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## News from the Board

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The village is looking beautiful these days, thanks to the efforts of the Building & Grounds Committee, and to those caring residents who planted spring bulbs and flowers that now adorn the beds in the common areas.

Tennis season will soon be underway. The tennis courts were resurfaced four years ago, and appear to be holding up well with routine maintenance.

In order 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 will damage the court surface and require expensive repair. New signs were installed last year to remind residents that such activities are prohibited. With careful use and cooperation from everyone, we will reap the full benefit of our investment.

The pool will be opening on Saturday, May 23. Our pool contractor is Community Pool Service, Inc.

Work was completed to bring the pools into compliance with new State of Virginia safety requirements, including the installation of

dual drain systems in both pools. The mechanical system is in great shape; repairs to the pool surfaces and ladders were made last year, so we should be right on track for opening day.

Jack and José have repaired broken straps on the chairs, and we will be replacing all of the umbrellas. Once those are installed, we ask that residents treat them with care. Again, this is a significant investment.



The Pool Committee is working up a social calendar, and we all look forward to another fun and safe summer at the pool. Applications for activities passes will be distributed to each residence by the Court Chairs some time in May.

The five remaining sewer relinings will be completed in the fall rather than in the spring. Since these last five were originally deemed to be the least problematic, the Board felt that it posed little risk to wait until fall. The

contractor is extremely busy right now, and the Board would like to have a representative on-site while the work is ongoing. Also, turf restoration is better done in the fall.

At its April meeting, the Board met Kim Hahn, who is the new Condo Division Director at CMC. Ms. Hahn was present to introduce herself and to observe our meeting procedures. The Board was happy to have the opportunity to let her know personally that we are extremely pleased with the performance of our Property Manager, Jason Eglin. As long-time clients of CMC, we feel that we deserve the best, and Jason certainly has proven himself to be just that.

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 spring. It's now time to relax and unwind for a bit! We hope everyone will stop by the pool to socialize with friends and neighbors.

Best regards,

— John Thurber,  
Fairlington Meadows  
Board President

# Buildings & Grounds Update

By Chuck Edwards and Drew Thompson, 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 has sprung in the Meadows!

**Spring Planting** — The Buildings and Grounds Committee has completed plans for a small spring planting. The project should be completed in June and residents are requested to water the new material. There are two plantings each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Please make requests by writing either Drew Thompson at 4307 S. 35th Street (thompasow@gmail.com) or Chuck Edwards at 3460 A-I S. Stafford (c-d@comcast.net).

**Watering Tips** — During hot summer weather, water shrubs and small trees once a week. Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered two or three times a week for the first year. The optimal method is to water plants for 30-40 minutes, using a slow trickle from a hose.

During the summer months, it is not necessary to water the lawn areas unless there is a particular concern. In dry weather, the grass will become dormant, but it will revive after any measurable rainfall. If watering the lawn becomes necessary, remember to do so in the morning because there is less wind, lower temperatures, less evaporation, more time for grass roots to absorb water, and time for grass blades dry

out by nightfall, discouraging fungal disease. Do not water during the hottest part of the day when most of the water will be lost to evaporation. If watering in the morning is not possible, wait until after 6:00 p.m. to do so. Please remember that over-watering and or light, frequent watering can damage the lawn and encourage weed growth, as well as waste water.

**Trees, Tree Work** — During the summer, there will be some tree work throughout the village, including some trimming and removal of a few diseased and dying ornamental trees.

The committee would like to remind residents that our trees are living things that 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 Plantings** — Residents interested in planting a small flower garden outside a patio, whether in the rear or side of the patio, must first request permission from the Buildings and

Grounds Committee. The committee reviews these requests and grants authorization as appropriate on a case by case basis. There are many things to consider when planting, such as the existence of sewer underground utility lines, the type of material planted, and its impact on the community. All additional plantings become the property of the condominium association and are subject to removal if the resident does not maintain the space.

**Community Pride** — The Meadows covers about 22 acres and we all need to help keep our homes as attractive as possible. If you see a bit of debris on the grounds, please pick it up and dispose of it. Let's work together to keep our community looking great!

If you are interested in joining the committee, feel free to attend an upcoming meeting. They begin at 7:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour.

**May 6**  
Linnea Barry  
3460-A2 S. Stafford Street

**June 3**  
Janet Filer  
3444 S. Stafford Street

Meetings will not be held in July and August, but will resume in September.

## E-mail Service Keeps Residents in the Loop

The Meadows has a new and improved free e-mail list service to keep you in the loop on events, issues, and other important information.

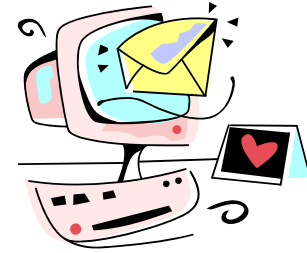
To sign up for Meadows eAlerts, please log onto our Web site at [www.fairlingtonmeadows.com](http://www.fairlingtonmeadows.com). Scroll about half way down the page and you will see a link in the center of the page. All you have to do is click, enter your name and e-mail address, and you're all signed up.

**By Lisa Farbstein, 2nd Vice President**

To finalize the sign up procedure, you will receive a confirmation e-mail that you will need to respond to.

If you want to unsubscribe, you just have to return to the link, enter your email address and click on "unsubscribe."

Your e-mail address is for the sole purpose of receiving eAlerts from the



Meadows. We will not share anyone's email address.

## Trash Less, Recycle More!

Arlington County announced last year that residents can recycle all plastics numbered 1 through 7, including formerly forbidden items such as yogurt cups, margarine and dairy tubs, and clamshell containers.

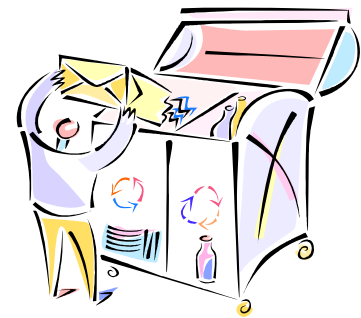
Since then, the County has begun accepting even more items that were once taboo:

- aluminum foil and trays
- milk and juice cartons
- paperback and hardcover books
- rigid plastics (e.g., buckets, flower pots, toys)
- empty aerosol cans
- plastic bags (put multiple bags into one bag)
- wire hangers (try your dry cleaner first to see if they take them back; most do).

**By Diane Thurber**

Check out Arlington County's Web site, where you will find lists of acceptable and non-acceptable items. The site is easily navigable and provides directions for the proper disposal of household hazardous materials, compact fluorescent lightbulbs, computers and electronics, batteries, and items containing mercury. It even has pictures and a video to ensure citizens have a clear understanding of recycling "dos and don'ts."

In addition to our own curbside recycling program, there are dozens of other venues where you can recycle, donate, or dispose of your unwanted items in an Earth-friendly



way. All it takes is a tiny bit of time to do the research. Try to be creative in your thinking — high school drama departments may be interested in your old sofa, lamps, or vintage clothing. And surely you've heard the old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure." If you don't believe it, check out Arlington Freecycle, at [groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle\\_arlington\\_va/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle_arlington_va/).

The Green Movement is catching on everywhere, so jump on the bandwagon!

# 2009 Pool Season Set to Kick Off

By Lindsey Collins, Pool Committee Chair

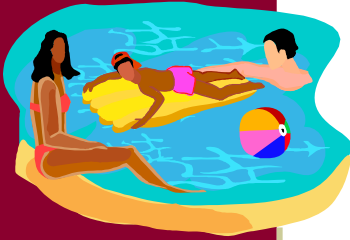
The Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee would like to welcome you all to spring!

Summer is rapidly approaching, which means the pool will be open soon. The Pool Committee will be distributing applications, passes, and rules packets to the Court Chairs at the beginning of May in advance of the pool's opening for the 2009 season on Saturday May 23.

You must apply for a pool pass to use the pool during the summer. Please read the pool rules and application before applying for passes. If you have any questions or concerns please feel to contact Lindsey Collins, Chair of the Pool Committee, at 703-845-5508 or [Lindsey.suzanne.collins@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsey.suzanne.collins@gmail.com).

Lastly, the Pool Committee is always looking for more volunteers and committee members. If you'd like to volunteer, but not be a formal member of the committee, that's just as productive as being on the committee. All help is welcome and wanted. If you'd like to help out, please contact Lindsey Collins via telephone or e-mail as referenced above.

The Pool Committee is looking forward to a fun and safe season!



## 2009 Pool Events

**Saturday, May 23 — Pool opens for 2009!**

**Saturday, June 6 — Pizza Party (5:00-7:00 p.m.)**

*\$2 contribution per person*

**Thursday, June 18 — Float Night (6:00-8:00 p.m.)**

*Bring your favorite topping to share!*

**Saturday, July 4 — Independence Day BBQ (1:00-4:00 p.m.)**

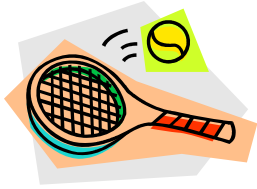
*\$3 contribution per person*

**Saturday, July 25 — Luau Party (6:00 p.m. - Pool Closing)**

*\$5 contribution per person*

**Saturday, September 5 — "Say So Long to Summer" Potluck (5:00-7:00 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 2, and will continue every weekend through Sunday, September 27. 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.



## Meadows Court Chairpersons

Court	Units	Your Court Chairperson Is...		
1	399-406	Shirley Nycum	3303 S. Stafford St., A-1	703-379-0455
2	407-426	Shirley Nycum	3303 S. Stafford St., A-1	703-379-0455
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	435-460	Nancy Donley	3349 S. Stafford St.	703-931-6155
	461-480	Ellen Parkhurst	3395 S. Stafford St., B-1	703-578-1862
4	481-507	Ed Hilz	3405B S. Stafford St.	703-379-6435
5	508-532	Liz Pagano	3447B S. Stafford St.	703-379-7055
6	533-557	Kent Duffy	3479 S. Stafford St., B-1	703-798-7184
7	558-569	Neel Brown	4209 S. 35th St.	703-522-4268
8	570-607	Diane Thurber	4241 S. 35th St.	703-998-8723
9	608-620	Mary Meek	4321 S. 35th St.	703-379-4374
10	621-642	Denise Alley	3473 S. Utah St.	703-379-4969
11	643-665	Regina Brotzen	3443 S. Utah St.	703-647-9432
12	666-671	Louise Gabel	3401 S. Utah St.	703-379-7222
13	672-691	Mary Ellen Finigan	4304 S. 34th St., A-2	703-845-9624
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*For copies of Board meeting minutes, see the Fairlington Meadows Web site, [www.FairlingtonMeadows.com](http://www.FairlingtonMeadows.com), view them on the community bulletin at the pool house, or contact Jason Eglin at CMC.*

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