

MEWS NEWS

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President's Report

Renee Powlette

Summer is around the corner and our pool has just been given a facelift just in time for our May 25th opening. We also have a new sign posted on the gate at the entrance to the pool because we have updated the pool hours this year to be consistent every day. We will plan on having our annual pool party one Sunday in June so be on the lookout for an email with the date and time. For information on pool passes, see article further down in this newsletter.

Our annual meeting is also around the corner, scheduled for June 13th this year. We encourage all co-owners to show up by 7 p.m. at the Fairlington Community Center for the meeting.

Most of the Mews did a good job meeting our March 31st deadline to clean up belongings in the common area. Steve did have to remove some items and he will continue to do so without notice moving forward so whenever you are enjoying are shared spaces, please bring your belongings back inside with you when you are done.

The Mews Board recently approved several contracts to improve our landscaping and they have all been executed now. You will notice a few areas in the common area that are covered in hay that need to be avoided until the grass grows.

Things have been running pretty smoothly in the Mews and as a reminder, our management company, NRP, should be your first stop when you have any issues. Their contact information can be found on the first page of our website, www.fairlingtonmews.org.

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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.

CALENDAR

May 25: First Day of the 2024 Pool Season

June 1: Large Trash Pickup

June 13: Annual Meeting, 7pm, Fairlington Community Center

July 6: Large Trash Pickup

July 11: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Zoom link emailed by NRP

August 3: Large Trash Pickup

August 8: Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, Zoom link emailed by NRP

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

Fire Pit Usage Reminder

The board has received a handful of complaints about fire pits in our patios as well as on the common grounds of the Mews property. One co-owner said she could smell smoke inside her unit for hours after a fire pit was used two doors down from her. We do not have language about fire pit use in our bylaws but reached out to our attorney for guidance and discovered warming fires are not allowed on our common property, outside or inside our fences. This is different from using a grill to cook food.

The restriction of warming fires inside patios is due to county code and this is why:

Arlington County adopted the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code (VSFPC) as amended by the Arlington County Fire Prevention Code. Under these provisions, Arlington does not permit portable outdoor fireplaces to be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material unless they are used at a single-family detached private dwelling, townhouse or duplex.

Additionally, Arlington's Code provides that no person shall kindle, authorize to be kindled or maintain any permitted fire in such a manner that could endanger the person or property of another.

So, a fire pit or other type of warming fire would not be permitted in the limited common element patios as they would be within 15 feet of a structure and possibly combustible material.



Pool Opening and Passes

The Mews pool will open for the season on May 25th. Pool hours are 11am–8pm daily. Please see the website for full pool rules, but a few things to keep in mind:

- *No glass in the pool area
- *Alcohol is prohibited
- *Please keep all food in the grassy area
- *Those 10 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- *Residents 11 –14 years of age may be unsupervised provided they have passed the swim test and provide a permission form signed by the person responsible for their care. Forms may be obtained from the lifeguards or our website.

If you need a recreation pass please visit the Mews website for instructions on how to obtain one.

Trash Policy Reminder

We have seen an uptick in residents leaving trash out outside of the acceptable times. This leads to animals having a chance to tear into the bags and make a big mess in our community. As a reminder, trash is permitted to be put out Monday–Saturday between 5am and 8am. Please make sure to tie bags securely. Thank you!

Mews Landscape News

Please Help By Watering the New Landscaping

If you recently had new landscaping work in front of your unit, please help keep the plants and grass growing by watering them regularly.

If you would like to receive watering instructions, the Landscape Committee can send them to you. Contact the committee at: MewsLandscapeCommittee@gmail.com.

Landscape Committee Contact Email

Do you have questions or concerns about the landscaping in the Mews? You can contact the Landscape Committee at MewsLandscapeCommittee@gmail.com. In your email, please include your name, phone, address and court number, specifics about your question, and attach a couple photos of the area.

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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