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*The Newsletter for
Fairlington Mews
Residents
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MewsNEWS



Message from the Board

Dear Mews Owners and Residents,

Acknowledgements

The Board wishes to recognize the diligence of Mews maintenance man Steve Burcham. Steve is regularly on property, usually three days a week, performing routine maintenance in addition to the on-going projects of repairing the fences, cleaning the problem gutters, and assisting wherever else needed. We have received many positive comments about his work. Good job, Steve!

Board members also wish to thank co-owner Alison Reither (Court 11) for agreeing to chair the Finance Committee. For too long, this was a committee in name only – now it has a chair and committee members! Alison and her “crew” will be quite busy helping with the management of association finances. Thanks, Alison, for your help.

Did you know that the Fairlington web site, <http://www.fairlington.org> is celebrating its tenth birthday this year? That's right, Mews co-owner Ron Patterson established this site as a part of the historic designation process in 1999. It is an entertaining, informative, and lively site that is an excellent repository of Fairlington information. Kudos, Ron, for a great job.

Maintenance Projects

The association is involved in several maintenance projects this fall, including pool repair, wood trim painting, wood repair, roof replacement, and drainage repairs.

Caulking of both the main and “kiddy” pools, delayed from last spring, will be done by Curl Swim Services, our pool management company as part of winterizing the pool. In addition, Curl will replace the “junction boxes” requiring some pool deck work. This work is necessary in order to meet current code. We are also receiving a discount since repairs are being completed in the off season.

Middeldorf Painters are in the process of repairing and painting the wood trim in Courts 12, 13, 14, and 15. They will also paint the trim on the Pool House. Upon completion of this work, the entire Mews will have had all wood repairs made and trim painting completed in a little over a year. The Board will return to a regular painting cycle now that we have completed this long overdue maintenance.

Jeff Hugney, structural engineer for Restoration Engineering, Inc. has conducted an “independent” roof evaluation, prioritized our needs, and will supervise the work of Katchmark Roofers in roof replacement in Courts 14 and 12. Units 4615 – 4625 36th St. (front only) and 3500 – 3520 (back only) are scheduled for replacement this fall. Jeff supervised the roof work in Ct. 4 last fall.

Restoration Engineering, Inc. has also been engaged to study some of our problem drainage areas and to make recommendations for improvements. This may be an expensive proposition and may have to be spread out over several years.

Dwyer Plumbing will complete extensive, needed sewer repairs at 3410 (in front of 3412) S. Wakefield St. and at 3538 (in rear of 3538) S. Wakefield St. This work is similar to the work recently completed by Dwyer for Fairlington Glen at the intersection of 36th St. and Taylor Streets.

We have recently discovered foundation and joist issues in two units in Court 6. Avon, Inc., a company that has done work both for Fairlington Villages and Fairlington Commons, has been engaged to repair these problems.

Let There Be Light!

During the summer, the association experienced many lighting problems. Court 6 residents were without carriage lamps for too long. Actually we thought we were going to have to hire a night watchman for that court! But we finally discovered that both Courts 5 and 6 are connected to one meter in Court 4 and that somewhere along the line (electrical, that is) there were breaks.

Power Systems Electrical Corporation (PSE) was able to diagnose and correct the problem without having to dig up the entire line. Two globe lights at the single court have finally been repaired after receiving the proper sized poles. And the pool lights were all working at the end of the summer! Recently, maintenance man Steve Burcham came early and drove around our community before sunrise and reported "all systems go" – with all lights working!

And speaking of light...don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends the first Sunday in November which coincidentally is November 1 this year. Fall back an hour!

As you can see, it has been a very busy time in Fairlington Mews. The board hopes that all residents have seen the improvements in our community.

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Web Site Resources

- Mews Handbook
www.fairlington.org/mewshand.htm
- Board Minutes/Newsletters
www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm
- Condominium Resources Site
www.fairlington.org/condoresourcepage.htm
- Emergency Preparedness Page
www.fairlington.org/emergencypreparedness.htm
- Mews Recycling Guidelines
<http://www.fairlington.org/mewsrecycling.htm>

Calendar

- October 13 – Recreation Committee @ 7:30 PM (4632 34th St. S.)
- October 21 – Landscape Committee @ 7:00PM (Fairlington Community Center)
- October 22 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Fairlington Community Center)
- November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 3 – Election Day – Polls are open 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- November 7 – Large Item Pick Up
- November 10 – Recreation Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM (4632 34th St. S.)
- November 19 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Fairlington Community Center)
- December 5 – Large Item Pick Up
- December 17 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Fairlington Community Center)
- January 2, 2010 – Large Item Pick Up
- January 28, 2010 – Board of Directors Meeting @ 6:30 PM (Fairlington Community Center)

Board Minutes Highlights

The following is a summary of highlights of recent board minutes. For complete minutes, please access the Mews web site

<http://www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm>

Meeting Highlights – May 28, 2009

All board members, manager Jason Eglin, and six residents attended.

Homeowners' Forum – The following items were presented:

1. Question about insurance claim, Ct. 6.
2. Inquiry about status of work order request, Ct. 6.
3. Report of rotted gate, Ct. 11.
4. Criticism of recent letter to Ct. 8 residents regarding parking issues.

Board Actions/ Discussion

1. Ratification of electronic votes (April 23 – May 28):
(A) \$3,145.00 to Avon, Inc. to study foundation issue;
(B) Renewal of association insurance policy with additions to policy; (C) Landscape expenditures - \$2,364 to Merrifield Garden Center, \$970.00 to Environmental Enhancements; (D) Curl Swim Services pool work @ \$3,784.63.
2. Budget presentation by Jayne Mayne and Julia Claypool.

3. Move \$50,000 from Members' Equity Fund to Replacement Reserves.
4. Increase FY2010 condo fee to 2.8%.
5. Recreation Committee report on pool opening and planned activities.
6. Discussion of sewer replacement/ relining proposals.
7. Discussion of annual meeting plans.
8. Tabled Environmental Enhancements proposal for drainage work at Court 6.
9. Reviewed Katchmark Roofing recommendations.

Meeting Highlights – July 23, 2009

Three board members, manager Jason Eglin, and eight residents attended.

Homeowners' Forum – Note: Some co-owners present addressed Court 8 parking issues when this item was discussed by the board.

Ratification of electronic votes since May 28 Board meeting – (A) Acct#00323-3434, late fee waiver; (B) Don Hook proposal @ \$1,700 for pruning; (C) Move \$80,000 from Members' Equity Fund to Reserves; (D) Approve temporary use of window fan in Ct. 9; (E) Roofing repair at 4610 for \$2,323.00.

Board Actions/ Discussion

1. Old Business

- Recent proposal for correcting drainage issues, particularly in Ct. 6, lacked specificity; board requested engaging Restoration Engineering, Inc. as possible consultant.
- Colonial Paving submitted proposal for window well work in Ct. 1; board requested more details on the scope and cost of the work.
- Avon, Inc. submitted report on foundation problem in Ct. 6; board requested a formal proposal on scope and cost of work.
- PSE (electrical) submitted proposal for Ct. 6 light repair. Approved.
- Court 8 parking concerns/ recommendations. Board directed assigned parking for this court as a solution to the current stalemate to the parking problems.

2. New Business

- Approved by laws draft submission to counsel for review.
- Approved B-building carpet cleaning proposal.
- Renewed DMA Cleaning Services contract.
- Tabled Reserves Study Update, pending bids for a full update in November, 2009.
- Approved variance request for kitchen remodeling @ 4666 A. S. 36th St.
- Sewer back up at 4666 34th St. – repair/ clean up completed.

- Landscape Committee will use remaining annual funding for necessary pruning.

Meeting Highlights – August 27, 2009

All board members, manager Jason Eglin, and four residents attended.

Homeowners' Forum – No concerns were presented.

Ratification of electronic votes since July 23 meeting – Avon, Inc. for \$6,275.00 for foundation work at 4884 A 36th St.

Board Actions/ Discussion

1. Old Business

- Awaiting sewer relining bid from Peed Plumbing.
- Avon, Inc. will obtain permits for foundation work at 4884 A 36th St.
- Colonial Paving submitted specific cost/ scope of work proposal for Ct. 1 window well work @ \$4,500. Approved.
- Colonial Paving presented a two-year community-wide sidewalk repair schedule.
- Architectural issue – Ct. 4 – door molding surround removal has gone unanswered by co-owner. Board will begin due process monetary penalty.

2. New Business

- Middeldorf Painting proposal – courts 12, 13, 14, and 15 @ \$41,275.00. Approved. Amended to include Pool House trim. Repair and replacement of wood in Cts. 12 – 15 approved on a “time and materials” basis.
- Bid for property appraisal from Moroney & Associates of Rockville, MD received. Management to secure at least one more bid.
- Management will secure a multi-year contract renewal from Curl Swim Services as pool management company.
- Board authorized Rees Broome, Inc. to prepare a revision of Master Deed as part of the by laws revision.
- Future Board meetings will begin at 6:30 PM due to the change in Fairlington Community Center hours.
- Meeting Schedule Change – November 19 and December 17 instead of regular fourth Thursday.
- Approved \$100.00 for Labor Day picnic supplies.
- Denied appeal of co-owner for door replacement (done without variance) in Ct. 15. Co-owner given 30 day period to replace with acceptable door; monetary penalty to begin if unit still in noncompliance.

Thanksgiving



Treasurer's Report

The following information is taken from "July 2009 Variance Report and Financial Statement" dated September 9, 2009 and distributed in the September Board package.

Total Cash and Investments	\$1,338,244.00
Year-to-date Income	\$ 908,288.00
Year-to-date Expenses	\$ 864,578.00
Year-to-date Net Income/Surplus(Loss)	\$ 43,650.00

Residential delinquency accounts total \$4,595.00. This constitutes a delinquency rate of 0.53% which is below the auditor's recommendation of 3%.



Volunteers At Work

Landscape Committee (Submitted by Lori Olivas)

Thanks to all residents who enhanced the community with their annuals and perennials this summer. Everyone appreciates the extra efforts of residents who maintain such wonderful gardens: the community benefits from such efforts.

Residents who tended the beds near their units are reminded to remove all spent annuals and perennials as the grounds maintenance contractor does not remove these materials as part of their regular contract. Please properly bag and dispose of the resulting debris.

Curb Appeal

The Landscape Committee is developing a community-wide 5-year landscape plan to continue improvements to the overall appearance of the Mews landscape. Some goals are to incorporate low maintenance, native plants and to replace high maintenance and overgrown shrubs. We will consider the services of Kyle Thurman, Environmental Enhancement's landscape designer, to help us develop ideas and produce plans for some common areas and some foundation beds. Our plan includes reducing the amount of shrub shearing and

having more hand pruning done to produce a natural look where possible.

Tree Care

Thrive Plant Care Solutions and Don Hook's Tree Service will submit bids for fall tree pruning and/or removal of declining trees. Several trees are slated for pruning to remove limbs that are overhanging and thus compromising roofs.

Grounds Maintenance

Fall brings beautiful colored foliage, which translates to leaves to rake! Our first scheduled leaf removal will occur between October 20 and November 5. The second removal will be three weeks after the first removal, and the third will take place between December 15 and December 20. If needed, we will request a fourth removal early in 2010.

Watering

Yes, winter is approaching, but as trees and shrubs go into dormancy, they still need water. We ask residents to water landscape material around their units when there is inadequate rainfall (one inch a week). Water evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs deeply until the ground freezes. The roots, which are still active in the fall, absorb the water and use it to replace water lost due to winds and lower temperatures. It is especially important to water all landscape material that was planted during the last two years so that it can take hold.

Committee Meetings

Residents are encouraged to attend committee meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2009 at the Fairlington Community Center. Always call Lori Olivas at 703.379.4927, committee chair, to verify the meeting date and location. Meeting dates will also be posted on the Mews web site.

Finance Committee

(Submitted by Alison Reither)

The Finance Committee held its first two meetings with new committee chair, Alison Reither, and Treasurer, Ron Patterson, on August 24th and September 8th. Long-standing committee member Jayne Mayne briefed the new members on the financial review and budget processes at the first meeting and, most recently, on reserve funds. Tami Anderson and Julia Claypool, former board members, are also committee members.

The financial statements for fiscal year ended July 31, 2009, are currently under review within the committee. It is expected that the final financials will be submitted to the Board at the November board meeting. The committee is on schedule to submit the financials for audit by the end of November.

The Finance Committee will not meet in October. The date for the November meeting will be announced on the web site. Any co-owner interested in joining the committee should contact Alison Reither areither@comcast.net.

Recreation Committee

(Submitted by Shannon Watson)

The Mews had a great summer recreation season. For the first time in several years, the Mews offered water aerobics – see related article below. The Mews will be offering yoga in the spring -- stay tuned to the MewsNews for details.

Recreation Passes

The new permanent recreation pass enjoyed widespread support. If you did not retrieve your pass from the pool prior to its closing on Labor Day, the Recreation Committee will be distributing your pass to you.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to safeguard your pass for next summer -- lost passes will cost \$5 to replace. Also, you need to post your pass for entry into the tennis courts, so put it in a safe place.

More information about other possible recreation events will be forthcoming, including a Mews movie night and a holiday tree-trimming and caroling party. The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:30PM at Chairman Shannon Watson's house, 4632 34th St. Please email her for details at shannon_watson@hotmail.com.

Work It!

(Submitted by Chandra Burnside)

The Fairlington Mews pool was the host site for a well attended aquatic aerobics program this summer. The 11 session class was offered through Curl, the Mews' pool management company, and featured head lifeguard Heather as the instructor. A total of 14 participants joined the very modestly priced class this summer for a fantastic work out, which featured both strength training movements and aerobic exercise.

Heather also focused on teaching some basic moves that could be repeated outside of class time in the pool to help provide a workout that was easy on the joints and burned lots of fat.

The Recreation Committee is already making plans for next year's class, which they hope to offer in two different sessions throughout the summer. They hope you will consider joining your neighbors next summer to get in shape in the pool!

Tennis Pro Needed

ISO Creative, fun-loving, and active tennis player and Mews resident to handle tennis for the Recreation Committee.

Are you interested in making more of tennis in the Mews? Know what a tennis ladder is? Want to see the Mews offer lessons at all levels?

The Recreation Committee needs YOU. Interested residents please call or e-mail Shannon Watson at (703) 931-7938 or shannon_watson@hotmail.com

MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington

(Submitted by Carrie Moncrief)

Looking to meet other parents in Fairlington?

Join the MOMS Club of Arlington-Fairlington chapter of the International MOMS Club® (Mothers Offering Mothers Support).

We are a social support group designed for stay-at-home and part-time at-home parents (moms and dads!) in the Fairlington community.

Members and their children participate in monthly meetings, weekly age-specific playgroups, member planned outings in and around Fairlington, community service projects, family meal support, Parent's Night Out and much more. Annual dues of \$25 support quarterly group functions.

We're always looking for new members and ideas! For more information, contact our membership coordinator, Lori McNicoll, at fairlingtonmoms@yahoo.com.



Timely Tips

Brush Up on Your Colors (Redux)

In order to do some touch up painting, several residents have requested the colors and brand names of the paints used for our doors and apartment building interiors.

Here are the “approved” town house front door colors:
Benjamin Moore

- Black
- Classic Burgundy
- Tudor Brown

McCormick

- Hunter Green
- Cape Blue

The apartment building interiors are painted with the following Benjamin Moore colors:

- Doors – Terra Cotta Tile
- Door Surrounds and woodwork – Dry Sage
- Walls – Rich Cream

Keep in mind that the Association and not co-owners is responsible for painting the front doors as required. This project takes place over a number of years and not all doors will be painted at the same time.

Also, be aware that the Association changed the “approved” front door colors around 10 years ago since a number of the original colors were no longer available. Some doors are painted in the original colors before the latest 6 colors were approved and were not changed in the last door painting cycle.

Homeowners may wish to paint their doors themselves and may do so as long as they use approved colors.

Common Area Debris

Please show some pride in your community and respect for your neighbors by not storing any item including but not limited to – trash, mulch bags, furniture, toys, unused bricks/ blocks/ stones – outside your patio gate or fence. Please properly dispose of all trash according to association guidelines. Remember our trash contractor does not pick up bricks, stone, cinder blocks, or pavers.

Also, you know that discarded can or bottle by the curb or the crushed Starbucks cup on the sidewalk? Well,

don’t wait to see how long it stays there before someone else picks it up!

Do the right thing – Don’t Litter AND when you see litter, please properly dispose of it! Your community thanks you.

Patio Leaves

Residents are reminded that leaves in one’s patio are the resident’s responsibility. Please do not rake your leaves onto the common areas after the contractor has removed the leaves.

Every year we have residents who throw their leaves over their fences after the leaves have been removed. It is impossible to keep the area free of all leaves, but Environmental Enhancements does an excellent job in generally keeping our property looking good. Leaves left on the turf kill the grass.

We Need a Little Christmas Reminder...

...That Capital Trash Services will pick up discarded, undecorated Christmas trees from the curb on Tuesdays and Thursdays of the first two weeks of January 2010.

Items Of Interest

Mews Parking and Towing Policy

All Mews parking courts now have assigned parking.

The Board of Directors is developing a policy resolution which will put the responsibility for towing from an assigned parking space on the co-owner. With the current county policy regarding towing, any towing becomes the responsibility of the individual requesting the towing and the towing company which must document and photograph the vehicle.

Several Mews court reps have reported concerns over unauthorized parking. Please remember the following:

- Park only in assigned, marked spaces.
- Do not “piggy back” vehicles even for a short period of time. Recently such a parked vehicle was almost hit by a car entering the lot at Court 14.
- Do not park so as to impede the entrance or exiting of any vehicles from a lot. Recently a parked pick up truck in Court 10 created a problem with the trash truck which could not enter the court.

All unreserved spaces in Mews lots have been marked as "Visitor" (the previous "X" has been removed). Such spaces are for guests and short-term parking only.

By Laws Revision Update

As this newsletter goes to "press", we anticipate the return of the by laws draft from legal counsel in the next week at which point comments and recommendations will be reviewed by the committee and Board of Directors.

As special "community meeting" will be announced after distribution of the draft to all co-owners at which time we will hear co-owner comments. Please watch for a flyer announcing this meeting and the voting procedure to follow.

Mice and Squirrels and Chipmunks, oh my!

Does anyone remember studying Robert Burns' poem "To a Mouse" in high school? If you do, you remember the mouse had made a nice winter home only to have it ripped up by the farmer.

A mouse (or mice) may be looking for a home near or inside your unit! Take some precautions.

- Check to see that there are no openings around any conduits or cables. If so, you need to caulk or seal them.
- See that your dryer vent has a covering excluding rodents from entry.
- Don't leave any excess natural debris – leaves, dead plants, etc. – in your patio since these make nice rodent nests.
- Don't leave any uncovered trash or garbage on your patio. Such items will attract pests and feed rodents.
- Rodents inside your home are the co-owner's responsibility.

Rodents in preparing for winter will look for ways into your home. As Ben Franklin, or one of those wise guys, said "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Your Garbage Disposal...

Don't Touch That Switch!

(Submitted by Fern Birtwistle)

Did you know that a major money-making day for plumbers is the day after Thanksgiving?

All those vegetable peelings and uneaten table scraps had to go somewhere, and they typically join the cooking oils, grease, and fibrous remnants of meals

long-past, forming a big drain clog! If the meal's remains manage to make it past the oily/fatty paste already accumulating in the waste drain, these bits of gastric joy now become the responsibility of the Arlington County Waste Water Treatment Facility on Glebe Road.

Have you driven by "our" Treatment Facility lately (or better yet, taken a tour)? If so, then you might have noticed that they have been undergoing extensive modification.

Arlington County has had a water treatment facility at the same location on Glebe Road since 1935 (you're right - that places it close to the old Arlington Beach - but that's another story!), and the physical plant has been remodeled many times. It takes over a month for the Facility to sufficiently treat the waste water received into those tanks to be cleaned to a quality sufficient to meet Federal Standards, the water eventually discharged into Four Mile Run being cleaner than the drinking water taken into the system upstream near Little Falls.

Each year, the County is required to meet decreasing levels of nutrient (nitrogen and phosphorous) output, and the resulting yearly increase in water cost shows no sign of abating! A significant portion of the annual Mews budget goes just for water.

Apparently, once invented just before WWII, the garbage disposer (the "proper" name for this device) quickly became established as one of those popular American "rights" (akin to those other rights such as public littering). New York City tried to ban their usage in the mid-1990's, but public pressure prevailed in that metropolis known for periodic strikes of the garbage collectors' union. Disposer manufacturers have spent and lobbied heavily to educate the buying public as to the realized environmental impact of its product.

The Bottom Line (isn't that typically the case?) is which is more economically feasible: to remove the ground-up waste from the water, or manage this waste along with the solid refuse?

Here in Arlington and Alexandria, our solid trash goes to the COVAD incinerator on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria, and is converted to electrical energy. If the same ground-up waste ends up in the Water Treatment Facility, it must undergoes a treatment process comprising many steps, including multiple settling and gross separation procedures, along with sieving, centrifuging, bio-digestion, de-foaming, and a final sand/activated carbon sieving. The more restrictive the

Federal Water Quality Standards imposed, the more involved (and expensive) each of these steps becomes.

What to do? Arlington County suggests the following:

- Dispose of food waste with the solid trash. DON'T use your garbage disposal to grind it and flush it down the drain.
- Use paper towels to soak up cooking oils and grease from cookware.
- Use rubber scrapers to remove food scraps, etc., from pans and dishes before placing in dishwasher.
- DON'T pour grease, oil, or fats into a toilet. Instead, collect it in an empty container and dispose of it with the solid trash.
- DON'T dispose of unused prescription medicine in a toilet. Increasing levels of pharmaceuticals in our water supply are a growing concern.
- DON'T pour paint, motor oil or unused cleaning substances in a drain. These chemicals will VERY adversely affect the "Biological Bed" of microorganisms whose task it is to digest this waste, thus reducing ecologically damaging nitrogen and phosphorous levels..

Last, but not least, remember that our waste drain lines are shared by an adjoining unit. If this common line *does* become clogged, then in addition to the "thrill" of bearing witness to what *was* your neighbor's dinner, now backed into in *your* kitchen sink, you are also required by our Rules to share the cost of having the line properly cleared.

I enjoy a glass of colorless, tasteless, odorless water, don't you? Oh, and about that plumber's Thanksgiving Day visit – remember they charge overtime for week ends and holidays.

It Wouldn't Be a Newsletter Without... TRASH and PET Reminders!

Everyone agrees that the Fairlington Community is one of the most pleasant and best kept neighborhoods in all of Northern Virginia.

To most of us, it is inconceivable why any resident would deliberately disobey the trash and pet regulations, and in doing so disturb the beautiful, Fairlington environment.

You make a difference by following the established trash rules. Trash may be placed out by 8:00 AM Monday – Saturday – Not the night before and Never on Sunday. And Large Item Pick Up is only on the First Saturday of each month. A discarded mattress by

the entrance sign at Court 2 on a Tuesday is not a pretty sight. It's that simple!

And speaking of peeves, please clean up after your pets. Fairlington is a very pet friendly community, but the few pet owners who fail to follow the county ordinances make all pet owners look bad. No animal should be on common association property or Arlington County property unless on a leash. Simple. Also your pet poops...You scoop (it up) and properly dispose of it.

Some residents seem to think it's "open season" in terms of leaving dog feces in the common areas which children and other residents use. Please have the decency and courtesy to clean up after your pets.

Recently there was a report of a feral cat colony in a neighboring association. Roaming cats are a nuisance, a threat to birds, and may contract rabies from other wild animals (and yes Fairlington does have some). Keep your cat inside and keep it safe and healthy.

Barking – whether in the patio or in the unit – it disturbs your neighbors. If you experience persistent barking from a neighbor's dog, call the Arlington County Police and report it. The Police can do more to solve the problem than the condo association.

Be a responsible member of the community. Do your part in maintaining a clean and attractive neighborhood.

There will be...
No trash collection on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

News to Muse

Basketball Hoop

Do not be alarmed! Do not contact "Missing Hoops!" The old basketball hoop near the tot lot was recently discarded. The Recreation Committee has plans to install a new, permanent hoop in the vicinity.

Abandoned Cars

The last MewsNews gave the county number for reporting "abandoned cars" as (703) 358 – 4144. The correct number is (703) 558-2222. You will be redirected to an automated reporting system. Remember, Arlington County requires cars not be parked longer than 10 days in the same space on the street. If you are away for 10 days or more, please leave a set of keys with a neighbor in case of a "street" emergency.

Towed Vehicles

Arlington County recently changed its vehicular towing code. Before any vehicle is towed (whether from the street or a parking lot), the tow company must contact Arlington County Police to report the towing. Owners of towed vehicles should call the Arlington County police/ fire non-emergency number to locate their towed vehicle.

Arlington County code also now requires that our association amend court entrance signs to include the county police/ fire non-emergency number. Fairlington Commons and Fairlington Arbor have already “corrected” their signs.

Emergency Contacts

- Abandoned Vehicles 703-558-2222
- Animal Warden 703-931-9241
- Arlington Police Non Emergency 703-558-2222
- Arlington County Government 703-228-3000
- Arlington County Water 703-228-6555
- Dominion Power 1-888-667-3000



Recycling Corner

Recycling Reminders

On Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning, Mews residents may recycle the following in the recycle bins placed at each court:

- Aluminum and other metal cans
- Cardboard – boxes broken down and flattened
- Glass bottles and jars
- Mixed paper and light cardboard
- Newspapers and inserts
- Plastic containers

Place paper in a paper bag or tied with twine near the recycle bins. Place all commingled items in the bins. Do not place items in plastic bags in the bins.



Keeping the Mews in Shape

The Mews is making every effort to keep our physical plant in good repair. At the present time, sewer line replacement (top photo) is underway as well as painting and rotten wood replacement (bottom photos).

MewsNEWS

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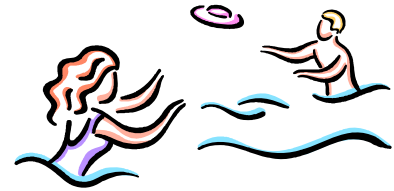
Trash Pick Up and Recycling

- Trash is picked up from your front doorstep Monday through Saturday (pickup beginning at 8:00 AM).
- No trash pickup on New Years Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving.
- All trash must be bagged.
- Place recyclable plastic, glass, cans, and aluminum in recycle bins on Tuesdays in addition to the regular trash. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags for deposit in bins.
- Recyclables, newspapers and paper, and broken-down cardboard boxes are picked up from the curb on Wednesdays in addition to the regular trash. Newspapers, paper and cardboard should be placed in paper bags or tied in a bundle and placed next to the bins. Boxes must be broken down.
- Large items are picked up from the curb on the first Saturday of each month.
- To remove large trash items (e.g., furniture, carpets, etc.) on other than the first Saturday, you should call and schedule an appointment with Capitol Services @ (703) 998-5860 at your expense.
- If your large item is not picked up from the curb on the first Saturday of the month, you are personally responsible for removal of the item.
- Please do not put your trash out the night before as it will attract unwanted rodents.



Recreation

- Applications for recreation passes are distributed to residents in the spring.
- Permanent recreation passes are distributed for each unit.
- The pool is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.
- Recreation passes are required for entry into the pool and tennis courts.
- Tennis only on the tennis courts



Parking



- Each unit is assigned one parking space.
- Park only in your designated space or your vehicle may be towed.
- Towing a vehicle must be authorized by a Board member or the management company – until new rules under consideration are approved and distributed.
- Guests must park on the street – except in courts with guest parking spaces.

Pets

- Cats must not be allowed to roam freely.
- All dogs must be leashed as per Arlington County law.
- Owners must clean up after their dogs.
- No pets on the tennis courts at any time.



Landscape



- If you wish to plant and maintain the bed in front of your unit, you must fill out the required form distributed with the recreation pass information (and available on the web site) or contact the Landscape Committee (see newsletter for current contact number).

Newsletter

- Is published quarterly and contains important information about association business/activities and current contact information.
- Provides important information including:
 - Board minutes summaries and committee reports
 - dates of upcoming board and committee meetings



Website



- www.fairlington.org/mewsindex.htm
 - Contains minutes of board meetings and up-to-date announcements.
 - Has Mews By-Laws and other documents such as the Reserve Study and the Fairlington Mews Handbook.
 - Has landscape forms and recreation pass applications.

Meeting Calendar/Contacts

Board Meetings Board Meetings are scheduled for October 22, November 19, December 17, 2009 and January 28, 2010 @ 6:30 pm at the South Fairlington Community Center

		<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Board of Directors			
President	Tom Corbin tomrcor@aol.com	4624 S. 34 th Street	(703) 931-0687
Vice President	Seth Low lowseth@earthlink.net	4644 S. 34 th Street	(703) 379-0155
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Finance	Alison Reither	3448 S Wakefield Street	(202) 812-8115
Landscape	Lori Olivas	4666-A S. 36 th Street	(703) 379-4927
Recreation	Shannon Watson	4632 S. 34 th Street	(703) 931-7938
Newsletter	Tom Corbin/Ron Patterson	4624 S. 34 th Street	(703) 931-0687
Carriage Lamps	Janice & Larry Peters	4605 S. 36 th Street	(703) 578-4992

Court Representatives

1. 3600-3616 S. Wakefield	Tom Roberts	3616 S. Wakefield Street	(703) 820-1992
2. 4606-4630 S. 36 th	Ben Marglin	4612A S. 36 th Street	(703) 671-7281
3. 4632-4636 S. 36 th	Shannon Blair	4632B S. 36 th Street	(703) 618-1813
4. 4638-4654 S. 36 th	Myrta & Ricardo Alonzo	4646B S. 36 th Street	(703) 824-0631
5. 4656-4674 S. 36 th	Renee Powlette	4670B S. 36 th Street	(703) 671-2774
6. 4676-4698 S. 36 th	Fern Birtwistle	4678B S. 36 th Street	(703) 379-7354
7. 4667-4671 S. 36 th	Julia Claypool	4669 A S. 36 th St	(703) 931-9161
8. 4664-4686 S. 34 th	Gretchen Martin	4680 S. 34 th Street	(703) 933-1368
9. 4624-4658 S. 34 th	David Biette	4638 S. 34 th Street	(703) 820-9589
10. 4600-4618 S. 34 th	Shirley Fein	4610 S. 34 th Street	(703) 553-0340
	Shana Chase	4612 S. 34 th Street	(703) 931-0776
11. 3408-3458 S. Wakefield	Chandra Burnside	3432 S. Wakefield Street A2	(703) 379-1082
12. 3500-3544 S. Wakefield	Victoria Lipnik	3512 S. Wakefield Street	(703) 379-7160
13. 4601-4611 S. 36 th	Joanne Herman	4603B S. 36 th Street	(703) 931-5867
14. 4615-4637 S. 36 th	Craig Wagner	4631 S. 36 th Street	(703) 931-7549
15. 4641-4665 S. 36 th	Gordon Avery	4655 S. 36 th Street	(703) 820-3134

Additional Important Numbers

Sewer Back-up	Dwyer Plumbing	(703) 922-8220
Trash Collection	CAPITOL SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, INC.	(703) 998-5860
Large Articles of Trash	Put out at CURBSIDE on the 1st Saturday of the month or call CAPITOL SERVICES for pick-up at your expense	(703) 998-5860
Management Agent	Community Management Corporation 12701 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 400 Fairfax, VA 22033 Jason Eglin JEglin@cmc-management.com	(703) 631-7200 Fax: 703-631-9786 (703) 631-7200, ext. 212
Swimming Pool		(703) 379-POOL

24 Hour Maintenance Call-In Community Management Corporation (703) 631 – 7200

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