

Cardinal Crest Chronicle

A Message From the President

I think we are all glad that summer is finally upon us. The children are out of school and we can begin taking our family vacations. The board wanted to put out this summer edition of the newsletter to keep you informed of some of the upcoming events in the community.

As we all know, with school out, our children will be playing in and about the streets more often. Please watch your speed as you drive through the community, particularly during dusk hours when children may be present, but difficult to see. Parents, please watch after your children and inform them that the streets are not appropriate play areas, to watch out for traffic, and to yield to oncoming vehicles.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is information on the Prince William County curfew for youths. Please acquaint yourselves with this regulation if you have children as the Police will be patrolling our community and will be issuing citations, etc. to children found out after the curfew hours.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the Wallace family for putting on a very well

attended Easter Egg hunt in April and the Miller family for organizing a very successful Neighborhood Yard Sale in May.

Finally, a word on lawns – as the weather warms and our grass grows at ever increasing rates, please be courteous to your neighbors and keep your yard mowed. If you are going to be on vacation for more than 2 weeks, please arrange to have a neighbor or yard service cut your lawn in your absence. Nothing looks worse during the summer than a home with an overgrown lawn among rows of their neighbor's neatly trimmed lawns.

Now is the time to think about Japanese Beetles in the neighborhood. This is the time to put down a grub control if you have not done so already. This will kill the Japanese Beetle grubs before they hatch and begin eating your other trees and plants. For more information about grub control go to; www.scotts.com, and search for Scotts GrubEx Season-Long Grub Killer. Or visit your favorite home improvement store and talk to a lawn and garden representative for alternate products.

-by Rob Gudz

Mark Your Calendars
**National Night Out
Against Crime**

Tuesday, August 7

6:30 p.m. – dark

Meet at Warbler Court
Ice Cream and Snacks

Visit by the Prince

William County

Police Department

Come Join Us!

Take a Stand Against
Crime

In Cardinal Crest!

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Neighborhood Watch

I am pleased to announce that since the last newsletter, we have added an additional block to our community's Neighborhood Watch (NW). The residents in Peregrine Court organized themselves, arranged for the mandatory Police Department training, and have been officially recognized as an active block in the Cardinal Crest Neighborhood Watch. Congratulations to those homeowners for coming together and deciding to look out after each other, and we welcome them to the NW. We now have 6 active blocks in the community, each with their own block captain, and their own patrol schedule.

All of our other blocks are well into their patrol cycles and the Police Department has posted new NW signs in our community. However there are still areas within our development that are NOT covered by a neighborhood watch. If you are in one of those areas (you know you are if you aren't on a neighborhood watch schedule), and you would like to benefit from NW, then contact Cardinal Management to be put in touch with the NW coordinator.

Finally, on Tuesday evening, August 7, 2007, Cardinal Crest will be observing the *National Night Out Against Crime* in conjunction with NW's all over Prince William County. We will have a gathering of all of our community's NW blocks in the cul-de-sac at the end of Warbler Court. The Board will have ice cream and snacks for the children, and will have a visit by the Prince William Police Department via a motorcade complete with lights and sirens. Afterward we will do a community walk back through our NW Blocks to show our residents' solidarity in taking a stand against crime in our community. I invite you ALL to attend. Those who are not currently in a NW block can get information on how to organize your block. Please put this event on your calendar. We are targeting a start time of approximately 6:30 p.m., however final details will be sent to you all as we get closer to the date.

-by Rob Gudz

Calendar of Events

June

27 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Ferlazzo Building

July

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

August

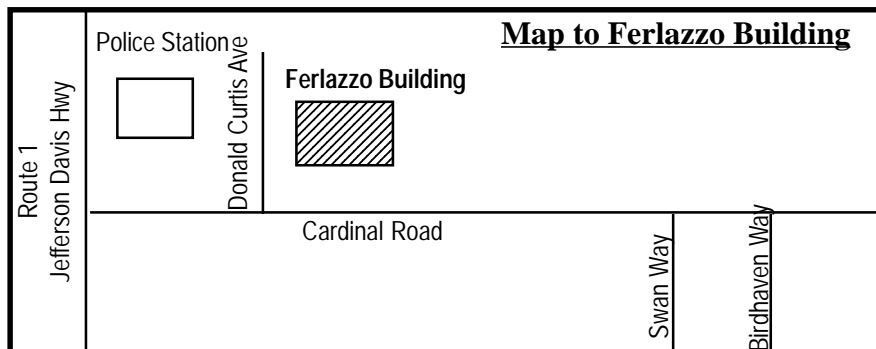
7 - Night Out Against Crime
Warbler Court
22 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Ferlazzo Building

September

26 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
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October

24 - Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Ferlazzo Building
31 - Halloween



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Summertime Safety Tips & Juvenile Curfew

As we approach summer the days are getting longer, our neighbors are out and about and the children are playing in the community. Many drivers have long commutes so when arriving to Cardinal Crest please switch gears and slow down when entering or driving through our community. We do not want to have any mishaps and at the end of the summer we can all say we helped keep our neighbors safe.

As you drive through our community, BOLO - Be On The Lookout for small children darting out from between cars; BOLO for children who may be learning to ride bicycles and are a little unsteady, and slow down for kids playing. Teach your kids to walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.

Make sure your child plays in safe places away from motor vehicles — such as yards, parks and playgrounds not in the street. Fence off play areas from driveways and streets.

Buy clothing and accessories incorporating retroreflective materials for your family to wear at dawn and dusk, in the evening and during other low-light situations, such as rainy or foggy weather. Check frequently for children when backing out of a driveway or a parking space.

Bike Safety

Make sure your child always wears a helmet and that it fits

properly. Bike helmets are a Virginia Law. Adults with children riding bikes without helmets can be fined and held liable in case of accidents. Check the bike to make sure the brakes, reflectors, and tires are working properly. Adjust the seat to your child's height.

Teach your child to check for traffic before entering a street or intersection by looking left and right. Explain the rules of the road to your child. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must obey the same rules as motorists. Teach your child proper hand signals for left and right turn. Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding. Lock up or keep bikes in a safe place. Ride with a friend.

Scooter, Skateboard, Skating

Make sure your child has the proper protective gear – a helmet, wrist guards, and elbow and kneepads – and that they wear this gear every time. Teach your child to stay away from cars and other vehicles. Make sure your child rides during the daytime only. Never allow your child to wear headphones while riding.

Prince William County Curfew for Juveniles

Effective July 1, 1997, Ordinance 16-3, Code of Prince William County, Virginia, makes it unlawful, in Prince William County, for anyone 17 years of age, or less, to be, or remain, in any public place between the hours of: 11 p.m.

and 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of 11:59 p.m. and 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Certain circumstances may exempt some juveniles from the Curfew Law. The exemptions are as follows:

- when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult person to whom the minor has been temporarily entrusted.
- when engaged in an errand for a parent, guardian, or other adult person to whom the minor has been temporarily entrusted.
- when engaged in lawful employment.
- when on property or sidewalk abutting residence with permission of parent or guardian.

What happens to Violators?

Minors detained for a violation of the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance may be arrested; may be taken to a Juvenile Curfew Center; may be released to the custody of a parent or guardian; may be released after the issuance of a summons for Court, or may be issued a warning.

What are the Penalties?

1st Offense - in lieu of a fine, the Court may impose community service of up to 50 hours.

2nd Offense - the penalty shall be a fine of not less than \$200 and/or up to 100 hours community service.

3rd Offense - the penalty shall be a fine of not less than \$350 and/or

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up to 200 hours community service.

Parents of minors who are arrested and transported to a curfew center must pay a processing fee.

What is the Parent's Responsibility?

It is unlawful for the parent or guardian, or other adult person responsible for the care and custody of the minor to knowingly permit, or by insufficient parental control to allow, any such minor to violate the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance. Upon second or subsequent conviction of this offense, the Court may impose a fine or jail sentence. For more information go to the website, www.co.prince-william.va.us.

- by Ken Eggers

“ICE” Your Mobile Device

Emergency personnel such as paramedics, firefighters, etc., often waste valuable time searching through your mobile device address book for your personal emergency contact information. Having “home” or something similar listed is not always appropriate, particularly if you have people at home who should not receive this type of phone call. Many people are now making an entry listed as “ICE” in their address books, which stands for “In Case of Emergency”. You may want to consider making such an entry, (example: ICE-Steve) which will give emergency personnel quick access to the appropriate contact for you if you’re in an emergency situation.

- by Ken Eggers

Mailboxes

As you know, the current ARB Regulations require that all mailboxes in the community comply with a proscribed design in the documents by June 2007.

The Board has located a company locally that carries the mailbox and post. Both are compliant with the required design. The company is Mail Boxes Plus Virginia. You may reach them at (703) 815-4777, or via the web: www.mailboxesplusva.com. Be sure to order mailbox model number MP-01. The Board has spoken with Cindy, and was able to negotiate the price down so residents may benefit from the 20%+ discount. The company will install a new mailbox and remove the old one for a total of \$100.00 plus tax. Payment must be made using Visa or MasterCard.

Homeowners are welcome to use other sources, but please ensure that compliance with the ARB regulations is achieved.

There is a Director-at-Large position open on the Board. Any interested homeowner please attend the upcoming board meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m., at the Ferlazzo Building.

Cardinal Crest Home Owners Association
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