corner of Bryce and Arcadia, including reclaiming the sidewalk which had shrunk to about a foot in diameter due to the years of weed growth.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. Technically, sidewalks, corners, curbs and the road are all public property.

Please take responsibility for cleaning these common areas. If your neighbor doesn't weed/edge the corner, sidewalk, gutter or street near their property for whatever reason then please do so. **Fairfax County will not maintain these areas.** If you can't weed then spray it with weed killer (Roundup, etc.). If you cannot remove the weeds, please donate money or supplies to the PCA to support these efforts. Most importantly, if you can't physically assist or financially assist then please ask your neighbors and/or the PIC for help.

Too often the PCA committees, such as PIC, end up with the same 2-3 people doing most of the work. The PCA needs new people to participate. Please join the PIC team by contacting Mike Gates at eurytomid@gmail.com, if you're able to help out.

We all benefit from clean streets, sidewalks and corners. Clean curbing helps attract new neighbors to our community, ensures proper drainage, minimizes erosion and encourages neighbors to get out and walk which in turn promotes neighborhood safety and appreciation.

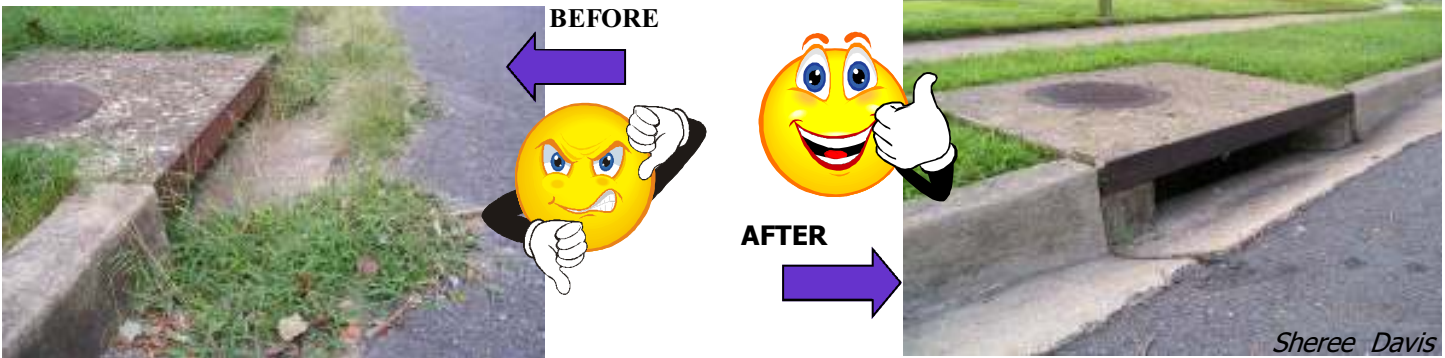
Dave Galway

Helpful Hints for a "Happy Yard":

- ◆ When you cut your grass, please sweep your driveway and the sidewalk in front of your house.
- ◆ Pull up, remove, and bag all grass and weeds growing in the curb lane and run off drains in front of your house.
- ◆ There are many eco-friendly products available such as "Eco Smart Organic Weed & Grass Killer" that will prevent weeds from returning in the future.

Don't let your house or lawn become an eyesore in the neighborhood. Parklawn is OUR community.

Take pride in Parklawn.



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Volunteer Spotlight

New Kiosk goes in at Glasgow Park

In this issue, we are spotlighting several individuals from the Parklawn neighborhood who have lead efforts in our revitalization.

Thanks to the hard work of our fellow Parklawn neighbor and talented carpenter John Saah (pictured here), we now have a brand new kiosk at Glasgow Park.

The materials were purchased with grant money from the Glasgow Park Project. All labor was completely donated by Mr. Saah. Our thanks goes out to him and many others who helped on this project. Thank you to Scott at Home Depot for providing a large discount on materials and Fred Saah of Saah Unfinished Furniture for providing a truck and free labor to haul the material. Thanks also goes out to the installers, Ted Loeffler, Ken Platek, and Tom Dickson and Family. The roof tiles were donated by Becky Choi and John Edwards. Lynette Gates and Becky Choi helped stain the kiosk.

The kiosk is a wonderful asset to our park. Not unlike our main entryway sign, this kiosk is an important landmark to our community.

Neighbors can post messages on here and the PCA can post notices on upcoming events with the kiosk.

This is just another example of our community coming together and how we all play a part.



Cleanup Crew Spruces up the hood

You may have seen these fellas out and about in the neighborhood lately. Mike Gates, Chair of the Parklawn Improvement Committee (PIC), Dave Galway, Treasurer, and John Taylor, gardener and all-around helpful individual. These men are on a mission. They are busy improving our neighborhood's physical appearance.

Not only is Mike Gates the PIC Chair, but he is also Parklawn's Yahoo Group Moderator. He has lead all efforts in revitalizing the overgrown common areas, including purchasing all the plants for landscaping for the Braddock Rd. triangle and the Summit triangle.

Dave Galway, when he is not counting the PCA funds, sorting receipts and writing checks, can often be found out there weeding.

If you see any of these volunteers, please take some time to thank them.



Behind the Scenes Help

Webmaster extraordinaire and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator T.J. Chipres has done so much for our community.

Not only has she designed a beautiful website for our community to showcase itself on line, she continues to lead the efforts of the Neighborhood Watch and coordinate National Night Out every year. Thank you T.J. for all you have done for Parklawn.



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Parklawn Pool Grant Update

The Parklawn Pool has concluded another successful season, and increased its membership. The pool now turns its attention to completing the Neighborhood Enhancement Grant and to reviving the AT&T cell tower project.

In March of this year, the Pool was informed that it had received a \$5,000 grant from Fairfax County's Neighborhood Enhancement Grant to return the flood-damaged tennis courts from ruins to a viable open natural area. To facilitate the grant, the pool board has solicited agreements from local recyclers and landscaping companies to not only take our materials but to help haul them out. In the grant, the chain link fence and aluminum electrical cables will be scrapped and the concrete block and wood power poles will be reused as landscaping material. The board is in the process of finding a reuse for the asphalt tennis courts and several options are on the table from leaving the material in place and let nature take over – to recycling the material through a paving company.

When finished, what once was an unsafe eyesore will be a beautiful park that all will be able to enjoy! Work will commence this fall and will likely continue through the winter.

The Pool Board is still pursuing options with AT&T and the County to garner approval for the cell tower. Pool Board members Kevin Hogan and Daren Shumate met with Penny Gross and her land use team on September 15 to revive the cell tower approval process. Several options are on the table to get this project approved. Penny Gross shared that several local pools, most notably Broyhill Crest and

Holmes Run, have in the past ten years succeeded in striking deals with cell companies and the county. The primary challenge in the Parklawn Pool cell location is that the current proposed location is on the borderline of a Resource Protection Area – a land-use classification whose requirements are dictated by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. Because of the potential impact on the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the project must go through a long Special Exemption process.

The Pool Board is re-engaging AT&T and the County to revive the approval process and to explore cell tower locations that would fall outside of the RPA and not require the Special Exemption process.

Daren Shumate



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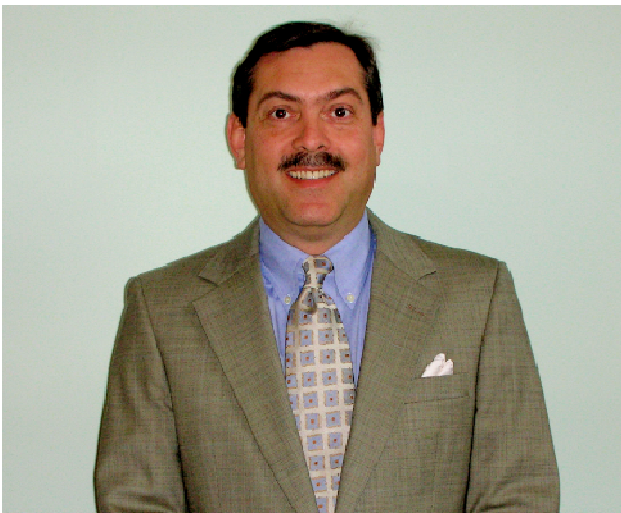
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Committees & Groups

PCA Yahoo Group. Created to enhance communication among community members, our Yahoo Group is located at groups.yahoo.com/group/Parklawn. The group is currently not moderated and we hope it can stay that way by steering clear of religion, politics, spam, email harvesting, bickering, and rude comments. Sign up today; it's easy and free. Contact Mike Gates (pepsis1@verizon.net) with any questions.

Parklawn Playgroups: Attention all Parklawn Parents! Wouldn't you like to meet other parents in the neighborhood? We are looking for parents of children up to 5 years old who would like to get their kids together for a play date. Please email Julia Munoz: Juliamunoz@hotmail.com—be sure to put "parklawn playgroup" in the email heading.



Meeting Dates:

- Annual Meeting: **Fri**, October 15, 2010
- Spring Meeting: May 2011

Meetings held at:

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Neighborhood Watch

Parklawn/Barcroft Terrace
Neighborhood Watch Volunteers Needed!
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