

# Commons Neighborhood News

F A I R L I N G T O N C O M M O N S C O U N C I L O F C O - O W N E R S

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Pool Open Daily starting June 27
- Great American Bake Sale—July 4
- Dive-In Movie 1—July 9
- Weed Control Application Tentatively Scheduled—July 12
- Weed/Pest Control Application Scheduled—August 9
- Dive-In Movie 2—August 13

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### TRASH / RECYCLING ISSUES

As you are aware, we have been experiencing sporadic service from AAA/Rainbow for the past two months. The community is frustrated, and, after work by the board, our service should now be consistent.

The continuing rise in fuel costs is affecting everyone, professionally and personally. In an effort to avoid increasing trash removal fees, AAA/Rainbow has restructured routes. Driver loads have been increased, resulting in more frequent trips to the dump often making trucks late. They have also had several vehi-

cles in repair.

The board has been assured that AAA/Rainbow will arrive in the Commons



**Don't make us look like this! Garbage may be brought out between 9:00PM and 6:00AM before collections.**

no later than **9:00 – 10:00 AM** each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. You are reminded you can put your trash out after **9:00 PM** the

evening before a pick-up. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday and Friday mornings; recycling on Thursday mornings. Our contract states that trash and recycling should be placed curbside by **6:00 AM** on the pickup morning.

Over the years, our service has generally been efficient and consistent. We have been assured that the "wrinkles have been ironed out." If you have concerns, please contact AAA/Rainbow directly rather than a member of the board. The number is (703) 803-1376.

### F A I R L I N G T O N C O M M O N S O N W A T C H

On June 14, several co-owners from Fairlington Commons attended a special meeting of the Fairlington Citizens Association to discuss issues of concern with members of the Arlington County Police Department. Several members of the Third District Team were pre-

sent and answered questions about safety and what to do in potentially dangerous situations.

The chief advice offered by the police officers was to look out for each other and pay attention to what is happening in

the community. Only then can we begin to address problems like the vandalism on the lower Utah lot as well as other disturbances. If you are interested in participating in a revitalized community watch program, contact board member Hugh Baumgardner.



Fairlington Commons will host a local version of the third annual Great American Bake Sale to take place during Fairlington's July 4 activities. Please support this community event by preparing *home baked* treats to be sold.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN BAKE SALE NEEDS YOU!

Each of the last past two years, we have raised over \$400. This year, with your help, the Commons can raise more!

All proceeds raised will go to Share Our Strength to fight childhood hunger in America. This event is sponsored nationally by Share Our Strength and *Parade Magazine* with the co-sponsorship of ABC TV, Betty Crocker, and Tyson.

**Where:** North Fairlington Community Center Parking Lot.

**When:** Monday, July, 4 **8:30-9:00 AM**—delivery of goodies. Sale to begin at **9:00 AM**.

**What:** Cookies, brownies, muffins, loaf cakes, pies, (Please no frosting or fillings).

*Each brownie will make a difference!*

## COMMONS POOL OPENS FOR SUMMER

On Saturday, May 28, our swimming pool opened for the 2005 swimming season. A well-attended Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Pool Party quickly followed, with the first of two Dive-In Movie Nights planned for Saturday, July 9.

At the official pool opening party on June 4<sup>th</sup>, Pool Manager Bernie Weaver recognized

the efforts of the many people who contributed to the successful opening of our pool, including our plumber, Billy Anderson, our painter - John Healy, our lighting repairman Hue "Harry" Tran, our carpenter Patrick McCloskey, Bladder-runners, Ed Murphy, who every year services our pump motors, Malcolm Peplow of Lefthand Productions for his

DJ and Dive-In Movie night efforts, and Arnie Malin, who serviced our grill and who, over the years, has probably cooked more burgers and dogs at our parties than McDonalds. Dennis Maridueña took the reins this year and will become part of this exclusive club. Kathy Spitz, Molly Baumgardner, and Anne Sul-



*"Let's have a happy and successful summer with all of our residents enjoying the pool and our other recreational facilities."*

- Bernie Weaver

## TOT LOT RENOVATION SCHEDULED

The tot lot will soon be renovated thanks to the efforts of co-owners Nancy O'Brien, Charmaine Cheng, Einar and Cynthia Olsen, and Cesar and Jennifer Poci. This group worked with board member Wayne Winterling to determine how to replace the Wakefield Circle tot lot.

The new tot lot will be erected

near where the current slide stands today. The new lot has as the centerpiece a central house-type structure suitable for tots and will be usable by mid-Summer. This piece is part of a modular system that may be added to in the future.

The new tot lot will meet the needs of the changing Commons demographics and will

be celebrated with an official opening later in the season.

There will also soon be a kid-size picnic table in the pool area.



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MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY



It takes a lot of work to maintain an historical community like Fairlington Commons.

The board is currently addressing several key projects throughout the Commons. Decks, fences, and roofs in the Commons have been surveyed by

contractors to determine their health and their total life expectancy. The community should be aware that all maintenance requests are taken seriously and that the board is developing a plan to address the major concerns without using any reserve funds.

This summer, the board will publish a list of major projects currently being addressed and new initiatives to be undertaken in the coming years. Most pressing on the board right now are several water-related emergencies as

well as a major erosion control project that has to be undertaken next to the upper Utah parking lot.

If you have maintenance requests, please submit them as soon as you possible in writing either via e-mail at fairlington\_commons\_pres@hotmail.com or in a note delivered to the pool mailbox. Every effort is made to address your issues in a timely manner and to inform you of the status of those issues.

MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE

The board of directors has been working on fulfilling the vision laid out at the end of 2004 at the meetings of the council. Much has been accomplished but much remains to be done.

The tot lot renovation has been of chief concern and, through the involvement of concerned co-owners, will soon

be a reality.


The liaison position approved by the council has been vetted and a new person to assist the community will be announced soon.

The new parking system with hangtags has gone into effect and enforcement has been vigorous, however, there are still issues with specific lots to

be addressed.

Several volunteers have reviewed the Commons handbook, but there is much to be done to update it and we hope it will be out this summer.

The board is working on these major issues as well as on the day-to-day issues that pop up in the community. Please be patient.



*“We have made a lot of progress, but there is much more that the community would like to see happen. We are working on it.”*  
- Michael Peter, President

POOL OPENING, CONTINUED

livan, our pool pass volunteers were also recognized.

Special recognition went to Bob Schuster, who, over the years, has planted the flowers at the entrance to the pool, served on our board of directors, and cooked at our parties.

All of the preparation in the world is for naught without

high-quality lifeguards and a company that supports them, and that’s High Sierra Pools - an Arlington company that exemplifies what professional pool management is all about.

Next time you’re at the pool say hello to our lifeguards: Marina (from Bulgaria), and Jana and Zuzana (from the Czech Republic), and join all of

us in wishing them a happy and successful summer in the USA!

Regular hours for the pool from **10:30 AM—8:30 PM** begin on Monday, June 27. Remember to use the pool as your condo fees support this jewel of Fairlington.



The Fairlington Commons Pool is almost as lush as this scene. With the emphasis on relaxation, you can almost imagine you are in the middle of this.

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**BUILDINGS**

**Water Cleanup**

Sanitech 703-906-6450

**Painting, Brick Work, and Gutter Cleaning**

John Healy 301-888-1041

**Carpentry and General Repair**

Patrick Healy 202-497-2997

Patrick McCloskey 410-798-6350

**Plumbing**

William Anderson 703-836-4716

**Fire Extinguishers**

Ace Fire Ext. Service 301-927-7300

**GROUNDS**

**Pest Control**

Ward's Pest Control 703-248-3631

**Common Lights & Smoke Detectors**

"Harry" Hue Tran 703-207-3446

**Grounds Issues**

Blade Runners 703-273-8873

**Trash**

AAA/Rainbow Waste 703-803-1376

\*No work can be charged to the Commons without prior approval of the board.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

If you need to be in touch with a member of the board of directors, please contact us. However, if you have an insurance or accounting question, please follow these rules. **Real estate agents, lenders, and appraisers should contact Marsha Murphy's office directly at 703-370-9100 (fax 703-370-9110).** The board will work with Marsha Murphy's office to clear those documents when questions about any outstanding issues with compliance are raised.

Certificates of insurance are provided by Chantilly Insurance. **Lenders should call 703-631-2882 to request a certificate of insurance. Owners should not call.**

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