



Potomac Community Village News

What is PCV? We're volunteers helping our neighbors

Want to volunteer to help others? "It's fun and you feel so good afterwards," is what one of our volunteer drivers tells us. Helping people who can't drive, even if it's just a temporary situation, "is an important issue and wonderful service," she says. What else has she received from volunteering to drive? New friendships with some of the people she has driven.

PCV needs additional volunteer drivers to help fulfill the requests for rides. You will be trained, vetted, have insurance coverage, and can choose when and where you want to drive. For more information, please contact us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org or 240-221-1370.

Do you need some help? Don't be shy about asking. Our volunteers would not have stepped up if they did not want to be called to help. Please phone our help desk at 240-221-1370 to discuss the options, or email us at info@PotomacCommunityVillage.org to find out more. After all, that's what PCV is – a network of neighbors and friends with the goal of enhancing the quality of life for all members of our community, offering assistance with practical needs to enable people to remain in our Potomac homes and neighborhoods as we age.



Fire Safety Home Inspections Set for January 27, 28 and 29



A joint effort between PCV and the County's fire department offers a special member benefit of fire safety inspections on January 27, 28 and 29.

The purpose of this program is to make it less likely for us to be injured or die in the event of a fire. The inspection by the fireman will include an evaluation of your home's safety, its exits, your emergency plans, and the proper placement of smoke detectors. County firemen will also inspect your smoke detectors, tell you if they need replacing and talk with you about fire safety issues for your home. They will also install new 10-year battery-power only smoke detectors and carbon monoxide monitors which you have purchased and have on hand before the inspection, and will help with changing batteries. If you need to replace existing hard-wired detectors, you need to hire an electrician. This program is an outgrowth of our March fire safety program, when we learned that smoke detectors should be replaced every ten years.

There are limited slots available and appointment times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Dates and times are: Wed. Jan 27, with appointment times 8 a.m., 9:30, 11, 1 p.m., 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan., 28, appointments at 8 a.m., 9:30, 11 and 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan 29, appointments at 8 a.m., 9:30, 11, 1 p.m., 2:30 and 4 p.m.

This free program is a benefit for PCV members. You must request an appointment in advance. For more information and to make an appointment, please contact PCV's Fire Safety Inspection Coordinator Elisabeth Schouten at 301-299-7923.

Next Meeting – Thursday, December 17, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner at 6, followed by Ralph Buglass, local historian, speaking about "Offutt's Crossroads and the Early Days of Potomac"

All welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac

PCV at the 33rd Annual Potomac Day



On October 24, PCV joined the annual Potomac Day for the third consecutive year. A fire engine red Mercedes roadster, decked out in orange and blue balloons and PCV signs, was a hit attraction in the parade. Our accompanying volunteers, sporting PCV t-shirts, distributed flyers to onlookers. Another ten PCV volunteers served as parade monitors. Dozens of residents stopped by our booth to enter a raffle for a \$25 gift certificate for Founding Farmers restaurant and to receive information about PCV. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to share our mission with area residents.

Upcoming Events: There's a Lot Going On!

- **Man our PCV table at Walgreens, Fortune Terrace, on Tuesday, Dec. 1.** On Walgreen's 20% off Senior Discount Days, PCV volunteers provide information about the Village, including printed hand-outs. Shifts (2-3, 3-4) are open. For details, or to volunteer, please contact Walgreens Table Coordinator, Honey Rosen, at 301 – 983 – 1083 or hhsrosen@msn.com. Thanks!
- **PCV Glenstone Tour, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.** For members only. One slot open as of press time, and a wait list once all slots are filled. If interested, please call Linda Perlis at 301-299-6181.
- **PCV Monthly Coffee, Thursday, Dec. 10, 10 – 11:30 am,** Corner Bakery, Westlake Drive, near Montgomery Mall. Come talk with neighbors about aging in place in your existing home, and how each of us plans to do that. All welcome, so come, and bring a friend.
- **Book Group – Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** discussing the novel "The Secret Daughter" by Somaya Gowda. New members are welcome. For information, directions, to RSVP, call 301-299-6181.
- **Pot luck dinner and monthly meeting, Thursday, Dec. 17.** See other side for details.
- **Theater Party – Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.** to see "Stage Kiss" at Round House Theater in Bethesda, members \$10, non-members \$15. According to the theater's web site: "When two actors with a history are thrown together as romantic leads in a forgotten 1930s melodrama, they quickly lose touch with reality as the story onstage follows them offstage." To order tickets, go to the "Theater" Sign up tab on www.PotomacCommunityVillage.org.

PCV's Appraisal Roadshow Offered Lots of Fun, Lots of Learning



PCV's Appraisal Roadshow, held on Sunday, Nov.1, attracted more than 60 people to the Potomac Community Center, and taught us that silver plated objects have no value except sentiment; that signed limited edition prints have little value unless the artist is well-known; there is little monetary value to the large brown pieces of furniture of our grandparents' generation; that sheet music and posters have little monetary value; that the old \$2 bills we all saved are worth \$2; that gorgeous jewelry is still gorgeous and mostly valuable; and that it was great fun to learn about all of this.

Many thanks to those who help Support Potomac Community Village

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