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News from the Board

Your Board wishes you all a fun, relaxing, and safe summer. Congratulations to all our neighbors who have graduated from high school or college this year. You have worked hard to earn your diplomas and we are proud of you all. Time to unwind!

By the time you read this we should be done with the first phase of sewer lateral repair and relining. We tackled the worst 15 lines in this phase and will continue the work over the next several years until we have taken care of all the lines.

We have been very happy with the performance of our contractor, US Sewer & Drain, and our engineer, Ron Kirby Jr. Their work has been excellent and they have been very easy to work with.

Although we have had to dig "pits" to gain access to a number of the pipe networks, we have avoided all the trenching that would have been required if we had chosen to replace the pipes rather than reline them. Relining is considerably less expensive than total replacement and has much less impact on our grounds.

The Board will soon start the process of soliciting proposals for the next round of painting in the Village. The 2007 work will be in Courts 7-11.

We have used Middledorf Painting Co. for the past two years and they have been a very big success. It has helped that we developed very detailed specifications for



work and an extensive contract annex for painting processes and procedures. We also earmarked portions of Jack and José's workday for contractor oversight, quality control, and work inspection. This approach has worked out very well.

We have decided to continue to wait until the end of summer to start the work rather than doing it during the height of the summer months. The weather is cooler and less subject to thunderstorms. The painters' work environment is better and the conditions for the

painting process are much better. Also, more people are home from travel and vacations and are available to open their windows and patio gates for the painters. We will give you notice as to when the painters will be in your area.

With both the Fairlington Community Center and the Abingdon Elementary School closed for renovations this summer, we have been having difficulty finding locations for our monthly Board meetings.

Please visit our community Web site at www.fairlingtonmeadows.com for details about the next meeting, as well other useful information.

Again, we wish you a wonderful summer. Stop by the pool and meet your friends and neighbors.

Best regards,

—John Thurber, Fairlington
Meadows Board President



“Water is the driver of nature.”

—Leonardo da Vinci



Note to Unit Owners:

Meadows By-laws require you to submit a written request for any changes in excess of \$1,000 that you are considering making inside your unit.

The Board of Directors must approve these changes before any work is begun.

Buildings & Grounds Update

By Chuck Edwards and Judi Garth, Co-chairs

Now that summer has arrived in earnest, the B & G Committee is asking residents to please keep an eye on all the shrubbery and trees in the Meadows, especially those just planted in June and in the last few years.

New plantings need to be watered until they get established, which can take up to three years. Our arborist has advised us that many of our trees and shrubs are in serious decline because of drought conditions over the past few years.

Please follow these simple watering instructions and hopefully our plantings will be around to thank you for years to come:

- Water newly planted trees and shrubs 2-3 times a week unless there is a good, soaking rain.
- Water small trees and shrubs such as forsythia, azaleas, and nandinas for 20 minutes using a slow trickle from a hose. Place the hose at the trunk of the shrub so the root ball is deeply soaked.
- Water larger trees for 30 minutes using a slow trickle with the hose at the trunk of the tree.

If a hose is not available, use gallon plastic milk containers to gently pour

several gallons of water at the trunk area of the shrub or tree.

It is best to water trees and shrubs in the early morning or evening, not in the hottest part of the day. If we have a long hot spell with no rain, newly planted trees or shrubs may need more frequent watering if the leaves and flower buds are wilted, or the leaves are turning yellow or are falling off.

Remember, the grass does not need to be watered during the summer. In dry weather, it becomes dormant, but will revive when it rains. Watering the grass wastes water. It is more important to water the trees and shrubs during dry weather.

Interested in joining the B & G Committee? We welcome new members at our meetings the first Wednesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Meetings are not held in July or August, but will resume in September.

September 5
Richard Lawrence
4200 South 34th St.

October 3
Jennifer Lightbody
3445B South Stafford St.

November 7
Annabelle Wright
3409 South Utah St.

B & G FAQs...

When are plantings removed from common areas? We remove plantings when they have died, outgrown the space and cannot be pruned, are covering up windows, are touching the building, have pulled out of the ground, or are crowding other plants.

How do residents get new plantings in the common area in front of their units? Residents may ask the B&G Committee to look at the space and make recommendations for new plantings.

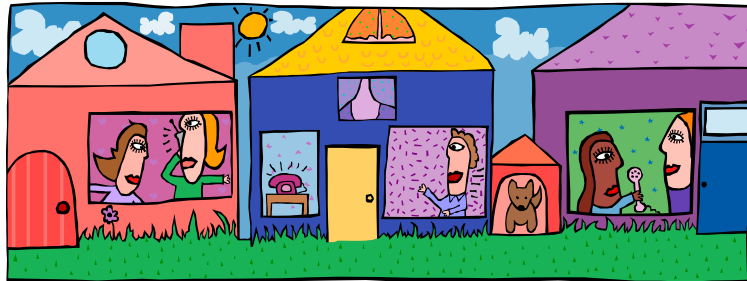
How does the B&G Committee know what to recommend? The committee consults with our Valley-Crest landscapers or, if a tree is being replaced, with our arborist, Jerry Dieruf. We try to maintain a sense of uniformity in the community and we know which plants are drought and heat tolerant and more likely to survive.

What kinds of plantings may residents plant in the common area? Residents are welcome to plant annuals and bulbs in the existing bed in front of their unit. They may also plant behind their patio with permission from the Committee and as long as the plantings are maintained. See our Web site for request forms.

Neighborhood Notebook

Helping Keep the Meadows Beautiful... One Resident at a Time

We have lived in Fairlington Meadows at 3365 South Stafford Street since December 2, 2006. As newcomers to the neighborhood and new homeowners, we are excited to be part of such a beautiful community and are very proud to show relatives and friends where we live.



One of the main reasons we chose to buy a condo in Fairlington was for the manicured and clean-cut look of the community.

Fairlington Meadows is beautiful and a pleasant place to live because its residents work hard together to keep it that way and because the condo association has established rules pertaining to keeping the grounds clean and manicured. We should all be proud to live in such a great place, but it takes work to keep it that way. We can all do our part to keep our community pristine, safe, and free of disease.



We keep our backyard very clean and manicured, but the lush plants and tree in our patio have roots that are attractive to rodents. Unfortunately, we've had squirrels, rats, and

chipmunks. We write this article for the *Meadows Messenger* because we have seen brown and gray rats 4 to 6 inches in length burrowing in our backyard and scurrying into our neighbors' yards.

We have used a number of tactics successfully, but the trick is keeping unwanted pests away after they have spread their scent and pheromones in a community.

We have also found pieces of trash and rancid food in our backyard and along South Stafford Street brought to these places by the numerous chipmunks and squirrels that share our community with us.

Patio cleanliness and secure trash bags sprayed with ammonia are the first steps toward infestation prevention. Proper trash disposal and patio maintenance are also essential to keeping our community clean, healthy, and safe. Our community rule is that securely fastened trash bags are only permitted to be put out

in the mornings beside lamp posts and not the night before. A safe and often effective deterrent is using ammonia or a window cleaner with ammonia on the outside and inside of the trash bags.

Our backyard patios are great places to spend time during the summer. Keeping our backyard patios clear of trash, food scraps, and domestic animal feces will help to limit unwanted pests in our community, which—in turn—will better ensure a safe and healthy environment for all residents.

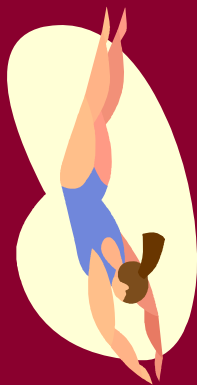
It's important to keep in mind that our individual actions and living habits do affect every resident in Fairlington Meadows.

We are so proud to be a part of this historic community and we look forward to meeting and getting to know all our neighbors.

Fondly and neighborly,

Keith and Lindsey Collins
Court 3





Upcoming Events

July 21 (4 pm)
Luau Party

July 28 (9 pm)
Movie Night

August 1 (7 pm)
Float Night

August 11 (9 pm)
Movie Night

August 18 (6:30 pm)
Pizza & Beer Party

Sept. 3 (4 pm)
Labor Day Potluck

Sept. 9 (4 pm)
“Say So Long to
Summer” Potluck
(Pool Closes)

What's Going on at the Pool?

Now that summer has us firmly in her grip, be sure to take advantage of one of our community's greatest assets—THE POOL!

The Meadows Pool Committee has planned some great events to keep everyone happy and entertained (see list at the left of this page for details on future activities). If you have any questions or would like to help out at the events, please contact Liz Moores by phone at 703-578-1563 or via e-mail to FMPool@yahoo.com.

If you're a regular, you may think you know all there is to know about the lifeguards staffing our pool. Even so, you may be surprised to learn who is a songwriter, who plays the piccolo, and who visited India earlier this year, so keep on reading!

Meet the Meadows Lifeguards!

RENA ABDELJAWAD—This is Rena's second season lifeguarding in the Meadows. Rena was a Valedictorian and member of the National Honor Society at Wakefield High School. She will be attending the University of Virginia with fellow Meadows lifeguard, Anna. She missed the first two weeks of pool season because she was in India, where she accidentally bashed her teeth out. The trip, however, was still amazing, and she is looking forward to an expensive new smile.

NICHOLAS BLANK—Nick has been waiting eagerly to become a lifeguard for a couple of years now, and the time has finally come! Nick will be attending H-B Woodlawn in the fall. He enjoys kids, sports, and having fun, as well as cleaning stuff at the pool—but not his room.

THOMAS KARGBO—According to Thomas, key things you should know about him include:

- He is a drummer, a songwriter, and a lacrosse player.
- He just graduated from Wakefield High School and will be attending Old Dominion University as an electrical engineering major.
- He likes pina colodas and dancing in the rain.
- People think he's funny and serious.
- He likes to play ping pong.

MAUREEN MCGONAGLE—

Maureen is a returning lifeguard at the Meadows. She was a star student and athlete at Washington-Lee High School and will be attending Virginia Tech. Maureen also missed the first two weeks of pool season because she was in India. Luckily, she was not harmed while there, but earlier this year she broke her collar bone while playing lacrosse. She is all healed now, and excited for summer!

ANNA THURBER—Anna has been lifeguarding for three summers now, all at the Meadows pool. She was a straight-A student and member of the National Honor Society, and just graduated from the H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program. She will be attending UVA in the fall. Anna was a flute and piccolo player in H-B's Wind Ensemble, and was awarded "The Maestro Award" for her piccolo solos at the Toronto Music Festival in April. She was also a Wakefield "Warrior," playing both volleyball and softball.

CHRISSEY THURBER—This is Chrissy's fourth year lifeguarding, and her first year at the Meadows pool. She will be a junior at James Madison University this fall. Chrissy loves the outdoors, shopping, and wakeboarding on the Potomac.

Meadows Loses Long-time Resident

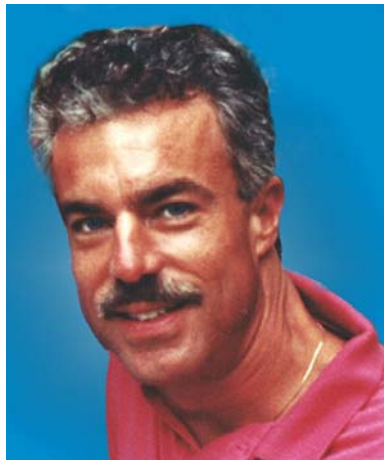
The Meadows community is deeply saddened by the loss of long-time resident and Northern Virginia native David Manning, who died of an aneurysm June 16, 2007 at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Born March 11, 1953 in Arlington, David graduated from George Mason Jr.-Sr. High School, received a Bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria.

From 1978 to 1990, David served as Assistant Rector, then Rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Salisbury, Maryland), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Richmond, Virginia), and St. George's Episcopal Church (Clifton Park, New York).

He returned Virginia in 1990 to begin a distinguished career as an advocate for restoring offenders to the community after incarceration as responsible and productive citizens.

David joined Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR), first as Coordinator for Jail and Family Services and later serving as Executive Director overseeing OAR's work in Arlington, Alexandria, and



David Manning

Fairfax. Under his leadership, OAR received numerous commendations, awards, and citations, including a Points of Light Foundation Award in 1992.

Widely recognized as an expert on successfully transitioning offenders into the community after incarceration, David was a highly sought after speaker on this subject and participated frequently in seminars, workshops and lectures nationwide.

He expanded his expertise in later years to include working with people with disabilities to achieve employment independence and integration

into the workplace and the community. At the time of his death, David was a Rehabilitation Specialist with SOC Enterprises in Arlington.

A consummate history and architecture enthusiast, David served as a decades-long volunteer in his beloved community of Fairlington. Over the years, he held numerous leadership positions in the community including: President and Member of the Board of Fairlington Meadows, Chair of the Fairlington Meadows Architectural Review Committee, and Co-chair of the Fairlington Meadows Buildings and Grounds committee.

David is survived by his partner of 31 years, Karl Ruiz, of Arlington; a sister, Julia M. Smith (Greg) of McKinney, Texas; and many beloved nieces, nephews, family, and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Florine and Harold Manning of Falls Church and his mother-in-law Hedwig Marie Ruiz of Woodbridge.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 South Arlington Mill Drive, Arlington, VA 22206.

Looking for a Chance to Get to Know Your Neighbors Better?

After literally decades on the job, Rose Stack is stepping down as Court Chair for Court 13. If you are a resident of Court 13—it doesn't matter if you are a renter or owner—and would be interested in taking over the position, please contact me. The three main duties of the Court Chair are to greet new residents, distribute pool pass applications and pool passes (already done for this year!), and to assist the Board in collecting proxies for the Annual Meeting. Every Court needs someone to fill this position and serving as Court Chair is a great way to meet your neighbors while at the same time providing a valuable service to the community. Even if you just *think* you might be interested, I would love to hear from you and will answer all of your questions. Co-Court Chairs is also a possibility if two people would like to share the job. Thanks!

Diane Thurber, Chair, Committee of Court Chairs, tel. (703) 998-8723, e-mail j.thurber@verizon.net.

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For copies of Board meeting minutes, see the Fairlington Meadows Web site, www.FairlingtonMeadows.com, view them on the community bulletin at the pool house, or contact John Kilkenny at CMC.

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