

MEWS NEWS

The monthly news letter of the Landmark Mews Community Association

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President's Message

The Board held regular monthly meeting on Wednesday January 11th. I would first like to thank the community for its outpouring of support for Treasurer Marty McDonald after the passing of his wife Lynn. It is a very tragic moment in anyone's life and I feel that Marty was comforted by the sense of belonging he feels from members of the community. The Board authorized a \$148.00 dollar donation to the Foundation for End-of-Life care. The \$148 represents \$1.00 per each unit in Landmark Mews. Please

see a note below with regard to Lynn's Memorial Service.

In case you have missed them, I would like to reiterate my goals for the Board in 2012:

- (1) Execute with VDOT a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) protecting Mews' interests in construction of I-95/395 HOT Lanes, such MOU to encompass understandings regarding the design and placement of a sound wall (subject to resident approval pursuant to VDOT rules), irrigation,

landscaping, drainage, and overall ambiance along Stevenson Avenue adjacent to the sound wall. Closely monitor construction adjacent to Stevenson Avenue, consulting as necessary with VDOT, Transurban representatives, and counsel, in the implementation of the MOU's terms;

- (2) Revise 5-year reserve analysis to reflect expenditures in 2011 for street-repaving and extensive concrete rehabilitation; develop revised longer-term budget plan based on revised reserve analysis, so expenditures are within both shorter- and longer-term plan objectives;
- (3) Revise visitor parking rules to better-balance resident and visitor parking policies -- rules that afford residents greater flexibility in using visitor parking slots while enhancing parking guarantees for visitors, and ultimately improving enforcement;
- (4) Review and, if necessary, revise Architectural Standards, last revised in 2007 and timed for periodic 5-year review;
- (5) Improve landscaping throughout the community, including the berm, both entranceways, and the Stulz-Stevenson corner, informed by recommendations from the Landscape Advisory Committee;
- (6) Evaluate options for modernizing lighting throughout the community, both to brighten and to reduce costs, in maintenance and electricity;
- (7) Evaluate options for improving security, by better-securing the

perimeter, taking into account recommendations by the 2008 security study (Gordon Associates).

I look forward to working with the Board to accomplish these goals.

Financial Report – Due to the passing of Treasurer Marty McDonald's wife Lynn, I presented the financial report for this month. We ended up 2011 in great shape operationally. Fortunately, we did not have any snow removal expense in December.

The Mews has several new residents, and we are hoping to obtain their contact information. **If you are new to the Mews or if you have updated information, please complete the form on the back of the Mews News to be sure you are on our E-Mail list. It will soon be our only method of communication.**

Property Report – Property Manager Roger Casalengo briefed us on some minor projects he would like to get underway. This includes drain cleaning, a fence on the berm, and other miscellaneous maintenance items. He is hoping that the Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC) will provide additional maintenance and beautification feedback by March.

Lynn McDonald – Lynn will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on March 19, 2012 with a Mass at the Old Chapel on Fort Myers at 2:45 PM and internment after the Mass.

Lynn was under hospice care the last five days of her life at home. The care

was provided by VITAS, a large national organization. While VITAS is a for profit corporation, they do have a charitable foundation that:

- gives financial assistance to families whose needs fall outside the realm of hospice care
- sponsors conferences, scholarships and grants to improve end-of-life care in America
- increase awareness of the benefits and availability of hospice care
- provide grants for research aimed at improving pain management, family counseling and other aspects of end-of-life care

Also, we have members of the Landmark Mews community that are actively involved in the hospice and palliative care field on a daily basis. For these reasons, Marty has allowed me to invite the community to send a donation to the VITAS Hospice Charitable Fund in lieu of flowers and other remembrances. The Vitas Hospice Charitable Fund can be reached as follows:

Web:

https://vitascharityfunds.org/donation_form.html

Mail: The Foundation for End-of-Life Care

5430 NW 33rd Avenue

Suite 106

Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309

Phone: Toll free: 1-877-800-2951

Please indicate that your donation is in the memory of Lynn McDonald.

That is it for this month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday February 8th at 7:00 PM at 6269 Chaucer View Circle.

Thank You!

Dan Aminoff, President

Contact me: prez@landmarkmews.com

Covenants Corner

FIREPLACE PREPARATION NOTES

If you are using your fireplace this winter, the following tips are worth considering. Additional information is available on the internet from many reputable sources.

1. SWEEP THE CHIMNEY: Chimneys should be swept at least once a year to remove soot and debris. If you can't do it yourself, find a sweep in your area through the *Chimney Safety Institute of America*. Always inspect the structure for any damage, including the chimney liners for cracking or deterioration.

2. CAP THE TOP: Place a cap at the top of the chimney to help keep rain, birds, squirrels and debris out.

Covenants approval is not required.

3. BURN THE HARD STUFF: Dense hardwoods that have been stored in a dry place for at least six months produce less flammable by-products and build-up than green and resinous softwoods. In addition, use extreme care in disposing of ashes. Never use flammable bags or boxes.

4. BUILD THE FIRE RIGHT: Small fires create less smoke and therefore less buildup. Place logs at the back of the fireplace on a grate. Rather than flammable liquids, stick to kindling to start the fire.

Source: The Washington Post, PostPoints, by Megan Buerger, January 5, 2012

Driveway Replacement

We are trying to gauge the interest of any homeowner's that wish to have their driveway's replaced when we do concrete work this spring. If you didn't have a chance to get it done this past fall, this would be a great time to get it done. The more people we have the better the price will be. If you are interested, please e-mail Roger Casalengo at rocky6325@aol.com.

Please Slow Down

Please slow down while driving in the community and please obey the Stop signs. We have both children and the elderly living in the community, and it is simply not safe to drive fast on our narrow streets.

Reminder - Parking Policy

Please remember that the Landmark Mews Parking Policy has provisions for both residents as well as guests. Here are a few reminders:

1. Resident vehicles must display a Landmark Mews decal
2. Residents may not park in Visitors parking between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM
3. Guests need to leave a note in their car as to whom they are visiting

Dominion Power Home Protective Services

Please be aware of the below services provided by Dominion Power. All are available at the monthly fees listed below.

In-home Plumbing	\$4.95
Electric Line Repair	3.50
Sewer Line Repair	5.25
Water Line Replacement	4.50
Preferred Restoration	1.75
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Pet Waste

We have a pet waste issue in the community and it is an ongoing problem. Unfortunately, we also have a few Mews residents who are not diligent about picking up after their pets. The responsibility of owning a pet continues past your own walls. It is simply inconsiderate and rude to leave pet waste out in our public areas or worse, on someone's private property. Finally, it is not okay to simply let a pet out through your yard fence to take care of business and leave the waste. Thank you for your ongoing assistance with this issue.

Items for Sale

Two entertainment/storage armoires and a brand new trampoline. If you are interested, please contact Tracy Lenhardt to set up a time to view these items. She can be reached by email at traceylenhardt@yahoo.com.

Board Meeting Dates and Host

February 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Delia Riso, 6269 Chaucer View Circle.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

*Courtesy of Fred and Nancie Williams,
Weichert Realtors and Landmark Mews
homeowners.*

FOR SALE:

6261 Masefield Court, \$549,900
6317 Chaucer Lane, \$659,000

CONTRACT

6311 Chaucer View Circle, \$459,900
6307 Chaucer Lane, \$449,900

RENTED

6277 Chaucer View Circle, \$2,950
5198 Bedlington Terrace, \$2,900

Please keep the MEWS informed about your current contact information. Please use the form below to update your contact information. As we may not have your most current information, we ask that all owners and residents complete the attached form and return with your next dues payment or E-Mail the information to Heather McGhee at Secretary@landmarkmews.com.

Thank you for your cooperation and in helping the community maintain an up to date database.

Name(s):

Mews Property Address:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

E-Mail(s):

Landmark Mews Parking Decal Numbers:

If you don't have a parking decal for any of your vehicles, please let us know the following about your vehicle:

Make:

Model:

Year:

License No.: