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Your Board wishes you all a fun, relaxing, and safe summer. Congratulations to all our neighbors who are about to graduate 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!

The pool will open on May 26th. We are happy to announce that we have a new pool management company this year. Community Pool Services was rated as a best-value company by the Board and the Pool Committee. Community Pool Services was selected based on its excellent response to our request for proposal issued in February and on the many very positive responses we received when we checked references. We look forward to a very good working relationship with Duane Robbins, Community's president, and his staff. They are moving quickly to get the pool ready for opening day.

As was the case last year, for the 2007 season the minimum age for children going to the pool unaccompanied by a parent or guardian is 12 years old. The Board solicited advice from our insurance provider, our property manager, pool companies, and the Pool Committee in preparation for our deliberations on

the minimum age. We spent a good deal of time discussing the pros and cons of having a lower age, but our consideration for the safety of the children and the financial well-being of the Association convinced us that 12 was the appropriate age for children going to the pool unaccompanied.



After car accidents, drowning is the major reason for deaths of children under the age of 12 in the United States—a grim statistic that we take very seriously. It only takes an instant to lose a young swimmer. Our lifeguards must devote their full attention to monitoring the pools and cannot be distracted by unsupervised children acting up in or around the pool. Parents can make a huge difference in maintaining a safe environment. We have been very fortunate over the years that we haven't had any major

incidents at our pool and we want to ensure we don't have any in the future.

Tennis season is also starting up. We resurfaced the tennis courts two years ago and want to protect this significant investment. We would like to remind everyone that the tennis courts are for tennis only. Any other kind of activity such as skateboarding, dog running, or rollerblading on the courts will damage the surface and require expensive repair. With careful use and cooperation from everyone, the new court surface should last a good amount of time.

Work on the 15 most troubled sewer laterals should be underway by the time you get this issue. The Board has spent a great deal of time preparing a capital improvements plan, contracting to videotape our sewer lines, hiring an engineer to provide independent oversight of the repair and relining work, preparing and issuing a request for proposal, meeting with contractors and finally signing a contract for the work. This major investment will go a long way towards reducing sewer back-ups into the units using those lines. This is the first phase of a

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Buildings & Grounds Update

By Chuck Edwards and Judi Garth, Co-chairs



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.



Spring Planting — The committee has developed plans for a spring planting which should be completed in May and residents are requested to water the new material. New plantings should be watered for three years which is the time it takes for them to become established. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has two plantings each year, a small one in the spring and the main one in the fall. We do the larger planting in the fall because of the cool and wet weather. Please make requests by writing either Judi Garth at 3445 South Utah Street (judigarth@comcast.net) or Chuck Edwards at 3460 A-1 South Stafford c-d@Comcast.net). Residents can also check the Fairlington Meadows Web site for request forms.

Watering — During hot summer weather and times of little rain, water shrubs and small trees once a week. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered 2-3 times weekly for the first year. Water plants for 30-40 minutes, using a slow trickle from a hose. If a hose is not available, a gallon milk jug works well. During the summer months, do not water the lawns. In dry weather, the grass will become dormant, but it will revive after any measurable rainfall. Watering the lawns wastes water.

Tree Work — During the summer, there will be some

tree work throughout the village. This will include some trimming and removal of a few diseased and dying ornamental trees. Arlington County will trim and shape the cedar trees along Quaker Lane, although these old trees are on Meadows' property. Several years ago, the County planted willow oaks and redbud photinas outside our fence as part of the County's beautification project. With the decline of our cedars, the new trees and shrubs will fill in, providing a screen for residents living along Quaker Lane.

Winter Drought — Meadows arborist Jerry Dieruf will inspect the Meadows' trees and shrubs four times during the year and make recommendations about the health of our plantings and ways of combating pests. We depend on Jerry's expertise to advise us on which trees need to be pruned and which need to be removed.

Ground Work — ValleyCrest, our grounds contractor, is scheduled to mow, edge, and maintain our shrubbery every 7-10 days during the growing season. In late June and early July, they will trim the shrubbery around the buildings.

Trees — The Committee would like to remind resi-

dents that our trees are living things which need to be nurtured and protected. They should never be used for signposts because nailing or stapling into a tree opens it up for disease. The community spends many hours and dollars protecting our trees, and we can all agree that they are essential to the overall ambiance of the Meadows and all of Fairlington.

Common Area Planting Residents are welcome to plant annuals in existing front beds. If you would like to plant a new flower garden outside your patio, however, you MUST first receive permission from the B & G Committee. Such gardens are subject to removal if the resident does not maintain the space. Any plantings placed in the common areas become the property of the condominium association.

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.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 2

Richard Lawrence
4200 South 34th Street

June 6

Diane Thurber
4241A-2 South 35th Street

No meetings in July or August

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plan that will ultimately address all the problem lines in the Meadows. We are using a relining process that will greatly minimize the need for digging up the lawns and parking lots. Only those sections of pipe that require complete replacement will require digging. We will do everything we can to minimize the impact on residents. You will be given written notice in advance of the work on the line serving your unit.

Spring is the time for folks to get out of the house and enjoy the weather and the neighborhood. It's great to see people working in the flower beds and in their patios. I have received a number of very positive comments about how the community looks and how it continues to be well maintained. A large amount of credit for this goes to our onsite staff Jack and José, CMC property manager John Kilkenny, and the Meadows B & G Committee.

Unfortunately, I have also received a number of negative comments related primarily to people not being thoughtful of their neighbors or of our staff and contractors. Not to dwell too much on the negative, I think it is important for us all to be aware of some of the oft repeated complaints:



Barking Dogs — When left on the patio unattended all day or for long periods of time, or even when left inside with the

nuisance. Your dog may not bark much when you are home, but may miss you so much that it barks while you are away. Please be considerate about this and don't allow your pet to create a disturbance. Neighbors should politely let each other know if this—or any other noise issues—are a problem.

Loose Dogs (or Aggressive Dogs on Long Leashes) —

This issue worries us very much. We don't want anyone to be injured or anyone's pet to be hurt and we also worry about liability issues. The news is full of stories of people going to jail because they didn't control their dogs. The courts are losing patience with this lack of responsible dog ownership. If you witness this situation, please alert the Board and the County Animal Control Office.



Trash Left Out Overnight or Over the Weekend —

People really care about how the grounds look, especially those of us who have invested time in tending the flowerbeds in front. Crows and squirrels tear bags open and strew trash all over. This is not only unsightly but also a public health issue. Please put trash—including bags of garden waste—out at the proper time.



Illegal Parking — Please be advised that people are having cars towed from their reserved spots

more often than in the past because parking abuses have increased



lately. Our towing contractor visits the neighborhood looking to remove cars that are double parked or parked in the fire lanes. Save your self a headache and some bucks and park in your own space or on the street.

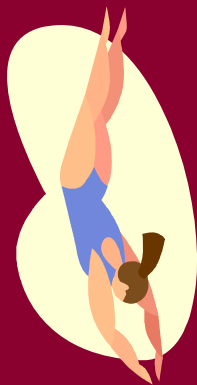
To conclude on a positive note, I'd like to thank all of our residents who follow the rules and keep our community looking orderly and attractive. There are many more of you in the Meadows than there are violators. Keep up the continued positive efforts. We appreciate what you do to make condo living pleasant.

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





Just Dive In!

The Meadows Pool Committee is looking for members who are willing to help plan and orchestrate some of the great events we've all come to know and love.

If you are interested in meeting your neighbors and joining in on the fun and, please contact Liz Moores at 703-578-1563.

What's Going on at the Pool?

With summer right around the corner, the Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee has been hard at work planning a slew of great events to keep everyone entertained. 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.

2007 Pool Events

May 26 — Pool Opens!

May 28 — Memorial Day Potluck
Bring your favorite dish to share (4:00 p.m.)

June 6 — Pizza Night
Always a crowd pleaser! (6:30 p.m.)

June 23 — Movie Night
The pool will be closed, but we'll still have fun! (9:00 p.m.)

June 27 — Float Night
Yum! Bring your favorite topping to share, ice cream will be provided!! (7:00 p.m.)

June 29 — Wine and Cheese Party
Bring a bottle of wine and cheese plate or appetizer to share (7:00 p.m.)

July 4 — Independence Day Picnic
Bring a side dish to share, hotdogs and burgers will be provided (2:00 p.m.)

July 11 — Pizza Night
The second one of the season—if you missed it last month, be sure to stop by! (6:30 p.m.)

July 16-19— FINS Practice
Stop by to watch our young swimmers in action! (3:30—5:20 p.m.)

July 20 — FINS Swim Meet
Tonight's the night to cheer on our young swimmers as they compete with other kids from the area (6:00 p.m.)

July 21 — Luau Party

This is a perennial favorite you won't want to miss! (4:00 p.m.)

July 28 — Movie Night

The pool will be closed, but we'll still have fun at this second movie night of the season (9:00 p.m.)

August 1 — Float Night

Bring your favorite topping to share, ice cream will be provided!! (7:00 p.m.)

August 11 — Movie Night

Third time's the charm! The pool will be closed, but you can still join your neighbors for a great flick under the stars (9:00 p.m.)

August 18 — Pizza and Beer Tasting Party

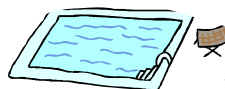
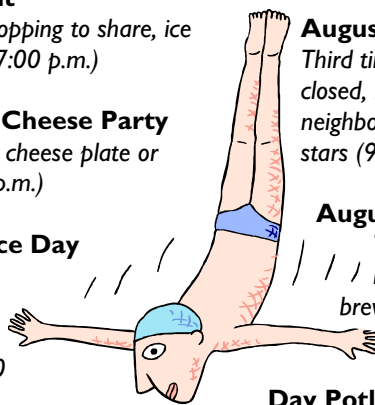
Bring a 6-pack of your favorite brewsky to share (6:30 p.m.)

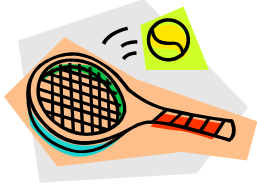
September 3 — Labor Day Potluck

Bring your favorite dish to share (4:00 p.m.)

September 9 — "Say So Long to Summer" Potluck (Pool Closes)

Bring your favorite dish to share as you squeeze in a few more hours at the pool before it closes for the season! (4:00 p.m.)





Tennis Anyone?

By Ed Girovasi, Recreation Committee Co-chair

Another tennis season is upon us and residents are reminded that the courts should be used **ONLY** for playing tennis. Inappropriate use of the courts causes significant damage to their surface, which was just refurbished two years ago. It may also result in forfeiture of Meadows recreational privileges, including pool passes.

For **weekend use** this year, reserved play begins Saturday, May 5, and will continue every weekend through Sunday, September 30. A sign-up sheet will be posted by 7:30 a.m. 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 commence play within 10 minutes after the hour, he/she will forfeit the court to those present.

During the week, court time is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Two players must 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, set the bulletin board clock to indicate your starting time and place your ID card (pool pass) in the corresponding holder. If you fail to indicate your starting time OR fail to display your ID card in the holder, you must vacate the court at the request of waiting players. After one

hour (singles), you must vacate the court if others are waiting to play. Doubles play may continue for two consecutive hours, provided that two residents have their ID cards on display.

If you have any questions about use of the tennis courts, or any other recreational areas in the Meadows, please contact Ed Girovasi at 703-931-3735 or John Stack at 703-379-7245.



Be Kind to Flowers... and Mindful of Others

Springtime is upon us and once again Meadows residents will enjoy lush green grass and blooming flowers. Each year, our association spends several thousand dollars planting and maintaining flowers, trees, shrubs, and grass in our neighborhood. In addition, residents spend their own money and time planting flowers and shrubs to help beautify the Meadows. Unfortunately, some residents have had flowers and other plantings damaged or destroyed by pets. Dog urine, which is high in nitrogen, is particularly harmful to grass and flowers. In addition, pets may unintentionally trample flowers and other delicate plantings when permitted to dig in flowerbeds. Pet owners, please help keep our neighborhood looking beautiful by keeping your furry friends away from flowers and shrubs.

—Contributed by Linnea Barry and Jennifer Lightbody

So Long... Farewell... (and Thanks, too!)

Many thanks to **CONRAD WONG** for serving as Court Chair in Court 7. Conrad has accepted a position at the US Embassy in China and will be leaving us for at least two years in the not-too-distant future. We appreciate his service to the community and wish him the best of luck.

NEEL BROWN of 4209 S. 35th Street has kindly volunteered to fill the position. Neel and his wife, Jame Anderson, are relatively new to the Meadows themselves (not even a year yet) so we doubly appreciate his willingness to jump right in and begin serving the community.

—Contributed by Diane Thurber

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