

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

Happy Spring! The lack of snow this winter was great for our snow removal budget, especially after the two feet of snow we had last year that was expensive to remove. The Mews is looking good and functioning well, thanks to a board that is keeping busy. Jackie Livingston is doing great as our Secretary by producing the newsletter and maintaining our website, www.fairlingtonmews.org; Lori Stuntz is great as our Treasurer, keeping the budget on track and overseeing the growth of our reserve funds, and Sean Beachy's skills as an architect is appreciated as he is planning the fence replacement project and serving as 2nd Vice President.

You may have received the email in January with the sad news of the unexpected passing of our Board 1st Vice President, Seth Low. Losing Seth is a big loss to the board as he served for 15 years and always had an answer when the board needed help. We now have an open position on the board that will be filled at the annual board meeting in June. If you are a co-owner and have an interest in joining the board, please plan on attending one of our monthly board meetings which are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month, the dates are listed on the website, www.fairlingtonmews.org. Additionally, if you are not currently receiving email updates and would like to be added to the distribution list, please send an email to FairlingtonMews@gmail.com.

We had a very well attended Mews Christmas Caroling event in December and had a ton of fun singing for residents. Stephen Reasonover, a resident in court 9, took a professional picture of the carolers, and we received a mention in the FCA newsletter.

We were hopeful to have Verizon FiOS service available by the end of the winter, but that deadline was not met. The most recent update is that service may be available

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by the end of spring. The good news is that most of the work that needs to be done in our patios and on Mews grounds is complete and during the fence replacement any PVC pipe that can be buried, will be.

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Stay Connected

- **Website:** The Mews official website is www.fairlingtonmews.org. You'll find a list of upcoming events on the website.
- **Mews Alerts:** Alerts are sent via email with important information or in cases of an emergency. To subscribe, please sign up via the website, or send an email request to fairlingtonmews@gmail.com.
- **Facebook:** You can find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/FairlingtonMews
- **Newsletter:** This newsletter is distributed quarterly. Current and previous issues can be found on the Mews website.

President's Report cont'd

The fence replacement project is moving forward. As part of the project preparation approximately 40 letters were sent to co-owners who need to trim back or remove trees within their patios because they will affect the fence replacement. The project will also include replacing the chain link fence along King Street with a wood fence and removal of the Photinia hedge that is half dead, not on our property and expensive to maintain.

With the mild winter weather, the painting contractor has decided to continue painting courts 8 - 15. Notices will be distributed by the contractor, Kolas Inc., when the townhouse style front doors will be painted and if you want to change the paint color, you can contact them to do so. Please note, doors that share a porch must be the same color. The approved colors are:

- Benjamin Moore Black
- Benjamin Moore Classic Burgundy
- Benjamin Moore Tudor Brown
- McCormick Hunter Green
- McCormick Cape Blue

As of mid-January, we have a new CMC property manager, Sabiha Noorzai-Barbour. Her contact information is listed in this newsletter and on the website. So far, so good with Sabiha and our maintenance guy, Steve Burcham, is keeping her well informed and on track.



The merry band of Mews Carolers! Photo by Stephen Reasonover

Landscape Committee

Lois Starkey

Spring is just around the corner and the Landscape Committee is planning foundation bed plantings throughout the Mews. Old and dead plants have been, and will continue to be, removed to make way for new, drought resistant shrubs. New plantings require lots of water. Unfortunately, despite agreements from residents to water new plants, all too often, we end up with dead plants due to lack of water. The committee has asked the Board to obtain commitments from the Court Representatives to take care of watering and if we find that this does not work, we will stop wasting resident's money on new plants.

We are updating the list of residents who want to take care of their own foundation beds. Please send an email to Lois Starkey at loisstarkey@yahoo.com if you plan to continue to maintain your own beds. If you would like to start maintaining your own bed, please submit a landscape waiver form and place a red-reflector in your garden bed to make sure that the landscape maintain crews are aware.

As reported previously, patio fences will be replaced in 2017. We'd like to remind residents of the following provisions in the Mews Handbook:

"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. Occasionally fence repair or replacement is necessary. Contractors are asked to be careful, but the Mews is not responsible for any damage to patio plants during fence maintenance.

Co-owners are liable for damage to common property, including neighboring exteriors, caused by 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. Co-owners should consider the height and spread of a patio tree when they plant it."

The Landscape Committee welcomes your suggestions for landscape improvements. If you'd like to join the Landscape Committee please contact Lois Starkey.

Storage in Common Areas

Storage of personal items in the common areas of Mews property is not permitted. The common areas of the Mews include the hallways and common area in the basements of B-buildings and any area outside of your patio. Steve Burcham notified the Board that after several warnings to homeowners he has removed items he found stored in common areas. Please be mindful of this and keep all personal items inside your unit and/or patio.

Fence Committee

Sean Beachy

In preparation of the upcoming fence replacement, the Fence Committee will be meeting on the following dates. If you'd like to assist with the project, please contact Sean Beachy. Please check the Mews website for updates on meeting location and agenda.

March 11th- 1:30pm, Committee Meeting #3

Agenda:

- Final project schedule
- Contactor discussion
- Hardware finalization
- Fence webpage
- Fence information newsletter
- Contractor prebid site visit date
- Staging space required

March 18th 1:30 pm, Committee Meeting #4

March 18th & 19th, Committee Input Meeting #1 (time to be finalized at our first meeting)

Discussion topics:

- Staging areas
- Hardware
- Fence design

April 1st 1:30pm, Committee Meeting #4

April 2nd, Community Input Meeting #2 (Time and agenda TBD at our first meeting)

Recreation Committee

Tiffany Kudravetz has served as the Recreation Committee Chair for several years but she is stepping down due to moving out of the Mews in a few months. We thank Tiffany for her assistance in planning the pool parties, Christmas caroling, and the distribution of recreation passes. Kim Whittet, who resides in Court 2, has volunteered to Chair the Recreation Committee. Currently our annual events consist of two summer pool parties and Christmas Caroling, if you have ideas for other events, and/or would like the opportunity to get to know your Mews neighbors, please contact Kim and join the committee. Kim can be reached at kimwhittet@yahoo.com.

If you are new to the Mews and need to request a recreation pass you may do so via the Recreation section of the Mews website. Please remember that recreation passes are **permanent** and last year's pass is still valid for this year. However, if you no longer have your pass you can request a replacement via the Recreation section of the Mews website. There is a \$5 fee for replacement passes.

Neighborhood Reminders

RECYCLING



On Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning, residents may place the following items in the recycling bins left at each court:

- Aluminum and other metal cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers

These items should be rinsed prior to being placed in the bins. No bags (plastic or paper) should be placed in the bins.

Mixed paper and cardboard can also be recycled. Mixed paper should be placed in a paper bag or tied with twine. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and flattened. These items should be left next to the bins.



TRASH COLLECTION

- Trash is collected six days a week, Monday through Saturday.
- Please put trash out by 8 a.m., but not the night before.
- Large items are collected on the first Saturday of each month.

PARKING RULES



- Each unit is assigned one parking space.
- Park only in your designated space or your vehicle may be towed.
- Visitors must park on the street unless using a specially designated visitor parking space.
- Call the posted telephone numbers to request towing or if your vehicle was towed.

PETS



- Cats must not be allowed to roam freely.
- All dogs must be leashed pursuant to Arlington County law.
- **Owners must clean up after their dogs.**
- No pets are allowed on the tennis courts at any time.
- Keep pets away from flowerbeds and border plantings.
- Do not allow dogs to bark excessively or leave barking dogs unattended on your patio.

CALENDAR

March 23: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

April 1: Large Trash Pickup

April 27: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

May 6: Large Trash Pickup

May 25: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

May 26: Pool opens

June 3: Large Trash Pickup

June 22: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

WEBSITE RESOURCES

Mews Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/FairlingtonMews

Mews Website:

www.fairlingtonmews.org

Board Minutes/Newsletters

www.fairlingtonmews.org/handbook-forms/archives/

Mews Trash & Recycling Guidelines

www.fairlingtonmews.org/trash-recycling-2/

Fairlington Citizen's Association

www.fca-fairlington.org

Fairlington Appreciation Society Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/groups/fca.fairlington/

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Renee Powlette	4670B 36th St S, 703-671-2774, rpowlette@yahoo.com (Recreation Liaison)
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The meeting schedule and minutes are available on the Mews website, www.fairlingtonmews.org

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