

# Summit Creek Community NEWSLETTER SUMMITCREEK.ORG

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## Important Phone Numbers

Prince George's County  
Police Department  
301-856-3130

Clinton Fire Department  
301-499-8400

Pepco  
202-833-7500

WSSC  
301-206-4001

Wanda McCullough  
Portfolio Manager  
CMC Management  
301-926-2911

Katrina Nelson  
On-Site Manager  
s.summitcreekoffice@verizon.com  
301-868-78r80

Recycle Bins/Bulk Trash  
301-952-7630

Big D's Towing  
301-702-8500



## BOARD MEMBER NEEDED

There is a vacancy on the Board as a single-family representative. The position will be filled by appointment to complete the term of Lloyd Boxley. Please take a moment and consider being a candidate for of the positions. **Your participation is requested because you can make a difference.**

**What is it worth to protect your property values and keep your monthly assessment from increasing at alarming rates?** Are you satisfied with the rules and regulations? Are you satisfied with the way the money is spent or how the property is kept? Or, you may just like to have a hand in the successful operation of your community association. These are issues you may consider in deciding to run for the Board of Directors.

**The Board of Directors makes decisions that affect everyone in the association, and serving as a director gives you the opportunity to help set the policy by which your community association is managed.** While Directors approve policies in the community's best interest, they are not involved in the day-to-day operations. The basic rules of the association are contained in the

by-laws or governing documents of the association. Rules and regulations are determined in accordance with those governing documents and are necessary in a community such as Summit Creek so that the property can be managed effectively for all residents.

As an owner, you are expected to know the rules and regulations. As a member of the Board of Directors, you are expected to set the example by following rules. **There is one basic requirement to the job – you must have a thick skin.** Directors can never please all of the people all of the time. Consequently, an owner serving in this volunteer capacity can feel a sense of accomplishment in contributing to their wellbeing and that of their neighbors, and even to the improvements of everyone's property values.

**So, if you're ready to make a difference with a respected voice in your community, consider being a member of Board of Directors.**



## NEW ON-SITE COMMUNITY MANAGER



You now have a new On-Site Manager, Katrina Nelson. Please contact her via phone, fax and/or e-mail with all community concerns, problems, and issues.

## RESIDENT ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting and the March Resident Quarterly Meeting will be held together on April 28. The dates for the Resident Quarterly Meetings will be held as follows: April 28, 2004, June 30, 2004, September 29, 2004, and January 26, 2005. There will not be a meeting in December 2004.

## Inside Story Headline



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Part of the reason why we had an emergency meeting was due to the fact that a crime was committed on the trail near Mayapple Court. The police responded to a call that a body was found in the evening on January 19. The victim was pronounced dead on the scene. The victim lived in a community that is adjacent to Summit Creek on Pineview Lane. Corporal Powell attended the meeting and he provided additional information regarding the crime as well as other safety tips. Another popular crime that occurs frequently in Clinton is auto theft. When someone is warming up his/her car in the morning and goes back inside of the home it is a golden opportunity for a thief to steal your car. If your vehicle is stolen and you are not aware of it the criminal could possibly get caught before you even realize that your car is missing if the criminal is pulled over and the police officer asked the driver for a drivers license and registration. If you do not keep your registration in your vehicle, the police officer will run a check on the vehicle and contact the owner of the vehicle to make sure the person that is driving your vehicle has your permission to do so. If you keep your registration in your vehicle, then if the criminal is pulled over by the police the criminal can show the police officer his/her driver's license and your vehicle registration. As long as you have not reported your vehicle to have been stolen the police officer has no way of knowing that it is a criminal that is driving your vehicle. Below is a list of the ten most stolen vehicles in Prince George's County, MD.

- 1) Toyota Camry
- 2) Honda Accord
- 3) Dodge Caravan
- 4) Chevrolet Caprice
- 5) Dodge Stratus
- 6) Dodge Neon
- 7) Dodge Intrepid
- 8) Nissan Maxima
- 9) Oldsmobile Cutless

### 9) Dodge Voyager

Number one is the most stolen vehicle and number ten is the least stolen vehicle. Using anti-theft devices, such as kill switches and alarms are helpful.

Whenever you see anything suspicious please call the police at 301-333-4000. The more often residents call the police for either suspicious or criminal activity the higher up Summion the list for the need of the police to patrol the area more often. If residents seldomly or never call the police, then

The police think that this is a fairly quiet area, as far as crime is concern.



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# ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINE REQUEST

In the past I do not know what rules the previous Management Company did or did not enforce as far as architectural is concerned. Some residents have added the proper storm door, deck(s), and sheds; however, Community Management Corporation does not have a record of some residents being given approval to add those items. If you have added any of the items listed above and you did not submit an Architectural Request Form, please fill one out for each item that was added. The Architectural Request Form can be picked up at the Community Center Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or you can get it off of the [www.summitcreek.org](http://www.summitcreek.org) website. If you added any of the above items and they are not in compliance with the Architectural Guidelines, then you will need to make the necessary changes, so that it

meets the requirements. Inspections of the exterior of homes will be done in the springtime. You can read what the architectural rules are on the website.



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## PARKING & TOWING

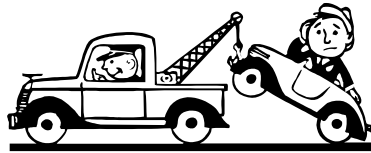
The Parking and Towing Committee have reviewed the parking situation of the townhouses and duplexes. The following recommendations were presented and approved by the Board of Directors:

- 1) Big D's Towing will be re-instated as of February 16 with a modified towing agreement between Big D's and the Summit Creek Homeowners Association. See towing regulations that will be enforced below.
  - a) Call in request by management (i.e. vehicles in violation of By-laws).
  - b) Call in request by homeowners (i.e. unauthorized parking in assigned spaces, blocking access to or from assigned spaces).
  - c) Any vehicle(s) parked in handicapped spaces without a handicapped permit or tags.

This story can fit 75-125 words.

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Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that ap-



- d) Any vehicle(s) occupying two unreserved parking spaces or vehicle(s) parked over the line separating the unreserved space from the reserved space.

- e) Any vehicle(s) not parked in a parking space.

- 2) Concerning vehicles in violation of By-law(s): The Management Office will maintain warning notices that will be placed on vehicle(s) in violation of the By-laws. Upon noticing any vehicle(s) in violation of any By-laws, whether noted by management during inspection or brought to the attention by resident(s), the Management Office will be responsible for placing warning stickers on said vehicles. The warning notices will have a tow date and if the problem is not corrected by the tow date, the Management

pear to be out of context.

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## TOMCAT

Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
Email: xyz@microsoft.com

**We're on the Web!**  
**example.microsoft.com**

*Your business tag line here.*



*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

## Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other

forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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