

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

As we wrap up 2017, our fence project has been successful so far. We are more than one third complete with the replacement of the privacy fences and have encountered few issues. All comments received about the new fences by those who now have them have been positive. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation with removing trees and making the fences easily accessible while the work is being performed. Steve will continue to keep the progress updated on the message boards posted at the corners of the Mews. A common question has been about the burying of the FiOS PVC pipes. The fence contractor has agreed to bury the pipes as long as there is room for them to be buried AND you don't already have active FiOS service. If you plan on getting FiOS and have not had your fence replaced yet, you can ask your FiOS contractor to leave some slack in the line if you would like to bury the PVC pipe yourself.

The gutters are scheduled to be cleaned the week of December 11th so don't be surprised to find contractors in your back patios as they clean the back gutters. The final leaf pickup by the landscaping contractor will also be the week of December 11th so you have until then to rake any leaves from inside your fence to the outside where they will then be picked up. After that date, any remaining leaves inside your patio will need to be bagged and placed out with the trash.

As of a month ago we have a new recycling policy; paper glass and plastic can be mixed together. We will not receive additional bins so cardboard should continue to be placed outside of the bins and boxes broken down. Paper can be placed in the bins but also can be placed in paper bags outside of the bins. If the bins are overflowing, plastic and glass can also be left outside the bins in paper bags or in cardboard boxes not broken down. We also have more time to place out recyclables since they are being picked up after the trash on Wednesdays now instead of by 8 a.m.

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The annual Mews Caroling is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th at 3 p.m. Look for more details via email and Facebook. Please email FairlingtonMews@gmail.com if you would like to participate this year. Last year we had a great turnout and a lot of fun. It's a great way to celebrate the Christmas season.

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.

Winterize Your Unit

As old man winter approaches it's time to turn off the outside faucets to prevent burst pipes during freezing temperatures. First turn the water off from inside your unit, then open the outside faucet to drain any remaining water and leave the faucet in the open position. Hoses should be removed and stored for the winter because any water trapped in the hose could travel back into your pipes and freeze.

In most units, the shut-off valve for the backyard faucet is under the kitchen sink. You'll find the shut-off valve for the front faucet in the basement next to, or above, the hot water heater. If you're in a B-building the lower unit's front and back shut off valve is in the laundry room.

Please take every precaution to prevent pipes from freezing by ensuring that your heat is on and the thermostat is set at a temperature that's high enough to keep your pipes from freezing. This is especially important if you are away from home for an extended period of time. If residents do experience burst pipes, damages incurred to your unit and any other unit impacted, is the responsibility of the owner.

While you're outside turning off your faucets, please also check the downspouts that may be in your patio and clear away any leaves or other debris that may be blocking them. This ensures that water from heavy rain or melting snow can flow freely away from your unit.

Landscape Committee

Greetings from the Mews landscape committee members Penny, Judith, Gretchen and Lois. Just a few items we'd like to share with you now that the growing season is over.

All the fall plantings will be installed in April 2018. The cold temperatures motivated homeowners to turn off their water supply to the outside faucets and disconnect hoses. Without access to water, the plants will not survive so planting is delayed until spring.

Please remind your children not to climb trees. We do not want children injured.

Please install a red reflector in your front yard if you do not want the grounds crew to disturb your plantings. The committee reserves the right to tidy up your garden if shrubs and flowers are overgrown.

During the winter, the committee will continue to discuss low or no maintenance plantings to be installed along the Mews side of the King Street fence. Some suggestions so far are Giant Green Arborvitae and Nellie Stevens Holly. Any suggestions you may have are welcomed.

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. Court representatives are needed for Courts 7, and 11. These courts have 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.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Board of Directors at fairlingtonmews@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for getting involved in the community!

Steve's Corner

If you're a dog owner in the Mews you know that Steve Burcham is the dog whisperer, but in addition to handing out Scooby snacks to the pups, he maintains our aging community and oversees the contractors we hire. Steve has stayed busy the last few months and would like to highlight recent projects and share his insights where homeowners can be of assistance.

- The sewer lines were flushed as part of preventive maintenance. This cleans the lines from the buildings to the main county sewer lines and checks for any clogs, tree roots, etc. You can help prevent sewer backups by only flushing human waste and toilet paper. Please do not flush baby wipes, diapers, tampons, Kleenex, paper towels and napkins.
- The pool pump has been rebuilt due to a leak, it is now ready for the Summer 2018 pool season.
- Batteries in the smoke detectors in the B-buildings have been changed and the emergency lights tested. This is performed biannually.
- Tennis courts have been cleaned.
- In coordination with the landscape committee, trees have been pruned to remove dead limbs.
- The use of window well covers is highly encouraged. After heavy rain during the summer, a few residents found water in their basement that had entered through the window well. A window well cover is not a 100% solution, but can help to eliminate water pooling in the window well and entering your home.
- If you use the lamp post closest to you to power your Christmas lights, please be careful when installing the adapter. Be sure to hold the light fixture in place while you screw in the adapter. The lamp posts are old and we've found that when the adapters are not installed correctly damage to the light will occur. After the holidays please remove the adapter and ensure that the glass cover is placed correctly in the track so that it is secure. If the glass is not secured, winds can cause the glass to hit the light bulb and break.
- The pool road is not to be used for parking, it is for first responders in the event of emergency during the pool season and Mews personnel only. Parking here prevents Mews maintenance from accessing the shop at the pool house where maintenance items are stored.
- Gutters are scheduled to be cleaned the week of December 11.
- Don't forget to turn out your outdoor faucets and remove the hose. See page 2 for more info.
- Prior to the installation of the King Street fence, Steve worked to prepare the area by removing trees and debris. He also coordinated the work of the fence contractors and Miss Utility who had to be present to mark electric and gas lines.
- Steve is continuing to oversee the installation of the privacy fences and has been instrumental in helping homeowners with any issues they've had and communicating with the fence company.

Fall in the Mews

As the leaves began to change and fall weather settled in, residents embraced the season with fall and Halloween décor. Looking forward to the twinkling lights for the upcoming holiday season!



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
- Paper

These items should be rinsed prior to being placed in the bins. No plastic bags should be placed in the bins. If bins are full recyclables can be placed in paper bags next to the bins.

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

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

December 25: Christmas Day – NO TRASH PICKUP!

January 1: New Year's Day – NO TRASH PICKUP!

January 6: Large Trash Pickup

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

February 3: Large Trash Pickup

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

March 3: Large 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/

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

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