

JANUARY 2023 VOL. 45, NO. 1 HTTPS://APP.TOWNSQ.IO/LOGIN Four Directors to Be Elected in March 2023

Four of the nine positions on the Board of Directors seats will be up for election at North Fairlington's Annual Meeting on Wed., March 29, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center:

- √ Ward II
- √ Ward III
- √ Ward V
- $\sqrt{\text{One At Large position.}}$

The Ward II position currently will end after a one-year term in 2024. The Ward III, Ward V, and At Large position will each be up for three-year terms ending in 2026.

The Fairlington Villages Board of Directors is an all-volunteer body of nine members who each represent the entire community with a designated constituency for purposes of the election: community-wide (three) and each Ward (six). Board Directors serve as fiduciaries for Fairlington Villages and are not compensated. The Board typically meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

CANDIDACY CRITERIA

Candidates must be a unit owner in Fairlington Villages; be current with condo fee payments; and except for the At Large seat, reside in the Ward in which they are running. Candidacy petitions will be reviewed to confirm eligibility and certified by the Board at its Wed., Feb. 2 meeting. Homeowners may obtain election rules at the Management Office. For more details on how to become a candidate or questions about the election

January 28 Budget Seminar to Review Association Finances and Poll Community on Financial Priorities

Join us on Sat., Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Community Center for an in-depth, two-part participatory seminar on Fairlington Villages' finances and budget priorities.

The first part of the seminar will consist of a detailed review and discussion of our Association's finances, including our annual budget process, operating and replacement reserves, five-year reserve studies, and annual financial audit. Attendees will be encouraged to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

Part two of the seminar will give participants the opportunity to provide their inputs on the Association's future financial priorities. Attendees will be asked to complete a survey and offer their thoughts on various topics, including replacement reserves and operating spending in areas such as building maintenance, landscaping and grounds maintenance, and Association amenities. The survey results will be compared with the financial information in our 2019 Strategic Plan community survey, continued on page 2 process, please contact the Management Office.

CANDIDACY PAPERWORK DUE JANUARY 27

To run for a Board position, file a required Candidacy Petition with 25 signatures of unit owners from any Ward and an optional Candidate Statement, by 5 p.m. on Fri., Jan. 27, 2023, in the Management Office. Late submissions will not be considered.

If you have any questions, call the Office at 703-379-1440 or email at <u>office@fairlingtonvillages.com</u>. The 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. except for the holiday dates as noted below.



Holidays at the Office The Management Office will be closed Saturday, December 31 through Monday, January 2 and Monday, January 16



Holiday Tree Recycling Days Place your bare tree

curbside by 12 p.m. Tues., Jan. 3; Thurs., Jan. 5;

Tues., Jan. 10; and Thurs., Jan. 12

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Looking for a Chair for Our New Family Events & Recreation Committee

Fairlington Villages needs a chair — or co-chairs — for the new Family Events & Recreation Committee. The Family Events & Recreation Committee will organize community-wide events with a focus on family-friendly activities. This nascent committee will plan at least three annual events: the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, and Morning with Santa, with the opportunity to sponsor additional family-friendly events..

We hope you will help maintain the special place North Fairlington is known for by lending a hand! For more information or to join this committee, please call the Management Office at 703-379-1440 or email <u>activities@fairlington</u> <u>villages.com</u>.

Recognizing Service at Fairlington



Please join us in welcoming Oneyda Campos as Fairlington's newest Office Administrator. Oneyda will provide invaluable assistance to the Office Tuesday through Friday and holds down the shop alone on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. She can be reached at <u>office@</u> <u>fairlingtonvillages.com</u> or <u>ocampos@</u> <u>fairlingtonvillages.com</u>.



PHOTOS BY EDGAR PEREZ We are proud to recognize these two service milestones: Edward Dempsey celebrates his 25th year at Fairlington Villages, along with Kenneth Thompson who celebrates his 30th.

Avoid Being Towed in the New Year!



Your 2022 parking decal is not valid in 2023. If you are parking in a lot without a pentagram shaped 2023 decal, your vehicle is subject to towing without notice beginning Sun., Jan. 1, 2023. Please stop by or make an appointment with the Management Office and remember to bring a copy of your current registration to get your 2023 decal. Please call us at 703-379-1440 or e-mail <u>office@fairlingtonvillages.com</u>.



To Do on February 22 Going Native

The Grounds Committee is sponsoring a presentation on native plants on Wednesday, February 22, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St. Margaret Fisher, from Plant NOVA Natives, will highlight why integrating native plants into our landscape is so timely: they are naturally beautiful, made for here, and good for the earth. Planting guides and illustrations from Fairlington Villages will be available.

BUDGET SEMINAR

continued from page 1 and will be considered during our Fiscal Year 2024 and subsequent fiscal years' budget processes.

Residents who do not attend the seminar will have the opportunity to complete the financial priorities survey online. Please stay tuned to TownSq and <u>www.fairlington</u> <u>villages.com</u> for more information on how to participate in the survey electronically. The survey will be available online on Mon., Jan. 30 with a survey deadline of Mon., Feb. 20.

To find out more and contribute to building a financial foundation that maintains our level of community services and keeps Fairlington Villages safe, sound, and attractive, please save the date and plan on participating in the Jan. 28 budget seminar.

- Harold Reem, Treasurer

Defining Roles in Fairlington Villages

a series of articles about the roles & responsibilities of the Board of Directors, Management and committees

Management

The Association retains professional management to operate the condominium in accordance with the By-Laws. On-site staff and contractors perform maintenance of common elements. Individual owners are responsible for unit repairs (e.g., plumbing and heating), for which they may arrange their own contractors. If you are unsure who is responsible for repairs, contact the Management Office.

The Management Agent and General Manager

The management agent is responsible for day-to-day operations under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The general manager, employed by the management agent, operates from the Management Office. The Office, built in 1982, was dedicated in memory of Jerry Harbin, a former Board member who was instrumental in its construction.

Management responds to routine requests for maintenance to building exteriors, grounds, fences, exterior carriage lighting, apartment hallways, swimming pools, tennis courts, etc. Management maintains a 24hour emergency telephone number, 703-600-6000.

Administrative and Maintenance Staff

Unlike the general manager, who is employed by the management agent, the Association employs the administrative and maintenance staff. The staff, however, reports to the general manager.

Facilities Manager Miguel Galvez

Miguel Galvez came to Fairlington in July 2004 as the Facilities Manager. He is responsible for everything related to the common elements of the buildings and is supported by a team of six Maintenance Technicians. He is also responsible for overseeing ongoing projects such as the Masonry Repair Program, painting, rotten wood replacement, preventive maintenance and replacement of pitched and flat roofs, back yard fence replacement, and common area windows replacement, among others. Miguel oversees the snow removal efforts, the proper maintenance of our fleet of vehicles, and manages all of our insurance claims.

Miguel was also responsible for the completion of important projects such as the relining of our sewer lines, the installation of new balconies, the replacement of shutters and the installation of handrails throughout the community.

Operations Manager Mark Johnson

Since 2008, Mark Johnson has been managing service contracts including landscaping, trash, pool, janitorial,

patrol service, and pest control. Mark also manages the non-building related facilities including tennis courts, parking lots, pools, the Tot Lot, and all of the grounds. Major grounds projects have been a focus over the last decade and will continue to be so moving forward, including drainage and erosion projects, rain gardens, and maintaining the tree canopy.

Mark is active in the management of the Grounds Committee and Pool Committee.

Office Manager Erin Moran

Erin Moran started working as an Administrative Assistant in August 2008 and was promoted to Office Manager in the summer of 2018. Erin supervises the Front Desk Staff that is responsible for creating and distributing parking decals and IDs. They also prepare documents to facilitate the sale of units, such as Resale Packets and Questionnaires.

Erin is responsible for the daily administrative duties in the Management Office and provides support to the General Manager, the Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs. She oversees the production of the monthly Board Report, assists with the Annual Meeting, and with the Board Secretary administers the Election of members to the Board of Directors.

Erin handles residents' complaints and concerns and ensures customer satisfaction is being achieved.



PHOTO BY EDGAR PEREZ Our team is ready to help. Shown left to right: Mark Johnson, Erin Moran, and Miguel Galvez.

Activities Around the Village

Join a Heavenly Duo of Events with the Book Club in January The Book Club will meet on Thurs., Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss Jon Krakauer's Under the Banner of Heaven, an investigative nonfiction tale of an appalling double murder committed by two Mormon Fundamentalist brothers who insist they received a revelation from God commanding them to kill.

Books and Brunch will take place on Sun., Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Community Center for a potluck style event. We will enjoy brunch together and have a casual discussion of Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garnus. The debut novel

Cheering for Our Holiday Party

Fairlingtonians and invited guests enjoyed seasonal cheer at the Fairlington Villages' annual community Holiday Party on Dec. 1.

about a female scientist struggling to succeed in a male-dominated field in the 1960s is soon to be a mini-series on Apple TV+ starring Brie Larson. Use SignUpGenius for the brunch potluck: https://m. signupgenius.com/# !/showSign Up/20f044aaaad2da2f85-books.

Please join us on Thurs., Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center for a discussion of Dolen Perkins-Valdez's Take My *Hand*. The novel, inspired by true events, follows a Black nurse in post-segregation Alabama who blows the whistle on a terrible wrong done to her patients.

Please visit our "Fairlington Area Book Readers Group" Facebook page for the latest details at https://www.facebook.com/ groups/185662778799790/. If you have questions, please email **book** club@fairlingtonvillages.com.

Learn a New Game in the New Year on Wednesday

Players of all skill levels are invited to join the weekly Fairlington Canasta Club each Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Canasta is a card game where players or partnerships try to meld groups of three or more cards of the same rank. Please email Mary Ryan at mxryan1024@ gmail.com for more details.

Door prizes were raffled off to a fortunate few while food and drink were merrily consumed.

The spirited event would not have been possible without the assistance of Terry Placek and the Management Office staff for planning the event, as well as our sponsors for their generous door prizes and party donations.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOLIDAY PARTY SPONSORS

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at the Holiday Party.



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Manager's Corner

Gregory Roby, General Manager, CMCA®, PCAM®



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As with years past, I hope you will join me in a sincere expression of thanks to the volunteers serving on the Board of Directors, its standing Committees, and Ad Hoc Working Groups and Task Forces, all of whom remained steadfast in their commitments to the Association despite the exhausting and frustrating

conditions and limitations imposed these past three years by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks also to the Association's vendors and contractors who serve up not only the best each year, but all of whom went the extra mile during these past difficult years to accommodate the Association's evolving needs.

And a Thank You to the entire Fairlington Villages' community for its continuing generosity to the Marines' Toys for Tots and the Arlington Food Assistance Center collections. Your collective efforts have added up to a sizable donation to those in need.

Please Note Our Holiday Schedule

- Sun., Jan. 1, New Year's Day: Please hold your trash until after 6 a.m. on Mon., Jan. 2.
- Mon., Jan. 2: Office will be closed; Trash pickup will occur.
- Mon., Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Office will be closed; Trash pickup will occur.
- There is never trash pickup on Sundays.

Four Days to Recycle Holiday Trees in January

Fairlington Villages participates in the tree recycling program with Arlington County to keep holiday trees out of the landfill. Capitol Services will haul trees on four days in January. Please hold your trees until collection begins on Tues., Jan. 4. Follow these easy steps:

- Place your tree curbside by 12 p.m.: Tues., Jan. 3; Thurs., Jan. 5; Tues., Jan. 10; and Thurs., Jan. 12.
- For your tree to be recycled, Arlington County requires the tree be clean of any decoration.
- If you used a bag, remove the bag once you get the tree to the curb.
- If you live in an apartment building, please remove any needles and debris from the stairwell and hallways, as they are difficult for the cleaning crew to remove with their vacuum.

Décor Deadline of January 15

Remember that seasonal decorations in common areas must be removed by January 15.

Management Office

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

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Staff

Gregory Roby	General Manager
Miguel Galvez	Facilities Manager
Mark Johnson	Operations Manager
Erin Moran	Office Manager
Victoria Gomillion	Office Administrator
Oneyda Campos	Office Administrator

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, 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.

Fairlington Villages Community Center 3005 South Abingdon Street

Leaf Removal Needs To Be Bagged for Thursday Contracted leaf removal on the property has been completed for the season; throwing or raking leaves into the common area is no longer permitted.

Please do not allow excessive leaves and debris to remain on the ground until spring, because it can kill the grass or provide a home for rodents. If you still have leaves in your yard, you must bag those leaves and take them to the curb for large/bulk trash pickup on Thursday.

Connect with Us Digitally

We encourage updates to email addresses to improve communication. If you have not provided your email address or if you do not know if it is current, you may self-manage your account through TownSq or call the Management Office at 703-379-1440.

You can also receive your newsletter as an email attachment, saving the paper and mailing costs.

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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, January 4, 2023

The following is the preliminary agenda for the Jan. 4, 2023, Board of Directors meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting is hosted from the Community Center at 3005 S. Abingdon St. Unit owners and residents of Fairlington Villages are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly meeting. Details for virtual attendance should be confirmed with the Management Office the week prior to the meeting: email office@fairlingtonvillages.com or call 703-379-1440.

- I. Residents' Comments (5 minute limit/household)
- II. Call to Order
- III. Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Dec. 7, 2022
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. 2023 Revisions to Election Rules
 - B. IT Managed Services Agreement (Renewal)
 - C. FY22 Audit Review & Acceptance
 - D. FY23 Audit & Tax Return Preparation Services
- VII. 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
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Establishment of Next Board Meeting – Feb. 1, 2023
- 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.



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We encourage residents to consider running for the Board of Directors. Read about the open Board seats, candidacy criteria, and filing deadline in detail on page 1.

To run for a Board position, file a required Candidacy Petition with 25 signatures of unit owners from any Ward and an optional Candidate Statement, by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2023, in the Management Office.

Late submissions will not be considered.

Check out the special insert for the Calendar of Events for 2023.



Board Meeting Highlights

The Board held a regular meeting on Dec. 7, 2022. The following are highlights.

New Business

A. Workers' Compensation Insurance Renewal: Mr. Reem moved the Board authorize Holden & Company Insurance, to bind Workers' Compensation Insurance for the period Dec. 18, 2022, through Dec. 18, 2023, with The Hanover Insurance Group as outlined in the 2022-2023 Workers' Compensation Insurance Proposal dated Nov. 8, 2022. Passed 9-0.

B. Backyard Fence Replacement Project – Phase 3: Ms. Wasowski moved the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Long Fence, for Phase 3 of the Backyard Fence Replacement Project, at a total cost of \$891,180. This amount includes \$50,000 in allowances as described in the memorandum. The fences will be built with Western red cedar with pressure-treated pine posts. The Calendar of Reserves Expenditures includes \$876,000 for this project in FY23, and all the funds are currently available. The balance of \$15,180 will be offset by the unused funds of Phase 2 in the amount of \$86,425. Passed 9-0.

C. Landscaping Maintenance Contract: Mr. Reem moved the Association contract with Lancaster Landscapes for a period of one year from March 1, 2023, through Feb. 28, 2024, pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in its proposal dated Sept. 15, 2022, at an annual base cost not to exceed \$446,352, together with three (3) one year options for renewal in 2024, 2025, and 2026 upon successful performance under the Agreement of the preceding year. Seconded by Mr. Brown and passed 6-3 on a roll call vote with President Alvord, Vice President Stollof, Secretary Wasowski, Treasurer Reem, and Directors Brown and Lankford in favor; and Directors Torres, Straub and Weaver opposed.

D. Election Rules: This item was on the agenda for review of a report from the committee which was mandated to revise the current rules and there was no motion made concerning this issue. A formal vote on adoption of the report and the newly revised Election Rules will take place at the January regular meeting of the Board.

E. Pool 1 Repairs: Ms. Wasowski moved the Board approve the proposal from High Sierra Pools for Pool 1 repairs at a total cost of \$29,830. Passed 9-0.

Gifting Thanks to Santa and his Elves

Young Fairlingtonians happily visited with Santa and his elves on Dec. 10. This favorite family-friendly Morning with Santa featured photos with Santa (of course!), story time, and coloring.

Thank you to the many elves that woke early to make the festivity magical: Melanie Alvord, Kate Bannan, Molly Buchanan, Rosabeth Cuppy, Pat Horvath, Norma Reem, Susan Tatum, Anne Wasowski, our great Fairlington Villages staff — and the bestest elf — George Straubs.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 January	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Holiday Trees Pickup	4 Board Meeting 7 p.m. Hybrid Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	5 Holiday Trees Pickup	6	7
8 Book Club 11 a.m. <i>Lessons in</i> <i>Chemistry</i> Community Center	9 Grounds Committee 7 p.m. Hybrid	10 Holiday Trees Pickup	11 Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	12 Holiday Trees Pickup	13	14
15 Remove Holiday Decorations	16 MLK Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED	17 Special Commission on Potential Architec- tural Changes 7 p.m. Virtual	18 Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	19 Architectural Control Committee 7 p.m. Community Center	20	21
22	23	24	25 Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	26 Book Club Under the Banner of Heaven, 6:30 p.m. Community Center	27 Board Candidacy Paperwork Due by 5 p.m.	28 Budget Seminar 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Community Center
29	30 Take the Financial Priorities Survey online through Feb. 20	31	1 February Board Meeting 7 p.m. Hybrid Canasta Club Community Center	2	3	4
5	6 Grounds Committee 7 p.m. Hybrid	7	8 Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	9	10	11

Meetings subject to change, please contact the Management Office to confirm.



FAIRLINGTON VILLAGES CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2023

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, February 12 Wednesday, February 22 Saturday, February 25

Wednesday, March 8 Wednesday, March 29

> Saturday, April 8 Friday, April 14

Saturday, May 6 Saturday, May 27

Saturday, June 3

Tuesday, July 4 TBD

TBD

Tuesday, October 31

January 2023 Budget Seminar

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February 2023 Game Day Party Native Plants Presentation Board Candidates' Forum No. 1

March 2023 Board Candidates' Forum No. 2 Annual Meeting

> April 2023 Easter Egg Hunt Wine & Cheese Party

<u>May 2023</u> Spring Yard & Plant Sale All Pools Open

June 2023 Summer Kick Off Party

<u>July 2023</u> 4th of July Parade Homeowners' Budget Forum

> August 2023 No Events Planned

September 2023 Oktoberfest

October, 2023 Kid's Halloween Party

No Events Planned

Thursday, December 7 Saturday, December 9 December 2023 Holiday Party

Holiday Party Morning with Santa 7:00 – 9:00 pm Community Center 10:00 – 11:30 am Community Center

Fairlington Villages Community Center is located at 3005 South Abingdon Street

10:00 am Community Center

6:00 pm Community Center 7:00 – 9:00 pm Community Center 10:00 am Community Center

> 7:00 pm Community Center 7:30 pm Community Center

10:00 – 11:00 am Community Center 7:00 pm Community Center

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Community Center Pools 1 through 6

6:00 pm Pool 3

9:45 am Old Fire Station TBD Community Center

5:00 pm Community Center

5:00 - 6:30 pm Community Center