

# Fairlington News

Historic Fairlington Villages

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# Announcing a Trash Hours Pilot Program

At its March meeting, the Board of Directors approved a nineweek pilot program, temporarily amending the hours governing the placement of trash in the container locations throughout the property. The hours for the placement of trash are being extended from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week from March 12 through May 15.

Management will conduct a preliminary evaluation of the project for review by the Board at its May 3 meeting. After the pilot program ends on May 15, the final evaluation will be presented to the Board at its June 7 meeting.

Please remember:

Residents are required to abide by the new extended hours with no placement of trash between the hours of 10 p.m. through 6 a.m.

- Do not place trash in a bin if it does not allow the lid to close.
- Trash left outside of a bin or in an overflowing bin attracts crows, squirrels, and other vermin.
- The placement of trash is not permitted on the ground outside of

through May 15. the containers at the various locations. Trash left outside of the containers will subject the unit owner to being fined under the Rules and Regulations. This includes a fine of up to

- \$50 for a one-time violation. Violations that continue for more than one day subject the owner to a fine of \$10 each day, for a period of up to 90 days.
- Placement of the trash locations

was designed to ensure that at least two, but usually three, container locations exist within

easy walking distance of units.

Placement of items for recycling will be collected on Wednesdays along with the large bins found curbside.

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# Reserves, Infrastructure Maintenance, and Grounds Remain Top Financial Priorities

Place your trash from

6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

seven days a week

Responses to the 2023 Future Financial Priorities Survey indicate that our owners' top budget priorities remain unchanged from the goals identified in the Association's 2019 Strategic Plan. Preserving strong reserves, maintenance of our historic buildings and other infrastructure, and maintaining and improving our grounds continue to be the top priorities, followed by other objectives, including maintaining our amenities and ensuring that condo fees are kept low and reasonable.

The current survey was conducted as the second, follow-on part of the Jan. 28 budget seminar, and offered residents the opportunity to

provide their thoughts on our community's near-term and long-term (5 years and beyond) financial objectives. Residents completed the survey online Jan. 30 through Feb. 21, and provided 124 responses — a number equivalent to 7.3% of Fairlington Villages' 1,703 units. The overwhelmingly majority (92.7%) of these responses were completed by resident owners, with non-resident owners (5.7%) and renters (1.6%) supplying the remaining replies. Respondents resided in all of the Association's six wards and included a mix of new and long-term residents. Of the 124 replies, 29% were submitted by

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### WALK-THROUGH

Rain or Shine on April 29 9 a.m. start at Management Office

### YARD WASTE RECYCLING

Yard Waste bags pickup curbside Thursdays: April 6, 13, 20

### LANDSCAPE FERTILIZATION

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# In Celebration of Trees

Every tree planted makes a difference to the health of our communities and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Trees cool the environment; reduce air pollution; capture, and clean stormwater; reduce flooding; sequester carbon; provide beauty; and increase property values.

Fairlington Villages' grounds support more than 100 species of trees, many of which are native shade trees, including oaks, tulip poplars, American hornbeams, and lindens. Fairlington Villages is proud to be home to an Arlington County Champion tree, a white oak (*Quercus alba*) at 3059 S. Abingdon St. A Champion Tree is the largest specimen of its species.

The Association's longstanding policy is to replace trees on a one-for-one basis when they die, are removed because they have become a serious safety hazard, or are severely damaged by storms. Succession trees may be planted near the sites of their predecessors, or at other locations recommended by the Fairlington Villages Grounds Committee to support optimal growth of the trees.

For significant portions of the Association's common grounds, tree replacements have been acquired through Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund, a program authorized by the County Board in 2007. The Fund provides free native shade trees to private property owners, including condominium associations.

Our community has regularly received landscape-quality native trees through the program, more than 400 trees to date, allowing Fairlington Villages to preserve the tree canopy while saving significant financial resources. Preserving the tree canopy continues to be a priority. If you see an area within our property that you think would be a great place for tree planting,



Photo by Mark Johnson Example of a fringe tree, planted as part of the Jamestown anniversary garden on 31st and Abingdon Streets.

you can email the Grounds Committee at **grounds@fairlington villages.com**; the committee can help select an appropriate species for the location.

Two current programs may be of interest. The Plant NoVa Trees (www.plantnovatrees.org) is a five-year campaign in Northern Virginia to preserve and plant more native trees to support the local ecosystem, mitigate climate change, and protect our waterways from pollution. They also have copious free resources for citizens.

The Virginia Department of Forestry's "My Tree Counts" program, along with its partners, want to highlight tree planting projects from across the state. Submit your tree planting to show that your tree counts towards Virginia's efforts to #ProtectOurBay! These stories will be shared on the Community Tree Map and social media with #MyTreeCounts. Post your tree online MyTreeCounts.

— Anne Wilson, Grounds Committee member

# Native Plants, Community, and Sustainability

Margaret Fisher, Chair and Outreach Coordinator for Plant NOVA Natives, led a Fairlington Villages residents forum Feb. 22, emphasizing the important links between integrating native plants into our landscape and longer-term sustainability.

Fisher's guiding principles that were pertinent to Fairlington Villages included:

Choose first landscaping actions where there is a firm foundation of agreement. Build support/trust for the tougher issues over time. Large properties, like HOAs, need to plan what is feasible to maintain. "Individualized gardens" are difficult to maintain without a dedicated group of gardeners.

Trees are top priority; shrubs are next. Both provide maximum return on dollars and time invested. The most impactful thing individuals/communities can do is plant a tree. Trees are your most valuable asset. They cool the environment; reduce air pollution; capture, and clean stormwater; reduce flooding; sequester carbon; provide beauty; and increase property values. Complement trees with shrubs. When landscape installations need replacing, use a native variety whenever possible.

Keep pesticide and herbicide use at zero, or as close to zero as possible. This is not only important to preserve the ecosystem; it is more cost effective over time. If you have limited time, funds, and human resources, focus on keeping invasive vines, such as ivy and porcelain berry off trees. Vines quickly kill otherwise healthy trees. If they cannot be removed altogether, ensure that a significant ring around trees is maintained vine free.

When native plants, shrubs, or trees are purchased, thank the vendor for selling them. Vendors will

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### **NATIVE PLANTS**

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offer more where a market exists.

Use these seven principles to enhance sustainability: (1) add native plants, (2) remove invasive plants, (3) reduce lawn/turf, (4) garden without using poisons, (5) manage water, (6) leave the leaves and stalks in place around trees and shrubs wherever possible to improve soil quality and protect the beneficial insects, and (7) control deer if they are an issue.

Review Margaret Fisher's presentation <u>online</u>.

— Anne Wilson, Grounds Committee member



Stake Your Space: Red Yard Reflectors
Red yard reflectors are available at the Management
Office. Residents can place the reflectors in the foundation beds to alert the landscape maintenance crews that
residents are tending to their own landscaping and the
crew need not touch the plants or beds. Mulching is done
consistently in all areas, even the beds with red reflectors.

### TRASH

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- Recycling requires the services of a second truck. Recycling cannot be co-mingled with trash. The Association pays for a weekly collection of recycled materials on Wednesdays, which includes recycling containers located at the container locations.
- The placement of any items in plastic bags contaminates the rest of the items in a recycling container converting it to trash. If you want to be sure your recycled materials are collected, please hold them for placement on Wednesday.
- Please do not contribute to the buildup of trash outside the containers at any location.
- Remember your fellow neighbors live near these locations and overflowing trash blights their area of the community.
- Please exercise courtesy and common sense when placing your items of trash for collection to ensure success of the expanded hours pilot project and to avoid return to the more restrictive hours of 6 a.m. through 9 a.m.

The success of this pilot program will require cooperation by the entire community. Please do not leave your trash in an area outside of a container that is full. Please contact the Management Office if you have any questions, email <u>trash@fairlingtonvillages.com</u> or telephone 703-379-1440.

### **SURVEY**

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respondents with 0-5 years of residence or ownership, 21% with 5-10 years, 12.9% with 10-15 years, 15.3% with 16-25 years, and 21.8% with 26 or more years.

Survey respondents cited strong financial reserves as their top financial priority. Of the 120 individuals who provided responses to this question, 51% stated that maintaining strong reserves for repair and replacement of roofs, masonry and building foundations, backyard fences, parking lots, and other infrastructure should be a long-term goal, while an even larger 63% stated that it should be a top goal in the Association's upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) which begins on Oct. 1, 2023. Respondents also expressed a particular interest in near-term completion of several specific reserve projects, including the programmed renovation of our multiunit apartment buildings' common area hallways, completion of backyard fence replacement, and parking lot renovation. A number of residents also noted a specific long-term infrastructure goal — construction of a significant number of charging stations to serve the large number of electric vehicles that our residents are projected to own during the next 5-10 years.

Building maintenance, which includes painting and day-to-day repairs of roofs, plumbing, pools, and other elements of our property, was a second major priority. Some 44% of respondents stated that this should be a major long-term goal, while 25% identified it as a top financial goal in FY24. Since building maintenance is interrelated with and sometimes equated with reserve spending, the two areas should be considered together as a collective financial priority.

Survey respondents' third financial priority was maintenance and improvement of Fairlington Villages' 93 acres of grounds. About 43% of responses stated that grounds improvement should be a major long-term goal, and 40% identified it as a major goal in the upcoming fiscal year. Various specific recommendations included maintaining and expanding our tree canopy, planting more native plants and shrubs, significantly reducing or eliminating the use of chemical fertilizers, implementing better pruning practices, and mitigating drainage and erosion problems.

The three top financial priorities — reserves, building maintenance, and grounds improvements — were complemented by several additional goals. Some 23% of respondents stated that having low condo fees and/or limiting the fee increase in FY24 was very important, while 18% of replies stated that maintenance of the Association's pools, tennis courts, and other amenities was a significant long-term goal.

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# **Activities Around the Village**



# Find Fun at Our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8

Join us for our children's Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., April 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Community Center at 3005 S. Abingdon St. Please note, this event is intended for children under the age of 10. The Activities Committee will provide muffins, juice and coffee.

Volunteers are needed to set up the event, decorate the Community Center, prepare and hide the eggs, direct families during the event, organize photo opportunities, and assist with event clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, please email <a href="mailto:activities@fairlingtonvillages.com">activities@fairlingtonvillages.com</a> or call the Management Office at 703-379-1440.

# B.Y.O.B. to the Annual Wine & Cheese Party on April 14

If you enjoy good wine and good company, please join us for this year's Wine & Cheese Party on Fri., April 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Community Center. We will provide the cheese and an assortment of wines for Fairlingtonians to test their skills to guess the wine. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and join us for a fun evening! You do not need to know anything about wine or cheese to participate!

If you can help with this event, please email <u>activities@fairlington villages.com</u> or call the Management Office. Cheers!

### Join an Electric Discussion with the Book Club on April 27

Please join us on Thurs., April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community

Center to discuss *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore. Follow "a young lawyer in New York City in 1888, as he attempts to discern who invented the light bulb: Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, or Nikola Tesla." The historical novel was named one of the best books of the year by *The Washington Post* and the American Library Association.

Our Thurs., May 25, book discussion will be on *Ace of Spades* by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé. This Young Adult book promises to be "an incendiary and utterly compelling thriller with a shocking twist that delves deep into the heart of institutionalized racism." Highly recommended for fans of juicy plots and *Gossip Girl*.

Please visit our "Fairlington Area Book Readers Group" Facebook page for the latest details at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/185662778799790/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/185662778799790/</a>. If you have questions, please email <a href="bookclub@fairlingtonvillages.com">bookclub@fairlingtonvillages.com</a>.

# Play the Joker, Not the Fool, at Canasta 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. at 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 <a href="marryan1024@gmail.com">marryan1024@gmail.com</a> for more details.

# We Dig the Spring Yard and Plant Sale on May 6

Spring is here and we are excited for the annual Spring Yard Sale on Sat., May 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Community Center parking lot. Join fellow Fairlingtonians to see what great items you can find!

Community members will be able to reserve \$10 spaces for the Yard Sale through a reservation

process. Information and details on how to register for a space will be posted on our <u>website</u> and social media channels. Participants should set up from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.; everything must be cleaned out by 1 p.m.

Spring plants will be sold from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. by the Grounds Committee.

Complimentary coffee, water, and juice boxes will be available. Parking will be restricted in the Community Center parking lot the night leading up to the event, so be on the lookout for temporary "No parking" signs.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please email <u>activities@fairlingtonvillages.com</u> or call the Management Office.

### **Tennis Courts Refresher**

Please remember to take your valid Fairlington Villages ID when you use the courts. Please observe the following guidelines at the courts:

- No other activities other than Tennis and Pickle Ball are permitted. Everything else is prohibited.
- Please keep the courts clean.
- Please be respectful and courteous toward each other and practice tennis etiquette.
- Fairlington Villages residents have priority and can book a court through Skedda to guarantee court time. Contact the Management Office for more information, email <u>office@fairlingtonvillages</u> .com or call 703-379-1440.
- Safety is our top priority. If there is a medical emergency, please call 911.

Thank you for your cooperation and good luck.

Please see pages 9-10: Tennis & Pickleball Rules

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# **Manager's Corner**

Gregory Roby, General Manager, CMCA®, PCAM®



### Walk with Us on April 29

Please join us for the Spring Walk-Though on Sat., April 29, at 9 a.m. starting at the Management Office. We will review the status of several projects related to the common grounds at Fairlington Villages. The Walk-Though will occur come rain or shine, so please wear appropriate outdoor apparel.

### Water the Plants, Not the Grass

As spring grounds improvements and maintenance begins, it becomes necessary to hand-water plants in a number of locations. Please turn on your outside faucet so that we will have access to water as needed.

Your assistance with the watering of plants is also appreciated. Management makes "soaker" hoses with timers available to residents to assist with watering planting beds. We are mostly concerned in locations where there are new plantings.

Care should be taken to limit watering to no more than is necessary for the health of the plants. We do not advocate watering the grass turf. Grasses in this geographic area adapt to drought and go dormant to protect themselves. Watering in drought conditions fools the grasses into thinking more water is available and can damage root systems.

### Rain, Rain, Go Away

Wet basement walls at Fairlington are not uncommon. Please remember to check basement walls after heavy or prolonged rains. If you see signs of water penetration, contact the Management Office to investigate the problem. Unless the problem is severe, corrective action will have to occur after the rain has ended. You can send us a notice to this effect via <u>TownSq</u>, send an email to <u>office@fairlingtonvillages.com</u>, or call us at 703-379-1440.

### **Update Your Intercom**

If you want to update the intercom device in your apartment-style unit with a more modern and reliable replacement, models are available through the Management Office for \$75. If you are interested, please contact the Management Office and the maintenance staff will be happy to work with you to install one.

### **Connect with Electronic Requests**

Although the pandemic has waned, the COVID-19 virus is still in circulation (and has hit the Management Office twice in the past three months). To reduce

# **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

Telephone: 703-379-1440

General Info Email: office@fairlingtonvillages.com

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#### Staff

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Office Manager
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### **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

the risk of transmission, Management continues to take appointments at the Office. We can address your work order requests and most other resident services electronically: use <u>TownSq</u> to send us a work order or other notice, email us at <u>office@fairlingtonvillages.</u> <u>com</u>, or telephone us at 703-379-1440.

# Dive into Volunteering with the Pool Committee

The Pool Committee is welcoming new members. The first meeting is Wed., May 10, at 7 p.m. Please email pools@fairlingtonvillages.com for details.

We look forward to the start of pool season at Fairlington Villages. Check back next month for our article on the pools and related rules.



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### **GET SOCIAL WITH US**

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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, April 5, 2023

The following is the preliminary agenda for the April 5, 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 <u>office@fairlingtonvillages.com</u> or call 703-379-1440.

- I. Residents' Comments (5 minute limit/household)
- II. Call to Order
- III. Establishment of Quorum
- IV. Approval of Minutes March 1, 2023
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - A. Certification of Election
  - B. Election of Officers
  - C. Rules Violation 2961 S. Columbus St., B1
  - D. Variance Request 4903 S. 30th St. (Install Camera)
  - E. Variance Request 2830 S. Columbus St. (Grandfather the Removal of a Load-Bearing Wall)
  - F. FY23 Masonry Repair Project Phase 9
  - G. Spring Plant Replacement
  - H. Parking Lot Renovations
  - Apartment Hallway Carpet Cleaning

### 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. Executive Session to discuss Unit Owners' Liability to the Association
- IX. Establishment of Next Board Meeting May 3, 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.

### Yard Waste Recycling: April 6, 13, and 20



Every April and November our waste hauler, Capitol Services, picks up paper yard waste bags curbside and delivers them to Arlington County to become compost. The spring dates are three Thursdays: April 6, 13, and 20.

Paper yard waste bags are available in the Management Office at no charge. Any yard waste in plastic bags cannot be recycled and will be hauled away with the regular trash and disposed in a landfill.

# **Board Meeting Highlights**

The Board held a regular meeting on March 1, 2023. The following are highlights.

**New Business** 

A. Variance Request – 4706 S. 29th St. – Install Security Cameras: At the request of the homeowners, this matter was postponed to the April Board meeting.

**B. Pitched Roofs Replacement FY23:** Mr. Reem moved the Board authorize Management to contract with Northern Virginia Roofing for the FY23 roof replacements, at a total cost of \$394,215. The Calendar of Reserves Expenditures includes \$400,000 for this purpose in FY23 and all of the funds are available. Passed 7-0.

C. Replacement of Common Area Windows Wards II and III: Mr. Reem moved the Board authorize Management to contract with NOVA Installations for the replacement of 74 windows in the common area hallways in Wards II and III, at a cost not to exceed \$39,590. Passed 8-0.

**D. Exterior Painting:** Mr. Brown moved the Board authorize Management to contract with Middledorf Property Services, Inc., for exterior painting in Ward V at a cost of \$64,225. Passed 8-0.

**E. Spring Focal Bed Plantings:** Mr. Brown moved the Board approve the proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for summer annuals at a cost of \$7,347. Passed 8-0.

**F. Spring Mulch Program:** Ms. Wasowski moved the Board approve the proposal from Lancaster Landscapes for mulch products at a total cost of \$33,233. Passed 8-0.

G. Phase II – Perimeter Fence Project: Ms. Lankford moved the Board approve the following perimeter fence proposals: Long Fence for board and batten pine perimeter fencing at a total cost of \$94,750; Long Fence for chain link repairs throughout the property, not to exceed \$20,000; Lancaster Landscapes to remove trees and large branches from the perimeter fence at a total cost of \$7,750; Total Project \$122,500. Passed 8-0.

H. Trash Pilot Project: Ms. Lankford moved the Board approve a trash pilot project revising the hours for placement of trash to 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. seven days a week beginning Sun., March 12, and ending Mon., May 15, with a preliminary evaluation to be presented at the Board meeting to be held on Wed., May 3. Passed 8-0.

**I. Information Items:** The Board reviewed Environmentally Sustainable Landscaping Practices and Stepping Stones Projects.

### **BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20**

The Board of Directors met in Executive Session at a Special Meeting on Mon., Feb. 20, to confer with Association Counsel on legal and personnel matters.

### **SURVEY**

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Opinions were mixed, however, on what the form of these amenities should be in response to our Association's changing demographics. Many respondents recommended no changes, while several others suggested closing and/or repurposing at least one or more underused tennis courts. Besides these recommendations regarding fees and amenities, respondents' other suggestions included saving money by competing all major service contracts, eliminating the printed newsletter and replacing it with digital-only distribution, and eliminating the security patrol.

As noted earlier, these results of our current 2023 Future Financial Priorities Survey show a striking degree of continuity with the principal financial goals identified in Association's 2019 Strategic Plan. In 2019, our top objectives/goals by number of major comments received were continuing building infrastructure maintenance priorities (51 responses), keeping the property and grounds attractive (39 responses), maintaining strong operating and replacement reserves (35 responses), keeping condo fees reasonable and cutting costs (16 responses), and maintaining amenities, including pools and tennis courts (11 responses). These are exactly the same top priorities identified in the current survey. What has changed, however, is how some of these priorities are emphasized. In 2019, for example, there were no comments regarding installation of additional electric vehicle charging stations, whereas in 2023 this is a major long-term infrastructure goal. Similarly, several current comments stress the need to plant more native plants and reduce or eliminate the use of chemical fertilizers, while these issues were scarcely mentioned in 2019.

The results of the 2023 Future Financial Priorities Survey will be considered when framing our FY24 and subsequent fiscal years' budgets. In some instances, survey respondents' specific recommendations directly conflict and all of them cannot be implemented. However, the major collective priorities residents have identified do provide concrete, specific overall parameters that can and will help shape the Association's future financial management decisions.

- Harold Reem, Treasurer

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2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 7 p.m. Hybrid Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	6 Yard Waste curbside	7	8 Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.	
9	10 Grounds Committee 7 p.m. Hybrid	11	Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Community Center	13 Yard Waste curbside	Wine & Cheese 7 – 9 p.m. Community Center	15	
16	17 Landscape Fertilization	18 Fertilization Special Commission on Potential Archi- tectural Changes 7 p.m. Virtual	19 Fertilization Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Community Center	20 Yard Waste Fertilization Architectural Control Committee, 7 p.m. Community Center	21 Landscape Fertilization	22	
23	24	25	26 Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Community Center	27 Book Club The Last Days of Night, 6:30 p.m. Community Center	28 Arbor Day	29 Rain or Shine Walk-Through 9 a.m. start at Management Office	
30	1 May	2	3 Board Meeting 7 p.m. Hybrid Canasta Club 10:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Community Center	4	5	6 Spring Yard & Plant Sale 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Community Center parking lot	

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

### **COURT LOCATIONS AND FEATURES**

Courts	<b>Behind These Addresses</b>	Ward	Features
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	3005 S. Abingdon St.	I	Lights, pickleball (3), bathroom, courtside patio
6	3061 S. Abingdon St.	I	
9	3031 S. Columbus St.	II	
10	2998 S. Columbus St.	VI	
11/12	4885 S. 28th St.	IV	Pickleball lines (2), Practice tennis backboard, basketball goal
13	2838 S. Buchanan St.	IV	Adjustable basketball goal
14	2854 S. Abingdon St.	III	Pickleball lines

### **TENNIS COURT RULES 2023**

- At least one player on a court must be a resident of Fairlington Villages and display a valid ID card.
- While using a Community Center court, one player on each court must display the ID in the cardholder below the court clocks at the entrance.

#### PROCEDURES FOR PLAY

- 1. Time of play begins upon the first player's entry onto the court, whether all players in the group have arrived. Time limits:
  - One hour for singles (less than 4 players).
  - Ninety minutes for doubles (4 players). If a court is put in use with fewer than 4 players, the time limit for that court is one hour even if play evolves to doubles.
- 2. The appropriate clock, located on the fence, must be set with the time of entry onto the court. This must be done whether or not others are waiting to play. The player's ID must be placed in the card holder located below the court clocks.
- 3. Players must leave the court immediately when the time has expired if other people are waiting to play. It is the joint responsibility of the active and waiting players to assure compliance with time limits.
- 4. Players are not required to stop play at the end of their time limit if no one is waiting or another court is free. However, time restrictions continue to apply. If courts fill and people are waiting to play, players whose time has expired must yield their court, starting with the players that have been over their time limit the longest.

### **TENNIS COURT RULES 2023 continued**

### **ORDER OF PLAY**

- Use of the courts is first-come, first-serve.
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### COURT LOCATIONS AND FEATURES

Courts	<b>Behind These Addresses</b>	Ward	Features
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6	3061 S. Abingdon St.	I	
9	3031 S. Columbus St.	II	
10	2998 S. Columbus St.	VI	
11/12	4885 S. 28th St.	IV	Pickleball lines (2), Practice tennis backboard, basketball goal
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### **PROCEDURES FOR PLAY**

- 1. Time of play begins upon the first player's entry onto the court, whether all players in the group have arrived. Time limits:
  - One hour for singles (less than 4 players).
  - Ninety minutes for doubles (4 players). If a court is put in use with fewer than 4 players, the time limit for that court is one hour even if play evolves to doubles.
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- 3. Players must leave the court immediately when the time has expired if other people are waiting to play. It is the joint responsibility of the active and waiting players to assure compliance with time limits.
- 4. Players are not required to stop play at the end of their time limit if no one is waiting or another court is free. However, time restrictions continue to apply. If courts fill and people are waiting to play, players whose time has expired must yield their court, starting with the players that have been over their time limit the longest.

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