

Meadows Messenger

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Tennis courts to be resurfaced, pickleball court lines painted, fence replaced

The Fairlington Meadows tennis courts will be resurfaced this summer. The existing asphalt surface will remain in place and a new overlay of a durable, cushioned composite system will be installed. In addition to the resurfacing, the net posts and nets will be replaced.

To encourage greater use of our courts, pickle ball court lines will be painted on the courts in light blue so that Meadows residents may enjoy this fast-growing popular game. For those not familiar with pickleball, the sport combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong that is played with a paddle and plastic ball with holes that can be played as doubles or singles.

In addition, a new black vinyl-clad fence will be erected to a uniform height of 10 feet with new gates with combination locks to limit access to Fairlington Meadows residents and their guests. The use of locks is a best practice that limits access to residents thus extending the life of the courts. The use of locks has been well received and easily utilized in neighboring Fairlington Glen.

Work is tentatively scheduled to kick off in late June or early July and is dependent on weather conditions.

Rear patio outlets now approved for installation

Outdoor electrical outlets are now permitted to be installed in accordance with a new policy that the Fairlington Meadows Board of Directors recently approved. The Board approved an official amendment to the condo association's Rules of Conduct to allow these installations to take place. The amendment was needed because the Rules of Conduct otherwise prohibit any penetrations to the exterior surface of the buildings.

Owners may request approval by the Board of Directors to install outdoor electrical outlets in their rear patios only. To do so, owners should submit their plans for the installation along with evidence of proper licensing and bonding of the proposed contractor to the Board through our Community Management Corporation property manager, Sabiha Noorzai-Barbour, at SNoorzai@cmc-management.com.

For complete details, please read the full policy, which is posted on the Meadows web site here:

<https://fairlingtonmeadows.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Outdoor-outletspdf.pdf>.



2019 Fairlington Meadows Swimming Pool Operating Hours

May 25 to June 21

The pool is open Mondays through Fridays from 3 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays* and Memorial Day open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

June 22 to September 2

The pool is open Mondays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fridays open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.*
Saturdays open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sundays open from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

Holidays

July 4 (Independence Day holiday) and September 2** (Labor Day holiday)
The pool is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Last day the pool is open: Monday, September 2**

* The pool will close at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays all season. Once the Arlington County school year is over, the pool will remain open on Fridays until 9:30 p.m.

**The Board of Directors may authorize an extra weekend at the pool in September pending guard availability, cost and community interest.



Several Fairlington Meadows residents came out to the pool to enjoy a barbecue chicken pot luck dinner in May.

2019 Fairlington Meadows Swimming Pool Social Events

About the schedule: Social events are open to Fairlington Meadows residents and their guests (as outlined in the Meadows Pool Rules). Sunset Yoga is open to anyone who registers at the website: <http://www.eatyogadrink.com/schedule>. Most social events request that participants bring items (food or beverages) to share, however the pizza social has a cost, as noted below.

June

June 11 (Tues.) Sunset Yoga 7-8 p.m., cost is \$10
June 19 (Wed.) Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a topping to share.

July

July 11 (Thurs.) Pizza Social 6 p.m. All you can eat. Cost is \$5 per person for ages 5 and up. The maximum cost per family is \$20.
July 19 (Fri.) Social at 6 p.m.
July 16 (Tues.) Sunset Yoga 7-8 p.m., cost is \$10

August

Aug. 16 (Fri.) Social at 6 p.m.
Aug. 20 (Tues.) Sunset Yoga 7-8 pm, cost is \$10
Aug. 25 (Sun.) Luau Party (Kids games from 3 to 4 p.m. Luau from 4 to 6 p.m.)
The Pool Committee provides chicken and drinks. Residents are requested provide sides, salads and desserts to share.



How to help keep an eye on trees lining the streets

The trees that line the streets throughout Fairlington belong to Arlington County. It's County workers who trim the trees, replace the trees and basically maintain them.

Every summer members of the Meadows Buildings & Grounds Committee walk along the street looking to identify trees that need to be cleared of dead limbs. The Committee members are looking to identify any dead limbs of 3 inches or larger in diameter to alert Arlington County's urban forester of those limbs. The County will then come remove the dead limbs, but only if they are 3 inches in diameter or larger.

Sometimes the County identifies trees that need to be removed, typically due to disease or having been struck by lightning. If a tree is removed, Arlington County replaces it and keeps it watered during the hot summer months.

Fairlington Meadows common area trees are maintained by the condominium. The Buildings & Grounds Committee continues to monitor our trees throughout the year. Members work with an arborist to protect and maintain our beautiful trees. Unfortunately, sometimes a tree is lost due to disease or the tree's lifespan. When a tree has to be removed, it is typically replaced in the fall, which is the best time for tree planting.

Arlington County's Tree Canopy Program has seen the Buildings & Grounds Committee make applications to receive a tree the last two years and have been rewarded for their work when the County awarded Fairlington Meadows a tree each year an application was submitted.

The Meadows has received a black gum tree, which is located near the basketball court, and a willow oak tree, which was planted in the open area behind Courts 5 and 6. Committee member Bill Russell coordinates the Fairlington Meadows applications for the Tree Canopy Program.

Court 9 has a new court chairperson

Many thanks to Ainsley Gutshall, who has volunteered to serve as Court Chairperson for Court 9. Ms. Gutshall has lived in the Meadows for more than three years. She lives with her daughter, who will be entering kindergarten at Abingdon Elementary School in the fall.

Ms. Gutshall has volunteered to fill the position after the previous court chairperson moved to California last year.

Court chairs play a vital role in helping to ensure that residents of each court are kept abreast of happenings in Fairlington Meadows. They often share email messages of timely interest to residents of their court.

Meadows tennis season kicks off

Reserved play on the Fairlington Meadows tennis courts has kicked off and will continue every weekend through Sunday, September 29.

A sign-up sheet is posted by 7:30 a.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Residents 16 years or older may reserve a court for one hour by printing their full name and unit number on the sign-up sheet. There is a limit of one hour per unit per day. If the person who signed up for the court doesn't begin play within 10 minutes after the hour, that individual forfeits the court to those present. Residents should bring their Recreation Cards to post during play.

During weekdays, tennis court time is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Meadows tennis etiquette calls for two players to be present to establish their place in line when waiting for a court. One player alone cannot hold a place in line. Before starting play, participants should set the bulletin board clock to indicate their starting time and place their recreation card in the corresponding holder. Individuals who don't indicate a starting time or fail to display their recreation card are to vacate the court at the request of waiting players.

After one hour of singles play, participants must allow others who may be waiting to play. Doubles play may continue for two consecutive hours, provided that two residents have their ID cards on display.



Cleaning wipes and 75-year-old sewer lines don't flush

What does this 15 feet deep by 80 feet long trench have to do with baby wipes, tree growth, and sewer laterals? As it turns out, 2018 was a banner year for tree growth in Fairlington Meadows. There are a few tree root intrusions into our lateral sewer lines. Baby wipes have been identified as a main cause for several sewer line back-ups into peoples' units. Even though wipes are advertised as "flushable," they do not break down as easily as toilet paper and as a result, they will cause blockage in the sewer lines under Fairlington units. They may be flushable in new sewage lines in newly constructed homes but for the most part, they should not be tossed in the toilets of Fairlington Meadows.

Fairlington Meadows is initiating a routine lateral line inspection this year in a proactive effort to check on the condition of the lines to help prevent root blockage of our fragile 75-year-old sewer lateral lines. The Meadows has fixed one line this year and identified another candidate for monitoring and eventual repair. Everyone's assistance in avoiding these blockages is critical. Please keep wipes, oils (especially solid fats like bacon, hamburger grease, and coconut oil) and any other foreign objects out of the sewers. Toss the wipes in the trash can and scrape the grease from pots and pans into the trash. The alternative is not a pretty scene.



Surveys coming your way

The Fairlington Meadows Board of Directors plans to use more surveys to get a sense of how unit owners and residents feel on a variety of topics such as the swimming pool, trash pick up, recycling and landscaping. Surveys will be announced on the Fairlington Meadows web site and Facebook pages. Court chairpersons also will be sending email messages to court residents to alert them about upcoming surveys.

Surveys will vary in length from a few questions to closer to a dozen questions such as the recent survey related to the fence replacement project.

The surveys will be used to help inform the Board members of community sentiment when they are considering a variety of issues.

Community to select new Board members at annual meeting, are you interested?

Each October Fairlington Meadows schedules its annual meeting during which time there is a year in review, a discussion and vote on the new budget and an election of new Board members to fill the vacancies of those who are cycling off the Board.

Unit owners who are considering running for office are encouraged to contact current Board President Joe Spytek to discuss the role to get a better sense of what is involved in being a member of the Board. Mr. Spytek can be reached at Joe5@fairlingtonmeadows.com.



Ensure your patio is ready for a new fence

The Fairlington Meadows Board of Directors plans to start replacing the fences in the community sometime this fall. Please keep that in mind as you plan your patio for summer.

Residents and owners should be mindful that prior to the work beginning that they will need to trim or possibly remove trees and shrubs that are inside the patio to ensure that they are about eight inches away from the fence. Residents will need to remove their personal property from the fences such as bird feeders, planters, plantings, and any other items that you may have affixed to the fences. In addition, when your specific court is scheduled for work to begin, you will need to move your personal property as far from the fence line as possible (i.e., move patio furniture, sheds and potted plants to the center of the patio, away from the fences).

As to when fence work will begin, please note that residents will be notified in advance as to when your court is scheduled for the work to begin.

As this project gets closer to a launch date, more information will be made available via the Fairlington Meadows web site and Facebook page to include notification of steps that we will all need to take and notification as to when each court is scheduled to have the work begin.

Community Directory

For the most up-to-date information:
<https://fairlingtonmeadows.com>

Board of Directors

Joseph Spytek, President
Lisa Farbstein, Vice President
Erica Brown, Secretary
Nick Slabinski, Treasurer
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Address Board Correspondence to Fairlington Meadows
Board of Directors, c/o Community Management Corporation.

For Board meeting minutes, visit our website, see the bulletin board at the corner of the tennis court near the pool house, or contact Sabiha Noorzai-Barbour.

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