

# meadows Messenger

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## News From the Board

by: John Thurber

It felt like a long time coming, but spring is finally here! Before we move ahead to this season, however, we'd like to say another "thank you" to the maintenance

crew for all their hard work getting us through winter. In addition to being here for us during their regular working hours, Craig came in one Sunday and put in a Herculean effort cleaning off the walkways solo – Ricky was unable to get here, and our "extras" from DMA were totally booked so they couldn't send anyone. Thanks also to those who helped the community and themselves by manning shovels and clearing porches and walk-

ways; removing slush before it refreezes is particularly helpful in those areas that don't get a lot of sun. Two young women in Court 8, Tracey McGovern and Jamie Eckert, deserve a shout-out for their efforts in clearing the parking space and walkway of a neighbor who needed assistance. They even tried to extend their good

deed by calling to ask if we knew of anyone else who might need help! Now that is the definition of "good neighbor."

Now, on to spring, and where better to start than with the pool! We held a pre-opening "work party" to clean all the furniture and get everything set up and ship-shape on May 16 - many thanks to all who came out. Community Pool Service has removed the covers, fired up the pumps, performed electrical and mechanical inspections, and set up the furniture. Court Chairs have distributed applications for Recreation Cards. When your card is issued, you also will receive a copy of the 2015 Pool Rules. Please take a few moments to read them, as the rules are updated every year based on the previous year's experiences. The Board President met with a representative of Community Pool Service at the pool on February 27 (that's right, one day after a snowfall) to evaluate each of the items on the list of supplies required or recommended for spring opening, and was able to save \$650.00 on the contract. One of

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### COURT CHAIR FOR COURT 14 STILL NEEDED!

*It is important that every court have a Court Chair. The three main duties are to greet new residents and provide them with a copy of the Welcome Packet, to distribute applications for and then issue Recreation Cards, and to collect proxies in advance of the Annual Meeting. Serving as Court Chair is a fun and easy way to serve the community; it doesn't take a lot of time, and it's a great way to meet your neighbors.*

If you would like to discuss this volunteer opportunity, please contact **Diane Thurber** at (703) 998-8723 or [j.thurber@verizon.net](mailto:j.thurber@verizon.net).

Thanks so much!

the more costly items on the list was a new “Flexflo” chlorinator, which is the device (about the size of a very small car battery) that blends the chemicals into the water being circulated through the pumping system. The current unit was leaking and the control knob was not working properly, so it needed to be replaced. In anticipation of the upcoming season, the maintenance crew has repaired areas of rotted wood in the pool house and repainted the pergola and fascia boards. They will also power-wash the exterior building walls of the pool house and shop, the entryway deck, and the storage bins.

The main pool will have somewhat of a new look this season, as we replaced the coping stones and waterline tiles at the end of last year. This will be our second season with the new ping pong table, and we ask residents to continue to treat it well so that it will provide many more years of service and fun. You will now find hanging on the fence near the table a golf ball retriever, which we acquired (thank you, Freecycle!) in order to retrieve ping pong balls that land in the pool. Using the paddles to reach the balls ruins the paddles, as water causes the layers of wood to separate, and the rubber surface to peel off. So, if your ball happens to find its way into the water, please use the “fisheroo” so we don’t have to keep buying new paddles. Also, parents, please ask your children not to bounce the ping pong balls on the deck – they may look like “superballs,” but they’re actually pretty fragile and easily crushed. One other request: please don’t play with the weirs; many are broken throughout the season, and they are essential to the proper functioning of the filtration system. You will see that we have purchased and installed a new bike rack at the pool. The unit is a traditional one-sided galvanized rack that can accommodate up to five bikes. It is heavy metal construction and a nice compact design. It was placed on the North side of the pool enclosure so patrons can keep an eye on their bikes while enjoying the pool. We have also purchased new umbrellas and bases. The umbrellas are high quality and open and close with a crank mechanism. The crank also tilts the umbrella, but we ask patrons to PLEASE not overcrank the umbrellas, as that is how ALL of them were broken

last season. We can’t afford to keep replacing ten to twelve umbrellas every year, so again, please be very careful with the umbrellas, and hopefully they will give us several years of nice shade.

Unfortunately, last year’s pool season got off to a rocky start, due to many violations of the Pool Rules. Please remember that by endorsing your Recreation Card, you certify that you have read the rules and agree to be bound by them. The pool is for the enjoyment of all residents, and when the scene is chaotic, it becomes dangerous, it is not enjoyable for patrons, and it is difficult for the lifeguards to do their job. The following were all issues that came up in the first few days of last summer’s pool opening. Let’s get off on a better foot this year, by remembering these simple rules:

1. The lifeguards are in complete control of the pool, and may make decisions based on their best judgment.
2. Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited from the pool enclosure.
3. Parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring their children while at the pool. This is not the responsibility of the lifeguards.
4. Super soakers are not allowed on the pool deck at any time, including during break, and if the lifeguards determine that there are too many being used in the pool, causing chaos, they may require that all be removed.
5. Flotation devices of any kind are not allowed in the deep end. This includes noodles, life jackets, kick boards, tubes, balls and water wings.
6. Drinks consumed at the edge of the pool must be in covered containers. Open cups are not permitted. Neither food nor drinks are allowed in the pool.
7. Residents must accompany their guests into the pool enclosure and remain with them for the entire time. Guests who are not accompanied by a resident will be asked to leave.
8. There is a ten-minute warning at 8:50 p.m. so guards can lock up and go home by 9:00. The guards sometimes work an 11-hour day and it’s not fair to keep them any longer.
9. Residents who do not abide by the rules may have pool privileges revoked by the Board of Directors. Our main goal is to ensure the safety of all patrons.

**POOL OPENING AND CLOSING POLICIES:** The pool will remain open as scheduled during periods of light rain; however, if it is determined by the lifeguards that visibility is hampered by the rain (i.e., if the main drains are not visible from the pool deck or if they cannot see into the deep end), it is within their discretion to require that patrons vacate the water. The pool enclosure will remain open for patrons who wish to wait out the rain, and once visibility is restored, the pool will reopen.

-In the case of only thunder, patrons may remain inside the enclosure (but not in the water); however, if there is lightning, the entire pool enclosure will be closed, and patrons must vacate completely. The pool will reopen one-half hour from the time thunder is last heard and one hour from the time of the last sighting of lightning. If it looks like the day is going to be a washout or if rain begins in the evening and looks like it might continue until closing, the decision may be made to close entirely. The goal is to keep the pool open as much as possible; however, if in doubt, call first. **The number for the pool phone is (703) 998-9332.**

-The pool will not be closed due to cold weather.

-If there is a release of fecal matter into the water, the pool will be closed for the length of time required to properly disinfect the water in accordance with CDC recommendations. This could take anywhere from two to eight hours, depending on which pool and the type of incident.

-Pool inspections are ongoing. At a minimum, we receive three inspections per month by the Regional Manager, three inspections per week by the Area Supervisor, and at least one inspection per month by upper management. Follow-up reports are provided to the Board after these inspections. The Board is in communication with CPS's upper management, who is very responsive to their calls. In addition to inspections by CPS, the County inspector also comes by unannounced.

**MAINTENANCE ITEMS:** Upgrades to the interiors of the buildings are nearing completion. Craig and Ricky repaired cracks and bubbles in the drywall and holes in the ceilings, and repainted throughout. All of the chair rail molding is now blue, to match the new carpets. They started with seven 5-gallon buckets of white paint and have one left, which they will use to touch up some of the basement walls. It has been a long time since the B-buildings have received this much attention, and they look so much brighter and nicer now. Additionally, the carpeting in all of the buildings was shampooed in April.

-Did you know that we have a total of 27 B-buildings? With four units each, that means that fully one-third of our residents

live in B-buildings!

-We budget for one whole roof replacement per year (plus additional for maintenance and repairs), and this year, "The Biggest Loser" roof-wise is at 3461-3463 S. Stafford Street. The project also includes dormer reconstruction and new gutters and downspouts. Board President, management, the maintenance crew, and the contractor all met to review and discuss the contract specific to this project, as well as general roof work issues. Since this is an asbestos roof, it will involve a hazmat team, in hazmat suits, from the firm Progress Environmental. At the meeting, a representative explained that the roofing tiles are considered "Category 2 non-friable." The tiles are removed by "wet method," in which each piece removed is sprayed with water in order to keep any dust down. The tiles are brought to the ground then moved directly into trucks and taken to a special landfill. All visibly open vents will be sealed, and monitors will be used; however, we were assured that the levels for this type of work "never get anywhere near dangerous." Progress Environmental is the firm that worked with us on the replacement of another of our asbestos roofs.

-The crew replaced the white picket fence around the newly-enlarged "bullpen" with a taller, redwood-stained fence similar to those throughout the village. This whole area has gone from looking dumpy to being an honest-to-goodness organized and useful outdoor work area. Good work, guys! (Saving the red slates from the roof replacement at 3422 S. Stafford already has proven to have been a good idea, as we were able to provide the roofing contractor with usable slates and snow guards for a recent roof repair, thus saving the Association money on the contract.) The crew also purchased a new trailer kit for their tractor, in order to move supplies around the grounds. Once they received the trailer, they constructed a framework for it out of engineered wood. The old trailer was no longer usable, so now they're back in business.

-The daily work schedules for the maintenance crew are determined by the Board and management. They are often monitoring contractors working on the property, or performing time-sensitive jobs, and cannot be called away from those tasks. So, rather than asking them for help when you see them out and about, please call in any work requests to Dwayne at (703) 631-7200 or leave a message on the shop phone at (703) 820-6799. The crew will be more than happy to help at an appropriately-scheduled time. Can you believe that Ricky will have been with us for a year already on June 2? Craig's start date was about seven months earlier, on October 28, 2013. The Board is very pleased to have such conscientious hard workers on our team, and so are the residents, as indicated by all the positive feedback that we receive.

-Courts 7, 8, 9 and 10 are included in this year's painting cycle. The contract has been signed, and work will begin after Labor Day.

Residents in the affected courts will receive advance notice to prepare for painting.

-Multiple roof and gutter repairs were necessitated by ice forming in the gutters and tearing them away from the buildings, and snow sliding off roofs and taking the gutters with it. We have been trying to identify all fallen gutters, but if you know of one that was missed, please contact management and we'll get it on the next "roofing" list.

-Power Systems Electric completed repairs to an underground fault for the lighting circuit in the common area near the pool the week of April 6.

-It was necessary to replace the water heater in the shop bathroom, as the bottom rusted out and leaked water all over the floor.

-We recently had to turn the water off in Court 7 for needed pipe repairs. Notices were sent to residents of other courts, as well, because we have come to know that when we turn off water in one court it can randomly affect units in other courts. Any necessary, scheduled work is completed as quickly as possible in order to minimize inconvenience to residents.

-As they age and as the ground shifts, the underground wires connecting the main electrical boxes to the units are beginning to fail. Evidence of this problem is when the electricity in a unit partially fails – the refrigerator may stay on, but the lights have gone out. **If you experience this issue, please contact either the maintenance crew (703-820-6799), CMC management (703-631-7200) or a member of the Board (contact information on website) right away.** In turn, they will contact the electric company with whom we have been contracting to make these repairs. They first will make an emergency repair to get the power back on, assess where the break is and how much line needs to be replaced, then return to complete the permanent repair. The old lines were direct-buried, but the new ones are run through conduits, which will protect them from future breaks. We expect this problem will continue to

occur, and therefore have begun budgeting for an anticipated two underground feeder replacements per year. Although the Association is responsible for this section of line, once the line reaches the unit, it becomes the responsibility of the homeowner.

- With regard to all contracts considered by the Board, if a contractor's management and/or supervisors tend to be non-responsive when we try to coordinate with them, we discount them and move on. Excellent contractor responsiveness is critical to the smooth execution of a project, because coordination amongst management, the maintenance crew and the contractor is required. Also, we may give a new contractor a try with a small job to see how they perform before awarding a larger contract.

**CABLE:** B&G member Victor Slabinski continues his quest to "right" all the "wrongs" vis-à-vis cable installations, and the Board sincerely appreciates all his efforts. He is frequently in touch with his contact at Comcast, who seems genuinely interested in cooperating, but it seems to be the third-party installers who are paying no heed to the agreement we reached with Comcast back in 2008. Part of the problem may be that they simply don't know the agreement exists, so it is incumbent upon the residents to make them aware of it. **The document is easily located on our website.** All we are asking is that residents take a moment to run off a copy, hand it to the installer, and tell him/her that the installation must comply; otherwise, they will be called back to make it right. We believe that a large percentage of the problem could be solved very easily with this one simple act. One theory is that residents allow for improper installations because they do not want to deal with the cable once it enters the unit, and just want it to go directly to the room housing the television or computer. That may seem "valid" to some, but it actually is no excuse for violating the guidelines. If a resident wishes to have a cable installation, then it is his/her responsibility to deal with it once it enters the unit, and that may mean hiring someone to run the cable through the walls or behind baseboards, both of which are entirely do-able. Here are some remedies that your own neighbors have employed: (1) Cover the cable along the baseboard with quarter-round wood strips. (2) Stuff cable into the gap between the hardwood floor and the wall baseboards when the edge of the carpet is taken up. (3) Drill a hole in the plaster wall, then fish the wire up, make it into an outlet, and put a cover on it. (Requires specialized knowledge.) (4) Run the cable up the airshaft into the attic and then down into the desired room. (5) Hire an independent cable installer to hide the wires (poster reported contractor performed "high-quality work"). (6) Bring wires in through the

basement where the electrical box is located, run them along the ceiling of the basement, then thread through the wall into the (appropriate) room. Wires are then visible in only a couple of unobtrusive places. (7) Have (a local electronics company) run cable through the wall from the basement up to the living room on the main level. Reasonable price and accomplished in less than an hour. (8) In the case of Braddock units, if the cable is run vertically up the outside back wall along the drainpipe to the roofline, and then inserted through the attic, it may not even be necessary to drill through the wall at all. The cable can then be routed through the attic to a point over the room where it is needed, and inserted through the ceiling at the desired location. So, as you can see, there are many options to neatly route cable through your unit. As things are going now, our beautiful old buildings are being irreparably damaged by cable installers and some residents don't seem to care (kudos to the new resident in Court 3 who called us, trying to get his done right). We hope others don't share the unhelpful and disheartening sentiment of one resident who declared that "if the Board wants the cable installed properly, then they can get after Comcast." If holes continue to be drilled randomly into the buildings (which very often causes broken bricks on the façade), with no "accountability," the village will begin to look pretty shabby pretty quickly. Rules such as the cable guidelines are put into place to protect the property which, in turn, guards against future costs (read: increased condo fees) associated with building repairs. Remember that it's your investment and your home, too. Please work with us to preserve and protect our community and keep it looking beautiful by taking just a little time and spending just a little money to get things done right. Thank you so much! (BTW, all of this holds true for telephone wires and Direct TV, as well. Guidelines for the installation of satellite dishes also can be found on the website.) Thanks again to Victor – as hard as he's been working, he probably wouldn't mind terribly if we put him out of business!

**NEIGHBORLY COURTESIES:** Now that spring is here, residents will be out and about and opening their doors and windows. Let's be courteous to one another and remember the following:

-Bicycles, skateboards, and such should not be left on sidewalks, where residents could trip over them. When riding bikes, however, please keep them on the sidewalk or in the parking lots so they don't tear up the grass, and be alert for pedestrians and moving vehicles.

-Personal items also may not be stored in the hallways of B-buildings.

-Do not leave a barking dog on your patio or allow it to bark through an open window at whatever is passing by. Many residents will now be enjoying their patios (or working at

home, or reading, or relaxing with the windows open) and will appreciate the quiet.

-When cleaning patio beds, please do not toss yard debris over the fence into the common area. The maintenance crew is plenty busy without cleaning up after residents. Bag all such debris and place it out with your regular trash at the appropriate time (and just because the bags contain only yard waste, doesn't mean they can be put out at any time). Tie branches in manageable bundles; piles of loose branches will not be collected by Capitol. Please also remind any contractor you may hire that transferring debris from the job out into the common area is a violation of our contractor guidelines.

**OTHER REMINDERS:** Please do not park in others' reserved parking spaces, and do not allow your guests or contractors to do so. Some residents believe it's OK during the day, but it's actually not – many of your neighbors are in and out during the day, and no one likes to return home to find someone in their space. Some residents have reported that this is a recurring problem for them, due to the location of their particular space within the lot. Please remember that your guest could go out and find his/her vehicle gone, as residents have the right to call for a tow if a vehicle is in their reserved space. A good policy is to check with your guests or contractors when they arrive to be sure they are not in violation.

-Please don't allow children to climb the trees and never, ever, use trees as signposts. We spend a lot of money caring for our trees, and they are one of Fairlington's most precious natural resources.

-We do not allow vehicles of any kind to be driven over the sidewalks or on grassy areas, and the reason for that could not have been made clearer when, back in late January, someone drove over the ground behind Court 11 after it had snowed, and the ground was wet and spongy. The person who did this left deep, muddy tire tracks, extending the entire length of that common area. It was suggested that we install posts and a chain to limit access, but we have to leave that "route" open for emergency vehicles to reach the pool. Occasionally, the Board has to grant permission for a contractor to drive onto the grounds, but those instances are few and far between, and are allowed only if the contractor can prove that it is absolutely necessary, such as for the removal of a large tree, for the cherry picker used by the painters, or when the coping stones around the entire perimeter of the pool needed to be hauled away, and even then we require the use of plywood sheets beneath the wheels. Residents should never drive on the lawns, and should not allow their personal contractors to do so. If it can be shown that a resident is responsible for such damage, he/she will be assessed all costs for repair and restoration. (*cont'd pg 7*)

# Buildings and Grounds Update

by: Chuck Edwards and Judi Garth

## SPRING AT LAST!

Our lawns contractor, Somerset, has cleaned the beds, grounds, and parking lots and completed putting down mulch. Red begonias will soon be sprucing up the Stafford Street Circle. The committee is planning a small planting this spring and residents in these areas will be notified and given watering instructions. Residents should turn on the water to the outside front faucets for others to use. Because of the long and unusually cold winter, many shrubs look pretty sad. We have been advised to give all the plantings an extra month to recover and show new growth. After this period, we will assess which plantings need to be removed and replaced.

## SOMERSET'S CONTRACT

During the growing season, Somerset is contracted to mulch the trees and shrubbery, apply controls for crabgrass and other weeds and fertilize the lawns in the spring and fall. Other services include pruning the shrubbery three times and the ornamental trees once. In late summer there is an application to control insects and disease. In the early fall the lawns will be aerated and seeded. In late fall Somerset will remove leaves three times. As in the past, the B&G committee will decide when the contractor will mow based on the weather. In addition, the sidewalks will be edged with every other mowing.

## PATIO CLEAN-UP

Now that spring has finally arrived, residents will be cleaning up their patios for summer entertaining and grilling. REMINDER: The maintenance of the patio is the resident's responsibility. This means any dead trees and or shrubs must be removed by the owner. Branches hanging over gutters or roofs should be pruned as well as branches damaging fences. Containers with standing water attract mosquitos and must be removed. All patio debris needs to be bagged and put out with the regular trash pickup or put out on the first Saturday of each month which is the designated large trash pickup day. It is not the responsibility of the Meadows Maintenance team - Craig Robbins and Ricky Henderson - to pick up trash behind the patios.

## PLEASE NOTE THE MEADOWS' RULES OF CONDUCT

Section 7, PATIOS, part (a) which states:

"The interior of the patios must be kept free of high weeds, trash, and any odorous or unsightly objects that would constitute a hazard or nuisance. If this occurs, and after due notice to the unit's residents and owner no action is taken, the Board may cause the offensive objects to be removed and disposed

of, at the sole expense of the unit owner." We are specially concerned with trees and shrubbery that hit the patio fence, the building and/or roof, causing damage. All of us should understand that the appearance of our patios affects our neighbors and that vegetation that damages any structure results in an expense for all of us.

## WATERING TIPS FOR SHRUBS AND SMALL TREES

**During extremely hot summer weather with little rain, shrubs and small trees that show signs of stress (wilted or brown leaves) need to be watered at least once a week. The best method is to water in early morning or evening for 30-40 minutes with a slow trickle from a hose. If a hose is not available, use a gallon milk container or bucket to gently pour several gallons of water at the trunk area of the tree or shrub. Light frequent watering only encourages weed growth. It doesn't help the tree or shrub and is a waste of water.**

## NO NO NO GRASS WATERING!

Watering the grass is a waste of water and water is the single largest expense in the condominium budget. In dry weather grass becomes dormant, but it will revive when it rains. It is much more important to water the shrubs and small trees during dry weather.

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

By summer residents will notice five new wooden benches scattered among the courts. Selected courts are those with more buildings whose residents don't have patios where they may sit and enjoy the beautiful spring weather. Also, a new bike rack will be placed near the pool entrance for those who like to bike to the pool. (cont'd pg 7)

## *Building and Grounds Meetings*

We welcome new members and interested residents at our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. It's a fun and satisfying way to get involved in your community and gardening expertise is not required! Check the Meadows website for the next meeting location or contact Chuck Edwards at [c-d@comcast.net](mailto:c-d@comcast.net) or Judi Garth at [judigarth@comcast.net](mailto:judigarth@comcast.net).

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-Your front outside spigot should be turned on now. It is imperative that B&G (and any helpful neighbors) have access to a convenient water supply for new plantings.

-Hopefully, the return of spring will not mean an uptick in crime, but just to be sure your property is protected, always lock your home and car doors, don't leave valuables in plain sight, and don't leave personal property unattended in common areas (unfortunately, an expensive stroller was stolen from a porch a few months ago). While we tend to think of Fairlington as "safe," we are not immune to crime, especially being so close to the escape route that 395 provides. **Program the police non-emergency number into your phone now – (703) 558-2222 – and, of course, 911 in an emergency.** By looking out for each other, we will know we are doing all we can to ensure the overall safety and well-being of the entire community.

-The Board received a report recently of someone having an enormous bonfire inside a patio (and then spent charcoal was discovered in the common area flower beds nearby). With regard to "Outdoor Warming Fires," Section 307.4.3 of the Arlington County Fire Code states that "Outdoor warming fire containers such as chimineas, outdoor fire places, barbecue grills, fire pits, fire bowls or fire houses, and other similar portable devices designed for outdoor use fueled by seasoned dry firewood or similar clean burning materials, combustible or flammable gases, liquids, or solids shall not be operated or stored on the rooftop patio, balcony, or deck of any structure or within fifteen (15) feet of combustible construction or a residential occupancy." Similar language can be found at Section 308.3.1 with regard to "Open Flame Cooking Devices." We urge residents to please exercise extreme caution when using warming or cooking devices outside, and to keep flames away from the buildings, fences, and other combustible materials in their patios.

-It has been reported that two residents are allowing their dogs to run off-leash in the common area behind and between Courts 5 and 6, at least one of whom is a Meadows resident (there also is reportedly a lot of "action" in the common area behind and between Courts 1 and 3, and e-mails to the Board about this are sometimes accompanied by corroborating photos). The animals are often completely unsupervised, and feces deposited by them is not cleaned up, and is being stepped in by others, including children playing in the area. This is completely unacceptable on many levels, and in violation of our By-laws and County ordinance. Dogs are to be leashed at all times when in the common areas, and feces must be collected and disposed of properly. Off-leash dogs can be a threat to both humans and other pets, as was the case when an on-leash dog

was killed by an off-leash dog in Fairlington back in January. The incident did not end well for anyone, as it was reported that the off-leash dog was euthanized, and the State pressed charges against the owner. Please, folks, this is a very serious issue, and should not be taken lightly. Claiming that your pet is "under voice command" is not sufficient. There are three off-leash dog parks in the immediate area, one right over at Utah Field in Fairlington (the other two are on Four Mile Run and Walter Reed). Please avail yourself of those rather than violating the rules, putting your neighbors and other pets at risk, and sullying the common areas. Thank you for your cooperation, and extra thanks to those thoughtful residents who follow the rules pertaining to pet ownership.

The Board appreciates the many excellent residents we have who "play by the rules" and make living in the Meadows a pleasure for everyone.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Spring!

Respectfully submitted,

John Thurber, Board President

Fun Fact: The main pool holds 108,000 gallons of water!

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## PERSONAL PROPERTY IN FRONT BEDS

**Decorative lights are appearing in many front flower beds.** Personal items such as these lights, statues, fountains, bird baths, etc. belong inside patios where they can be enjoyed by their owners and not in front flower beds. Please store strollers, bicycles and toys in the patio when not in use. Decorative items and plantings not approved by the B&G Committee become the property of the condominium. Summer annuals and bulbs may be planted in the front beds. Annuals may also be planted in pots for the front porch, but please store empty pots inside the patio and not behind the patio fence. Check the Meadows' Rules of Conduct, article VII, Section 9 on the Meadows' website for more information.

## Interest in a Yard Sale?

The Meadows B&G Committee is currently trying to assess interest in a community-sponsored yard sale sometime this coming Fall of 2015. If you would be interested in volunteering to help make this happen, please contact Christen Snow via email (ko-cherpuffs@gmail.com) to express your interest.

# TENNIS NEWS

by: Ed Girovasi and John Stack

**Reserved weekend** play started on Saturday May 2, 2015. A sign-up sheet will be posted by 7:30 am each Saturday and Sunday through September 27, 2014. 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 ten minutes after the hour, he/she will forfeit the court to those present.

**On weekdays**, 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 Recreation Pass (a/k/a pool pass) in the corresponding holder. **If you fail to indicate your starting time OR fail to display your Recreation Pass 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 Recreation Passes on display.

**REMINDER:** The periodic resurfacing of our tennis courts is a considerable investment by the community. Please help us maintain the integrity of the new surface by using the courts for **ONE activity – TENNIS. ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED.** Players must wear TENNIS shoes or athletic shoes with NON-MARKING SOLES. Improper use may result in forfeiture of recreation privileges (including pool usage). Please respect these rules so that we obtain the maximum return on our investment—years of enjoyment with minimal wear and tear.

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FAIRLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER

## RECYCLING REMINDER

Please remember that the recycle bins are **ONLY** for plastic, glass, and metal. Newspapers and paper products should **NOT** be placed in the recycle bins.

## Community Directory

For the most up-to-date information:  
[www.fairlington.org/meadowsindex.htm](http://www.fairlington.org/meadowsindex.htm)

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### Onsite Maintenance

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