

Highlights from July 27 board meeting:

- The president reported that the finance committee had been formed and looked forward to its work. She added that the board will be holding off on big capital projects until it receives a report from the finance committee.
- Tom Corbin reported for the Landscape Committee on a variety of issues, including turf repairs, residents' concerns, Arlington County plans to trim the Bradford pears in Court 1, and the landscaping contract. The committee said that positive comments on the Mews landscaping had been received from residents and other associations.
- Mike Tillman, general manager of Lateral Liners (the sewer relining company) explained the deterioration of the Mews' sewer lines and how they are repaired with quick curing epoxy sleeves.
- David Biette, reporting for the recreation committee, said that the committee recommends holding off on replacing the pool deck this year. The pool will close on Labor Day.
- Roger Taylor spoke about options for the 36th Street double tennis courts and what might be necessary for repair or replacement. It was agreed that more information on options and what residents desire would be necessary before we proceeded on any action. Don Taylor agreed to set up a time-use study of those courts.
- Jayne Mayne spoke for the Finance Committee and noted that the committee had just begun its work and was not ready to report. Gretchen Martin said that the board would meet to discuss expectations to determine the goals for the Finance Committee.
- Don Taylor spoke about reserve funding for replacing the slate roofs and added some history on how some were done in the past.
- Management reported that the sewer relining had begun and was going well except that two "vac-a-tees" had been installed that were not in the contract. Painting would continue through the end of July. Window wells would be inspected for proper coverings as noted in the memo to residents in May.
- A variance was approved for 4694-B South 36th Street to remove a partition separating the living room and dining room to return the unit to the original floor plan. A report by a structural engineer was submitted and accepted.
- A variance was approved for 3418 South Wakefield Street to install an exhaust fan in the second floor bathroom provided that the vent is painted, caulked, and installed by a licensed contractor.
- A variance was approved for 4637-A South 36th Street to remove a portion of the wall between the kitchen and dining room to create a pass-through, as well as redo the entire

kitchen. Approval was conditionally given to replace the back door with a single “French” door.”

- A variance was approved for 4635-A South 36th Street to renovate a kitchen which will include a pass-through between the dining room and the kitchen. A report by a structural engineer was submitted and accepted.
- Gretchen Martin will check on the revisions to the language for the “rules and regulations” updates.
- The board approved unanimously a contract to repair damaged masonry in the Mews with Advance, not to exceed \$42,000, pending the treasurer’s verification of budget figures.
- The repaving of the fire land and Court 10 was discussed again. Given that the sidewalks, curbs, and driveway needed to be replaced and the scope of the proposed work was not in the budget, the board agreed to patch the fire lane, Court 10, and defer complete resurfacing.