

# Cardinal Crest Chronicle

## *What's Happening in Cardinal Crest?*

**H**appy New Year! As you may know the Cardinal Crest HOA held our annual meeting on November 17. Unfortunately, turn out for this meeting was low. However, enough proxies were returned and the Board was able to conduct a proper meeting. We hope to see more homeowners show up for future Annual Meetings. At this meeting two new board members were elected. The Board would like to

thank outgoing members Ann Price and Deirdre Moore for their time and dedication to the HOA. The 2006 HOA board consists of: Tim Deaver, Robert Hepler, George Vaughn, Ellen Butler, and Robert Gudz.

### *Treasurer's Report*

You probably noticed HOA fees have increased 8.3% for 2006. This increase is due to the increase in the price of gas. The community landscaping fees and

our trash collection fees have increased over the past year due directly to the increase in gas prices.

### *Trash*

It has come to the Board's attention that our trash collector, American Disposal Services (ADS) has been leaving trash behind throughout our neighborhood. The Board has been in contact with ADS regarding this

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## *Neighborhood Safety*

**O**n January 3, 2006, a house on Warbler Court was broken into between the hours of noon and 2:30 p.m., and items such as jewelry were stolen. Anyone with information pertaining to this robbery, or to report suspicious activity, should contact the Prince William County police at 703-792-6500. Those of you with alarm systems should remember to set them when leaving the house, even if it is for a short period of time. To request a patrol car to cruise the neighborhood you may call 703-792-7200. An increase of requests from the

neighborhood will increase regular patrols.

In addition, during the fall a number of Cardinal Crest homeowners had their cars broken into. Homeowners that leave their vehicles in the driveway should be aware that leaving a garage door opener in your car provides easy access to your home for a thief. Either park your car in the garage or remove the garage door opener from your vehicle.

The Board will be addressing the development of a Neighborhood Watch program for the community at the January 25

meeting. Anyone interested in finding out more about Neighborhood Watch should attend this meeting.

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# Architectural Review Board Report

By Robert Hepler and Robert Gudz

**H**appy New Year from your Architectural Review Board (ARB)! Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the itch for many of us to improve the external appearance of our homes. Popular items tend to include decks, fences, hot tubs and landscaping. As a reminder, ARB approval is needed for nearly any change to the external appearance of your home site. ARB oversight is not meant to keep homeowners from making changes, but rather is intended to help maintain the value of all homes in Cardinal Crest. In 2005, out of approximately 30 applications, nearly all were approved as submitted, with only two applications returned for revisions that were subsequently approved.

The ARB usually meets once a month; therefore, the approval timeline for your home modification may take up to thirty days. However, if there is a problem the ARB will try to attend to it sooner. Please keep in mind that many modifications also require a separate county

permit that you or your contractor must obtain prior to commencing work. Additionally, before faxing your completed application to Cardinal Management, it would be advisable to consult the ARB regulations so that you will know in advance the types of changes likely to be permitted. You can find these regulations online at [www.cardinalcrest.org/cnn.html](http://www.cardinalcrest.org/cnn.html).

Residents have made inquiries of the Board or Cardinal Management as to the status of ARB violations that have been observed in the community. In future issues of this newsletter, the ARB will be listing violations that have been reported to the HOA, and the action that is being taken. The Board wants all residents to know that we take violations seriously and any infractions that are reported to Cardinal Management will be investigated. The identities of anyone reporting suspected violations to Cardinal Management are strictly confidential.

Thanks for your continued support in maintaining the high standards of appearance that

have made our home values continue to increase, and more importantly our neighborhood a pleasant place to live!

## Calendar of Events

### January

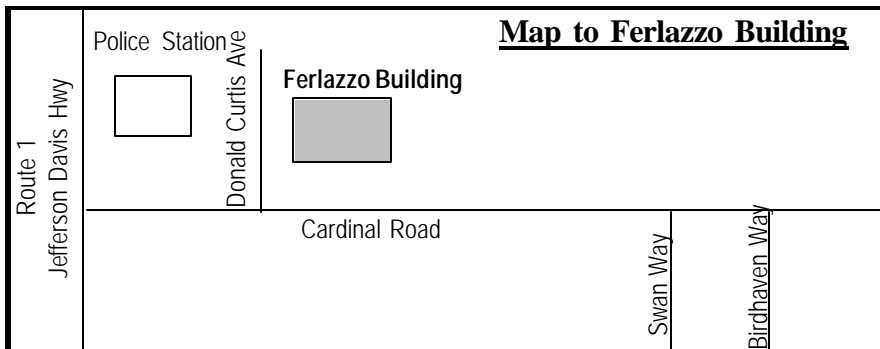
**25** - Board Meeting  
Ferlazzo Building  
7:30 p.m.

### February

**22** - Board Meeting  
Ferlazzo Building  
7:30 p.m.

### March

**29** - Board Meeting  
Ferlazzo Building  
7:30 p.m.



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**Happening** continued from page 1 ongoing issue. We have requested that ADS begin collecting trash during daylight hours in hopes of having these bits of trash noticed and not left behind. If you find trash in your yard, or on the street in front of your house, please contact ADS to complain at 703-368-0500. The Board will be readdressing this issue at the January 25 meeting.

In addition, a homeowner attending the Annual Meeting mentioned that other property owners have been leaving their garbage cans in the front yard or in front of their garage. Garbage cans must be out of sight, either in your garage, or along the side of the house disguised by trees, landscaping, or by a fenced-in area.

For those who are new to the neighborhood, trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycling is picked up only on Mondays.

### **Curb Appeal**

At our annual meeting the Architectural Review Board (ARB) highlighted that by January 1, 2007, all homes must have a standard black mailbox mounted on the appropriately stained pressure-treated post structure. These are fairly common throughout the neighborhood, but some phases of Cardinal Crest did not put this style in place, and other homeowners have also picked individually styled mailboxes—all non-conforming boxes must

be replaced at the homeowner's expense during this year. Questions on this can be referred to the ARB via Cardinal Management, *k.johnson@cmgmt.com*.

County ordinance restricts parking of commercial vehicles in the neighborhood. Commercial vehicles parked either in a homeowner's driveway or on the street adjacent to their home are not permitted and can result in fines and citations.

In addition, other vehicles not permitted free access to neighborhood streets are

pocket bikes and ATVs. While any homeowner is permitted to have these vehicles on premises, this type of recreational equipment and their use in Cardinal Crest is extremely constrained. Specifically, ATVs are not licensed for use on the road, cannot be driven on the sidewalks, and are not permitted on the common areas, including the large recreation field near the tot lot. Pocket bikes are restricted to private property such as driveways and pipe stems. Their use on the roads and sidewalks is otherwise prohibited.

### **Tot Lot Improvements**

For those of you with young children, you will be happy to

know that the tot lot has seen recent improvements. You will find a new Zebra spring rider and a set of seesaws. The seesaws replaced the tire swing, which had become rusted and would soon be dangerous for the children to play on. The board has ap-



*Neighborhood toddler enjoys the new Zebra Spring Rider*

proved additional improvements for 2006 including, a foot-bridge between Towhee Court and Red Bird Lane. The board will also be considering the addition of new swings for both toddlers and older

children.

Please clean up any trash left behind at the tot lot when leaving. Refuse is the responsibility of all who use the tot lot. If you notice trash, please be a good neighbor and help pick it up, even if it is not yours. If you notice vandalism, please report it to Cardinal Management promptly. A well-maintained tot lot is safer for all our children.

As always, the Board meets monthly at the Ferlazzo Building and homeowners are encouraged to attend. Dates and directions to future meetings are listed in page two. Cardinal Management contacts are also listed on page two.

# *Volunteers Needed NOW!*

**N**ow is a good time to give back to your neighborhood community. The Board of Directors is looking for a few committee members. If you are interested in any of the positions listed below you may attend the next board meeting, January 25, or contact Keith Johnson at Cardinal Management [k.johnson@cmgmt.com](mailto:k.johnson@cmgmt.com).

### ***Special Events Committee***

The Special Events Committee organizes fun activities for the neighborhood including, the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Yard Sale, Picnic or Ice Cream Social.

### ***Area Development Committee 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 Welcome Committee is in need of volunteers from each part of the community. The neighborhood has been organized into sections and we are currently looking for a volunteer from each of the following sections;

- Ryan Homes section on Cardinal Crest down to Bird Haven,
  - Warbler Court/Towhee Court,
  - Cardinal Crest (east of Bird Haven) and Peregrine Court,
  - Wertz Drive,
  - Redbird Lane and surrounding pipe stems off of Wertz
- Volunteers will obtain

informational packets from Cardinal Management. When new neighbors move in, volunteers will be notified by Keith Johnson of the address and will make contact, provide a 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.

**Reminder -  
Upcoming  
Board Meeting  
January 25**

### **Cardinal Crest Home Owners Association**

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