

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

Our annual board meeting on Thursday, June 8th elected three new board members: Christine Philp (court 14), Kara Boyer (court 4) and Ryan Hamel (court 6). We had over 60% of the co-owners of the Mews vote which is great. Thanks to Kara Boyer for helping put this newsletter together; we've had a lot of turnover in the neighborhood since the last newsletter and our biggest hope is that you read this entire newsletter to help us out with staying informed and keeping the Mews looking great. The answers to any questions you have will most likely be found in this newsletter or on our website.

Hopefully, you've had a chance to see our completed pocket park over by court 6 on 36th St. S. We've gotten a lot of compliments on the space from our neighbors in other associations and some have followed our lead and have added Pickleball courts as well. We've also added three new circular tables underneath the shaded area by the playground for everyone's use.

The Presidents of all the associations in Fairlington meet quarterly to discuss topics affecting us all. Two recently discussed topics of interest are the increased crime in the area and rising master insurance policy rates. A meeting attended by police from Arlington and Alexandria advised us to keep lights on outside at night and to use security cameras to deter crime. Arlington County is short almost 100 police officers so we cannot expect a police response for minor crimes like we would in the past. The Mews annual insurance policy rate increased by 9% this year, which is double what we typically expect. Future higher rates will affect condo fees so we all need to be vigilant to prevent inside water damage. If you see a downspout not working or a gutter overflowing, please notify our management company, NRP, whose email address is at the end of this newsletter. Advice to prevent sewer backups can also be found in this newsletter. Thanks for taking the time to read this!!

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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, send an email request to fairlingtonmews@gmail.com.
- **Facebook:** You can find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/FairlingtonMews
- **Newsletter:** Current and previous issues can be found on the Mews website.

Storage in Common Areas

Storage of personal items in the common areas of Mews property is not permitted. Baby strollers/carriages, bicycles, toys or other personal items may not be left out or stored in any of the common areas including front stoops, walkways, or green areas. The Fairlington Mews By-laws state that the front of the building shall not be obstructed or used for any purpose other than ingress to and egress from the units. It has been noted that these personal items are being stored outside and we kindly ask that you discontinue this practice.

You also cannot store personal items in the hallways and common area in the basements of B-buildings and any area outside of your patio. Only bicycles are allowed in the common hallways of B-buildings and they must not block the exits. Please remove all items that are not allowed or they will be removed and discarded for you.

Pocket Park/Tennis/Pickleball

Be sure to check out our new space by court 6 to use the tennis/pickleball courts, the corn hole court, and the table with a checkerboard and backgammon on it. We now have a locked case containing corn hole bags, checkers, and dice for everyone's use. The code for the courts and equipment in it as well as the box of games is on the front of your recreation pass.



CALENDAR

September 2: Large Trash Pickup

September 10: Last day of the pool season

September 14: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Zoom link emailed by NRP

October 7: Large Trash Pickup

October 12: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm Zoom link emailed by NRP

October 31: Fairlington Trick-or-Treat

November 4: Large Trash Pickup

November 9: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Zoom link emailed by NRP

November 23: Thanksgiving Day - NO TRASH PICKUP!

December 14: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Zoom link emailed by NRP

December 25: Christmas Day - NO TRASH PICKUP!

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

Sewer Backups

If you experience a sewage backup in your unit, which typically occurs in the basement, please contact our NRP Property Manager. A plumber will be dispatched to assess the blockage and determine if it is the responsibility of the Mews.

You can help prevent sewer backups and the costs associated with repairs. Your cooperation will help to keep our monthly fees low.

Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed in toilets. The following should **NOT** be flushed down the toilet:

- Kleenex, paper towels or napkins
- Dental floss
- Feminine hygiene products
- Baby & adult wipes (even those marked “flushable”)
- Disposable diapers
- Condoms
- Pet waste & kitty litter

Backups are also caused by improper disposal of the following items in drains and garbage disposals. You should **NOT** put any of the following in your garbage disposal or sink drains:

- Grease/oil (let solidify and place in trash)
- Egg shells
- Coffee grounds
- Vegetables such as cornhusks, celery, cabbage, onions, potato peels, etc.
- Pulpy fruit and fruit seeds
- Chicken or fish bones
- Seafood shells (i.e., shrimp)
- Paint & caulk

Most garbage should go out with the trash; these items should never enter our sewer system. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COMMUNITY MANAGER

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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
- Plastic containers
- Paper
- NO GLASS

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

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

What cannot be recycled that has been seen in our bins recently: tennis shoes, potted plants, used vacuum cleaner bags, plastic bags, glass, a toaster, disposable ice packs from meal kits etc, HVAC filters, dirty pizza boxes, dirty peanut butter jars, Styrofoam.



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 are 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.



COMMON SPACE

- Please do not hang swings (or anything) from our trees
- Strollers, toys, and bicycles may not be stored on front stoops
- Do not allow anyone to draw on our tennis courts with chalk
- Clean up after yourselves by the playground and area outside of the tennis/basketball court

Report any violations to NRP at
communications@nrpartnersllc.com