

## 2009: That was the year that was...

A collection of headlines from *The Park Potomac Place News* over the last 12 months.

### January: Experts to Discuss Unit 107-S Options

*This begins a long saga with a controversial ending...*

### February: Spotlight on: Sam Vigil, Porter

*The doorman position is eliminated and a much more useful amenity is added.*

### March: New Front Entrance Nears Completion

*Ever so slowly our building nears completion.*

### April: Fortune Terrace to Connect to Park Potomac Avenue

*Rockville City Council approves plans, but implementation is delayed.*

### May: HOA Board Approves Changes in Front Desk Staffing

*A night guard is added and Tanika Lyles is moved to Front Desk Manager.*

### June: No Smoking Ban Proposed For All Common Areas

*Everyone agrees: tobacco is whacko!*

### July: Unit 107 Proposition Fails to Gain 2/3 Support

*The supermajority needed falls 4 votes short.*

### August: Traffic Light Delayed

*Old CW: When will they start working on the traffic light?*

*New CW: When will they finish...*

### September: Park Potomac Place Goes Green

*Association saves \$40,000 over three years and helps the environment by switching to 100% wind power.*

### October: Doggy Swim Day a Barking Success

*Hysterical outing of our four-legged friends and their two-legged counterparts.*

### November: New Phone System in Place

*No more busy signals, unanswered calls. Plus we eliminate unneeded phone lines.*

### December: Condo II Residents Elect First Board of Directors and Residents Named to Park Potomac Place Homeowners Association (HOA) Board

*Homeowners take over from the developer (see this month's President's Message)*

## Spotlight on: Linda Dawkins, Vice President of Eagle Bank



If you have ever been in the Park Potomac Branch of Eagle Bank, you can't miss seeing the smiling face of branch manager, Linda Dawkins. It is no wonder that her title is Vice President /Relation-

ship Manager for Park Potomac because she is busy building those relationships in our neighborhood one customer at a time.

Linda is almost a native Washingtonian. Although born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she attended school in Montgomery County and graduated from Rockville High School. She attended both Montgomery College and the University of Maryland at College Park.

Ms. Dawkins believes in relationship banking. When asked what that means, she said, "You want to know the customers and go beyond what they need. It's what we do here..." Ms. Dawkins explains that Eagle is like the old time community neighborhood bank. She shared that it is their responsibility to see what someone needs and meet those needs. Eagle works on becoming a part of the community by giving back to the neighborhood. On December 29th, they held the Eagle Bank Bowl at RFK Stadium which raised money for wounded war veterans. In October, Eagle held their annual golf tournament at Woodmont Country Club and raised \$250,000.00 for breast cancer research. Ms. Dawkins explained that rather than this money going to a national fund like the Susan G. Komen

for the Cure, it is shared with four local hospitals in the DC/MD area and covers free mammograms for women and men who cannot afford them. Finally, Ms. Dawkins shared her enthusiasm over how the community gathered together last summer to raise school supplies for needy children at the ice cream social on the plaza. She said that Eagle can't wait to be a part of that event next summer.

Ms. Dawkins is also a member of the Rockville Scholarship Foundation which raises money for high school students hoping to attend Montgomery College. This foundation provides scholarship funds for MC along with Rockville City, Montgomery College and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Dawkins is married and lives in Silver Spring. She is the mother of grown twin boys and the grandmother of another set of twin boys.

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### Did You Know?

Several new Website features are now available that are intended to enhance communication between residents and with the Board of Directors.

- The Write the Board Form is now easier to find and use. You can find it in the Management Office under Resident Services on the main menu.
- Another new feature is In Search Of... This is a new category in the online Classifieds. You can submit a question or ask for help in finding a contractor or solving a problem.
- Tips and Tricks is a new page where residents can post suggestions and helpful hints for coping with "condo living."

### Sign Up for Wind Power

Some residents know that 100% of the electricity supplied to the common areas in Condo I, Condo II and the HOA are produced by environmentally friendly wind power. They may also know that the association will save about \$40,000 over the next three years by locking in low bulk rates. What they may not know is that this same low cost, eco-friendly energy is available to every homeowner for their individual unit as well. Dozens of residents have already switched to wind power by contracting with Clean Currents, a local Rockville company that specializes in green energy solutions. It only takes a few minutes and you can do it online at [www.cleancurrents.com](http://www.cleancurrents.com). Additional information about wind power for your home is enclosed with this Newsletter.



*"Park Potomac Place"  
is finally on the Front Entrance!*