

GREEN LEAVES

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The Facts about Slates Shingles in *The Green*

A resident of Fairlington Green recently passed out a flier suggesting that the Board of Directors had made a decision to replace our slate roofs with "plastic" slate.

Aside from being alarmist, that claim has no basis in reality. The Board did look at the viability of synthetic slate over two years ago, in response to a cash crisis. We were simply investigating the various synthetic slate prod-

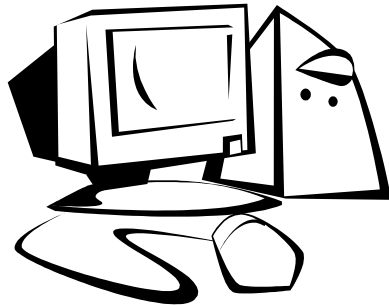
ucts as possible alternatives, in case steep homeowners fees became necessary. We were only doing what any fiscally responsive Board should do, and that is to look for ways to save the community money. The use of synthetic slate has not been completely ruled out, but rest assured that if synthetic slate is ever seriously considered, our homeowners will be involved in that decision.

Our current plans are to replace all of our slate, asbestos and asphalt roofs with new slate.



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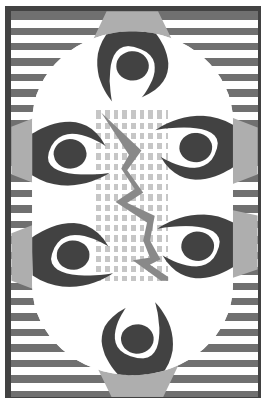
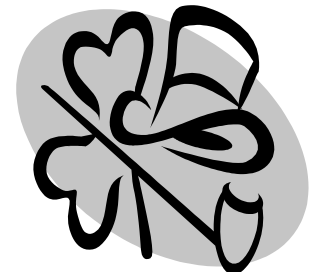
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Fairlington Green Info now on-line

In the Board's effort to improve communications and access to information within the community, past issues of Green Leaves, the community handbook, and Board Meeting Agendas are now available on-line.

To access and view these records, please visit: <http://www.fairlington.org/greenindex.htm>



UPCOMING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

The Association's Board of Directors typically meets the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Fairlington Community Center. Homeowners are encouraged to attend the Board Meetings. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 17th. Board meetings are also scheduled for April 21st and May 19th. If you'd like an opportunity to speak during the Homeowner's Forum, please call Sher at Legum & Norman at least one week before the meeting. If you plan on attending a board meeting, please know that sometimes illness or family emergencies may prevent the board from reaching a quorum. In such instances, board meetings will be rescheduled. Cancellations will be posted at the Community Center.



Trash Talk

Trash pick-up is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Mondays through Saturdays, except holidays. Trash may be placed for pick-up only on the mornings of trash collection. Please do not place trash out the night before as we have an abundance of "critters" who will make a mess of things.

Recycling day is Wednesday.

Recycling covers only glass, plastic and newspaper, and **not any other kinds of household waste.** You may also place 'broken-down' cardboard boxes at the recycling area. Large trashcans for glass and aluminum recycling are placed throughout the community on Tuesday evenings. Newspaper should be placed in paper

bags and left by the recycling cans.

Large items are picked up on the first Saturday of every month by the county. These items should be placed at the street curb, not at the parking lot curb. Trash is not picked up on the following Holidays: Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, & New Year's Day.



In the Garden

Last fall, if you noticed azaleas dropping their leaves early, or a white speckled pattern on the top side of the leaf, this may have been Azalea Lacebug. Evergreen azaleas are most affected, particularly those planted in full sun. According to Halstead, Chase and Gilrein in *Pests and Diseases*, to control this winged pest you should, 1) rub the pest from the leaf with your fingers, 2) splash the bug off with a stream of water, or 3) apply insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

Homeowners continually search for plants that best survive temperature extremes. In Northern Virginia (zone 6-7), many survive but few are showy in winter. However, walking around the Green, you'll notice healthy native plants that are beautiful even in dormancy.

Nandina domestica (Heavenly Bamboo) is the frontrunner. It's everywhere in Fairlington, especially in clumps on the circle at South Stafford and 36th Street and at the far left end of the long narrow resident parking lot off 32nd

Road. *Oxydendron arboreum* (Sourwood) shows its spent flower heads on wheat-colored seven inch-long lacelike twigs. Look closely and you'll see the dried, bell-shaped flowers that resemble Lily of the Valley. There is a Sourwood near the low gray stone wall perpendicular to 32nd Street, across from the baseball park.

If you like orange, you know about *Pyracantha coccinea* (Firethorn). Take a walk down Martha Custis Drive in Parkfairfax. Look against the cement façade which supports the pedestrian bridge to Shirlington. This evergreen vine is ten feet tall and in fruit.

If you favor purple, there is a leafless shrub in the fall with bare branches full of this neon-purplish fruit. It's called *Callicarpa japonica* or Beautyberry. It's half way down on the right, just before the whiskey barrels in that same, narrow parking lot.

Don't forget the evergreens. Basically they are the main attraction in winter. Behind the outfield fence at the softball field, there is a tall arc of

them. Walk up and examine them and you'll find two kinds of pines. The white pine, or *Pinus strobus*, has three inch-long needles, five to a fascicle or bundle, which holds the needles together. The tree's trunk grows straight up and its needles are soft and almost yellowish-green. The other pine there is the Japanese black or *Pinus thunbergii*. It has five to six inch-long needles, two to a fascicle. The trunk is contorted and its bark has deeper furrows than the white pine.

What's the other evergreen? It's *Juniperis virginiana* or the Eastern Red cedar. Notice how the salmon-orange vertical striations in the bark exfoliate. It has an oval habit with bronze-brown foliage in winter. Further down the street, there are four handsome *Ilex opaca* or American Holly. Stately, these trees are in fruit and screen the interstate's noise and pollution.

Notice how this holly leaf has five terminal points, a prominent vein down the leaf's center and a pale green underside.

But there's more than just plants. The other day, Donna called my attention to the street corner. Perched on the South 32nd Street sign was a hawk. In my *Stokes Field Guide to Birds*, I identified it as either the Sharpshinned or Cooper's. Each bird is similar with its speckled breast plumage and camouflage-type brown and white head. The Cooper's is a little bigger but both are Accipiter - short to medium-sized hawks with short, rounded wings and a long tail. The strong bird stood motionless, but his head twitched all the way around his body. He was probably surveying for food on the sloping hill beneath his perch.

Don't let March pass without a neighborhood walk to take a look at the plant diversity and interesting birds here in the Green! By Donna and Bill Sullivan.

Have you made this important call? Protect your outside electrical lines!

As many of you already know, some of our neighbors have had to deal with the failure of the electrical utility lines that provide electricity to individual homes. **Replacing these lines is expensive and may run into the thousands of dollars.** If your electric meter is not connected to the outside wall of your building, you are responsible for the electric line connecting your fuse box to the electric meter.

The Association has attempted to buy insurance for these lines, but since they are considered the private property of the homeowners, the insurance companies would not permit it.

Take Action Now

Dominion Products and Services, an affiliate of Dominion Power, is offering to its residential customers *The Electric Line Repair Program*. This program, through a small monthly fee, is designed to reduce the cost of unexpected electrical repairs

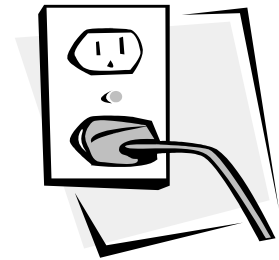
to your home.

For more details and to enroll, call: **1-866-645-9811** and have your Dominion Power account number available. It's fast and easy, so don't delay! It appears that not all of the customer service reps are as familiar with the coverage as others. Please ask for **Mr. John Glaneman** in the event that your customer service rep suggests that Dominion's coverage won't help with the issues being experienced in Fairlington Green.

Please be aware that in the event your electric line requires maintenance, ground restoration is the individual homeowner's responsibility.

You can also learn more by visiting the Dominion Products & Services Homepage:

http://retail.dom.com/products/warranty/va_electricaline.jsp



Fairlington 5k & 1K Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, April 3, 2004

A Race Benefiting

"Aluminum Cans for Burned Children"

8:00AM - 5K Run Start (Rain or Shine)

8:30AM - 1K Fun Run/Walk (Rain or Shine)

For more information visit:

<http://www.fairlington.org/5KRace2004.htm>

You may register and/or pick up your race packets at PACERS Running Store located at: 1301 King Street,

Old Town Alexandria (corner of King and Payne Streets)

Packet pick-up is scheduled for Friday, April 2, 2004 between the hours of 10:00AM-8:00PM.



Landscaping Schedules

The following is a planned schedule of landscaping activities that are performed in Fairlington Green in 2004:

- **Mulching**—beginning soon or in progress
- **Mowing, Trimming**

Start 1st week of April and cont. at 7-10 day intervals, weather permitting

- **Edging**

1st mowing visit-all other edgings every other mowing visit

- **Weed Con-**

rol—Perpetual

- **Leaf Removal**

Once in November, Twice in December

- **Shrubbery Pruning**

June/August/October

- **Tree Pruning**—October

- **Lawn Applications**

Early Spring & then 6-7 weeks after 1st application

- **Horticultural Oil**—Early April

- **Insect & Disease Application**

1st in early summer, 2nd in mid-summer

- **Tree & Shrub Fertilizer**

Early Fall

- **Aeration & Seeding**

Early Fall

- **Spring Annuals**

Mid-May

- **Winter Pansies**—October

- **Lime**—Early Fall

About Green Leaves

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USEFUL ARLINGTON COUNTY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police (non-emergency) Arlington 703-558-2222

Dominion Power (street lights/power outages) 888-667-3000

Animal Control 703-931-9241

Fairlington Community Center 703-228-6588

Dog Park 703-578-3989

Inside the dog park:

Dog bites (Animal Control) 703-931-9241

People in the park after hours (Arlington County Police) 703-558-2222

Outside the dog park:

Dogs running off leash or Confrontations with dog walkers

Animal Control 703-931-9241

Arlington County Police 703-558-2222

Maintenance issues (trash pickup, field conditions, locks and gates, etc.)

7:30 AM to 4 PM

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Other Fairlington Green Contacts

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After Hours and Weekend

