

NOVEMBER 2020 VOL. 42, NO. 11 In This Together

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every aspect of our daily lives-none of us are immune to its impact. We have all adapted to the myriad changes brought on by social distancing, face coverings, limited public gatherings, and an entirely transformed workplace environment. Undeniably, most of us are spending more of our waking hours at home than we ever imagined we could. Whether we have left work to care for children who are home due to distance learning, substituted telecommuting for the daily drive, or have been the recipient of an unwanted furlough, we are getting to see a lot more of our nuclear families and our neighbors.

It is fortuitous that our time at home coincided with the arrival

of the spring and summer months because it afforded us more opportunities to get out and visit nearby destinations, exercise, walk the dog, or simply take a stroll around the block. We found we were not alone. Our time away from family has brought and continues to bring us even closer to interaction with our neighbors—who share our cabin fever.

Competition for Fairlington's outdoor spaces includes joggers running on the street with traffic rather than against it, dogs roaming off-leash (some without license tags), and impromptu gatherings on sidewalks where social distancing can be a struggle. While we can use the fresh air and want to enjoy all that Fairlington has to offer, at the risk of injury to ourselves, our family, and our community, we cannot ignore the pandemic. Sadly, as of this writing, the rate of COVID-19 infections is still on the rise.

We should exercise caution during our daily constitutional given that preliminary data from the Governors Highway Safety Association shows cases of pedestrian deaths are at a 30-year high around the country. In our region, Virginia with a 10% increase in pedestrian fatalities, fares worse than D.C. and Maryland.

For the benefit of all Fairlingtonians:

- Keep your pets on a leash when outside of your home/ patio (it is state law).
- If you are compelled to jog continued on page 6



PHOTO BY GUY LAND Contractors replace a slate roof. See more maintenance on page 2.

### Giving Generously for Those in Need

Since March, the Association has collected hundreds of pounds of food for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). We collected 316 pounds of food in the first week of October, over twice as much as our average intake of 150 pounds. On behalf of the AFAC, benevolent Fairlingtonians are thanked for their generosity. Thanks also to Rachele Parente for organizing the drive and delivering the food to AFAC every week.

The collection site will remain at the management office for the foreseeable future to assist Fairlington's neighbors in need. Even greater displays of altruism are expected with the coming holidays!

For details on AFAC and other ways you can help, including volunteer opportunities, please see their website: https://afac.org/.

### **Giving Thanks**

The management office will be closed Nov. 26 through Nov. 29

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# Maintenance Updates

The Association will continue to move forward with our maintenance projects as long as the weather permits. We appreciate you exercising caution as the work is completed by our contractors.

#### Backyard Fencing Replacement Project in Ward I

The replacement of the backyard fencing in Ward I continues without interruptions. Over 40 fences have been replaced so far. The project is on schedule and, weather permitting, is expected to be completed the week of Dec. 14.

New fences have been installed at 3066-3090 S. Abingdon St., 3057-3079 S. Buchanan St., and 4701-4731 S. 31st St. The contractor is currently installing new fences on S. 31st Road. The installation will continue at 4640-4654 S. 31st St., S. Woodrow Street, 3039-3099 S. Abingdon St., and finally the addresses on S. 30th Road. Residents will be notified in advance.

#### Masonry Project in Phase 6

American Restoration is working on Phase 6 of the annual masonry program that includes mostly



PHOTOS BY MIGUEL GALVEZ The mild weather has enabled progress on our maintenance programs including fencing installation, masonry work, and painting and wood replacement.

buildings on S. 28th Street. Phase 6 is a continuation of the five phases completed between 2015 and 2019. The scope of work includes:

- Brick repairs of large areas of spalled or bulging brick
- Repairs of large cracks (greater than a hairline width)
- Repointing of heavily deteriorated, cracked, or open mortar joints
- Replacement or coating of significantly corroded or deflecting steel lintels
- Parapet wall restoration in the flat roof buildings
- Repairs to significantly deteriorated brick chimneys, columns, and walls
- Repairs to significantly deteriorated architectural vents and vent caps
- Repairs to front porches.

#### Painting and Rotten Wood Replacement in Ward III

Middledorf Property Services has completed the FY20 painting of the exterior wood trim in the multiunit buildings and townhomes, as well as the rear doors in the apartments. The front, side, and rear doors in the townhomes will be painted next, as well as the rear doors in the apartments. The contractor will also replace rotten wood that was found during the painting, including lattice, crown molding, and trim boards at the roof line and in porches. Painting and replacing rotten wood is an ongoing program that includes one ward per year on a six year cycle.

#### Pitched Roofs Preventive Maintenance Wards I and II

Northern Virginia Roofing will begin preventive maintenance work on all pitched roofs in Wards I and II. The Pitched Roof Preventive Maintenance Program (PRPM) was established to maintain roofs based on previous inspections and evaluations. Two wards are done every year. Preventive maintenance includes replacing broken slates, removing deteriorated caulking, applying new sealant, and painting chimneys and wall flashing. The condition of the roofs is also rated to determine the replacement schedule.

– Miguel Galvez, Facilities Manager





### Removing the Ivy

English ivy continues to spread throughout Fairlington planting beds; despite its pleasing yearround lush green appearance, it is harmful in several ways. English ivy creates a habitat for mosquitos and rodents, it chokes out foundation shrubs with its aggressive spreading, and it attaches to brick and causes damage to the mortar over time.

For these reasons the Grounds Committee has identified areas of removal around Fairlington buildings. The first phase has started in Ward III and the program will continue around the property as labor and resources are available to address this invasive plant. Notices will be sent prior to the start of any removal work.

### Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

### Fall in Line with Our Landscaping

#### Look over the Landscaping Outside Your Unit

Safety is one of the many elements the Association considers in the maintenance of Fairlington's more than 93 acres of grounds and landscaping. From a safety perspective, plants and shrubs should not be allowed to block the view in or out of windows or doors of units. Ideally, the natural observation in or out of a residence should not be obstructed. Every attempt is made to ensure that the windows and doors at the front of units are open and unobscured. Unit owners should make the same effort with plants and shrubs that may be growing immediately outside the back of units, inside patios and fenced areas.

Please contact the management office to request an inspection and additional pruning if you feel your view outside the front or side of your home has become obstructed by plants and foliage.

### Leave it for Pickup on Thursdays: November 5, 12, and 19

Fairlington Villages has participated in the Arlington County yard waste recycling program for many



years. You may dispose of leaves and other yard waste from your patio or yard by moving them into the common area, provided the contractor has not yet cleaned the common area.

If you missed the contractor, then please bag your yard waste for pickup:

- Get the free, brown paper bags from the management office;
- Fill the bags with leaves, dead plants, or small sticks; and
- Put the bags curbside by 12 noon on any of these three Thursdays: Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19.

We partner with our trash hauler, Capitol Services, to transport the yard waste bags to the Arlington County Trades Center where they are composted into black soil.

## Who You Going to Call for an Emergency After Hours?

#### DURING BUSINESS HOURS? CALL 703-379-1440.

The management office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., excluding federal holidays.

#### NEED A FIRST RESPONDER? CALL 9-1-1.

Of course, 911 is for any emergency requiring the immediate presence of the police, fire, or other first responders.

# A COMMUNITY DISTURBANCE? CALL 571-215-3876.

The Association contracts with Master Security to provide a uniformed patrol officer from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily. The Patrol Service, telephone 571-215-3876, is able to respond to non-emergency community disturbances, including parking violations and improper use of the amenities.

#### AN URGENT MATTER CONCERNING YOUR UNIT? CALL 703-600-6000.

The After-Hours Emergency number, telephone 703-600-6000, is for urgent matters occurring inside your unit, like a sewer backup or a major water leak, that cannot wait until the following morning for resolution.

When you dial 703-600-6000 after hours you will be connected with an answering service and an on-call manager. If you call to report an emergency and have not spoken with an operator, then please hang up and dial the number again until you are connected to an after-hours operator.

# NOT URGENT, BUT WILL NEED ATTENTION? USE TOWNSQ.

Use **TownSq** to notify the management office of any matter that is not an emergency. Register with TownSq to receive updates, send notices to the office, and pay your condo fees. Sign up: https//app.townsq.io/login.



# **Activities Around the Village**

#### Our Book Club Is Over the Moon on November 18

Please join us for the Fairlington Book Club virtual discussion of *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann, on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Delve into this true crime story revealing the depths of corruption in the 1920s in the Wild West.

The Book Club will also meet on

Thursday, Dec. 10. Please visit our "Fairlington Area Book Readers Group"

Facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/ events/179571083430289/ for the latest information

about meeting details. You do not have to attend every discussion to participate. If you have questions, please email **bookclub@fairlingtonvillages. com**.

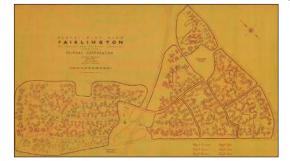
### Deck Your Walls This Holiday Season

The Fairlington Historical Society (FHS) has reproduced one of Fairlington's earliest maps, probably prepared c. 1943 by architect Kenneth Franzheim for the Defense Homes Corporation. The map was subsequently revised for Fairmac, the firm that managed the post-World War II rental community from 1947-1972. The map was updated by CBI Fairmac, the firm that oversaw the community's conversion to a condominium from 1972 to 1978, and later revised by FHS to better define the villages.

The cost of each map is \$50, including shipping and delivery. Reproduction size is 24 x 36 inches. Order forms for the map can be downloaded at http://www.fairlington historicalsociety.org/wpcontent/uploads/2020/10/ Map-Order-Form.pdf.

The brass-plated Fairlington ornament, created by the Fairlington Historical Society and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) to celebrate Fairlington's 75th anniversary in 2018, makes an excellent holiday gift. Or hang it on your own tree to add a little more holiday sparkle, reminding you why you enjoy living at Fairlington as much as you do! Ornaments are \$10 and may be purchased using Paypal or a major credit card on the FCA website at http://www. fca-fairlington.org/about-the-fca/ commemorative-ornament.





MAP IMAGE COURTESY OF FHS; ORNAMENT IMAGE COURTESY OF FCA Show off your hometown pride with these commemorative pieces of decor. They also make terrific housewarming gifts for your neighbors.

# **Pet's Corner**

#### **VIRGINIA LEASH LAW**

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires owners to keep their dogs on a leash or otherwise restrained when the dog is off the owner's property.

See the list of eight, off-leash Arlington County dog parks: https://parks.arlingtonva.us/ parksfacilities/dog-parks/.

Read Alexandria's list of 18 dog parks and unfenced dog exercise areas: https://www.alexandriava. gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/ info/DogParkGuide.pdf.

#### **PET REGISTRATION** *Arlington County*

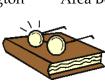
All dogs four months or older must be licensed by the County and always wear the license tag; a license is not required for cats. Virginia state law requires that all dogs and cats be vaccinated at four months. For complete details: https://taxes.arlingtonva.us/doglicenses/.

#### City of Alexandria

Dogs, and cats four months old or older, residing within the City must be licensed; costs range from \$2 to \$75. Find out more: https:// alexandriaanimals.org/licensingyour-pet/.

#### SCOOP THE POOP—IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

Pet waste left on the grass or in the woods makes its way to storm drains that ultimately lead to the Occoquan Reservoir and the Potomac Rivers, our drinking water supply. Pet waste may carry disease-causing organisms, which make water unsafe for swimming and costlier to treat for drinking. Animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, making the receiving water unfit for drinking and recreation. Pet waste also contains nutrients that accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.



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#### Taking Time to Say Thanks

It is often said, "three is a charm." As I mark my third anniversary with Fairlington Villages, another occasion presents itself to thank the entire community for the opportunity to be of service, assisting in the management of one of your most valued and cherished assets—your home.

#### City of Alexandria Now Requires Face Coverings

The City of Alexandria passed an ordinance requiring face coverings be worn by all persons in public places beginning Oct. 1. Residents in Ward VI who reside southwest of South Columbus between 28th and 30th Streets South are within the City of Alexandria's jurisdiction and subject to the new ordinance. "Public places" is defined to include the common areas inside the multiunit buildings and the grounds and open spaces.

Children under 10 are generally exempt, as are children in day care centers or attending K-12 classes. So, too, is any person for whom wearing a face covering poses a substantial mental or physical health risk. Persons declining to wear face coverings for medical reasons are not required to produce medical documentation.

#### **Enjoy the Fall Without Falling**

Three leaf removals are performed throughout the season on Thursdays: Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19. While every effort is made to keep the community free of leaves, it is not possible to achieve a wholly leaf free environment. Fallen leaves can be slippery, so please use caution while driving or walking in our community.

#### The Office Is Closed Thanksgiving Weekend

Please remember the management office will be closed Thanksgiving weekend from Thursday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 29. We wish everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

#### **Turn Off Outside Water Faucets**

With the approaching freezing temperatures, please be sure to turn off the supply valve for your outside water faucet, also referred to as a hose bibb or spigot. This reminder applies to all townhouse residents and those multiunit building residents with unit space in the basement: A-level apartments or B-level units with basement storage.

### Management Office

#### Location

Fairlington Villages A Condominium Association 3001 South Abingdon Street Arlington, Virginia 22206

#### Hours by Appointment

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday Closed Sundays and federal holidays

#### Communications

Telephone: 703-379-1440 General Info Email: office@fairlingtonvillages.com TownSq: https://app.townsq.io/login Website: www.fairlingtonvillages.com

#### Staff

Gregory Roby	General Manager
Miguel Galvez	Facilities Manager
Mark Johnson	Operations Manager
Erin Moran	Office Manager
Victoria Gomillion	Office Administrator
Marcus Reed	Administrative Assistant

#### Emergency

After Hours Emergency: 703-600-6000

#### **Patrol Service**

#### To contact security duty officer, call 571-215-3876. If the patrol service does not answer, then the officer will receive a page. If you have not received a return call within 10 minutes, please call again. Security hours: 8 p.m. – 4 a.m. nightly.

If you have an outdoor faucet shutoff valve within your control, then it is your responsibility to shut off the water at that location for the winter. If the pipes freeze and cause damage, then the repair costs could be significant and charged to you.

If you are unsure whether you are responsible for a water faucet shutoff valve, then please call the management office.

#### Identify Your Unit's Water Main Shutoff Valve

As the original construction of our various buildings progressed, the finer components of their architecture and structure changed to reflect improvements made as the development moved forward from South Fairlington to North. As a result of engineering "field adjustments," the placement of water main valves in the multiunit buildings is not consistent.

The Association does not know and cannot confirm which of water main shutoff valves in the multiunit buildings serves which unit. Any tags found on valves inside the cabinet were placed there by the continued on page 7

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**Comments, articles, and letters are welcome.** The deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month. Please deliver or email materials to the management office. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

## Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday, November 4, 2020

The following is the preliminary agenda for the Nov. 4, 2020, Board of Directors meeting. Unit owners and residents of Fairlington Villages are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors. The meeting is hosted from the community center with Board members and residents participating by telephone. Due to meeting size limits and social distancing guidelines, residents are discouraged from attending the meeting location personally.

Call-In Number: 703-552-8058; Conference Code: 230349

- I. Residents' Comments
- II. Call to Order
- III. Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Approval of Minutes Oct. 7, 2020
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - A. Variance Request 2856 S. Abingdon St. (Remove Load-Bearing Wall and Remove Non-Load-Bearing Wall)
  - B. Purchase of Maintenance Vehicle
  - C. Annual Tree Pruning
  - D. Staff Holiday Bonuses
- VII. Management Action Items
- VIII. Reports
  - 1. Officers (President, Secretary, & Treasurer's Reports)
  - 2. Committees
  - 3. Management's Financial Report
  - 4. Management's Project & Status Report
  - 5. Office Administrative Report
  - 6. Facilities Report
  - 7. Operations Report
- IX. Establishment of Next Board Meeting Dec. 2, 2020
- X. Adjournment of Meeting

Prior to each regular Board meeting, the Agenda and the Management Report are available for review electronically via email copy or by appointment at the Association's management office at 3001 S. Abingdon St. beginning the Thursday prior to the regular Board meeting.

### TOGETHER

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in the street, please do so against traffic, as you are more likely to be seen by the driver of a vehicle.

• Please wear a mask when exiting your home, or least have one with you for the unforeseen times—whether that is an extemporaneous chat or passing another person on the sidewalk.

It takes only a small effort to

keep the consequences of our actions at the fore of our consciousness. We may never see the benefits of doing what is best for our neighbors, but that is something to feel great about. The small actions of wearing a mask, running against traffic, or complying with pet licensing and leashing laws could mean a world of difference to the neighbor living down the street.

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## **Board Meeting Highlights**

The Board held its regular meeting on Oct. 7, 2020. The following are highlights.

#### **New Business**

A. Employer's Voluntary Contribution to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plan: Mr. Reem moved the Board authorize a Voluntary Employer Contribution equal to 4% of gross compensation for all eligible employees, for the period of Sept. 29, 2019, through Sept. 27, 2020 (pay periods in FY20). Passed 9-0.

**B. Transfer of FY20 Excess Assessments to FY21:** Mr. Reem moved the Board authorize that any excess of membership assessments over membership expenses for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2020, shall be applied against member assessments for fiscal year 2021, commencing Oct. 1, 2020, as provided by Revenue Ruling 70-604. Passed 9-0.

C. Slate Roofs Preventive Maintenance Program in Wards I and II: Mr. Stollof moved the Board authorize Management to contract with Northern Virginia Roofing, to provide preventive maintenance repair services on the slate roofs located in Wards I and II at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Passed 9-0.

D. Ratification of Unanimous Written Consent In Lieu of a Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 (Foundation Repairs at 4705 S. 30th Street): Mr. Brown moved the Board hereby ratifies said action for purposes of the record and to ensure an audit trail for the expenditure. Passed 9-0.

**E. Fall Focal Beds:** Mr. Reem moved the Board approve the proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for the planting of fall pansies in all the focal beds at a cost of \$3,927.40. Passed 9-0.

**F. Fall Plant Replacements:** Mr. Reem moved the Board approve the

proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for fall plant replacements at a cost of \$11,445.50. Passed 9-0.

**G. Ward III Renovation Planting:** Mr. Reem moved the Board approve the proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for the renovation planting in Ward III at a cost of \$18,736. Passed 9-0.

**H. Tree Replacements:** Mr. Reem moved the Board approve the proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for tree replacements at a cost of \$13,350. Passed 9-0.

I. Rules Violation Enforcement – 3031 S. Columbus Street, C-1 – Violation of Trash Policy: By unanimous consent the Board of Directors accepted Management's recommendation to withdraw this resolution from consideration.

# Circle By the Office for Your New Parking Decal

#### **GET AROUND TO 2021**

The shape of the 2021 parking decal is a circle! All Fairlington Villages 2020 parking decals in the shape of a square will expire on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020. The new 2021 decals are available at the management office.

As of Jan. 1, 2021, vehicles without a valid 2021 decal in the shape of a circle in Fairlington Villages' parking lots are subject to immediate towing at the owner's risk and expense, with no regard to whether expired permits are displayed.

#### MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Beat the holiday crush by visiting the office early. Please be sure to wear your mask when you visit and practice social distancing. For the safety of all, only one visitor will be admitted to the office at any given time. To avoid the possibility of waiting outside the office while other residents are being served, you can schedule an appointment.

The management office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note, we will be closed Thanksgiving weekend from Thursday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 29. Call 703-379-1440 or e-mail **office@fairlingtonvillages.com** to arrange a convenient time for you to pick up your parking decal.

#### DECAL REQUIREMENTS

To be issued a 2021 parking decal:

- 1. Condominium assessments for the unit must be paid and current.
  - 2. A current lease must be on file for rented units.
    - 3. A current automobile registration must be presented for each vehicle for which a decal is being requested.

No decal may be issued unless each of these requirements is met there are NO exceptions.

Cross off an agenda item from your growing list of to-dos! Make an appointment to get your new decal today.

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developer at the time of conversion; those labels have not been maintained by the Association. The unit owner is responsible for the valve and related maintenance of the valve.

If you reside in a multiunit building and need to have your water main replaced, then please have your plumber confirm which valve is yours before any work is started. You do not want to go through the expenses of a valve replacement only to discover the valve serves your neighbor's unit!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 November</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	<b>4</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	5 Yard Waste Collection: Please place leaves curb side by 12 noon	6	7
8	9 Grounds Committee 7 pm	10	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day OFFICE OPEN <b>TRASH PICKUP</b>	<b>12</b> Yard Waste Collection: Please place leaves curb side by 12 noon	13	14
15	16	17	<b>18</b> Book Club <i>Killers of the</i> <i>Flower Moon</i> 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Yard Waste Collection by noon Architectural Control Committee 7 pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED TRASH WILL NOT BE PICKED UP	27 OFFICE CLOSED TRASH PICKUP	28 OFFICE CLOSED TRASH PICKUP
29	30	1 December	2 Board Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5
6	<b>7</b> Grounds Committee 7 pm	8	9	<b>10</b> Book Club 6:30 pm	11	12

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