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# Messenger

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## Preparing for Pool Season

The Fairlington Meadows swimming pool opens Memorial Day Weekend, so mark your calendar for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 26th for the first splash.

This year a new pool management company, Atlantic Pool Service, will keep the pool in operating order and provide lifeguards. Atlantic has managed the Fairlington Glen pool successfully for many years.

Pool Committee and Board members were scheduled to meet with the lifeguards prior to the start of the season to orient them to our community pool rules and customs, such as social events and ice pops for kids.

Based on feedback from the community and experiences from last summer, there are a few changes to pool hours. The pool will remain open until 9:30 p.m. on Fridays starting June 22, and it will close at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. This shift allows us to accommodate later hours for the Friday evening poolside social events after the public school year ends in June.

While county schools are in session (through June 20), the pool will open at 3 p.m. weekdays, but once the county schools close for the year, starting June 21, the pool will open at 11 a.m. weekdays.

The Pool Committee's social team has planned 11 different events this summer, including several Friday evening socials, where community members are invited to bring food and beverages to share. You can also expect to see the popular ice cream social and pizza night. The Pool Committee is also looking forward to the return of Ed Girovasi and Mark Ashby from the group DEMZ on Saturday evening June 16. Many of you may have heard

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## Tips for Your Trash

When preparing to place trash outside for pick-up, there are a few things residents can do to make trash pick-up more efficient. It's very helpful if residents tie the trash bags closed, whether using a recycled grocery bag for trash or using a store-bought bag, so please just tie the bags shut.

If you notice that the squirrels, crows and other wildlife have torn into the bags and there is trash on the sidewalks or lawn after daily pick-up has taken place, please do your part to pick up the loose trash and throw it away. Oftentimes you can actually recognize some of that loose trash as having come from your unit. Please do the neighborly thing and pick it up.

If you're doing some gardening work, you can bag that trash and also place it in front of your unit Monday through Saturday mornings for pick-up. However, do not place it outside of your rear fence. Do not place leaves, branches or other patio debris outside of your rear fence. That's just littering. Instead, bag it up and place it out with the other trash for regular pick-up.

With so many people getting regular deliveries from on-line purchases, remember that you can recycle those boxes. You can place your empty delivery boxes curbside starting Tuesday mornings for Wednesday morning recycling pick-up.



## 2018 Swimming Pool Hours

### Opening Day

10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, May 26

### May 26 through June 20

3 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays

10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays

### June 21 through September 3

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays

11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays \*

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays

10 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Sundays

### Holidays

Memorial Day: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

July 4th: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Labor Day: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Last Day

10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, September 3 \*\*

*\* When the Arlington county school year ends, the pool will remain open on Fridays until 9:30 p.m. The pool will close at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays all season.*

*\*\* The pool may remain open after Labor Day. If so, it will be posted on the pool bulletin board.*

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them at the pool last year (or at other local venues). And on Sunday August 26, the Pool Committee will host the kids games and luau event, as the final social of the season.

The Pool Committee's social team is always looking for volunteers to help organize and oversee the social events. In addition, the social team is looking for a band or DJ to provide music at the pool opening party on June 2. It's a great way to get involved at the pool and meet new people!

Take a look at the events calendar and if you are interested in helping at one or more of the events, please email: [meadowspool@gmail.com](mailto:meadowspool@gmail.com). The Pool Committee meets monthly and new committee members are always welcome, whether to help with socials or other aspects of the pool. Committee meeting information is posted two weeks in advance at: <http://www.fairlington.org/meadowindex.htm>.

Court Chairpersons will be distributing application forms to complete to receive recreation passes, which are necessary for pool entry. Including with the forms are the Pool Rules, which residents should become familiar with prior to the start of the swim season. Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children are familiar with the rules.

One new rule of note is that for safety reasons, pool patrons will not be permitted to use cell phones, tablets, e-readers or other personal electronic devices while in the water.

Children under the age of 12 who want to be able to swim in the deep end of the pool must pass a swim test. Please note that the lifeguards will administer swim tests beginning on opening day.

It remains uncertain as to whether the pool will remain open past Labor Day again this summer, because that decision is dependent on the availability of lifeguards from the pool management company and available funding. Many of the lifeguards are students who are in the United States during the summer and may not be available to work past Labor Day.

Residents with questions or suggestions about the pool and pool events, should please contact the committee at [meadowspool@gmail.com](mailto:meadowspool@gmail.com). Pool Committee Co-Chairs Erica Brown and Tracey McGovern along with the entire Pool Committee wish everyone a safe and sunny pool season.

## Swimming Pool Social Events for 2018

(Watch the pool bulletin board for updates)

### June

- Saturday, June 2nd: Opening party with music TBD from 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- Friday, June 8th: Wine and cheese themed social from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>: Live music with Ed Girovasi and Mark Ashby from DEMZ from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please bring your own beverage and snacks to share.
- Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup>: Ice cream social from 6 to 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 22nd: International and game night or trivia social event from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

### July

- Friday, July 13th: Social event from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday, July 19th: Pizza Night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Cost is \$5 per person; \$3 for children ages 4 to 10; no charge for children under age 3; maximum cost for a family is \$20.)
- Friday, July 27th: Mexican themed social event from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

### August

- Friday, August 10th: Social event TBD
- Friday, August 17th: Family-friendly movie from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 26th: Luau and games from 3 to 6 p.m. with kid's games from 3 to 4 p.m. and the luau from 4 to 6 p.m.

## How to Get More Involved in Your Neighborhood

There are several ways that you can get more involved in the happenings of Fairlington Meadows through volunteering to serve on the Pool Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee or Recreation Committee. All you need to do is reach out to the Committee chairs, attend a meeting and decide on the level of involvement that you're comfortable doing. The committee agendas and meeting times/dates are posted on the Fairlington Meadows web site.

Meadows residents also can run for a seat on the Board of Directors. There will be one vacancy when the term of a current Board member is up in October. If you are interested in running for a Board vacancy, please reach out to our property manager, Sabiha Noorzai-Barbour at [Sabiha.Noorzai-Barbour@cmc-management.com](mailto:Sabiha.Noorzai-Barbour@cmc-management.com).

## Newly Planted Trees of Fairlington Meadows Need Your Help

The Buildings and Grounds Committee planted 10 new trees in Fairlington Meadows this past year and they need some TLC to grow and serve our community for decades to come. In addition, the Committee members applied for and were excited to learn that the Meadows will be awarded a young Black Gum tree courtesy of Arlington County's Tree Canopy Project.

To help ensure that all of the newly planted trees take root and remain healthy, they need to be watered regularly for the first two or three years of their young lives, and the help of nearby neighbors is critical to their survival.

Neighbors who are willing to "adopt" one of the new trees would just need to water them with a hose or bucket a few times per week. If you care about the tree canopy in the Meadows, please consider adopting one (or more) of the new trees by contacting the Buildings and Grounds Committee chairs (Chuck Edwards at [c-d@comcast.net](mailto:c-d@comcast.net) or Judi Garth at [judigarth@comcast.net](mailto:judigarth@comcast.net)). It's also a wonderful activity for parents to engage with their children to teach them about the environment.

Here is a list of the new trees that need watering.

- Court 3: A White Oak was planted to replace a diseased tree that was removed.
- Court 3: An Eastern Redbud replaced an overgrown Holly.
- Court 10: An Eastern Redbud replaced a damaged Redbud.
- Court 11: Two new Cherry Trees were planted and another replaced a Cherry Tree that had died.
- Court 14: An October Glory Maple was planted.
- Between Courts 14 and 15: A Kwanza Cherry tree was planted.
- Behind Court 14 near the pool fence: A Willow Oak replaced a diseased Oak and a Ginkgo tree also was planted.
- Near the basketball court: the Black Gum tree awarded to the Meadows from Arlington County.

Here are some helpful watering tips for trees and shrubs.

- During extremely hot summer weather with little rain, shrubs and small trees need to be watered at least two or three times a week. A new tree should be getting 20 to 25 gallons of water per week. Check the soil four to six inches from the trunk. If it's nice and wet, then no need to water. If it feels dry, then give the soil a good soak.
- The best method is to water in early morning or evening for 30 to 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 base of the trunk area of the tree or shrub.
- Light frequent watering only encourages weed growth. It doesn't help the tree or shrub and thus is a waste of water.

## Meadows Awarded New Tree Through Arlington County

Fairlington Meadows was awarded a new young Black Gum tree courtesy of Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund Project as a result of a grant application submitted to the County by the Meadows Buildings and Grounds Committee. The new tree has been planted near the basketball court and is pictured here with the "gator bag" at its base, which will assist with watering.

The purpose of the Tree Canopy Fund Project is to increase Arlington County's tree cover by planting more trees on private property at no cost to the property owner.

The Board of Directors and the Buildings and Grounds Committee recognizes the importance of maintaining large "champion trees" in the Meadows and this Black Gum tree is expected to have a large canopy once it reaches maturity. In applying for the tree, the Committee expressed an interest in receiving a "champion tree" for our community to increase our tree canopy as well as the beauty of our grounds.

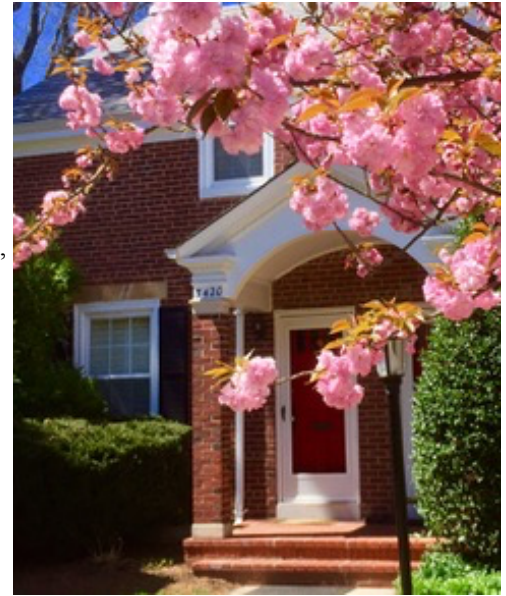
This species of tree is known for its spring foliage and brilliant fall color and has a thick bark.



## How to Go About Planting in a Flower Bed Adjacent to Your Unit

Oftentimes residents want to beautify the community by planting flowers in flower and shrubbery beds around the buildings. Residents may plant bulbs and flowers in existing mulch beds adjacent to one's own unit without special permission, providing they are harmonious with existing shrubs and are maintained in a neat and orderly state. However, enlarging a mulch or flower bed in the common area is not allowed.

Unit owners who want to establish a new flower bed in the rear of their unit adjacent to their fence, just have to receive written approval from the Board of Directors to do so in advance of starting such a project. The new bed must be maintained by the resident of that unit. If not maintained, the Board reserves the right to return that area to grass.



### Watering the lawns is not necessary

Did you know that watering the lawns is not necessary? That's right! During the dry heat of summer, the grass will become dormant and revive itself after a rainfall. But our trees and shrubs don't have the ability to revive themselves. That's why it is so important for our trees and shrubs to be watered regularly—especially the newly planted ones.

## County Plans to Mill and Pave South 35th Street This Year

Arlington County's 2018 Street Repair Program calls for several streets in Fairlington to be repaved including S. 35th Street in Fairlington Meadows. The County will begin this year's paving season around mid-March and end in mid-October, weather permitting.

The County plans to notify residents when their street will be rebuilt by mailing residents a letter about four to six weeks in advance of the operation. Then the County will be posting "door hanger" notices on all units. Next, "No Parking" signs will be posted on the street to indicate the start date and the time the street will need to be cleared of all vehicles. The street will be milled and the temporary signs will be removed. If your vehicle is parked on the street and impacts the operation, the county may tow your vehicle. A few weeks later, "No Parking" signs will again be posted to complete the overlay of the street with several inches of asphalt.

The County believes that the entire process could take up to three weeks. All questions about the work should be directed to the County at 703-228-7822.

The link to the County's map for 2018 paving projects is at this link: [https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/02/Final\\_Paving2018.pdf](https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/02/Final_Paving2018.pdf)

# Community Directory

For the most up-to-date information:  
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### Board of Directors

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Address Board Correspondence to Fairlington Meadows  
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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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