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# Fairlington Commons Newsletter

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## Budget Meeting December 7, 2006

The Budget Meeting of the Fairlington Commons Council of Co-Owners will be held Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Cafeteria of the Abingdon Elementary School located at 3035 South Abingdon Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss and approve the Commons budget for 2007 and any other topics of interest to Co-Owners and residents. The meeting will be held in the Abingdon Elementary School due to the ongoing renovation of the Community Center.

In accordance with our By-Laws, notification of the Budget Meeting will be provided via U.S. Mail to all Co-Owners of record no later than 10 days prior to the meeting. Included will be a letter from the Board discussing the budget, a copy of the budget for review, and a proxy form.

Co-Owners who do not plan to personally attend the Budget Meeting are requested to complete and return the proxy form. The proxy form serves to establish a quorum for conduct of the meeting and as your ballot with regard to the budget and any other matters that may come before the Council of Co-Owners for a vote.

The proxy form is a legal document. When submitting a proxy, please name the person who has your proxy. You may direct that person to

vote for or against the budget or to abstain, or you may leave the vote to their discretion.

## Annual Meeting Held

The Annual Meeting of the Fairlington Commons Council of Co-Owners was held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 in the Cafeteria of the Abingdon Elementary School at 3035 South Abingdon Street.

With a quorum (38 percent of the Co-Owners) established, the primary item of business, election of Board Officers, was conducted. The three previously announced candidates, John Sinks, Christine Sivigny, and Bernie Weaver, were elected. There was a single vote for a single write-in candidate, who was not elected.

Following the meeting, the Board met briefly to reconstitute for the coming year. Board Officers are:

Fairlington Commons Board of Directors		
President	John Sinks <i>E-mail jsinks@comcast.net</i>	931-2660
Vice President	Patti Burke <i>E-mail pattisburke@msn.com</i>	931-2897
Secretary	Bernie Weaver <i>E-mail WeaverBW@comcast.net</i>	671-7024
Treasurer	Christine Sivigny <i>E-mail CSivigny@hotmail.com</i>	778-6041
At Large	Dennis Maridueña <i>E-mail dmariduena@gmail.com</i>	Unlisted

**No Thanksgiving Day Recycling Pickup  
Normal Trash Pickup Friday, November 24  
Next Recycling Pickup - November 30**

## Thanks Jim!

Thanks to Commons resident Jim Sharpe, who went above and beyond the call of neighborliness and took the initiative to properly dispose of a car battery that had been dumped between the curb and sidewalk in the 4600 block of South 34<sup>th</sup> Street! It is important that residents take personal responsibility for disposing of items like paint cans and batteries that are not picked up by AAA-Rainbow due to disposal restrictions

## Protect Your House!

Winter is coming - freezing weather is just around the corner. To prevent burst pipes and flooded basements, remember:

- **Disconnect all garden hoses**
- **Turn off faucet shutoff valves** (*generally located under kitchen sinks for rear faucets and inside a hatch in the basement ceiling for front faucets – but they can also be in other locations as well*)
- **Open faucets to allow trapped water to drain**

## Doggie Depot Update

Many thanks to Commons residents and dog owners Judy Barr and Jim Carbo for maintaining our Doggie Depots! Their efforts ensure our residents and dog walkers a safe and sanitary place to deposit dog waste. Thanks also to Cory Scott, who maintained the Utah Street Parking Lot Doggie Depot. Cory moved from The Commons to Chicago. Best Wishes Cory!

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As a reminder – the **Doggie Depots are not trashcans, and are intended for the disposal of dog waste only.**

## Automotive Theft

Within the past two months, there have been three instances of theft involving vehicles parked in The Commons. In the first, Arlington County Police apprehended a teenager stealing items from unlocked vehicles. In the second, an attempt to steal a vehicle was thwarted by an ignition cutoff device, and the third was attempted theft of a radio.

It's been said before, but is worth repeating:

- Lock you Car!
- Do not leave valuables in plain view!
- If you see someone looking in parked cars – **call Arlington County Police immediately at 911!**
- Assume nothing – in the case of the attempted vehicle theft, two residents observed the thieves but didn't realize what they were seeing! Err on the side of caution – it is far better for someone with a legitimate purpose to have to explain to police then to provide thieves the opportunity to steal.
- Car theft and stealing items from cars is a 24-hour occupation, not restricted to the hours of darkness!

## Parking Reminder

Co-Owners, residents, and guests are reminded that vehicles parked in our parking lots must display Fairlington Commons Parking Passes (hangtags). There are no spaces assigned or reserved for specific units or individuals. For complete parking information and pass applications – contact a Board member or see the Fairlington Commons page on the Fairlington.org website:

<http://fairlington.org/commonsindex.htm>