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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,

Our lawns have been baked to an imperfect crispness - that dryness and the refreshment felt upon hearing our air handlers click into action, welcome enough to negate the dread of the electric bill, are both in keeping with the "Dog Days of August" (defined by the Old Farmer's Almanac as the forty days beginning July 3 and ending August 11, coinciding with the sunrise appearance of the Dog Star, Sirius). Bottom line: "Whew"!

We had a most unusual Annual Meeting this past June - sharing our thoughts with the mosquitoes and passersby as we perched on the grassy slope beside the tennis courts outside of Abingdon School. There was a mix-up by Arlington County personnel responsible for scheduling meetings, and when we all arrived, clutching our neighbors' proxies and determined to get answers to various Mews concerns, we found ourselves locked out of the school building.

Although effecting something akin to an informal gathering, we managed to present next year's operating budget and elect/ re-elect Board members. A quorum was not reached, and as I write this, we continue to gather votes and proxies so that we can formerly approve the 2008 budget.

One bit of good news is that the Board membership remains the same as that of 2007. We don't always agree with each other, which is good, but each member brings his or her strengths to the various challenges - of which we have many.

The Board has traditionally not met during the month of August - but this year, we will have a meeting on the

28th at 4830 S. 31st Street. At this time, we will consider our present month-to-month contract with Legum & Norman, our community management agency.

The Board is quite aware that serious attention needs to be directed to issues such as the painting and restoration of wooden trim and gutters and the repair of sections of eroded concrete sidewalks. The interior trim of the apartment buildings also requires attention. Although progress has been limited, these matters are definitely within our field-of-view, and that we are pursuing action in these areas.

As for the recently staged crack repair and seal-coating of the parking lots - well, whoever "sings the last song", hasn't sung it yet on this project! We have called Brothers Paving back to the site as to correct the striping and numbering. We've got ONE MORE "free shot" at this - and then it will cost us \$650 per additional return. I know that many residents have been distressed about finding such situations as their assigned space (only Court 8 has unassigned parking) having been marked by an "x", indicating that the space is unassigned, or that the new striping now defines a parallel space more suitable for a motorcycle than the car that formerly occupied the slot.

If you have such a complaint and haven't already recorded it either on the colored sheet delivered through your mail slot this past weekend (returning the sheet to your court representative, or e-mailed directly to me at fern@fernb.com), then please do so by the 18th!

You are correct in anticipating the next line to be: "... or forever hold your peace!" I will assemble all the reported problems and see that they are addressed during the week of the 20th. I don't want to overlook any concern, so, although you might have previously reported a problem, please make sure that you report it again, in the manner I have described, just in case I was previously not made aware of such.

Then, we have the "bricks". You might have seen a gentleman working on your front steps, repairing the loosened bricks. His name is Kelly Cummins, and we are thrilled to make his professional acquaintance. He is providing us with competently performed results at a reasonable price. We can thank Tom Corbin for making the initial introduction of Mr. Cummins to the board.

Trash - had enough? So have we! Although Jeffery's has served our community for a number of years, the Board will begin to receive contract proposals from additional trash hauling services. Initially, Jeffery's made the Mews its first pickup of the day, but then, when residents didn't have their trash on the front walks by 7:00 AM, too much was being missed. Thus, the pickup became later - and "stuff" happens throughout a normal day - resulting in the Mew's trash melting into the pavement, assisted by eager squirrels and birds. Yuck! While we as a Board seek to remedy the situation, we remind you once again **NOT TO PUT YOUR TRASH OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE, ON SUNDAY, OR AFTER REGULAR PICK UP!** If you miss the pickup, please stow it indoors or within your patio area. It's just a part of being considerate and may save you from being assessed a penalty for non-compliance.

Needless to say, your Mews Board is NOT being inattentive to a multitude of various maintenance needs and management concerns. As an owner within a condominium association, your opinion really does have merit! I have a laptop with a telephone card with me most of my wakeful hours, so please do not hesitate to send along your concerns!

Remember the "Gong Show"? I think I see the crook in the offing, so I'll sign off. Stay cool and hydrated!

Fern Birtwistle, President, Fairlington Mews Association - fern@fernb.com

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Fairlington 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 Calendar

- August 28 – Board Meeting
(All residents are encouraged to attend.)
- September 1 – Large Item Pick Up
(Place items at curb by 7:00 AM)
- September 2 – Annual Labor Day Picnic
- September 3 – Annual “Dog Swim”
- September 4 – School Opens!
- September 25 – Board Meeting
- October 6 – Large Item Pick Up
- October 23 – Board Meeting

Contact Lori Olivas, Ann Timmons, or Julia Claypool respectively for times/locations of Landscape, Recreation, and Finance Committee meetings.



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 - March 27, 2007

1. Homeowners' Forum – Resident @ 4657 A S. 36th Street revisited previously identified “mold” issue and requested legal documentation as to why the board had not acted on requests to remedy the situation.
2. Recreation - Curl Pool will replace World Pool as pool contractor; replace pool umbrellas @ \$1,513.87; continue Mews participation in FINS program. (Approved 5 – 0)
3. Landscape - Approval of Landscape contracts (a) \$3,450.00/ Thrive Tree Care, (b) \$750.00/ Don Hook Tree Service. (Approved 5 – 0) Ms. Olivas, Landscape Committee chair, was authorized to purchase plants for Court 13 from Merrifield Garden

Center. Mr. Navar said sewer drain clean outs would be elevated and properly filled in and Dominion Power will make complete restoration of grounds along S. Wakefield Street.

4. Board Actions

- Board discussed use of synthetic materials in building repairs (so as not to compromise historic status) but determined that “Trex” was not appropriate for replacement.
- Approved Brothers Paving contract for \$32,562.00 for patching, sealing, and restriping parking lots. (5 – 0)
- Approved \$138,240.00 to Simpson Unlimited, Inc. for roof work. (5- 0)
- Reiterated that only the board or management can authorize towing of vehicles from Mews lots.
- Approved bid from Kelly Cummins of “Brik Works” for masonry repairs. (5 – 0).
- Reminded management about need for follow up on (a) securing of downspouts, (b) paint problem on exterior doors in apartment units, (c) correction of poison information on boxes at Mews Dog Exercise area, (d) wording of Engleking contract.

Meeting Highlights - April 24, 2007

1. Homeowners’ Forum – Resident @ 4638 34th Street South presented kitchen remodeling plans for which all proper permits will be obtained. Approved (4 – 0)

2. Board Actions

- Authorized Engleking to replace all common area light fixtures (non-owner controlled, e.g. porch lights) with more energy efficient bulbs. ((5 – 0)
- Approved recommended insurance carrier changes: (a) increase General Liability per occurrence from current \$1 million to \$2 million (b) increase Employee Theft/ Forgery from current \$800 K limit to \$1 million (and deductible from current \$8 K to \$10 K); (c) increase aggregate limits for buildings and grounds from \$28.5 M to \$35 M. (5 – 0)
- Additional \$14,928 needed for parking lot work.
- Board is on record as being aware that association may be in violation of Arlington County recycling regulations.
- Management will research possibility of on-line voting.
- Ms. Dodge reported on final draft of Court Representative “Welcome Handout” and “Rules Summary” which will be presented at May board meeting.

- Mr. Navar was asked to prepare a list of assigned parking spaces in each court by space and unit numbers to document current numbering before scheduled repair work.
 - Ms. Anderson reminded board that this year’s painting cycle has not been discussed or planned. Ms. Birtwistle asked Mr. Navar to check whether or not outside stair rails meet current Arlington County Safety Code.
3. Recreation – Recreation pass information has been completed by L & N and will be hand delivered to all residents. Flower Bed Waiver forms (to be submitted annually) will be distributed with this information.
 4. Landscape – Environmental Enhancements will provide spring planting @ \$3,334.00. (Approved 5 – 0)

Meeting Highlights – May 22, 2007

1. FY 08 Budget Presentation

- Estimated water/ sewer increase at 15%.
- Increased Landscape funding by \$3,000.
- Increased funds for Trash services to \$36,000.
- Reported to date that \$30,000 spent of budgeted \$90,000 for FY07 maintenance.
- Recommended Reserves Study update.
- Increased 2007 – 2008 condo fees by 5%.

2. Board Actions

- Authorized Ms. Claypool to have Reserves Advisors update last study by July 31, 2007. (5 – 0)
- Approved June 5 meeting date in addition to June’s annual meeting. (5 – 0).
- Requested Mr. Navar to send letter to Triple S (pest control contractor) requesting posting of phone number and chemical name of poison on traps in dog exercise area within 30 days. (4 – 0)
- Vote by co-owners needed to change Association By – Laws governing penalty for late condo fee payment; will be presented at annual meeting
- Discussion of parking lot work which will be coordinated by Mr. Navar.
- Request that management provide additional board package for use at board meetings. (Ms. Anderson)
- Clarification of board vacancies to be voted on at annual meeting and length of terms.
- Noted unsatisfactory paint job to correct paint color on certain exterior apartment doors.

- Noted “unpaid” bill from Goldkang (association auditor); Mr. Navar reported bill had been paid in full.
 - Mr. Navar reported that JED Mechanical had completed phase 3 of sewer relining project.
3. **Landscape** – Cost of materials for Court 13 plantings, \$362.93; Ms. Olivas will purchase materials from Home Depot in order to bury downspouts in Court 13; walk arounds scheduled with Thrive (tree specialists) and Environmental Enhancements.

Meeting Highlights – June 5, 2007

1. **Homeowners’ Forum** – Resident @ 3514 S. Wakefield St. had requested via letter a response to issue of “stack pipe” and subsequent repair work at his residence. Ms. Birtwistle to follow up with legal counsel.
 2. **Landscape** – Approved 5 – 0 request for proposals from Thrive (tree specialists) @ \$3,540.00 and Environmental Enhancements (grounds) @ \$3,770.00 and \$780.00; discussion of maintenance of Photinia hedge along King Street; discussion of questionable quality of recent grounds maintenance by Environmental Enhancements.
3. **Board Actions**
- Approval 4 – 1 of Policy Resolution No. 2007 – 01 (Electronic Notice and Voting). See Mews website minutes for full details.
 - Tabled discussion of Engleking contract until future meeting. (5 – 0)
 - Reported that no information had been received from Jeffrey’s Trash Service re: ability to meet Arlington recycle regulations, e.g. bin collection of recycled materials.
 - Ms. Claypool reported that Reserves Advisors will update recommendations at a cost of \$3,800.00 to include an on-site visit.
 - Approved “Quick Reference Guide”, which summarizes important rules/ regulations, to be distributed to all residents. (5 – 0)

Treasurer’s Report (Submitted by Julia Claypool)



Two years ago, the board contracted with Reserve Advisors, Inc. to assess Fairlington Mews infrastructure needs to the year 2026 in order to plan the work that

needed to be done and the way to finance that work. Reserve Advisors produced a plan that has been posted on the Mews web site.

The basis of the plan is our ability to finance the reserve funds adequately to ensure that we can pay for future work without having to undergo special assessments.

Over the past fiscal year (August 1, 2006 to July 31, 2007), the board contracted for two major projects to be paid for from the reserves. The low bids for both projects, re-roofing one building and repairing and seal coating the parking lots, were substantially higher than Reserve Advisors had estimated in their plan.

The plan was scheduled to be re-assessed in FY08, but the board voted to expend funds from the operating budget in FY07 to revisit the plan.

Board members and others met with John Decker of Reserve Advisors to explain our concerns and get a better idea of the company’s approach. We are expecting to receive a draft of their report within the month.

What does this mean for the Mews finances? Knowing that we needed to increase the contribution to Reserves, the FY08 budget includes a 5% increase in condo fees. For the most part, the increase will go toward the Reserves.

The operating budget for FY07 has been under spent, particularly in the maintenance line item. We did not plan to increase money for maintenance, but are planning to make good use of every dollar budgeted in order to improve the appearance of the Mews.

We also planned an increase to the Trash Contract amount knowing that we will need to pay more in order for the Mews to meet Arlington County standards for recycling. In addition, more money was budgeted to cover expected increases in the water and sewer rates.

So we have started a new fiscal year with a board that now has more experience and is ready to take positive steps to keep the Mews looking good both physically and financially. We can’t do that without budget approval from the co-owners.

To date, we don’t have the majority of proxies needed to pass the budget. If you are one of those co-owners who have not submitted their proxy, please let any of the board members (list on back of the newsletter) know. We will get you a proxy so fast, your head will spin.

MEWS Condo Fees FY08

Unit	# of Units	% Ownership	FY08 Condo Fee
Arlington	5	0.5023	346
Barcroft (end)	10	0.3521	242
Barcroft (ins)	22	0.3448	237
Bradford (end)	10	0.2855	197
Bradford (ins)	22	0.2783	192
Clarendon (end)	47	0.3759	259
Clarendon (ins)	110	0.3687	254
Dominion	13	0.459	316
Edgewood (end)	12	0.3651	251
Edgewood (ins)	16	0.3577	246
Essex (end)	2	0.3145	216
Essex (inside)	2	0.3072	211
Fairfax	2	0.2892	199
Georgetown	4	0.3217	221



Volunteers At Work

Landscape Committee

Lori Olivas, Chair

Watering the Landscape

The community appreciates the efforts of those residents who have been diligent in watering our thirsty landscape. Please check the plant materials near your unit, and water when needed. The following guidelines will help you in maintaining the landscape, pending any water restrictions imposed by Arlington County:

- Newly planted trees and shrubs (within the last two years) need a thorough soaking two to three times a week when there is less than an inch of rainfall. Newly planted trees that have been properly mulched have a depression which will contain the water and direct it to the root ball.
- Water with a trickling hose at the base of the tree/shrub for about 20 minutes for new plantings and about 30 minutes for more established landscape materials.
- Established trees need watering within the “drip line” – the area from the branch tips to the tree trunk. Again, soaking this area helps the tree survive until the rains come! To counter stress from drought, trees naturally drop leaves. A tree with

wilted leaves, even in the cool of the morning, needs water. Please be alert to the needs of our landscape!

- Water thoroughly and soak the ground. Misting the plant or just sprinkling the top of the ground does more harm than good.
- Try to water in the morning to prevent evaporation and to enable the plant to properly hydrate and survive the heat. Do not water during the heat of the day.
- Loosen compacted and hardened mulch around landscape materials before watering, otherwise the water will run off. Loosened soil enables the water to be easily absorbed.
- Do not water grass. Grass will turn brown and go dormant only to revive with the return of rainfall. The grass will be fine! Concentrate on trees and shrubs!

Grounds Maintenance

THRIVE, tree care specialists, completed pruning to remove dead branches, to shape trees in the common areas, and to remove a Virginia Cedar in Court 9. THRIVE also performed an inspection of ornamental trees and shrubs for evidence of insect infestation. Insecticides will be applied.

Environmental Enhancements, grounds contractor, and Atlas Tree, Inc, arborist, completed shrub rejuvenation in June and July. Residents can anticipate more rejuvenation pruning in late winter of euonymus, yews, and other overgrown shrubs.

Plant Rejuvenation

The Landscape Committee continues its shrub reduction/rejuvenation project, which requires, in some cases, radical pruning of leggy shrubs that have grown too large for the site or have become unsightly with age. For many years, we have relied on shearing instead of pruning. This encourages heavy leaf growth at the branch ends, which prevents adequate interior growth and results in shrubs with long bare limbs and dense surface ends.

Although shearing will continue, regular maintenance will include more hand pruning to reduce and control plant size and to provide a more natural growth habit. The reduction/ rejuvenation pruning involves more thinning to create areas for light to reach the inside branches to stimulate new interior growth.

Plants that were pruned in June included euonymus, Japanese hollies, azaleas and barberry. All respond well

to severe pruning, particularly the euonymus, and recover within one season.

Several residents were concerned about the appearance of the pruned shrubs. We hope their concerns have been alleviated now that new growth has appeared.

Street Trees

After repeated attempts to have Arlington County address the declining trees along S. 34th, S. 36th, and S. Wakefield Streets, Tom Corbin received word in early August that the county has scheduled work for late September/ early October. They noted that storm and emergency work may affect the working schedule and can cause delays. Residents are asked to obey "No Parking" signs posted for tree work.

Fall Planting

In late September, the Landscape Committee will inspect the grounds with Fred Peratt, Environmental Enhancements, to plan for fall planting in October or November.

Residents with landscape requests still have time to submit them for fall planting. Please submit your requests on the [Landscape Modification Form](#), which can be downloaded at <http://www.fairlington.org/mewsforms.htm>, to Lori Olivas by August 31, 2007.

Committee Meetings

The Landscaping Committee generally holds its meetings on the second Monday of each month. If you are interested in attending, please call Lori Olivas at (703) 379-4927 to confirm the date and the place



Recreation Committee

Ann Timmons and Joanne Herman, Co-chairs

Pool Rules & Regulations:

Now that we are well into pool season, we want to thank all the Mews residents who have been so good about bringing their pool passes with them, and signing in each pool visit. We know this is a break from the past, but we have worked with Curl Pool, our new pool

management company, to devise rules to ensure our residents and guests have the safest pool experience possible!

We also appreciate compliance with our party regulations: notifying the Pool Committee in writing at least two weeks prior to any party you will be hosting for 6 or more guests. This helps us avoid over-crowding at the pool. We know our pool is rarely crowded, but our lifeguards have the authority to deny pool use if it gets too busy. Wouldn't you hate to be turned away if you were the third party of 12 to show up at noon on a particularly hot Sunday? Our policy of writing in advance for permission is our way of making sure you don't experience such awkward moments!

Party Time

Save the date: Sunday, September 2nd for our 5th Annual Mews Labor Day Sunday afternoon picnic. This is a great event, a wonderful way to wind down the season and get to know some neighbors you may have just met in passing. The following day, Labor Day, we will have our annual dog swim to close out another great pool season. Watch for fliers with more details!

New Recruits Needed

We are very busy on the Recreation Committee and can always use more volunteers to help. Spring is particularly busy, as we send out the pool and tennis rules, and process hundreds of pool passes (a special thanks to Vail Mosier and David Biette for their help this year!) If we didn't have volunteers to do this, it would cost our community upwards of \$2500 to have our management company do it.

We also spend time overseeing the pool management company and lifeguards, getting pool furniture repaired, purchasing new pool umbrellas (thanks to Joanne Herman), maintaining the basketball hoop and tennis courts, and coordinating the annual events listed above.

We will be working with the Playground Task Force in the upcoming months to begin the process of upgrading our playground. If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks, or have ideas for new social/fun community events, please contact Ann Timmons, ann@anntimmons.com or mewspool@biette.com

Thank You

Before that last swim of the summer, the Mews community wants to thank manager Matt Winn of Curl Pool and our lifeguards:

Ariel Ardura, Patrick Cox, Heather Casey, Elyse Di Cesare, Meaghan Casey, Elliot Henderson, Matthew Small, Stephanie Wagner, and Angus Walsh.



Timely Tips

As compiled by Tom Corbin

Homeowner Rights and Responsibilities

As a homeowner in a condominium association, you have certain rights—and responsibilities.

You have the right to . . .

- A responsive community association.
- Honest, fair, and respectful treatment by community leaders and managers.
- Attend meetings, serve on committees, and run for election.
- Access appropriate association records.
- Prudent financial management of fees and other assessments.
- Live in a community where the property is maintained according to established standards.
- Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options before the association takes any legal action, and the right to appeal decisions.
- Receive all rules and regulations governing the community association.

You also have the responsibility to . . .

- Read and follow all guidelines as established in association documents.
- Maintain limited access areas (patios) according to association standards.
- Treat association leaders with honesty and respect.
- Read and comply with rules and regulations of the community and ensure that your tenants and guests do too.
- Vote in community elections and on other issues.
- Pay association assessments and charges on time.
- Contact association leaders or managers, if necessary, to discuss financial obligations and alternative payment arrangements.

- Request reconsideration of material decisions that personally affect you.
- Provide your current contact information to the association so you receive all information from the community. (Source: Community Association Institute)

Fall Drainage Maintenance Tips

Autumn with her falling leaves will soon be upon us. Protect your residence against drainage failure by performing the following simple checks:

Roofing. Visually inspect your gutters for leaves and debris and immediately report any problems to management. Make sure water drains properly not only at roof drains, but also on sloped roofs, around flashings, and all areas where water is channeled during heavy rains. Be sure your downspouts direct water away from your unit and have a proper cement trough to direct water into the yard. Be sure to check your patio downspouts for problems as your patio is a “limited access” area. *Report any maintenance issues immediately.*

Windows and doors. Remember to vacuum your window tracks periodically. Leaking often occurs at the bottom corner joints of windows when debris gets lodged in the track of a sliding frame or when the built-in weep holes are too small.

Sealing. Check the seal on any wall openings—hose bibs, light fixtures, windows, and doors, while being careful to leave the release flashing undisturbed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Have You Licensed Fido? New Virginia Dog Licensing Law

Dog owners must license their canines after they show proof of state-required rabies vaccination. A new state law that went into effect July 1 is designed to make it easier for owners to license their dogs.

Under the new law, when your dog gets vaccinated at the vet, the vet will send a copy of the certificate to the local treasurer’s office. It will be up to the treasurer to send a license application to the pet owner, who can now handle

the process through the mail. (Owners may still stop by the treasurer's office, though, to apply for a license.) Some residents might think that when a vet vaccinates their dog against rabies that the pet is automatically licensed with the locality. Vets face a \$10.00 fine for failing to provide the information to the local treasurer.

A rabies vaccination for a dog is good for three years. It's up to the locality to decide how often to issue a license. An estimated 1.5 million dogs lived in Virginia in 2001 in about one-third of the state's households, according to the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association. (Source: Pamela Stallsmith. Richmond Times Dispatch. 02 August 07. Page A13.)

NEWS TO MUSE

Court 10 Needs Court Rep

Frances Kerns who has served the Mews community as a former board member and more recently as court representative for Court 10 is stepping down as court rep. Many thanks to Frances for her volunteerism in our community. Any resident interested in becoming the new court rep should contact Mews board member Tonya Dodge at dodgetonya@hotmail.com or (703) 671-7530. .

Go Green!

Switching from a traditional incandescent light bulb to a compact florescent light bulb (CFL) saves energy and lowers your electrical bill. A 30-watt CFL produces as much light as a traditional higher watt bulb and lasts 12 times longer. CFL bulbs save money and lessen your carbon footprint on the environment.

Talking Trash

The erratic trash pick up times by Jeffrey's Trash is a community-known fact! Pick up times are as early as 8:00 AM and as late at 5:30 PM. Recently they have been arriving well before 9:00 AM on Saturdays for regular pick up. Some folks sleep in on the week ends (imagine that!) and assuming the trash pick up will be late as usual, put out their Saturday trash at 10: 00 AM or later not realizing the trash has come and gone!

When this happens, please have the courtesy to remove your Saturday trash to the patio area so the rest of the Fairlington community does not have to look at it until Monday's collection - whenever! Trash that is out by 7:00 AM as stated in the handbook will be picked up.

Trash that is stacked at court entrances makes it difficult for lawn maintenance staff to perform their duties. They should not have to work around or to remove trash in order to mow. The Mews Handbook says to place your trash on your stoop for pick up. Trash at the entrances also results in unsightly litter from broken bags that is usually not collected by the trash crew.

Spritzing your trash bag with ammonia or Clorox will keep squirrels, crows, and birds away. Putting your trash out at night helps support the rat and general "critter" populations – so don't put trash out the night before and besides it's just plain rude!



Your Newsletter

In late summer 2006 the current editors took on the production of the Mews newsletter and agreed to produce issues on a bi-monthly basis. This has been the case until the planned July/August issue which was not produced due to lack of materials. We believe the newsletter provides a regular means of communication to the community, but we are limited in the "official" news in each issue by what we receive from the association's board, committees, and management.

The editors provide the more "generic" features in the newsletter, e.g. maintenance tips, news from other sources such as other newsletters, the media, residents, etc., but the "nuts and bolts" materials – your official association in action news – need to be provided.

At one point we featured a Mews resident in each issue, but citing "privacy issues", many residents declined, so we dropped the feature. It became difficult to find someone willing to be featured!

We welcome your suggestions for improving the newsletter, and we welcome your comments on what you would like to see as its content. Please send your suggestions to Editor Tom Corbin at tomrcor@aol.com; mention "Mews News" in the subject heading.

Board member Tonya Dodge has proposed writing a column, "Mews Family Corner", featuring residents' "achievements" to include retirements, births, special anniversaries, children's' special accolades, college acceptances, etc. Send your materials to Tonya at dodgetonya@hotmail.com by October 1 for the next issue.

Street Parking and Car Registration

Remember Arlington County requires that all vehicles parked within the county jurisdiction have proper decals, inspections, and current licenses. Upon moving into the county, a resident has 60 days to comply.

Fairlington Mews also requires that all vehicles parked within our parking lots have current inspection stickers, tags, and decals.

When parking on the street, be sure to take up only one parking space! This is just a common courtesy to others who also need to park.

Arlington County does not allow "storage" of vehicles on the streets. If you suspect a car has been abandoned, is being stored, or does not have proper tags, contact Christine at 703- 228-4144.

Fourth of July in Fairlington Babes in Wonderland



Did You Know?

According to Haruko Atkins, a long time Fairlington resident who lived in Mews Court 10 before the conversion to condos, Court 10 was an "adults only" court as was Mews court 9.

Court 10 is now experiencing a mini "baby boom" with 50% of the units having children - Kendall, Sophia, Jay Charles, Sydney, and Fiona.



Joe/ Sophia - Matt/ Sydney

Fourth of July in Fairlington Current and Former Mews Residents



MewsNEWS

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Meeting Calendar

Board of Directors Board Meetings are scheduled for August 28, 2007, September 25, 2007, October 23, 2007 @ 7:00 pm. Contact Board Members or Management Agent (Steve Navar at 703 848-4316) for meeting locations.

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Committee Chairs

Landscape	Lori Olivas	4666 S. 36th Street	(703) 379-4927
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Carriage Lamps	Janice & Larry Peters	4605 S. 36th Street	(703) 578-4992

Court Representatives

1. 3600-3616 S. Wakefield	Tom Roberts	3616 S. Wakefield Street	(703) 820-1992
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3. 4632-4636 S. 36th	Shannon Blair	4632B S. 36th Street	(703) 931-5538
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6. 4676-4698 S. 36th	Fern Birtwistle	4678B S. 36th Street	(703) 379-7354
7. 4667-4671 S. 36th	Gordon Whyte	4667A S. 36th Street	(703) 578-4564
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Additional Important Numbers

Sewer Back-up	Dwyer Plumbing	(703) 922-8220
Trash Collection	Jeffrey's Trash	(703) 591-9550
Large Articles of Trash	Put out at CURBSIDE on the 1st Saturday of the month or call Jeffrey's Trash for pick-up at your expense	(703) 591-9550
Management Agent	Legum & Norman 4401 Ford Avenue, Suite 1200, Alexandria, VA 22302 Steve Navar snavar@legumnorman.com	(703) 600-6000 (703) 848-4316
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