
Fairlington Commons Newsletter

3367 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22206

May 2008

Patti Burke

If you've lived in the Commons for a while, you will recognize Patti's name. Over the years that Patti was with us, she served on our Board of Directors as President, Vice President, and Treasurer. As a member of our Board, Patti could always be counted upon to assist with whatever needed to be accomplished and to provide a unique and insightful perspective on the issues facing our condominium. For the past year, Patti had been waging what appeared to be a successful battle against cancer. Sadly, Patti passed away on Monday, April 7th. Her contributions to our community, and to our Board of Directors, will be greatly missed.

In addition to her efforts on the part of the Commons, Patti had a long and distinguished career in both government and private industry. She was recently promoted to the position of Vice President for Conference Services of the National Private Truck Council where she worked for more than five years. She also had an extensive background in marketing, special events and meeting planning, having served in the Reagan and first Bush administrations at the U.S. Information Agency (now the Department of State), primarily in designing study tours for government officials from Europe and other international exchange programs. Patti had also been a consultant for the U.S. Postal Service, traveling the country to promote the "Celebrate the Century" stamp outreach program to grade school children. Originally from Boston, Patti held a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Modern

European History from Emmanuel College in Boston.

Patti was a very private individual, but one aspect of her life that she readily shared with everyone was her love of baseball, and particularly of her hometown team, the Boston Red Sox. On more than one occasion, Board meetings on the brink of overtime were brought to a speedy conclusion by Patti reminding us that she needed to be home to root for her beloved Sox.

Spring is here again, and the Boston Red Sox have taken the field, but diminished by the loss of one of their most ardent fans. It is only fitting then, in this season of nature's rebirth and the return of our great national pastime that we honor Patti's memory with two simple words... "GO SOX!"

Recreation Passes

Applications for 2008 Recreation Passes will be distributed to Commons residences by early May. Recreation Passes are required to use our swimming facility, tennis court, and basketball court. Please complete the application and return it as soon as possible. Completed applications may be placed in the mailbox in front of the pool or mailed to 3367 South Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22206.

Recreation Passes will be available for pickup at the pool beginning Saturday, May 24th. A representative from each unit will need to sign for the passes. No passes will be issued

for units that are more than one month delinquent in condominium fees or late charges.

As in past years, **one** guest pass will be issued to each unit that requests Recreation Passes. Recreation Passes will be issued only to **Co-Owners** and **Residents** of each unit. The Board reserves the right to request further information if a unit requests an excessive number of passes and may request proof of residence or other information before passes are issued.

Additional information, including a copy of our pool and tennis facility rules, will be included with the Recreation Pass Application Package.

Pool

Our Swimming Facility will open on Saturday May 24th of the Memorial Day Weekend and will be open seven days per week from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. except on those school days that fall between Memorial Day and the final closure of Arlington County public schools, when pool hours will be 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Pool will close for the season at 6:00 p.m. on Labor Day Monday, September 1st. The pool season may be extended at the discretion of the Board of Directors, contingent on weather and budget.

Board Member Needed

With Patti Burke's passing, a vacancy exists on our Board of Directors. Persons interested in serving on our Board should contact President John Sinks at 703-931-2660 or by e-mail at Jsinks@comcast.net for additional information. To serve, you must be a Co-Owner of at least 21 years of age.

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Our Board consists of five members; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large. In accordance with our By-Laws, the Board may select a new member from any volunteers. The new member will serve until the October Annual Meeting, when the seat will be up for election by the Co-Owners for a full, three-year term. The Board will reconstitute itself following selection of the new Board member, meaning that the new Board member would not necessarily be expected to serve as Vice President.

Agronomic Applications

Following is the agronomic application schedule for 2008. Please remember that these dates are tentative, and may need to be adjusted based on weather or other factors. Signs will be posted in advance advising of actual application dates.

We will be using four products:

- **Dimension** – Crabgrass Control Agent
- **Strike III Herbicide** for Broad Leaf Weed Control – Spot Applications Only
- **Corn Gluten** for Natural Crabgrass and Weed Control – S. Utah Street Test Area
- **Organic Fertilizer** to Promote Root Development – Throughout the Commons

Application Dates:

- **May 6 – Early Spring Application**
Organic Fertilizer, Corn Gluten, Strike III Spot Applications, and Dimension (*Rain Date May 9*)
- **June 19 – Late Spring Application**
Organic Fertilizer, Corn Gluten, Strike III Spot Applications, and Dimension (*Rain Date June 20*)
- **August 7 – Summer Application**
Organic Fertilizer, Corn Gluten, and Strike III Spot Applications (*Rain Date August 8*)
- **September 18 – Early Fall Application**
Strike III Spot Applications and Organic Fertilizer (*Rain Date September 19*)

- **November 6 – Late Fall Application**
Organic Fertilizer (*Rain Date November 7*)

Signs

Several Co-Owners have recently complained to the Board of Directors about the posting of signs by their neighbors. Residents are reminded that the posting of signs is prohibited by our Bylaws, Article VI, Section 6, Paragraph (f) which states: ***“No sign, notice, or advertisement shall be inscribed or exposed on or at any window or other part of the Family Unit, except such as shall have been approved in writing by the Board of Directors, nor shall anything be projected out of any window without similar approval.”***

At a meeting of the Council two years ago, the Co-Owners overwhelmingly supported limiting owner posted signs to those dealing with real estate sale or rental, security (alarm system) signs, and small notices posted on doors for fire department use in determining the number of children or pets in a unit. Your cooperation in complying with our By-Law regarding signs will be greatly appreciated by your neighbors.

Trash

If you’ve lived in the Commons for a while, you can probably recite from memory our Trash and Recycling Pickup schedule, but for our new residents, and as a reminder for everyone:

- **Trash is collected on Tuesday and Friday mornings**
- **Recycling is collected on Thursday mornings.**

To ensure pickup, trash and recycling must be at the curb or designated pickup point no later than

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7:00 a.m. the morning of pickup. **Residents may place trash and recycling at designated pickup points no sooner than dark the previous evening.**

A few of our residents have been placing their trash out for pickup as early as the afternoon prior to the pickup day. **Please do not do this.** The last thing that the rest of us, visitors to our community, and prospective homebuyers want to see is your trash littering our community.

The Commons has previously dealt informally with most violations of our trash and recycling policies, although in a few cases Arlington County’s Police and Health Departments have been notified.

Roofs and Sidewalks

With the advent of spring weather, work has commenced on those roofs and sections of sidewalk most in need of replacement. Bob Turley, our concrete contractor, is working with his crew to replace the section of sidewalk at 3345 through 3349 South Wakefield Street, having completed work on Utah Street last month. Patrick McCloskey, our carpenter, is working with his crew to replace the roofs of 3320A&B, 3322, and 3324A&B South Wakefield Street.

In communications with our fellow Co-Owners prior to and at the 2008 Budget Meeting, we talked about our intention to use a relatively new but proven roofing material that is similar in appearance to slate but eliminates many of slate’s inherent issues, including weight, high purchase and installation (labor) costs, and periodic maintenance (ridge sealing). This material is currently being installed at the above addresses.

Made from a 100% recyclable blend of virgin resins and natural limestone that has been

compression-molded in multiple molds to create different edges and surfaces giving the look of authentic slate, our new roofs will be warrantied for 50 years. A wide variety of color options will allow us to accurately mimic the random coloration of our original 1943 slate roofs – two shades of grey are being used on the roofs currently being replaced. For more information on our new roofs, check out the InSpire Products website at:
<http://www.inspireroofing.com/>

Parking Passes

Residents are reminded that a Fairlington Commons Parking Pass is required if you wish to park a vehicle in any of our off-street parking lots. Parking Passes are not required if you park exclusively on S. 34th, Utah, or Wakefield Streets, which are Arlington County Public Streets.

A copy of our Parking Policy and Parking Pass Application is available on the web at:
<http://fairlington.org/commonsdocuments.htm>.

Parking Passes must be hung from the rearview mirror so as to be readily identifiable any time that your vehicle is in our parking lots. If your Parking Pass has become worn or damaged to the extent that it cannot be hung from the mirror, please contact Board Secretary Bernie Weaver at 703-671-7024 to request a replacement. Your current Parking Pass must be surrendered at the time a replacement is issued. There is no charge for replacement of severely worn or damaged Parking Passes.

Plumbing Emergencies

Plumbing emergencies should be immediately and directly addressed to

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Billy Anderson. Billy has been the Commons plumber for many years, and knows the locations of our water lines, shut-off valves, sewer laterals, storm drains, and manhole covers, many of which are not obvious to a plumber who is not familiar with our facilities. Be prepared to leave a message when you call – but count on a quick return call.

If Billy determines that a problem is the responsibility of the Commons, he will bill the Commons. Otherwise you are expected to pay Billy at the time service is rendered. Over the years owners have found Billy’s prices reasonable. Billy is also available to perform routine, non-emergency work for Commons residents on an individual basis. Billy may be reached at 703-836-4716.

Thanks!

Many thanks to Commons resident Jim Sharpe for his stewardship of our Tennis Court and for recently pitching in to help ready our Pool’s pump room for operation!

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