



# The Park Pages

## Meeting Calendar

3/9 QOP Board and HOA, Clubhouse, 7 p.m.

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## QOP HEADLINES

### MedImmune Meeting Set for March 9

MedImmune officials are scheduled to attend the March 9 QOP board meeting to update residents about the status of construction at the Meadows site. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Planning and Code Administration Director Greg Ossont's staff helped arrange the meeting, and Ossont wrote in a February 18 e-mail to QOP Community Manager Ruchita Patel that the meeting will not be "a dog and pony show" about the company's new building. Patel told Ossont the community simply wants to know about the construction schedule, the repair schedule for Orchard Ridge Drive, and how to improve communication so future issues don't surface unexpectedly.

### The Vistas

Executives with the Churchill Group say site development is several weeks behind schedule because of all the recent snow, but they still hope to be able to move a sales trailer to the site in April. The developers recently unveiled marketing materials for their townhouse and single-family house models, and home buyers will soon discover the developer's new homes are much bigger than the current homes built in QOP. Craftstar is building the condominiums in the adjacent neighborhood.

### Capital Contribution

The developers of the Vistas say they are preparing to make a capital contribution of \$195,000 to Quince Orchard Park as part of a mutual agreement to share amenities such as the tot lots and tennis courts. "Vistas residents can pay an additional fee to join the pool," said Community Manager Ruchita Patel.

### Diamond Elementary Receives Extra Patrols

City Council member Henry Marraffa reported snow-related parking problems at Diamond Elementary School in mid-February at a Mayor and Council meeting and subsequently requested a city police officer to help direct traffic in the following days because of the number of cars trying to maneuver among the streets and parking lots lined in snow drifts. City Manager Angel Jones followed up and said a police officer was assigned to help with traffic management.

## MANAGEMENT MENTIONS

### Annual Meeting Set for April

Notice of the April annual meeting was recently mailed to homeowners in QOP. One board position is up for reelection at the annual meeting set for April 13.

### Trash and Recycling

Trash is picked up twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays in QOP, and recycling is collected on Fridays. If you need a bigger recycling container with a lid, call the city's Public Works Department at 301.258.6370. Remember, residents need to store their garbage and recycling bins out of sight on the other days of the week.

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### Snow Work

Gaithersburg's Public Works crews are still cleaning up from last month's twin blizzards. Here city crews are seen blowing and hauling snow away from Swanton Lane in Quince Orchard Park.

### Snow News and Notes

Community Manager Ruchita Patel reports no major damage to facilities in QOP after the historical snowstorms last month, but she said the community did lose a few trees.

Remember, just in case the wintry weather continues, the city of Gaithersburg is responsible for clearing the main roadways of snow and ice. If you have questions about snow removal on these streets, call public works at 301.258.6370. Residents are required to clear snow and ice from their adjacent walks within 12 hours of a wintry event. For information about this law, call the city's neighborhood services department at 301.258.6340.

### Home Inspections Underway

Home inspections continue to focus on the rear of the homes, according to QOP's community managers. The community's design guidelines are posted online for residents who may have any questions about the rules and expectations. If you receive a citation and have questions about it, contact Wes Fry at the management office, 301.948.6666. You can also e-mail Fry at [wfry@tmgainc.com](mailto:wfry@tmgainc.com).

### Pet Primer

Don't forget to clean up after your pet when walking your animal in QOP. It's the law, and doggy bags are conveniently placed throughout the community to help you do your part.

### Crime Watch

Help keep QOP safe and informed. Join the community's neighborhood crime watch program. For more information, e-mail Coordinator Tom Reddy at [thereddys@comcast.net](mailto:thereddys@comcast.net).

### Pilates Classes Stretch into March

Pilates mat classes are being offered again to all resi-



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### A Hero

Quince Orchard Park (QOP) resident Andrea Faris Roberts, the founder of Reece's Rainbow, is featured in *People* magazine's special "Heroes Among Us" section. You can find the story and photos on page 86 of the the March 1 issue. *The Town Courier* spotlighted Roberts' work in a feature story last year.

dents of Quince Orchard Park at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes are one hour long. All new participants receive a free trial week. Single classes are \$15 and there are discounts for purchasing five or 10 classes in advance. For more information, please e-mail Renee Burkett at [renee.burkett@gmail.com](mailto:renee.burkett@gmail.com) or call 240.893.5800.

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