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# Mews NEWS

*The Newsletter for  
Fairlington Mews Residents  
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## Message from the President

Dear Mews Owners and Residents,

On June 22, 2004 some of us gathered together to attend the annual meeting of the Mews. Unfortunately we did not have a quorum so the meeting will continue at the July 29th board meeting. For those of you unable to attend, you missed an opportunity to see a community in action. It reminded me a little of the New England town meetings, where residents come together for mutual good.

Two members of the board were elected - Seth Low will be returning to the board for a three-year term and Ben Marglin was elected to finish the term of Rob Stewart. Ben is a new resident of the Mews and we welcome him to the board.

One of the important issues came out during the treasurer's report, which showed the reserve fund diminishing due to certain necessary capital expenditures. Some residents were concerned, so an ad hoc committee was formed to look at the long-term goals and improvements and give input to the board as to the best way to finance them. More information may be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

A quick reminder about recycling: The Mews has a recycling program on Tuesdays, when the trash company will pick up plastic and glass bottles, and metal cans. The items need to be in separate bags from your regular garbage. On Wednesdays, newspapers are recycled and should be placed in paper bags (no plastic bags) or tied with string.

Having a voice in the way the Mews is run is one of the perks of living in a small community such as ours. All are welcome to attend board meetings, call or e-mail board members, or just talk to us when you see us. Enjoy the summer!

**Gretchen Martin**  
703.933.1368

## MEWS CALENDAR

**July 4th Picnic/Pool Party**  
(Details on Page 7)

### Board Meetings

**Fairlington Community Center**  
**7:00 PM**

- **July 27, 2004**
- **September 28 2004**
- **October 26, 2004**
- **November 30, 2004**

News  
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## Formation of Mews Finance Committee

At the association's annual meeting, the council of co-owners unanimously approved the formation of a Mews Finance Committee which will review existing reserve funds and provide input to the Board of Directors regarding the funding of and expenditures from replacement reserves.

Residents who volunteered to serve on this committee are Bob Hyde (non-resident owner in Court 15), a resident in Court 8, Vail Mosier (9), Rosalind Singer (4), Norma and Dick Taliaferro (12), Don Taylor (1), and Seth Low (Board liaison). The first meeting is being facilitated by the Court 8 resident and Don Taylor. The committee welcomes residents' input regarding our reserves and replacement reserves and the need for long-range planning of infrastructure needs. Look for a report from this committee in the September newsletter.

## Ben Marglin - Newest Board Member



Recently elected Board member Ben Marglin moved into Fairlington Mews (Court 2) in September, 2003, and has lived in the Washington, DC area off and on for over five years. Ben grew up in Boston, Massachusetts and received his B.A. from Colby College in Waterville, Maine in 1993.

Ben spent three years working on Capitol Hill for U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and then returned to school to get a Master's in Public Policy at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina in 1999. Since leaving Duke, he has spent about five years working in management consulting, first with American Management Systems (AMS) and now with Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH).

During his time with AMS, Ben focused on state and local government human services agencies, working in the areas of child support enforcement, TANF (welfare), and child welfare services, and traveled to many state capitals, mostly in Ohio and Louisiana. Now at BAH, he focuses mainly on the healthcare market, but has worked with several cabinet-level federal agencies, including Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs, Labor, and Homeland Security. Ben has enjoyed living in the Mews and is excited to have an active role in the community through his participation on the Board. He hopes to leverage some of his public sector management experience to continue to make the Mews a great place to live.

## *Click Here, Dude!* Fairlington Web Site Resources



Many of you already have visited and made good use of this Community web site - [www.fairlington.org](http://www.fairlington.org). Here are some helpful links:

- **Mews Handbook**  
<http://www.fairlington.org/mewshand.htm>
- **Board Minutes/Newsletters**  
<http://www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm>
- **Virginia Condominium Act**  
<http://www.chadwickwashington.com/community/va.pdf>



## Volunteers At Work

### Landscape Committee

Many thanks to all residents who have planted and maintained flowers near their units and to those residents who have helped water new plantings. Your efforts are appreciated by the entire community.

Environmental Enhancements, our grounds contractor, has been very responsive in addressing residents' concerns regarding pruning and general grounds maintenance requests. Perhaps you have noticed that the crews have been on Mews grounds both Thursday and Friday this year to see that our community is well maintained. We have received many positive comments this year about the overall improved appearance of the property.

The Landscape Committee will be meeting soon to consider pruning and planting needs in preparing the grounds budget proposal for the September board meeting. **Residents with particular requests for pruning needs, plant installation, or plant removal should put such requests in writing to the committee. All requests will be considered.** Major plantings are done in the fall and spring.

Residents are again reminded that the installation or removal of trees or shrubs in the common areas requires board approval (See Chapter 8, Rules, Section 2 of Mews Handbook). Unfortunately, this year management has had to request that residents remove some plantings that were inappropriate or improperly placed. You may request a recommended plant list from the committee.

The Landscape Committee meets regularly on the second Monday of each month. Contact Tom Corbin ([tomrcor@aol.com](mailto:tomrcor@aol.com)) or Lori Olivas ([lorolivas@comcast.net](mailto:lorolivas@comcast.net)) for further information and include "Mews Landscape" in the subject box.

### Recreation Committee

Greetings from the Recreation Committee: Ann Timmons and Joanne Herman (pool coordinators) Shannon Watson (social coordinator), Roger Taylor (tennis coordinator)!

We are very happy to have World Pool back again. Jenny Casey is our pool manager. We have issued a record 400+ Recreation passes this year! **They are available for pick-up at the pool** (the colored file card box). Please remember to bring the pass (or keep it at the pool) and **sign in whenever you come**. Also, for legal reasons, we ask that you not 'lend' your pass to non-residents. You are welcome to bring guests, but must accompany them and sign them in. Also, please note that the combination for the tennis court locks is on the back of your pass.

We have purchased a picnic table that is getting heavy usage in the common area, as well as a new croquet set that is stored in the pool office and can be used in the grassy area in the pool or in the common area.

We also were the lucky recipients of a donated gas grill that is just inside the pool enclosure. All are welcome to take it out to the common area to use. Just be sure to clean it off and return it (cooled down) inside the pool before it closes!

Remember the **July 4th pool party** with games for the kids and potluck picnic at noon (**see details on page 7**) - and the Labor Day picnic on Sunday September 5th at 4:00.

**Questions? Problems?** Please address any questions to the Recreation Committee, in care of Ann Timmons, e-mail [MewsRec@biette.com](mailto:MewsRec@biette.com), or telephone 703-820-9589. The Committee will refer issues to the board of directors as necessary.

## Neighborly Reminders

### Healthy Drains

As residents should be aware, the Mews has been involved in a drain relining project to help eliminate costly sewer line repairs. Residents are reminded that they, too, play a part in maintaining the "health" of the drains and sewers.

- Do not put grease down the kitchen drain. Soak up grease with paper towels and trash it, or put grease in a can, freeze it, and then put it out with the trash.
- Do not flush paper products other than toilet paper down the toilet! Toilet paper dissolves in the sewer system; other paper products do not. Don't flush tissue, paper towels, disposable diapers, feminine products, dental floss, condoms, etc.

For complete information and resident liability for drains see Chapter 5, (Utilities and Appliances), section F (Drains and Sewers) in the Mews Handbook, March 1999.

## Mosquito-Proof Your Home

With the advent of summer's heat and humidity, we face the problem of mosquitoes' breeding in our patio and commons areas. There are some simple steps to help make your home "mosquito unfriendly".

1. When outside, apply insect repellent containing DEET. Don't apply repellent containing permethrin directly to skin. Do not spray repellent containing DEET on the skin under clothing. Always read and follow any repellent's directions.
2. Drain all standing water. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, and even the smallest amount is a potential mosquito breeding ground! Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by emptying water from flower pots, saucers and any other outside containers which hold water. Even tarps covering bikes or furniture can be potential breeding places. Check gutter downspouts for standing water. Also drain and replace water in birdbaths weekly. (The product "mosquito dunks" in birdbaths prevents breeding.)
3. Report dead birds to local authorities. Dead birds may be a sign that West Nile virus is circulating between birds and mosquitoes in an area.

Complete information regarding this is at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site <http://www.cdc.gov>

## Tips for Home Fire Safety

- Install smoke detectors on every level; check monthly and change batteries annually.
- Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths.
- Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep the handles of pans turned inward so they do not over-hang the stove. If grease catches fire, slide a lid over the pan and smother the flames.
- If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately. Replace frayed or cracked electrical cords, and don't overload extension cords (which should never be under rugs).
- Understand how your circuit breaker box works!
- Never leave a burning candle in an unoccupied room.
- Be aware that "power surges" can turn on appliances and create electrical fires.
- Use outside grills in areas away from fences, shrubs, and other combustibles.
- Inspect and clean your dryer vent regularly.
- Unplug appliances such as toasters, coffee makers, TVs, dryers, etc. when away for extended time periods.

## Shhhh....Quiet Please!

Cool summer nights invite some residents to sleep with windows open. Residents are asked to be mindful about inappropriate noise (patio parties, whistling to call after dogs late at night, loud conversations in parking lots, etc). No, it's not the movies, but quiet please!

## Trash Reminders

Jeffrey's Trash Service picks up trash every day except Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Regular trash is put out by 7:00AM the morning of pick up. Large Item Pick Up is the first Saturday of each month. If you have a question about large item pick up, call management (703-848-4339) or Jeffrey's Trash (703-591-9550). **Place trash on your stoop. Please, please, please do not put trash out after regular pick up, on Saturday afternoons, or anytime on Sunday.**



## Board Minutes Highlights

Complete, detailed Mews Board Minutes can be found on the Fairlington Web Site at the Mews Home Page:  
[www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm](http://www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm)

### April 27, 2004

- Gretchen Martin, acting president, recognized the volunteers who do work for the community.
- The Landscape Committee presented a proposal to enlarge and remake the common beds in Court 1 at Wakefield and 36th Street South, and in Court 8 at 34th Street South and 36th Street South. The board voted to approve the expenditure of \$1,800 from the Landscape Committee budget for this work, and to have the \$3,500 from the former landscaping contract reverted to this fiscal year's landscape budget.
- Sher Opal reported that the picnic table had arrived and would be put out in the common area outside the pool. She said that the pool deck needed replacing and that she would solicit bids for replacing it.
- The Newsletter Committee suggested that a separate line item be set up in the budget for copying of the newsletter. There was a comment that eight pages was sometimes too long for people to read, and a query about whether people actually read the whole newsletter.
- Sign Committee. Gretchen Martin read from the Arlington County Code pertaining to parking lot signs. New designs were presented for the replacement parking lot signs.

- Sher Opal explained that painting and slate roof replacement work for two fiscal years would be in this year's budget. The acting president suggested that the board look over the long-term schedule for repairs of common elements.
- Management reported on a new technology for the sewer relining that could save money on the relining contract.
- The board unanimously approved the revised satellite dish resolution
- Language for Roles and Responsibilities of committees and court reps was discussed.
- Management reported that Seal Engineering had begun their inspection of damaged masonry in the Mews.
- The board unanimously approved a request for a variance by 4634A 36th Street South to install an exhaust fan, provided that it match the brickwork in color.
- Proposals to replace the slate on some of the roofs were discussed; the board had a preference for 100-year slate instead of 75-year slate but deferred a final decision until the May meeting. The board agreed that the first roofs to be done would be those that needed it most, and requested that management communicate with residents affected by re-roofing at all steps of the process to avoid disruptions.

### May 25, 2004

- The board suggested that all residents be given a copy of the roles and responsibilities of residents and committees with welcome packets.
- The Landscape Committee asked that residents remove weeds from patios because they reseed and self-plant elsewhere. The committee recommended that management and the board walk around the Mews to see work that needs to be done. The committee also expressed concern about the planting of inappropriate trees (particularly trees that are meant for other climates) and the planting of trees and bushes in inappropriate places. The board approved the expenditure of \$700 from the Landscape committee budget for watering certain new plantings during the hot weather.
- David Biette reported that the pool would be opening on time and that new umbrellas and stands would be purchased.
- The Newsletter committee asked for input and material from the board for the July (and future) newsletters.
- The contract for new parking lot signs was approved.
- Roles and responsibilities for the Landscape, and Communication committees was approved, as was the document on management tasks.
- Roof replacement was approved for \$71,448 for the next two buildings on the roof replacement schedule, with

black-gray slate, copper flashing, and snow guards the length of the roof.

- The board discussed the need for concrete and asphalt repairs throughout the Mews and the need to look at how redoing all the parking lots might be done. Concrete repairs in the amount of \$15,535 were approved for sidewalks. Asphalt repairs were postponed until a walk-through could be done, needs assessed with money available for repairs.
- The board agreed to raise the deductible on the insurance policy.
- The treasurer presented the budget for the next fiscal year, with a 6% increase in condo fees. Because of lower market rates, interest income would be down \$5,000. Insurance costs are going up. There was discussion about the possibility of doing more on-line and electronic communication. Utilities projections were stable and there were no other increases. Recreation committee budget was held constant which might mean reducing the hours the pool is open. The final budget, with a \$2667 surplus, was approved to send on to the Council of Co-Owners at the annual meeting in June. Seth Low stressed the need to maintain the levels of the various reserve and replacement reserve funds.



## Timely Tips

By Sher Opal

Management Agent  
Representative

Mews Board of Directors meets *July 27, 2004* with no meeting scheduled for August. Tentative dates for fall meetings: *September 28, October 26, and November 30.*

### Masonry Repairs

The inspection and bidding process for these repairs is always time consuming, hence the delay in getting the work started. The Board of Directors will discuss masonry repair bids at the July meeting, and it appears that the cost of the work will be more than originally anticipated. Reserve funds will be carefully evaluated and used in funding this project.

### Exterior Painting

Painting of Courts 7 through 11 began June 28 and will continue for six weeks. Residents in these courts received notification regarding the project and their responsibilities, especially those involving door painting. The contractor will give 72 hour notice before beginning work at each unit. Please address questions and concerns to management.

## Upcoming Projects

- **Sewer Relining Project** – Five sewer lines are scheduled for relining beginning on July 8. Certain residents in **Courts 3, 6, 10, 14, and 15** have been notified not to use water on specified days. We understand that this is an inconvenience, but it is imperative for the successful completion of the work. All court residents will not be affected but should be aware of the construction trucks in their courts.
- **Parking Lot Signs** – The Board of Directors executed a contract with Old Town Signs to replace all court parking lot signs, the pool access road sign, and the pet exercise area sign with installation expected in September.
- **Roof Replacements** – A contract has been let to replace roofs at **3522 – 3524 S. Wakefield St.** with work to begin this fall upon arrival of materials.
- **Concrete Repairs** – A contract has been let to make necessary sidewalk and step repairs throughout the Mews community; however, work will not begin until August due to contractor backlog.
- **Parking Lot Resurfacing and Curb Repair** – Management will soon finalize the costs of resurfacing Court 10's parking lot and completing necessary curb and sidewalk repairs there. The pool access road will also be resurfaced and a concrete slab installed for the basketball net.

## Q & A

***What items are not covered by condominium fees?***

***What items are the owner's responsibility?***

The following items are the owner's responsibility:

1. Outside water faucets to which the owner has a cut off valve inside unit
2. Any plumbing, electrical, cable, or telephone line servicing the unit, whether inside walls, outside the unit, or within the unit
3. All windows, doors, and door hardware. (Painting of exterior doors and wooden windows is done by the condominium association on a three-year cycle.)
4. All outside lighting fixtures controlled by an inside switch
5. "Back-to-back" kitchen sink back ups for which owners share joint costs
6. Water intrusion problems below ground level
7. Patio maintenance except fence repairs
8. All trash put out at the wrong time or trash requiring a special pick up.

**(Check Special Q & A Regarding Sears Preferred Buyer's Program for Mews Residents - Page 8)**

### ***What is the owner's responsibility regarding patio maintenance?***

Backyard Maintenance Responsibility: Rules & Regulations of the Association of Fairlington Mews:

**6. Grounds. F. Patios** "Patios are limited common areas, set aside for the exclusive use of the co-owner. Structures may be no greater than the fence height, and patios must be relatively neat and clear of impediments. All vegetation within the fence is the responsibility of the co-owner. Trees and bushes must be trimmed and may not obstruct common areas or neighboring yards, and in general may be permitted to grow no higher than 20 feet. Climbing plants, such as ivy, are prohibited on building walls and fences. Co-owners are liable for damage to common property, including neighboring exteriors, caused by the plantings within their patios. The Board may enforce the rule prohibiting trees to grow above the fence line, particularly if their root structures are judged to threaten building walls or to rub abrasively against walls or roof tiles, if they disturb a neighbor's enjoyment of his/her patio. ...." (**Mews Handbook, 1999**)

## **Month of July Gardening Tips**

If you have been careful in your planning and diligent in your care, your garden now rewards you with abundant blooms and growth! There are still "chores", however, to keep the garden going through the hot months so that it will be spectacular in the fall.

### **Container Plants**

Nutrients in the soil of container plants leech out with frequent waterings. Regularly apply a weak, liquid fertilizer (such as Peter's or Miracle Grow) to keep containers flourishing. A container in full sun needs daily watering. Recently the "trend" in container gardening has been to mass a single plant in containers rather than planting a variety in a single container. The "mass" of one variety provides major impact.

If squirrels decimate your container gardens, apply a few tablespoons of blood meal to the surface of the soil.

### **Pinching (Ouch!)**

"Pinching" plants keeps them from becoming leggy. Simply snip off the growing tip where a leaf and stem intersect. The plant will branch at this point providing you with fullness rather than height. If you have been pinching your chrysanthemums, they should be bushy now and ready to set buds as daylength shortens. Cutting back leggy annuals (impatiens, begonias, lantana, salvias, verbena, etc.) by a third and applying some fertilizer will revive them, and they will reward you with more blooms. They may look ragged for a

day or two after such pruning, but they will revive. Regular "deadheading" keeps plants neat and pushes their energy into more blossoms rather than setting seeds. Pinch the blooms off of basil and coleus to maintain a vigorous plant. Remember you can always fill in the vacant "spots" with that healthy plant from the nursery.

### **Azaleas**

Be sure **not to prune spring flowering shrubs** (such as azaleas) as they are setting buds for next spring's blooms. Azaleas benefit now from the application of a time-released fertilizer. Azaleas also will perform much better next spring if not stressed now by excessive dryness. (Azaleas are very shallow-rooted.) Iris and daylilies can be divided to provide you with new plantings. Plants setting berries, such as hollies and pyracanthas, benefit from extra water.

### **Watering**

**Newly planted trees and shrubs need regular waterings to get them established.** Apply a gently running hose to the plant's base for about 20 minutes two or three times a week when there is less than an inch of rainfall. If a hose is not available, gently pour 5/ 10 gallons of water at the base of the tree or shrub two or three times a week. Don't worry about the grass during dry times as it will go dormant and revive with the next substantial rainfall.

### **Featured Website**

Check out <http://eat-it.com> , the website for "edible landscaping" located in Afton, VA. Their on-line catalogue has some interesting exotics which can be grown in this area.

## **Shaping Up Your Tennis Game**

Now that summer has arrived, how's your tennis game shaping up?

If you're having trouble keeping the ball inside the lines, try a stroke that puts topspin on the ball. Topspin brings the ball back down to the ground by creating increased air pressure on top of the ball and reduced pressure underneath it. Topspin allows you to hit solidly and still keep the ball in play.



To hit topspin, begin your stroke with racquet low and back, then swing up and through, ending with your racquet hand touching your opposite shoulder. Keep the racquet head

parallel to the net (vertical) or the ball will rocket to the stars! Hit the ball out in front of you, and imagine you are brushing up on the ball as you hit through it. Give it a try! The Mews board is looking into repair costs for cracks on the 36<sup>th</sup> Street courts. In addition, three residents have expressed an interest in converting at least one of the two courts into a multi-use hard surface for children's use, perhaps to include a basketball hoop. If you would like to express your views on the future of these courts, please contact your court representative, a board member or the tennis coordinator. If there is interest in alternative uses, the board may consider taking a survey of residents to see which uses are most in demand.

Tennis goers will have noticed we are once again locking the courts. The locks are intended to discourage children from using the courts for non-tennis recreation. Court surfaces and nets are easily damaged, and repairs are costly. The lock combination is on the back of your recreation pass.

**Roger Taylor, Tennis Coordinator - 703-820-8113**

## Featured Mews Residents

**By Shirley and John Lafferty**  
4664-B S. 36th Street

Back in the mid-1970's my single women friends were starting to invest in properties of their own rather than continue the renting we all had been doing since college. My cousin Sharon was one of those people, and she bought a Clarendon here in Fairlington after carefully researching the area. Once I saw her place, I knew that I did not need to look any further.

In May 1977, I settled on one of the last units available for purchase in South Fairlington. It is still home for me and became so for my husband, John, in 1992. One of our next door neighbors, Lori Olivas, also moved to Court 5 in May of 1977. Together we have watched the neighborhood mature and improve.

Of course we all wanted to make improvements immediately. Among the items to come first were pull down stairs to the attic, screens, storm doors and storm windows, and

landscaping the back patio. Not being a gardener, I hired someone to develop a plan and make the plantings. Little did I realize that the "three little trees" included in my plantings would one day be as tall as the house and require removal. Not everything grew up as nicely as so many of the wonderful trees and shrubs which now adorn the village and provide a barrier to many of the sights and sounds of King Street.

As time has passed, one of the great pleasures of living in Fairlington is taking a Sunday afternoon walk. Getting good exercise in a safe environment is just one of the benefits. Where else could one find all the decorating ideas one needs simply by stopping at a few open houses along the way. At no expense, you learn when it is time to paint the basement white, replace the hot water heater, pull up that old brown carpet and refinish the beautiful wood floors, raise the kitchen ceiling and get rid of the "mustard-colored" appliances, replace the cloudy windows and who knows what else.

Just when I think spring and summer are my favorite times to enjoy the neighborhood, we get to the beautiful colors of fall. Even winter has gotten better in Fairlington Mews with reserved parking places. When it snows and you dig out your space, you know it will be yours when you return. Not so in earlier days.

I would be remiss not to say thank you to the many residents of the Mews who have given of their time and talents over the years to make this a place that gets better and better. For all of the volunteers in the condo association, you are assets of the community and make us want to continue living here.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic

**The Mews third annual July 4th potluck picnic starts at noon. Bring salads, desserts, snacks, beverages, etc... We will provide paper products and lemonade, also some main dish protein (ham or roast chicken). We can set up the grill if anyone wants to bring dogs or burgers.**

**There will be pool games for kids of all ages, including the ever-popular diving for greased watermelon! Come and get to know your Mews neighbors!**

### MewsNEWS

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# Watering Instructions Trees and Shrubs



*The Mews Landscape Committee appreciates the help of all residents in the maintenance of the common areas, including those with newly installed plantings. What follows is a set of instructions for caring for the landscape in the summer. Thanks for your cooperation and help.*

**D**uring hot summer weather, water established shrubs and small trees once a week. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered 2 - 3 times weekly for the first year when there is insufficient rainfall. Water new plantings for **twenty minutes for shrub areas and small trees and 30 minutes for larger trees**, using a slow trickle from a hose so that the water is absorbed and does not run off. Water at the root ball.

If a hose is not available for watering, gently pour two to three five gallon bucketsful of water around the roots every week in the summer. The idea is to **soak the roots** to enable them to grow deep into the soil. Lightly watering only the top of the soil encourages weak root growth only at the surface.

**Please note that azaleas and other small shrubs planted under or at the drip line of large trees require frequent watering.** Unless there are soaking rains, the soil under large trees does not receive enough water. **Symptoms of stress** from lack of water include (1) yellowing and shriveled leaves, (2) loss of leaves and dieback, and (3) wilting of leaves and flower buds.

**Lawn Areas** - During the summer months, it is not necessary to water the lawn areas unless there is a particular concern. In dry weather, the grass will become dormant, but it will revive after any measurable rainfall. If watering the lawn becomes necessary, remember to do so in the morning because there is less wind, lower temperatures, less evaporation, more time for grass roots to absorb water, and time for grass blades dry out by nightfall, discouraging fungus disease. Do not water during the hottest part of the day, because water is lost to evaporation. Do not water until after 6:00 p.m. if watering in the morning is not possible.

**Please remember that over-watering and/or light, frequent watering (e.g., sprinkling) can damage the lawn and encourage weed growth. This also wastes water.**

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## SPECIAL NOTE - SEARS BUYER'S PROGRAM

**Q. I heard Legum & Norman has a Preferred Buyer's Program through Sears, that a owner in an association that is managed by Legum & Norman can get special pricing on home appliances. How does that work?**

**A. You may visit any Sears or go on-line to look for selected appliances. Once you have selected your appliance, by getting the make, model number and store/website price, you may contact **Kathy McKenny** at the Appliance Select Center located at the Fairs Oaks Mall. Ms. Kenny works by appointment if you wish to visit her personally or you may call her at 703-385-2330 to obtain price of the selected appliances and place your order. You will need Fairlington Mews' account number **01-011653-000**. Do not give this account number to anyone other than another Fairlington Mews owner.**

**Meeting Calendar**

Board of Directors Board Meetings are scheduled for July 27, September 28, October 26, November 30 @ 7:00 PM, Fairlington Community Center

|                           | <u>Liaison</u>           | <u>Address</u>                    | <u>Phone</u>   |
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|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
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