

# Green Leaves

Newsletter of Fairlington Green Condominium Assn

May 2001

## *Special Bulletin*

**The regularly scheduled bi-monthly Newsletter will be delivered in June**

### **Dog Park Meeting** *(Article reprinted as it appeared in the May 2001 All Fairlington Bulletin)*

In response to comments received, the FCA Executive Board has decided to hold a community meeting to discuss the impact that the Utah Field Dog Park has had on Fairlington residents. The meeting will be held June 12 at 7:00 in the South Fairlington Community Center. More information will be in the June All Fairlington Bulletin. (or visit [www.fairlington.org](http://www.fairlington.org))

Some of the concerns raised are:

- dogs running loose on their way to and from the Park
- dogs urinating and defecating on nearby residents' lawns and dog owners not cleaning up after the dogs.
- excessive noise
- increased automobile traffic
- use of the Park by DC and Maryland residents
- multiple dogs being brought by 'dog walkers' or pet care firms
- cars blocking residents' cars and the roadway.

Note: *The Fairlington Green Board will use this meeting to gauge support or opposition to the Utah Field Dog Park. If you have a strong opinion you need to attend this meeting. If you don't have a strong opinion or you don't show up for this meeting, the Board will not be inclined to devote any more time on this issue.*

### **Don't Let The Green Turn Brown!**

We've had a very dry Spring and in many areas the grass is starting to show the effects of inadequate water. As this is being written, it looks like we may get two or three days of rain. The rain is welcome, but will be available to our lawns for only about one week. The weather forecasters are calling for a dry Summer, so please help keep our community 'Green' by watering the grass and bushes when necessary.

#### *General Guidelines For Lawn Watering*

It is preferable to water in the morning to minimize water-loss to evaporation.

Watering more than once a week does not add to health and beauty of the lawn.

*Newly seeded areas* need to be watered morning and evening until they sprout. If the grass seeds are allowed to dry before sprouting, they will die.

*Immature grass* should be watered once a day until approximately 1.5 inches high. In dry conditions, watering these areas 2-3 times per week for the next month (after reaching 1.5 inches in height) will ensure their root systems develop properly.

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*Established turf lawn* should be watered once a week for a period of at least one hour, if it has not rained for 6-7 days.

Finally, if you want to fertilize newly planted grass, only use fertilizer made especially for that purpose. Until grass is established, regular fertilizer will burn their tender roots and kill the plants. Scotts Starter Fertilizer and MIRACLE-GRO are both safe for young grass. Other products are also available.

**Beautification and the 4th of July**

The Fairlington Green Landscape Committee has arranged with the cooperation of *The Apple House and Garden Center* a special for the 4th of July. Fairlington Green residents are offered a 10% discount on the purchase of one 10 inch hanging flower basket or one six inch flower/plant during the period June 7th to July 6th.

Simply present the attached coupon with your selection.

The Apple House is located at the intersection of Braddock Road and Quaker Lane. Tel: 703-998-9077.

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