

Cardinal Crest Chronicle

What's Happening in Cardinal Crest?

We begin this newsletter by addressing some recent neighborhood security issues. In mid-August a number of vehicles on Cardinal Crest and Warbler Court were broken into. The police were contacted and took statements from many homeowners whose property was violated. Some of the vehicles had been left unlocked. Be sure to lock your vehicles, set the alarms, or put them into the garage. Many of you keep garage door openers in your vehicles providing easy access to your home for thieves. John

Roberts, chair of the Neighborhood Watch, has been working with the PWC to develop a program for Cardinal Crest.

Second, the Cardinal Crest Board of Directors (Board), and Architecture and Review Board (ARB) would like members to review the following rules and regulations for the neighborhood. (The rules listed below are abbreviated, for complete listing of ARB Rules and Regulations contact Keith Johnson).

Grass

During the heat and

drought of the summer many of us without sprinkler systems didn't need to mow our lawns. However, since the decrease of the heavy summer heat and increase of rain, there are a few lawns beginning to look ragged. According to the ARB regulations, lawns must be maintained in good condition. Lawns containing dead grass must be re-seeded/sodded. Grass will not be permitted to grow more than **6 inches** in height.

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Katrina Relief

Many of you may be experiencing sympathy, shock, and even anger over the recent devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. Help is needed across Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi; here are a few ways you can help. Don't forget to contact your local faith-based organizations to find out if they are gathering donations or organizing

missions to help with clean up and rebuilding.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is taking donations via phone, 1-800-HELP-NOW. Or you may visit the Website at, www.redcross.org for online donations and information about volunteering.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is currently providing services to storm victims and first respond-

ers in the Gulf Coast states. To donate: (A) via phone, 1-800-SAL-ARMY, (B) online, www.salvationarmyusa.org, (C) to donate by mail, send checks,

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earmarked 'Disaster Relief,' to PO Box 4857, Jackson, MS 39296-4857, (D) In person, visit your local Wal-Mart or Sam's Club.

America's Second Harvest

America's Second Harvest is one of the largest food bank networks in the US. To donate or volunteer visit ASH online at, www.secondharvest.org. Companies, manufacturers or retailers wanting to donate a full truckload of dry storage product, please call 1-800-771-2303 and ask for the Food Sourcing Department. Companies wanting to donate transportation of product please call 1-800-771-2303 and ask for the Logistics Department.

Housing Assistance

Once simple food and water relief is provided there will still be thousands of families needing long-term temporary shelter. If you have a second home or bed to offer evacuees visit Move On at, www.hurricanehousing.org Or you may visit, www.katrinahousing.org. Currently the American Red Cross and FEMA will not directly promote this effort

since they are worried about the legal liability of "representing" individual volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat's Disaster Response Office, in conjunction with field staff, has initiated the process of assessing the status of Habitat partner families in the affected regions.

Habitat for Humanity does not act as a relief agency, it seeks to facilitate recovery options for those victims who seek permanent housing to rebuild their lives. As a builder of decent, safe, affordable housing, Habitat for Humanity recognizes the need to provide long-term solutions to the housing needs of families who have been affected and displaced by disaster but cannot qualify for a conventional mortgage

To donate or volunteer your time visit Habitat for Humanity online, www.habitat.org or contact Habitat's main office at 1-800-HABITAT.

Calendar of Events

September

20 - Budget Meeting
Contact George Vaughn,
(703) 307-4695
For time & location

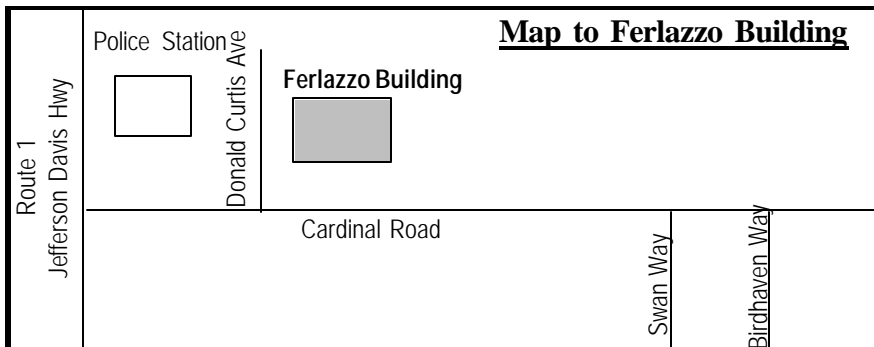
28 - Board Meeting
Ferlazzo Building
Locust Shade Room
7:30 p.m.

October

26 - Board Meeting
Ferlazzo Building
Locust Shade Room
7:30 p.m.

November

16 - ANNUAL MEETING
Ferlazzo Building
7:00 p.m.
More information about the meeting will be provided closer to the date.



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Volunteers Needed NOW!

Now is a good time to give back to your neighborhood community. The Board is looking for two people to chair committees and a few volunteers for the Budget and Welcome Committee. If you are interested in any of the positions listed below you may attend the next board meeting, September 28, or contact Keith Johnson at Cardinal Management Group to get started.

Budget Committee

Board Treasurer, George Vaughn is looking for volunteers for the Budget committee to prepare the 2006 budget. The meeting will be held **September 20**. For time and location contact George at (703) 307-4695.

Special Events Chair

The Special Events chair organizes fun activities for the neighborhood including, the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale, Picnic or Ice Cream Social. The board would like to thank our last Special Events committee chair, Kathy Schumer, for all her help and organization of past events! Kathy recently had surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Area Development Chair

This committee chair is responsible for staying in contact with District Supervisor Jenkins and attending any meetings pertinent to the Cardinal Crest

community, such as school rezoning and Cardinal Road improvements. Someone currently working for Prince William County would already have easy access to this information and would be an excellent chair.

Welcome Committee Members

The new chair of the Welcome Committee, Deirdre Moore, is in need of volunteers. Deirdre has organized the community into sections and is currently looking for a volunteer from each of the following sections;

- Ryan Homes on Cardinal Crest Dr. to Bird Haven
- Warbler Ct./Towhee Ct.
- Peregrine Ct. and Cardinal Crest Dr. east of Bird Haven
- Wertz Drive
- Redbird Ln. and surrounding pipe stems off of Wertz

Volunteers will meet with Deirdre to organize information packets. When new neighbors move in, volunteers will be notified by Keith Johnson or Deirdre of the new family's address and will make contact, provide the packet of information, and answer simple questions,(e.g., where's the closest supermarket, hair dresser, doctor recommendations, and local community activities). This committee is an easy way to meet new people, offer general hospitality and takes **VERY LITTLE TIME**.

Gas Saving Tips

- 1) Car pool to reduce gas expense. Pooling also reduces traffic congestion.
- 2) Buy gasoline during coolest time of day - early morning or late evening is best. During these times gasoline is densest.
- 3) Don't start and stop engine needlessly. Idling your engine for one minute consumes the gas amount equivalent to when you start the engine.
- 4) Avoid "revving" the engine, especially just before you switch the engine off; this wastes fuel needlessly.
- 5) Watch your speed. Traveling at 55 mph give you up to 21% better mileage when compared to 65 mph and 70 mph.
- 6) Traveling at fast rates in low gears can consume up to 45% more fuel than is needed.
- 7) Keep windows closed when traveling at highway speeds. Open windows cause air drag, reducing your mileage by 10%.
- 8) Think ahead when approaching hills. If you accelerate, do it before you reach the hill, not while you're on it.
- 9) Maintain clean air filters. Diminished air-flow increases gas waste.
- 10) Inflate all tires to maximum limit.
- 11) Auto air conditioners can reduce fuel economy by 10% to 20%.
- 12) Remove excess weight from trunk or inside of car. Extra weight reduces gas mileage.

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Basketball Hoops

With cooler weather arriving kids return to the outdoors to play. If you own a basketball hoop please be respectful of your neighbors and aware of the following rules. Hoops must be backed up to the garage of the homeowner. No part of any hoop may be located in any common area, sidewalk easement, street, or pipe-stem drive. Hoops cannot be left up during high winds or storms for safety reasons. Basketball hoops left up must be maintained in good repair at all times.

Motor Vehicles

Automobiles that are inoperable for road use shall not be stored on any property except in a garage. This includes vehicles covered by tarps. Driving or parking on lawns is prohibited. Junked or abandoned vehicles on any lot that does not display current registration plates shall be towed upon 48 hours notice to the owner.

Commercial vehicles, (e.g.,

any vehicle displaying the name of any business) may not be parked on the driveways, in yards, or in any paved common areas of Cardinal Crest. Owners wishing to park this type of vehicle on their driveways must completely cover all logo, business name and other markings with magnetic signs or with canvas covers. However, such vehicles may be stored out of sight in garages hidden from public view.

Doghouses & Barking Dogs

Doghouses must be located in the rear of the house and not visible from the street. Animal runs are not allowed in Cardinal Crest. Homeowners who wish to provide an enclosed environment for their dogs exercise should consider fencing their yard.

Pets must be leashed while in common areas and all pet waste must be collected by the owner and disposed of properly. Barking dogs are an annoyance to many homeowners, and are a

violation of County Law 14-5.1. Therefore, homeowners who own dogs should make every effort to minimize barking, particularly during late-night or early morning hours. If you have a problem with a neighbor's barking dog you may report continuous incidents to the PWC Police, at (703)792-6500 .

Fences, Patios & Decks

Don't forget ALL fences, patios, and decks must be submitted and approved by the ARB. For a copy of the architecture guidelines/application contact Keith Johnson with Cardinal Management Group, or go online at www.cardinalcrest.org.

Cardinal Crest Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16. All HOA members are encouraged to attend. More information about the meeting will be provided closer to the date.

Cardinal Crest Home Owners Association

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