

Cardinal Crest Chronicle

A Message From the President

As winter fades behind us and spring is just ahead, your Board decided that it was a good time to put out another newsletter. We want to let the homeowners of Cardinal Crest know about upcoming events, and to keep you informed about new developments in the Community.

First, I'd like to welcome Victoria Garner as our new Property Manager from Cardinal Management. Victoria is replacing John Fitch and Sherri Long, and will be taking over the day-to-day management of our community. Victoria will be making visits to our community on a weekly basis, and with that will be assisting the Board in enforcing the ARB regulations – as many of you may have noticed with the first batch of ARB violation notices that went out last month. The Board has asked Victoria to be vigilant in enforcing the ARB regulations. This is important to all of us – a well-kept community is among the greatest contributors to homes selling quickly and at a high value

in a community. With the recent downturn in the housing market, we all want to make sure we maintain or increase our home values.

Speaking of ARB regulations, spring is a time that many homeowners execute the projects that they had been planning all winter. Please remember that any

project you undertake that affects the outward appearance of your yard or home must be sent to the ARB for approval. The forms for submit-

ting your project can be found at our communities' website at www.cardinalcrest.org. If you have a question about whether or not a proposed project requires ARB approval, please contact Victoria Garner at Cardinal Management at (703) 565-5030.

As you may have noticed, some of the events that we have had in years past are not currently shown on the calendar of events (see page 2). This is because we have not had a member of the

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**Mark Your Calendar
APRIL 5
Neighborhood Watch
Eggstravaganza
Community Tot Lot
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Spring Egg Hunt
Fire and Police Officers
Fire Trucks & Hoses
Gear for the kids try on
Children IDs made by
County Police

Spring Egg Hunt Rain Date
will be April 12, 12:00 p.m.

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Neighborhood Watch

We are happy to report that the Cardinal Crest Neighborhood Watch is fully operational. While we still do not have all homes in the neighborhood covered with active watches, the areas that DO have watches are running patrols and making reports to the Police Department when they encounter suspicious incidents. Our Police Report log that we receive each month from the Prince William Police Department shows a marked decrease in criminal activity from the time period prior to the Watches becoming active.

Since we still do not have full participation of the community, the Board has decided to host a Neighborhood Watch Eggstravaganza on April 5 at the Tot Lot. In conjunction with the annual Spring Egg Hunt, this will be an opportunity for you to bring your children down to the Tot Lot to meet your neighbors, the members of your Board, and to see some of the Police and Fire equipment that your tax dollars have bought.

The Board will be signing up homeowners for new Neighborhood Watch blocks, and answering any questions you have about

recent community happenings.

For the children's entertainment we are scheduled to have Fire Trucks from the Fire Department complete with Fire Fighters in full gear, gear for the kids to try on, fire hose demonstrations, and small fire demonstrations with fire extinguishers under Fire Department supervision. The kids will be able to speak to Fire Fighters and learn about their gear and mission, as well as to climb on the Fire Trucks.

In addition, Prince William County Police Officers are scheduled to attend with their vehicles and gear as well as members of the Prince William County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff deputies will be set up to make Children IDs and to answer questions about their equipment and missions. Mark your calendar for April 5 and bring your family down to the Tot Lot (located at the bottom of the hill on Wertz Drive) from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. to enjoy a fun day with your neighbors.

-by Rob Gudz

Calendar of Events

March

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

April

5 - Neighborhood Watch Eggstravaganza, 12:00 p.m.

Tot Lot

**12 - Egg Hunt Rain Date
12:00 p.m. Tot Lot**

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

May

TBA - Neighborhood Yard Sale

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

June

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

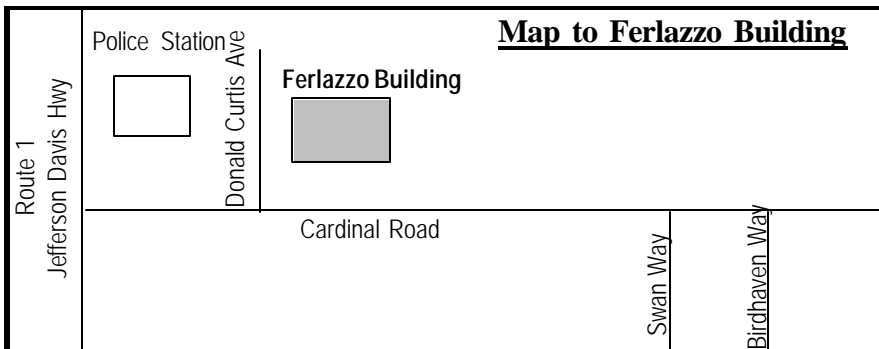
July

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

August

TBA - Night Out Against Crime

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



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From the Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Rules and Regulations for Cardinal Crest have many purposes. The primary purpose is to familiarize homeowners with the objective, scope and application of architectural rules and regulations intended to maintain the aesthetic appearance and environmental quality of our community. Other objectives include:

- Uniform guidelines to be used by the Architecture Review Board (ARB) in reviewing, approving or disapproving applications from homeowners for modifications to the exteriors of their homes and/or lots in light of the standards set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (“the Covenants”).
- Assist homeowners to deter-

mine whether an application for exterior modification is required, and if so, to assist them in preparing acceptable applications to obtain approval of exterior alterations.

- Increase Cardinal Crest homeowners’ awareness and understanding of the Covenants and describe procedures established in our Covenants and these rules for implementing and enforcing these criteria.
- Illustrate basic principles that will assist residents in designing/planning exterior improvements that will be in harmony with the neighborhood community as a whole.
- Create and maintain harmonious well-kept communities, enhance property values and

aesthetic appearance.

- Maintain and improve the quality of the living environment in Cardinal Crest.

If you are considering improvements please download and review the current ARB Guidelines from the HOA website at www.cardinalcrest.org. This handbook will serve as a valuable reference source and will assist homeowners in preparing acceptable applications for review by the association’s Architectural Review Board. All homeowners should familiarize themselves with its contents and retain this handbook for future use.

- by Ken Eggers

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community step forward to volunteer to plan and execute the event. The current events are going to be planned and executed by board members. Any other events that any member of the community would like to have – Ice Cream Social, 4th of July Parade, etc. will be entertained provided we have the necessary community support in the form of volunteers to organize and run the event. If you are interested in volunteering to take part in a future event, please call or email Victoria Garner at Cardinal Management: (703) 565-5030 or v.garner@cmgmt.com.

Finally, at our Annual Meeting in November, we added two new

members to the Board of Directors – Jimmy Wyrick and Scott Miller. With the existing members, that brings our board to a total of five members. We thank Mr. Wyrick and Mr. Miller for volunteering to serve the community as board members, and acknowledge existing board members George Vaughn and Ken Eggers for their continued service.

I look forward to meeting each of you at some of the upcoming events in the community. Until then, I invite you all to attend any of our regularly schedule Board meetings – held the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Ferlazzo Building (see map on page 2).

-by Rob Gudz

Community Members interested in organizing or volunteering to take part in a future event, please contact:
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Event Ideas:
Ice Cream Social
4th of July Parade
Picnic

Keeping It Clean

As spring showers wash away the winter, it is time to remind everyone in Cardinal Crest to please carry a trash bag while walking your dog to pick up and properly dispose of your dog's feces. By carrying a plastic bag or container you will be able to quickly and easily pick up after your dog.

Not only is picking up after your dog a community bylaw, it is also a county ordinance. Some of you have been lazy over the winter - you know who you are - and left your dog's leavings on the community common grounds. You must clean up after your pet everywhere in the community. If caught, you can be fined. If you don't think you'll be noticed, think again; everyone seems to have a camera phone these days.

Removing dog feces prevents disease infestation of your dog from exposure to infective worm eggs and larvae. Additionally, dog

feces can transmit diseases from your dog to people. Roundworm, hookworm and other parasitic worms may be transmitted to young children and adults who play or work in their yard/dirt where dog feces are left behind. Ocular larva migrans - an eye disease caused by parasitic worms found in dog droppings can cause serious eye damage to young children. Clean it up, please!

Dog feces and urine can result in lawn burn or dead patches. When your dog is on your neighbor's lawn, it causes a great deal of hostility toward you and your dog. Basic responsibilities are tantamount to being a good neighbor. Not picking up after our pets create unsightly menaces that are easily eliminated if pet owners fulfill their responsibility.

Be a good neighbor and dog owner.

Scoop the Poop!

Hoops

Warm weather approaches and our aspiring basketball stars are out hitting the hoops. We would like to remind everyone that basketball hoops must be located in such a way as to minimize adverse impact on neighboring property owners. In most cases, this means that the hoop must be backed up to the garage of the homeowner. No part of the basketball hoop may be located in any common area, left on the sidewalk, easement or on a street or pipe stem driveway, even if the surrounding neighbors agree. Basketball hoops cannot be left up during high winds or storms for safety reasons. Basketball hoops should be stored in a backyard or garage when not in use.

- by Ken Eggers

Report violations in confidence via the website at, www.cardinalcrest.org/contact.html

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