

# Meadows Messenger

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*Dear Neighbors,*

*As we approach the holidays and year-end, it's appropriate that we "wrap-up" Meadows happenings with this last Messenger issue of 2000—full of community news and a hearty thank-you to all that work tirelessly to make this a great community to live in. You can read about: October's Annual Meeting and election results (nicely ho-hum compared to the national scene-no recount required), project starts and completions throughout the community, the newly formed Fairlington Historical Society, the state of volunteerism in the Meadows, and get a head start on holiday menu planning.*

*On behalf of your 2000-2001 Board (Dave Laufer, Clay Lovett, John Stack, Tim Tereska, and me), we wish you wonderful holidays and a great new year!*

*Enjoy!*

*Ronald A. Quinn, President*

## **PRODUCTIVE YEAR CAPPED BY ANNUAL MEETING**

Although the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Fairlington Meadows Council of Co-Owners held on October 17<sup>th</sup> did not achieve quorum until 7:35 p.m., it was well attended and productive. While various volunteers knocked on doors to get the needed proxy votes from owners to conduct the meeting's business, residents chatted with neighbors and munched on chicken wings, roll-up sandwiches, veggies, and cookies. Once the required proxies were obtained (51.27% was the final count), the meeting kicked off with a report by Chuck Edwards, Buildings and Grounds Chairperson.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Chuck introduced the committee members and commented on some of the 30 projects tackled this year including, but not limited to, a new brick pathway connecting Courts 2 and 3, spring and fall plantings, spring yard sale, and committee considerations on a pool pergola, new shutters, better lighting, etc. Chuck also discussed STM's work as our landscape contractor as well as Jerry Dieruf's role as arborist for the Meadows. It was noted that in the parking lots newly reconstructed this year, that grass would be planted by STM as soon as possible (note: some may have to wait until spring due to the current cold weather).

It was also noted that other villages are beginning to or planning on emulating us. For example, there's a matching rock wall across the street from ours at Utah and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets and other villages are interested in following our example on parking lot reconstruction, concrete paver crosswalks, brick pathways, etc.

If you are interested in attending meetings or joining the committee, please contact Chuck Edwards at 703-379-7256.

**Board of Directors:** The 1999-2000 President, Ron Quinn, introduced last year's Board members: Tim Tereska, Clay Lovett, and Ed Girovasi. Bob Cocchiario was not present.

**1999 Minutes:** The reading of last year's Annual Meeting minutes was waived and the minutes approved by those present.

**Budget Discussion:** Clay Lovett gave a synopsis of this year's budget planning and summarized the Board's philosophy in two principles: (1) keep assessments level (not increase or decrease) and in real terms and in line with inflation; (2) avoid special assessments.

Clay noted that the Meadows is 2/3's of the way through reconstruction of our 15 parking lots---the most significant project yet undertaken by our association and a reflection of the decision early on to conserve money to replace rather than "maintain" poor lots. The 2000-2001 budget reflects planned expenses. It may be that the last four parking lots to be reconstructed will be spread over two years rather than one, if so determined.

The new budget was approved unanimously.

**Recreation Committee:** Ed Girovasi, Board and Committee member, continued Committee Reports with his review of the three recreational amenities( other than the pool)---the tennis court, playground, and basketball court. The tennis court is in excellent shape other than a few needed annual maintenance items. The basketball court is in good shape given the Committee's desire to keep it serviceable but not necessarily attractive to non-resident use. The playground needs a new topping, probably slated for spring. Ed also reminded residents that the tennis court is for tennis only. Other uses may damage it's recently color coated surface.

If anyone's interested in joining the Recreation Committee, volunteers are welcomed. Give Ed a call at 703-931-3735.

**Pool Committee:** John Thurber, co-chairperson with David Langbart, reported on pool activities and gave a special "thank you" to David Lassiter for a great job as Pool Manager and to the "professional, well mannered staff", to Cliff Beasley for his special, tasty events, and to Rose Stack for her articles on pool happenings. John also thanked court chairpersons for distribution of pool information and passes.

The Pool Committee planned and hosted 12 events this year. All were well-attended especially Movie Night, Chicken BBQ Night, the Annual Wine and Cheese Party, and the season ending picnic.

Recommendations for 2001: Continue working with Dave Lassiter (new Meadows resident) as Pool Manager and continue efforts towards a Pool Pergola and upgraded lighting.

If anyone's interested in joining the Pool Committee, volunteers are welcomed. Give John a call at 703-998-8723.

**Messenger:** Editor Carrie Quinn thanked Janet Filer, Rose Stack, Chuck Edwards, and Diane Thurber for their consistent contributions of articles throughout the year. Carrie also thanked Judi Garth for volunteering to contribute feature items this coming year. If anyone has ideas for articles or Letters to the Editor, please do not hesitate to contact Carrie (931-2953 or Q.DESIGN@att.net). A greater effort will also be made to get the "Messsenger" on the Fairlington website (Court 3 resident, Pam Hudson, volunteered to help!).

**Board Elections:** Ron Quinn introduced the election procedure by noting that three seats, Ed Girovasi's, Bob Cocchiario's, and Clay Lovett's, were open for new three-year terms. It was noted that candidates were asked to abide by two "rules": show up at the meetings and have no personal "agenda". The three nominated candidates for the 2000-2001 Board, Clay Lovett, John Stack, and David Laufer, were unanimously elected to serve. Clay is long time Board member and Meadows resident. John is a long time resident and Recreation Committee member. Dave has lived in the Meadows for three years and in Fairlington since 1984 and currently serves on the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**Meeting Wrap-Up:** The last portion of the meeting was devoted to questions by residents and answers by the Board regarding parking lots, painting, etc. followed by more munchies and goodbyes.

**Board Organizational Meeting/Officer Elections:** After the Annual Meeting adjournment, the five Board members met and elected officers for 2000-2001 as follows: **President:** Ron Quinn; **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Tim Tereska; **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** John Stack; **Secretary:** Dave Laufer; **Treasurer:** Clay Lovett.

## **SOME SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

*With the holiday season fast approaching, there are some simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure your personal safety as well as greatly reduce the chances of your holiday becoming a casualty instead of a celebration.*

### **Holiday Lights**

*Before putting up your holiday lights each year, inspect them carefully for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, cracked or broken sockets, and excessive wear or kinking. Do not link together more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate that it is safe to do so. Connect the strings of lights to an extension cord BEFORE plugging the cord into the outlet. After installing your lights, periodically check the wires -- they should not be warm to the touch.*

*When placing lights outdoors, make sure your light strands are rated for outdoor use and only use extension cords which are clearly labeled for outdoor weather resistance.*

*Most importantly, do not leave holiday lights on unattended.*

### **Holiday Decorations and Candles**

*All of your decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. This also includes metallic or artificial trees.*

*If you do use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they can't be easily knocked down or knocked over. Never leave the house with candles burning, even if they are placed down inside glass or ceramic votive holders. The heat from a low-burning votive candle can shatter the glass holder.*

### **Holiday Trees**

*Keeping a live tree in the house requires several special fire safety precautions. A burning live tree can quickly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. Never go near a holiday tree with an open flame -- candles, lighters, or matches and NEVER put lit candles on your tree.*

*Needles on a fresh tree should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. The needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should still be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk firmly on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, is probably dried out, and is clearly a fire hazard.*

*Again, trees should not be placed close to a heat vent or other heat source (such as a space heater). It is recommended that live trees should not be up longer than 2-3 weeks and the tree stand should be filled with water at all times.*

*Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly, and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries.*

## **THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFTS ARE FREE!**

*Did you know that the Fire Departments of Arlington County offer free home safety checks and free smoke detectors to Arlington residents? There is no better gift you can give to yourself or your family this holiday season than the security of knowing you are well protected from fire.*

*If you would like a free Home Safety Check, or if you do not have a working smoke detector in your home, call the numbers listed below.*

### **HOME SAFETY CHECK**

*Phone: (703) 228-4644*

### **OPERATION FIRESAFE** (Smoke Detectors)

*Phone: (703) 228-4646*

*Provide the following information: name, address, home and work telephone numbers.*

*A representative of the Arlington county Fire Department will contact you to schedule an appointment to conduct a free home safety check or to install a smoke detector in your home at no charge to you.*

## **MEADOWS DIRECTORY**

### **Messenger Volunteer "Staff":**

- ◆ Carrie Quinn, Editor
- ◆ Rose Stack, Distribution Manager
- ◆ Pam Hudson, Webmaster

### **Article Contributors:**

- ◆ Chuck Edwards
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- ◆ Janet Filer
- ◆ Kym Hill
- ◆ Rose Stack

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Items submitted are printed at the Editor's discretion.  
Letters must be signed.

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President:	Ronald Quinn
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Tim Tereska
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Treasurer:	Clay Lovett
Secretary:	Dave Laufer

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c/o Community Management Corp.  
(see below)

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Community Management Corp.  
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### **Towing Requests:**

Call A-1 Towing of Northern Virginia  
979-2110

### **Request for Board Meeting Minutes:**

Contact Jim Cowell (see above) or see Community  
Bulletin Board at Pool House

## **QUAKER LANE: PARKING LOT, CAMPGROUND, OR RESIDENTIAL STREET?**

You may have noticed an increased number of utility and boat trailers, campers, cars for sale, wrecked cars, commercial trucks, etc. parked along the Arlington side of Quaker Lane. (A side note: There has also been an increase in trash along this area—whether as a result of this or for some other reason.) At the next Fairlington Citizens Association meeting on December 12 at 7:30 pm in Room 6 at the Fairlington Community Center, proposed parking restrictions for Quaker Lane will be discussed and concerned residents are welcome!

Fairlington residents have expressed concerns to County Board Member Paul Ferguson and to Arlington Police regarding the unattended vehicles being parked on the Arlington side of Quaker Lane between 33rd Street and 36th Streets.

The Arlington County side of Quaker Lane is zoned residential under the Zoning Ordinance. The overnight or all-day parking of vehicles and trailers violates the intended use of Quaker Lane. In addition, cars are being repaired on the street, "for sale" cars are being left, and commercial vehicles are being parked there. Parking any commercial vehicle within or along any public street next to an area which has been classified as residential is prohibited. In addition, the Arlington County Code provides that whenever any vehicle or trailer on a street is unattended and constitutes a danger or hazard to pedestrian or is left unattended for more than (10) days, it may be removed by the police.

The Arlington County Police and the Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division, have been working jointly to address the parking concerns. The Police Department has conducted special enforcement details, tires have been marked, and tickets have been written. The Traffic Engineering Division has conducted tag studies to identify where the owners of the unattended vehicles reside. The Police will continue to enforce the County Code by marking the violators' vehicles as needed.

To address the parking problem on Quaker Lane, the Traffic Engineering Division and the Police Department are working with the Fairlington Citizens Association to obtain feedback from Fairlington residents regarding the following proposed parking restrictions along Quaker Lane between 33rd Street and 36th Street:

Option 1: No parking from 1:00am to 4:00am Monday through Sunday.

Option 2: Two hour parking from 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Option 3: Four hour parking from 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Staff from the Traffic Engineering Division and the Police Department will attend the December 12 meeting.

**If you cannot attend the meeting to discuss these options, please provide your comments, before December 10, to Kathleen Kilby at: [kkilby@co.arlington.va.us](mailto:kkilby@co.arlington.va.us).**

Please note that our onsite maintenance staff has been asked to patrol this section of Quaker Lane which borders the Meadows to remove accumulated trash.

## **NEW SOCIETY FORMED; OFFICERS ELECTED**

**By David Manning, Fairlington Historical Society Board Member**

In January of 2000, an enthusiastic group of Fairlington residents met to consider a proposal to create a new organization to replace the Fairlington Historical Designation Committee which had worked so hard to secure this unique designation for all of Fairlington.

This group voted unanimously to begin the process of creating a new association and established a working committee to review a draft charter and make recommendations to be considered at its next meeting in February.

A list of possible "jobs" for the new group would include:

- ◆ creation of a new association including the future election of officers and the naming of a committee to draw up an organizational charter to continue historic preservation efforts.
- ◆ continuation of the web site.
- ◆ establish a permanent exhibit case in the South Fairlington Community Center.
- ◆ creation of a permanent archive for documents associated with the historic designation effort.

Throughout the Spring and Summer, our group met to plan its First Annual Meeting, October 12th. "An Evening with Catherine Fellows" was a huge and popular success! She helped the audience to understand some of the particulars which make Fairlington unique! Many know Ms. Fellows as the author of Fairlington at 50 which the

Fairlington Citizens Association published in 1993.

With such an outpouring of support from the community, the Fairlington Historical Society now sets out, with a duly-elected (NO butterfly ballots) board including Sandy Hodapp, Ron Patterson, Terry Placek, Cindy Kunz, and myself. The Society will be an active voice for preservation by conducting workshops on historic preservation, continuing a community internet web site, and installing the historic display.

We have set out to develop a more cohesive Fairlington by encouraging the formation of an alliance of the seven condominium associations and the FCA boards. We hope that through such cooperation, all community groups will renew their commitment to preserve the unique "Fairlington Character" by considering common standards of property management and maintenance consistent with historic preservation.

In the future, it is the Board's hope that we'll be able to provide interesting and entertaining events featuring historians, long-time residents, and other community leaders who will enlighten us with more information about Fairlington.

By all working together for common purposes, the Historical Society will be meeting its goal - preserve the best of our great tradition to make our common life in Fairlington the best it possibly can be.

Continue to follow the work of the Fairlington Historical Society by logging on our web site: [www.fairlington.org](http://www.fairlington.org) and by coming to our meetings and special events!

## **VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTE TIME AND ENERGY TO MEADOWS: CAN YOU SPARE A LITTLE OF EACH?**

In the last Messenger (September/October issue), President Quinn noted that if we have an average of 2 persons in each of our 342 units, that makes up an estimated Meadows population of 684 residents. There are approximately 50 volunteers (we previously inaccurately reported about 40 volunteers) currently serving on the Board, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Court Chairpersons Committee, Recreation and Pool Committees, and the Messenger (including those folks who deliver the newsletter six times a year). Other Meadows residents serve (and ultimately represent the Meadows') on the Fairlington Historical Society Board and the Fairlington Citizens Association.

Many folks serve on more than one committee. . . some participate on as many as three! We'd love to see some of the remaining 634+ neighbors involved in the community . . . and it would certainly help the stalwarts from becoming overburdened or "burned out" from volunteerism.

In an effort to recognize these hardworking volunteers, we've put together the following list (let us know if we've forgotten someone!): (see next page also)

**Barbara Aldrich  
David Andrews  
Linnea Barry  
Cliff Beasley  
B.J. Chittum  
Marc Chittum  
Nancy Donley  
Terri Dunham  
Chuck Edwards  
Janet Filer  
Louise Gabel**

Al Gabrysh  
 Celia Gabrysh  
 Judi Garth  
 Ed Girovasi  
 Barbara Gomez  
 Kym Hill  
 Ed Hilz  
 Marion Hinchman  
 Pam Hudson  
 Carrie Jolly  
 Robin Krauss  
 David Langbart  
 Trudy Laub  
 David Laufer  
 Ellen Lawler  
 Adele Logan-Galen  
 Clay Lovett  
 David Manning  
 Virginia Mathes  
 Michele McMahon  
 Mary Meek  
 Shirley Nycum  
 Sandy Oliveira  
 Liz Pagano  
 Linda Peterson  
 Karl Ruiz  
 Carrie Quinn  
 Ronald Quinn  
 Paula Sennett  
 Sylvia Skrel  
 Victor Slabinski  
 John Stack  
 Rose Stack  
 Tim Tereska  
 Diane Thurber  
 John Thurber  
 Jan Wallace  
 Debbie Willoughby  
 Gordon Wray  
 Annabelle Wright

If you'd like to join a committee or learn more about what they do, call the appropriate chairperson listed in the annual meeting article on the cover and second pages). Thanks, everyone!!

## ODDS & ENDS

**Painting:** This year's painting cycle was completed in early November. A number of problems with paint colors and type as well as work quality were discussed at length with Capital Painting President, George Tsentas. Many areas (and especially doors) were repainted by the contractor at no additional cost in order to alleviate some of the concerns. **Roof Repairs:** Jack and Steve continue to make slate roof repairs and are currently working in Court 7. **Snow Removal:** Our landscape contractor, STM, will provide snow removal services for our 15 parking lots this winter. Last year's contractor, Capitol Services (our trash collection vendor), was not rehired due to a number of complaints from residents. **New Cable:** Comcast (formerly Arlington Cable) is in the process of installing new cabling. Some folks may have experienced cable outages or fuzzy pictures. Call the Cable Company if you experience "technical difficulties". A meeting was held Thursday, November 16 with cable company representatives to discuss upcoming installation work and concerns about existing cable pedestal locations and wiring. **Sign Lighting:** The Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) has spent \$769 repairing Fairlington's sign lighting at 32<sup>nd</sup> Road and Quaker Lane and King Street and Wakefield. The sign lighting at 36<sup>th</sup> and Quaker has not required any repairs, and Fairlington Villages has assumed expenses relating to the 30<sup>th</sup> and King Street sign lighting. The FCA recently requested that the six condo associations contribute to the FCA's effort in maintaining the lighting. The Meadows Board approved and paid a \$110 contribution toward this effort.

## **DESPITE WEATHER AND SOIL CONDITIONS, LOT RECONSTRUCTIONS COMPLETE**

Reconstructions of parking courts 1, 2, 10, 11, 13, and 15 are finally complete. Some courts did not meet compaction test requirements and required additional digging and infill of gravel and Geotech material thus delaying completion of the work until mid-November.

Some courts also received new concrete sidewalks (as recommended by the designing engineer). Concrete paver crosswalks were constructed on all courts where sidewalks stop and start at curb cuts. Concrete warranty repairs from last year's work were also completed in Courts 5, 6, 7, and 9.

There are four remaining courts (3, 8, 12, 14) scheduled for reconstruction in 2001 or 2002. The current plan is to complete all of the remaining courts in 2001. However, because of cost overruns caused by poor soil conditions in some courts, construction of the remaining four courts may be spread over two years (i.e. 2001-2002).

At the November 13 Board Meeting, specific concerns of a Court 11 owner and eight Court 3 owners were presented and discussed by the residents, all five Board Members, our CMC Property Manager Jim Cowell, Onsite Maintenance Manager Steve Coombe, and our Project Engineer Blake Giddens, of Seal Engineering.

As has been done for all 11 courts reconstructed in 1999 and 2000, a special meeting will be held in the spring to address specific concerns by owners in the remaining courts (i.e. Courts 3, 8, 12, and 14). As before, drawings will be made

available to the owners for review and discussion prior to the meeting. All owners and non-resident owners are welcome to attend these meetings not only to provide individual input but to hear more of the details applicable to each court.

### **NO SALT IN YOUR DIET?? NO SALT ON THE NEW CONCRETE!**

**NOTE TO ALL RESIDENTS IN COURTS RECONSTRUCTED IN 1999 AND 2000:**

**DO NOT PUT CALCIUM CHLORIDE OR SALT ON THE NEW CONCRETE SIDEWALKS THIS WINTER TO MELT ICE/SNOW. THIS WILL CAUSE THE CONCRETE TO DETERIORATE AND VOID OUR WARRANTY.** Suggestion: use cat litter for traction until our on-site crew can remove the accumulated snow and ice by other methods.

### **CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING APPROVED FOR SHOP/OFFICE**

A resident donated a slightly used, complete heating and cooling system to the Meadows earlier in the year. The system has been inspected by a local mechanical contractor, Frosty's, and only requires minor repairs and ducting to make it operational. The system is adequately sized to heat and cool the maintenance shop and pool office.

At the November 13 Board Meeting, the Board voted unanimously to take advantage of this kind donation and approved the expenditures necessary to make it operational as soon as Frosty's can complete the work.



# **B & G LOOKING TOWARDS SPRING (ALREADY??)**

By Chuck Edwards, Buildings and Grounds  
Chairman

## **Fall Planting:**

The fall planting has been completed by STM. This year the committee honored all requests made by residents.

We ask residents to water the new plantings through the autumn until the weather turns cold. To water new trees and shrubs, place a garden hose at the base of the plant and allow a slow trickle to soak the ground around the base. This takes about 20-30 minutes and should be done two or three times a week. Watering new trees and shrubs will help them become established and will protect our investment in the community.

In addition to this work, **Ed Hilz** has arranged with Arlington County to have the diseased crab apples in the South Stafford/34<sup>th</sup> Street circle removed and replaced with yoshino cherries. These will match the ones growing in the median on 33rd Street. The community is grateful to Ed for his support on these kinds of projects.

## **Lighting:**

**Victor Slabinski, Carrie Quinn, Kym Hill and Linda Peterson** continue to explore the possibility of new lighting for the village. This includes the decorative lawn lights, B-Building lights, and pool area lights.

They will also suggest the kinds of fixtures that residents may use when replacing the outside lights at front and back doors.

## **Replacement of Front Porch Supports:**

With the completion of the painting cycle, the front porch supports on twenty-two porches will be replaced with smooth or fluted round wood columns, in order to match the existing ones found throughout the community. Residents affected by the work will be notified by our management company, CMC, before replacement takes place in November and December.

**B-Building Doors:** All B-Building doors are being painted (just a few left to repaint because the colors were not correct or preparation was unacceptable) so that our maintenance crew, **Steve Coombe and Jack Campbell**, can install new brass kick plates and door stops purchased through Smoot's. These will greatly improve the appearance of the entire community and help protect the doors to these buildings which house four units.

## **Spring Planting and Trimming**

**Requests:** It is now time to turn our attention to Spring 2001. We have already received requests for this next planting project.

**NOTE:** If any resident would like for us to consider new planting, replacement of material, or trimming of existing shrubbery, please contact the committee by writing **Chuck Edwards** at 3460 A-1 South Stafford Street.

## **New Members:**

The Committee welcomes any resident with an interest in our buildings and grounds to join us even if it's only for a meeting now and then. See the Community Calendar for upcoming meeting dates and locations.

# FOOD BYTES

Contributed by  
Janet Filer and Rose Stack

A few "CHEESY" suggestions for your holiday gatherings:

From Janet . . .

## PINEAPPLE CHEESE BALL

Two 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened  
2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper  
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion  
1/4 cup drained crushed pineapple  
2 teaspoons seasoned salt  
2 cups chopped pecans, divided  
fresh fruit

Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add green pepper, onion, pineapple, salt and 1 cup pecans, mixing well. Shape into a ball and garnish with fresh fruit. Serve with crackers.

## GRUYERE-APPLE SPREAD

(Janet's recipe as published in Southern Living, July 1981.)

One 8 oz. package cream cheese, softened  
1 cup (4 oz.) gruyere cheese  
1 tablespoon milk  
2 teaspoons prepared mustard  
1/3 cup shredded, peeled apple  
2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans  
2 teaspoons chopped chives

Combine first four ingredients and beat at medium speed of electric mixer for 3 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and chill at least one hour. Serve with crackers.

From Rose . . .

## BAKED BRIE WITH CRANBERRIES

One 8 ounce round of Brie  
2 cups fresh cranberries  
1 cup of sugar\*  
1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
3/4 cup fresh orange juice  
Optional: crispy bacon pieces

\*Less or more according to your tartness craving.

Make up cranberry topping by: cooking cranberries, sugar, orange rind, and juice in saucepan over medium heat for 4 mins. until berries pop and soften (but are not mushy).

Trim the rind from the top of the Brie, and place on baking dish. Top Brie with about 1/2 of the cranberry mixture. Bake 5 mins. in 350 oven until nice and runny (can be microwaved on high for 1 minute). Extra effort: Sprinkle with crisp bacon before serving. Arrange on serving plate surrounded by crackers with small knife. Store leftover cranberries.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Dec. 11:** Meadows Board Meeting, Fairlington Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 12:** Fairlington Citizens Assoc. Meeting, Fairlington Community Center, Rm. 6, 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 10:** Buildings and Grounds Meeting at Linnea Barry's at 3460 A-2 S. Stafford St., 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 16:** Meadows Board Meeting, Fairlington Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Neighbors,

I would like to share with you a great find. This summer when the painters came through to paint our front doors, I took the opportunity to remove all of the brass hardware from my front door (peep hole, knocker, mail/slot cover, door handles/plates, and deadbolt) so that I could properly sand and wash the door in preparation for the painting. Since I decided to paint my door black, I thought it would be a good time to replace the old hardware with shiny gold-tone brass.

I took my hardware to a local shop in order to purchase compatible sized replacements and met a man who refinishes and polishes tarnished (even antiqued) brass. Apparently, our door knockers are very unique (the man knew I lived in Fairlington by the door knocker) so I was excited to learn that the blackened hardware could be restored to the shiny gold-tone I desired.

Needless to say, I am thrilled with the shiny brass (although I did actually replace the door handles and deadbolt because the originals were cheap and would not restore well) on my front door. If you are interested in talking to me further about this, please feel free to call me at 703-931-5133 or send an email to [widgit\\_lmb@yahoo.com](mailto:widgit_lmb@yahoo.com).

**Lynn M. Beasley**

## ADDITIONAL PARKING RULES APPROVED BY BOARD

The Meadows Board of Directors approved Appendix D-1 to amend our existing Parking Regulations for certain households along South Stafford Street since there is not enough (and never has been) parking in

Court 2 to accommodate these folks. The new appendix is printed on the back of this issue so that you can clip and save!

## PROPERTY MANAGER GETS ASSISTANCE

Our Community Manager, Jim Cowell, has hired a new Assistant Community Manager, Marie Campbell. Marie worked for CMC previously and will now help Jim in working with the Meadows as well as other properties which Jim manages. Jim and Marie can be reached at 703-631-7200.

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS ON TRASH PICKUP

Trash is picked up Mondays through Saturdays between 8 and 11 a.m. All trash should be housed in plastic bags and placed on front stoops or at the curbs for Capitol pickup. Please note that they will often not take items if not placed in plastic bags!! Also, if you have maid services, please ask them NOT to place trash outside your unit after the morning pickup.

Furniture, household appliances, move-in boxes, and other larger items will ONLY be picked up on the first Saturday of the month (at no extra charge!). Large items should be placed on the curb that Saturday morning. Capitol will pick up the regular trash first and come back for the rest. Please note that there's not a large span of time between the two pickups, so be mindful not to put out any items after their pickup.

If you need a special pickup other than the first Saturday of each month, call and arrange one with our onsite crew, Steve and Jack. They will pick up certain items and dump them at a cost of \$25 on up depending on the size of the load. Call Steve or Jack at 820-6799.