

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

As we head into the holiday season to wrap up 2018, we can look back on another successful year in Fairlington Mews. Our long running fence project is 99% done with one remaining fence that needs to be erected once a new retaining wall is constructed in court 6. We have spent tens of thousands of dollars on landscape projects to keep our grounds looking the best they can and our landscape committee of Judith Guerny, Sue Davis and Penny Glass have done a wonderful job keeping on top things. Judith even made a long list of trees that needed work or removal along the streets and since they belong to Arlington County, she kept on them until she got a response. Three dead trees have since been removed this past month.

We do have an update to our board. Our Vice President Billy Elgert and his wife Corinne are expecting their third child and were about to outgrow their Clarendon unit so they bought a house out in Herndon and moved in September. Billy was a great asset to the board with his construction knowledge and general good nature and he will be missed. Luckily for us, Gabe Butler agreed to take his place as a Vice President and he also agreed to chair the Finance Committee, which is a great help to our Treasurer, Lori Stuntz, who has been doing double duty for over two years now. Gabe lives in court 14 with his wife Julie and daughter Eleanor (Nora) and they will be welcoming a new baby in early 2019. We are very happy to have Gabe on the board.



Our maintenance guy, Steve Burcham, never runs of projects to keep him busy. He spent two full weeks emptying out the basements of the 16 B-buildings (apartments) in the Mews. Thanks to everyone's cooperation in keeping them clean for easy access to the electrical panels and water shut offs. *Photo by – Gretchen Fallon*

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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.

Abingdon Elementary School Boundary Change Proposal

There is a proposal on the table with the Arlington School Board to change the elementary school that children in South Fairlington (including the Mews) attend from Abingdon Elementary to Drew Elementary. The Fairlington community responded with flyers, marches, letters and petitions. The Board has been holding public meetings and plans to adopt a new boundary map on Dec. 6th. For more info: www.apsva and *Fairlington United* Facebook page.

Wine Night Wrap-Up

Our 'wine' nights outside the pool at the picnic tables on Friday nights have been a big hit. Thanks to Jackie Livingston and Liz Opsitnik for organizing. They concocting this plan at our pizza pool party early in the pool season and have continued the tradition into November. It's been a great way to meet neighbors and we are sure it will continue next year. Notifications are posted on our Facebook page.

Holiday Caroling

We are tentatively scheduling our annual Christmas Caroling event for Sunday, December 16th. If you like to sing and enjoy putting a smile on your neighbors' faces, please come join us. We meet at the 'Christmas' tree in court 11 at 3 p.m. and when we are done, we meet back by the tree and if we are lucky, Santa Claus may show up to hear Christmas wishes. Look for a notice on Facebook and via our email notifications for confirmation. Our email is FairlingtonMews@gmail.com if you don't currently get information that way.

Real Estate News

Fairlington has seen a very healthy market in 2018. To wrap up thus far, here is a breakdown of what's sold: 26 – 1 br/1bth units have sold, going under contract on average in 33 days and selling for approx. \$286,000. 40 – 1 br/2bth units have sold, going under contract on average in 38 days, and selling for approx.. \$400,000. 34 – 2 br/1+bth units have sold, going under contract on average in 33 days, and selling for approx.. \$370,000. 98 – 2 br/2+bth units have sold, going under contract on average in 32 days, and selling for approx.. \$475,000. 11 – 3br/1+ bth units have sold, going under contract on average in 47 days, and selling for approx. \$513,000. (*Provided by Jennifir Birtwhistle, BrightMLS*)

Winter Hose Bib Preparation

With Winter just around the corner and the first overnight frost already here, it's time to make sure your outside hose bibs are prepped for the cold Winter months ahead. Follow these simple steps:

- **Step 1 – turn “off” the water to the hose bibs from inside your unit.** Find the hose bib shut off valves to each of your exterior hose bibs. These are usually found under the kitchen sink – for the backyard hose bib and then in your utility room in the basement over the hot water heater for the front bib. If you have trouble locating these, I'm sure Steve can help you find them.
- **Step 2 – Remove all hoses from outside spigots.** Make sure the small section of hose connecting to the spigot is free of any water.
- **Step 3 – Drain the hose bibs.** Although you have shut off the valve inside your home, there will be some water already in the pipes. It's important to get rid of all of this water, so that there is no chance of it freezing and causing any damage. To get rid of the water, turn the tap on and let the water run out and down the drain.
- **Step 4 – Leave the valve open.** Finally, leave your tap open, and put the bung back in the bleeding valve. Completing this step ensure that, if any water enters the faucet, it will run out and not freeze.

Landscape Committee Update

Judith Guerny, Chair of the Landscape Committee reports that the committee has been busy with several projects this year. We worked with Merrifield Garden Center for several months to revitalize an area between Courts 12 and 13 that was damaged due to the new fences. They graded the area for better drainage and installed sod and four new trees. Merrifield also corrected a drainage problem behind Court 11.

Our landscape company, Environmental Enhancements, installed sod in a large area in Court 4 that was damaged because of sewer work done three years ago. They installed a sidewalk barrier in Court 11 to correct run off and mud from accumulating on the sidewalk. Also, the company is using more environmentally friendly lawn chemicals.

This winter the committee will secure three proposals for plantings along the King street fence. A temporary irrigation system will be installed.

Our 2019 agenda will include planting three trees in Court 11, Court 6 and other areas. We will work with Arlington County to acquire a free tree. *(Update provided by Judith Guerny)*

Just a few reminders:

As mentioned in our Bylaws "Patios are limited common elements, set aside for exclusive use of the Co-owner in accordance with these Bylaws, the Master Deed and the Act. Co-owners must keep the interior patio area clean from obstructions and the accumulation of trash. In addition: No trees, shrubs, fixtures or other apparatus within a patio area may compromise the exterior of any buildings, including fence components, or other components such as, but not limited to, masonry, gutter, roof assemblies or wood trim."

The Farlington Mews Condominium Association Handbook updated March 2014 section 6. Grounds Section F. Patios states "climbing plants, such as ivy, are prohibited on building walls and fences." Wisteria is particularly damaging to fences so let's try to protect them. We are creating a list of trees and shrubs that will need pruning in the spring. Letters will be sent to residents providing companies or people that can help with trimming.

The committee wishes all the residents a safe and happy holiday season.

Visitor Parking Reminder

These spots are for everyone's use and they do belong to the Mews. We don't like to see a car in a visitor's spot for more than a few days. We recently had a couple of cars in visitors spots for at least a couple of months before neighbors reported them to management. We do have authority to tow a car occupying a visitor's spot so please be considerate of your neighbors and co-owners.

Leaf Collection Reminder

The Landscaping company has begun picking up leaves throughout the community. The final collection will be just before Christmas so there is still plenty of time for you to rake leaves collecting on your patio to the common areas – so they can be picked up.

NOTE – After this last collection, you will have to bag any remaining leaves and put them out with the regular trash.

Attempted Break-In

If you haven't already heard, we did have an attempted break in at a unit in the Mews on S. Wakefield Street. The door and door frame were both damaged but the perpetrator did not gain entry. The co-owner reported the incident to the police. Although the police confirmed this is very unusual for Fairlington, it is a reminder to all of us to keep our doors locked and remain vigilant about reporting any suspicious behavior to the police.

After Hours Emergency Number

The CMC Emergency number is 703-631-7200 and should only be called in the event of an emergency that occurs outside normal business hours. The association is charged \$50 for every phone call received by the CMC emergency center. Events that constitute an emergency are those that cannot wait until the next work day and are under the control of the management company. Examples of an emergency include, but are not limited to: your ceiling caved in due to water damage, fallen tree on your home, or you are experiencing a sewage backup in your basement.

Please do not contact CMC if you have a loss of water or electricity as those services are controlled by Arlington County (703-228-6555) and Dominion VA Power (866-366-4357). The Mews occasionally has to turn the water off to a specific court in order to perform repairs, but this would occur during normal business hours and residents are notified in advance. Please help us control costs and contact the appropriate party in the event of an emergency or loss of utility services.

Get Involved

Would you like to become more involved in the Mews community? If so, there are opportunities to join one of our committees – the recreation, finance and landscape committees could use your help. Additionally a court representative is needed for Court 7. This court has had vacancies for quite a while and the Board would greatly appreciate residents who are willing to volunteer. Please send a message to fairlingtonmews@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming involved with the Mews community.

Neighborhood Reminders



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



- 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

November 22: NO Trash Pickup

December 1: Large Trash Pickup

December 6: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

December 16: Christmas Caroling, 3pm, Court 11

December 25/January 1: NO Trash Pickup

January 5: Large Trash Pickup

January 24: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

February 28: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

Please see the list of upcoming events on the Mews website for any changes.

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/

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The meeting schedule and minutes are available on the Mews website, www.fairlingtonmews.org

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Court 1: 3600-3616 S Wakefield St	Lee Ware	3612 S. Wakefield St., 703-931-1270
Court 2: 4606-4630 36th St. S	<i>VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER</i>	
Court 3: 4632-4636 36th St. S	<i>VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER</i>	
Court 4: 4638-4654 36th St. S	Damon & Amy Gabriel	4640 36th St. S. #A2, 703-203-9177
Court 5: 4656-4674 36th St. S	Renee Powlette	4670B 36th St. S, 703-671-2774
Court 6: 4676-4698 36th St. S	Fern Birtwistle	4678B 36th St. S, fern@fernb.com
Court 7: 4667-4671 36th St. S	<i>VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER</i>	
Court 8: 4664-4686 34th St. S	Gretchen Martin	4680 34th St. S, 703-933-1368
Court 9: 4624-4658 34th St. S	David Biette	4638 34th St. S, 703-820-9589
Court 10: 4600-4618 34th St. S	Shirley Fein	4610 34th St. S, 703-553-0340
Court 11: 3408-3458 Wakefield St. S	Ashley Walsh	3426 Wakefield St. S, 757-705-9348
Court 12: 3500-3544 Wakefield St. S	Victoria Lipnik	3512 Wakefield St. S, 703-379-7160
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