

GREEN LEAVES

The Newsletter of the Fairlington Green Condominium Association

May 2002

Board News

The next Board meeting will be held on May 15. Fairlington Green Board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Community Center.

It has recently come to the attention of the Fairlington Green Board of Directors that some owners and renters may not have copies of the **Fairlington Green Condominium Welcome Handbook**. The latest edition was published in spring 2000. The Handbook covers such items as grounds; maintenance; rule for common areas, pets, and parking; variances; and landscaping. If you have lost your copy or are a renter and never received one from the owner, you may contact Inas Hadieh at Legum and Norman for one. Unfortunately, because of the cost of publishing these handbooks, we have to charge for the copy.

Our community address given in the last **Green Leaves** is no longer available. For the time being, if you want to e-mail to communicate with the Board, please use Sher Opal's e-mail address. She will forward all e-mail to the Board.

Volunteers Needed! The current editor of **Green Leaves** will be leaving Fairlington soon and we need a new editor. **Green Leaves** is produced approximately every two months. The editor compiles and edits articles submitted by the Board and committees of Fairlington Green; writes new articles, as necessary; has copies printed; and has them distributed. If you are interested, contact George Grant, the President of the Fairlington Green Board of Directors.

We also need volunteers to help distribute **Green Leaves**. The last Newsletter editor informed the Board that all previous residents who were distributing the newsletter had either moved or could no longer volunteer. We still need volunteers! It will only require about an hour of your time once every two months. If we can't get volunteers, the Board will be forced either to pay someone for delivery or mail them, both expenses we cannot afford. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Mary Marshall at 703-575-8244 or marshallmb@hotmail.com

Window Options

This is the time of year when many residents begin to think about home improvement. One of the most popular improvements is to replace those old wooden sash windows with new insulated vinyl windows. Each year the Board receives inquiries regarding the guidelines for replacement windows, so we wanted to review them for you here. There is a blanket variance for window replacements, providing the following conditions are met:

- Windows must be colonial, double-hung and match the six-pane-over-six-pane pattern of existing windows.
- Installation must be performed by a licensed and bonded contractor. Aluminum frame capping should be replaced if the existing material has deteriorated. Windows must have white exteriors and be custom-fitted to the existing opening. If you have additional questions regarding replacement windows, please call Sher Opal.

Arlington County Information

Arlington County Volunteer Opportunities

There are many volunteer opportunities in Arlington County, but it's not always easy to find opportunities that fit your interest, skills, or available time. The Arlington County Department of Human Resources maintains a large list of volunteer opportunities, which you can find on the Internet at <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/volunteer/index.htm>. You may also call 703-228-1760 for more information.

Arlington County Meeting Schedules

If you have a computer with an Internet connection, you can access a complete list of meeting schedules for the Arlington County Board and its advisory groups at www.co.arlington.va.us. To receive the monthly schedule via mail, call 703-228-3969.

Water Line Flushing

The Arlington County Department of Public Works (DPW) is conducting a comprehensive hydrant-flushing program to coincide with a change in disinfectant at the water treatment plant during the next six weeks. It is anticipated that this will be an annual process necessary to ensure water quality standards within the water distribution system. Arlington County residents may detect a slight chlorine taste and odor in their water during the period, which is normal. Residents do not need to take any special actions. The water main flushing may also result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in residents' water. These conditions are not harmful, and, if they occur, they will be of short duration. For information, call 703-228-6578.

Trash Talk

Trash pick-up is scheduled for 8:00 AM, Mondays through Saturdays, except holidays. Recycling day is Wednesday. Large trashcans for glass and aluminum recycling are put out on Tuesday evenings. Newspapers should be contained so they won't blow around, and placed by the trashcans. Large items are picked up on the first Saturday of every month. These items should be placed at the street curb, not at the parking lot curb.

Trash **is not** picked up on the following Saturdays:

- New Years Day (January 1)
- Presidents' Day (3rd Monday in February)
- Memorial Day (4th Monday in May)
- Independence Day (4th of July)
- Labor Day (1st Monday in September)
- Veterans Day (November 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (4th Thursday in November)
- Christmas Day (December 25)

Good Neighbors

Warm weather is now upon us and more people are outside. Fairlington Green is a great place to live, but to make it even better, please be considerate of your neighbors and community. Some suggestions are:

- Be sensitive to the security of the neighborhood and be alert to situations that are detrimental to the community.
- Practice driver courtesy. Don't speed; park only where authorized; keep radios down; and avoid blowing the horn or revving the car's engine.
- Don't park trailers or boats in Fairlington Green or do car repairs.
- Remember that larger items are picked up on the first Saturday of the month ONLY. Please leave your furniture, appliances, computers, and other large items on the street curb. Better yet, recycle them by calling Amvets or other charities to take them.
- **Dog Owners:** Please walk your dog so that your pet is on the "Curb Side". "Curbing" means having your dog on the curb or terrace side instead the lawn side of the sidewalk when you walk him. It is a thoughtful measure that precludes dogs relieving themselves and leaving urine burns on our beautiful lawns. And, please, have doggie bags handy to remove droppings.
- **More on Dogs:** Now that it is warm weather, more people are keeping their windows open and using their backyards. The Board is receiving complaints about barking dogs. If you have dogs, please do not leave them out in your backyard when they are barking. An occasional bark is to be expected, but repeated and incessant barking is not only a nuisance to your neighbors, it may indicate that the dog is in distress. Please bring your dogs inside when barking cannot be controlled.
- **Cat owners:** If you let your cats roam, please put a small bell on their collars so they cannot successfully stalk wild birds at neighbors' bird feeders.
- **Birders:** Please be sensitive to the type of bird feeders you are using. Platform feeders encourage spillage and can encourage unwanted guests. Also, the use of hulled sunflower seeds will eliminate unwanted shells.

Landscape News

Spring is here and many residents have already planted annuals, cleaned up the debris from winter, and gotten a good head start on summer. For those us who haven't been an efficient, the Landscape Committee has provided some suggestions that we hope will be helpful.

- Clean beds of dried leaves, debris, and dead growth from last year. This is a good time to weed.
- Check with your local nursery for feeding schedules. This is the time to begin feeding some plants that flower in the summer.
- Take stock of shrubs, trees, and perennials that need to be treated for disease, moved to a better location, and/or pruned. Let the Landscape Committee know if you have plants to recycle: ivy, grasses, hosta, etc. The Committee will plant them in common areas where there is a need. Report trees and shrubs that need attention to the Landscape Committee if they are in the common areas.
- Be careful when pruning shrubs that flower early in the spring and summer as you do not want to cut off this year's blooms. Forsythia and azaleas should be trimmed after they have bloomed and before they start to form buds for next year.
- Remember to place a red deflector in your gardens if you do not want the Landscape Service to tend to your garden.
- Make a plan for your summer and fall gardens. This is the time to start seeds and plan where you want your annuals for the approaching season.
- Join the Landscape Committee! If you are an expert gardener or just someone who would like to help beautify our village, we need your help!

Useful Arlington County Telephone Numbers

Police (non-emergency)

Arlington 703-558-2222

Alexandria 703-838-4444

Animal Warden 703-931-9241

Dog Park 703-578-3989

Inside the dog park:

Dog bites

Animal Control 703-931-9241

People in the park after hours

Arl. County Police 703-558-2222

Dominion Power (street lights/power outages)

888-667-3000

Fairlington Community Center

703-228-6588

Outside the dog park:

Dogs running off leash

Confrontations with dog walkers

Animal Control 703-931-9241

Arl. County Police 703-558-2222

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

7:30 AM to 4 PM

Arl. County Dept. of Parks,
Recreation and Community

Resources 703-228-6525

After hours

Arl. County Dept of

Public Works 703-228-6555

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Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

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703-600-6000

Community Manager

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A-1 Towing 703-416-0710