

Cardinal Crest Chronicle

A Message From the President

As the cold weather begins to leave us and spring approaches, our neighborhood is beginning to come alive again as most of us venture out and about in the community after our winter ‘hibernation’. Your Board has decided to use this opportunity to inform you of recent happenings and upcoming events.

1. The Board has just voted to switch landscaping companies to Palmer’s Property Maintenance, and you will begin to see the new company’s trucks and personnel on the property beginning the end of March. You should see improvements in some of the common beds and landscaping.

2. This coming spring, volunteers from the community will be organizing a Spring Egg Hunt on March 24, and a Community Yard Sale on May 5. Both events have been big successes in the past, and we invite all members of the community to take part and come out to have some fun with their neighbors.

3. The Cardinal Crest Neighborhood Watch has been officially recognized by the Prince William County Police Department, and is up and running, with five active

‘blocks’ within the community. See the article on page two in this newsletter for more details.

Additionally, with the onset of warmer weather and longer daylight hours, please remember that many of our children will be out playing in our yards and streets. PLEASE keep your speed down when driving through the community. Mature drivers know to “expect the unexpected” – especially when driving in the vicinity of children. Parents, please also speak to your children about their behavior when playing in your yard, driveway and the community streets. If you allow your children to play in the streets, please monitor them, and let them know that they cannot block traffic, loiter in the street, or act disrespectfully to drivers. There were several instances of all of the above actions last spring/summer, and this year I would encourage any homeowner witnessing such actions to contact the Prince William County Police Department and ask for their assistance in correcting the problem.

Finally, this year the Cardinal Crest Website will be updated on a regular basis with pertinent

documents (ARB Regs, Board Resolutions, etc.) as well as the minutes of the Board meetings. We will also be using the website, and this newsletter, to publish the times, dates, and locations of the upcoming Board meetings, and will stop using the A-frame signs at the community entrances to provide notice of board meetings. The website will have the most up to date information, to include changes in time and location of meetings, and any cancelled or added meetings. Please check the website periodically to keep up with the happenings in the community. www.cardinalcrest.org

-by Rob Gudz

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Neighborhood Watch

Calendar of Events

I am pleased to announce that as of March 1, 2007, the Cardinal Crest Neighborhood Watch has been recognized by the Prince William County Police Department. You will soon see the sign shop from the County on the property putting in additional Neighborhood Watch signs in the community. I'd like to thank the many homeowners who have stepped forward as either Block Captains, or to participate in the Neighborhood Watch (NW) in an effort to keep their neighborhood and neighbors safe.

As your NW Coordinator, I have been sending mailings, doing website polls, putting articles in this newsletter, and placing notices in mailboxes throughout the community for the past year to try to get the full participation of our community in the NW.

On page four of this newsletter, you will find a map of our community indicating the boundaries of the "Blocks" that have been created for the NW. Of the Blocks shown, the following blocks are active - they have a Block Captain and have organized their homeowners into a patrol

schedule and are beginning to patrol their blocks - 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Unfortunately, there are still large areas of our community where not a single homeowner has stepped forward to take part in the NW. Blocks 3 and 4 and the areas of the map with "unassigned" labels do not have a Block Captain or any homeowner who has stepped forward to participate in the NW, and as such, are not being covered by patrols.

I would encourage any homeowner who is in one of the inactive Blocks to come forward and take the responsibility of becoming the Block Captain for their area, and enlisting their neighbors to perform patrols within your Block. If you are not willing to step forward and take a stand to protect yourself and your property from an increasingly encroaching criminal element, you cannot expect your neighbors to do so for you. In the active Blocks, neighbors have banded together to watch out for each other, and ALL of them are benefiting.

-by Rob Gudz

March

**24 - Spring Egg Hunt
Tot Lot**

**31 - Rain Date Egg Hunt
Tot Lot**

April

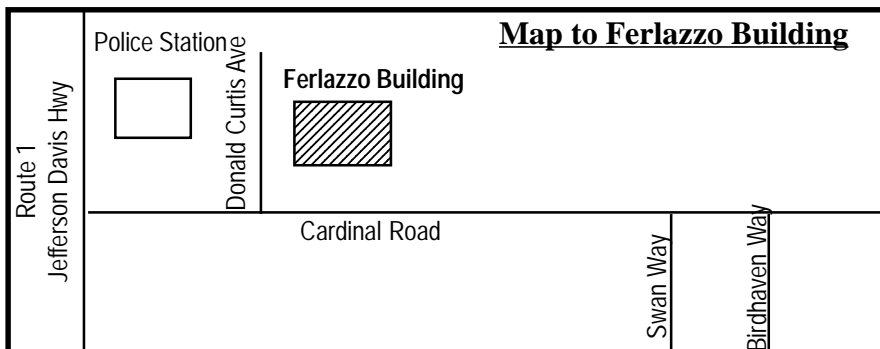
**25 - Board Meeting
Ferlazzo Building**

May

**5 - Yard Sale
Entire Neighborhood**
6 - Yard Sale Rain Date

July

**25 - Board Meeting
Ferlazzo Building**



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Spring Egg Hunt
March 24, 2007
(Rain Date March 31)
1:00 p.m.
Location: Tot Lot
Neighborhood Children
are
Invited to Attend



SPRING CLEANING
TIME IS ALMOST HERE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THE ANNUAL
CARDINAL CREST
YARD SALE
WILL BE HELD
MAY 5, 2007
(RAIN DATE MAY 6)

CLEAN OUT YOUR BASEMENTS,
GARAGES, CLOSETS, AND
UNDERNEATH YOUR BED! PUT A
PRICE TAG ON IT AND PUT IT IN
YOUR DRIVEWAY FOR THE
YARD SALE!

WATCH YOUR MAIL BOX FOR A
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- Mid-day walking (Between hrs. of 9:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.)
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- Water plants, Bring in mail & newspapers, Alternate lights

Service areas: Manassas, Dale City and Woodbridge

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References available

Cardinal Crest Neighborhood Watch

Updates

REMINDER -

Your Christmas Lights should be packed away by now! If they are not you will be receiving a violation letter from Cardinal Management.

All homeowners should refer to Page 29 of the Architectural Rules and Regulations (Effective August 15, 2006) for information on the acceptable design of the Mailboxes within the community.

Homeowners with non-compliant mailboxes have until 1 June 2007 to bring their mailboxes and supporting structures into compliance with the regulations.

Time to start thinking about your lawn care. Reduce Japanese Beetles in the neighborhood by putting down a grub control in late May or early June. This will kill grubs before they hatch. For more information about grub control go to www.scotts.com and search for Scotts GrubEx Season-Long Grub Killer.

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