

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

Spring is around the corner and we're looking forward to it. We had just enough winter for the kids to enjoy a few good sledding days on the hill behind courts 5 and 6 and we kept within our snow removal budget which is always a good thing.

It's 2019 and our fence project is still one fence away from completion after finally finishing a project to rebuild a retaining wall in court 6 BUT it will be finished by the next newsletter.

We have yet another change on our board to announce. Jennifir Birtwhistle has been on the board since last July but is moving out of the community. We're sad to see Jennifir go but glad she will continue to be active around the Arlington area. Thanks to Jennifir for editing and producing the last few newsletters and good luck to her in her new home.

Another change we haven't seen in a few years is a change to our property manager. Sabiha Noorzai-Barbour is no longer managing the Mews and has been replaced by Lisa Gardner. Lisa's email is lgardner@cmc-management.com and her office phone is 703-230-8620 if you need to reach her. As always, please report any property issues to CMC first, but if you don't get an adequate or timely response, reach out to the board.

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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.

Comcast/Verizon FIOS and our Grounds

Our property has taken a beating in the last couple of years between Verizon FIOS, our fence project and most recently, Comcast, who is on our property upgrading their service to compete with FiOS. While we welcomed the competition with FiOS and needed our fences updated, Comcast's work was unexpected and our maintenance was unexpected and our maintenance guy, Steve Burcham, has been in touch with them to make sure they fix any damage they have made to our grounds. On the bright side, we understand that residents with Comcast service have seen a huge improvement.

Dog Owners – Reminder & Issue

We have seen an increase in owners not picking up after their dogs, especially along 36th St. S., which is not only against our condominium bylaws but also Arlington County code. If you see someone not picking up after their dog and you know who they are, please report them to board. It's definitely someone with a considerably large dog based on what is being left behind!

Speaking of dogs, after a Facebook post sent out to the entire community, we have not had any other reports of the woman and her black dog stalking and killing squirrels in the Mews. Hopefully she got the message to stop. Several women reported seeing this happen near the Mews pool. The last dog reminder is to keep your dogs on a leash. Recently, one dog was pepper sprayed by the mailman and yet another dog bit the mailman so for your dog's safety as well as the mail carrier's, please keep your dog under control.

Real Estate News

Our area is currently experiencing a reduction in home inventory – Arlington is down 34% as compared to the same time last year, Alexandria City is down 49% and Fairfax County is down 15%. We are definitely feeling the effects of this home shortage here in Fairlington – with units recently listed for sale receiving record number of contracts and thus escalating well above list price. As Spring get underway, if you are thinking about moving, now is the time to put your home on the market. Buyers are ready and we need more homes for them to purchase. (*Source: BrightMLS*)

Fairlington 5K & Silent Auction

Registration for the Fairlington 5K has begun. The race is Saturday, April 27, starting at 8am at Abingdon Elementary. Register at www.fca-fairlington.org. The Silent Auction is Friday, April 5. Doors open at 6pm and bidding will start at 6:30pm. Light snacks and adult beverages will be served. Free babysitting will be provided by the Abingdon PTA. To donate to this year's auction, email Bet at bfrigola@gmail.com.

Landscape Committee Update

Committee Chair – Judith Guerny

The landscape committee has secured proposals for plantings along King Street. The next step is irrigation needs to be installed and proposals secured.

The committee members have noticed the number of gardens residents installed in the common areas. We ask you to fill in the "flower bed waiver form" found on the Fairlington Mews website under Maintenance and Variances. Please e-mail it to guerny1@verizon.net. Also on the website under Handbook & Documents are garden guidelines on pages 20, 24, 29 and 31. If you have questions, just e-mail Judith Guerny.

Another landscape concern is the many trees, shrubs and vines that overhang or touch the roofs, fences or gutters that are inside the patios. As stated in the Mews Handbook under Handbook & Grounds, "Patios are limited common areas, set aside for exclusive use of the co-owner. 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." At the March 28 Board meeting, the committee will present this concern.

Mosquito Control Options

As temperatures begin to rise and the days get longer, it's time to think about mosquito control. Not only are those buzzing demons annoying they also carry a host of diseases– some of them potentially life-threatening as we saw in the Clarendon neighborhood just a couple miles away last summer.

The best way to reduce mosquitoes is to make sure that they can't breed, so please ensure that there is no standing water on your patios or even in front yards. If you see any standing water that is not on your property, please let the Mews know so it can be drained. Also personal mosquito control is very effective therefore, the CDC recommends wearing loose and light colored clothing, and using a mosquito repellent that contains picardin or deet– both of which have been proven completely safe for anyone who isn't a "skeeter."

Some other more broad options for mosquito control include large area spraying of pesticides that are mosquito-specific (not harmful to other animals/children/bees) and installing Bat boxes so our neighborhood bats decide to eat the mosquitoes in the Mews. Bats consume up to 1000 mosquitoes per HOUR so let's get them to have dinner on us! If you have thoughts on mosquito control, please share so we can ensure a "bite-free" summer.

**There will be a meeting on how you can mitigate mosquitos and ticks around your home and the community
on
Tuesday, April 9, 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center**

Recreation & Pool Passes

With the weather warming up, just a reminder about recreation and Pool Passes – Residents, both owners and tenants, are entitled to one Recreation Pass per household which gives you access to both the pool and tennis courts. Passes for children older than 12 years of age will be distributed at the request of parents. The combination to the tennis courts can be found on the front of your pass.

Your pass is permanent, you will not receive a new pass each year. Replacement passes will be issued for a fee of \$5 per pass.

Recreation Passes will not be issued to any unit (renters and owners alike) who have an outstanding balance to the Condominium. Debts must be handled through Community Management Corporation, the Mews' management company. Once debts are paid, a Recreation Pass will be issued. **Renters must provide an electric bill in your name for your Mews address. Please email this documentation as an attachment to kimwhittet@yahoo.com.** Your requests may be submitted online at <https://fairlingtonmews.org/recreation-2/recreation-pass/> – see the Recreation Pass Request form.

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 court representatives are needed for several courts. 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

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

April 6: Large Trash Pickup

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

May 27: YES there is Trash Pickup

May 30: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

July 4: YES, there is Trash Pickup

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/

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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Treasurer:	Lori Stuntz	4608 36th St S, 202-527-2116, stuntle@gmail.com (Finance Liaison)
Secretary:	Jennifir Birtwhistle	3422 Wakefield St S, 703-835-1256, jennifirbirtwhistle@gmail.com (Newsletter Liaison)

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Fence:	VACANT
Landscape:	Judith Guerny, guernyl@verizon.net
Finance:	Gabe Butler, gabrielaaronbutler@gmail.com
Recreation:	Kim Whittet, kimwhittet@yahoo.com
Carriage Lamps:	Janice & Larry Peters, 4605B 36th St. S, 703-307-4992

COURT REPRESENTATIVES

Court 1: 3600-3616 S Wakefield St	Lee Ware	3612 S. Wakefield St., 703-931-1270
Court 2: 4606-4630 36th St. S	VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER	
Court 3: 4632-4636 36th St. S	VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER	
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	VACANT - NEED VOLUNTEER	
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
Court 13: 4601-4611 36th St. S	Janice Peters	4605B 36th St. S, 703-307-4992
Court 14: 4615-4637 36th St. S	Megan Chiarelli	717-586-7494, megan.chiarelli@gmail.com
Court 15: 4641-4665 36th St. S	Gordon Avery	4655 36th St. S, 703-820-3134

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