

MEWS NEWS

The monthly news letter of the Landmark Mews Community Association

MAY 2012

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President's Message

The Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday May 9th. We received a Financial Report, a Property Report, and a Covenants Committee Report. Unfortunately, Loren Sciarba, our Vice President, has resigned from the Board effective immediately.

We would like to thank Loren for his six years of hard work on behalf of the community. His sharp analysis of issues and his exploits on the car racing track will be missed.

Financial Report – All the expenses for April were in line. We are holding out on final payment on the paving project until a couple of minor drainage and clean up issues are resolved.

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 indicated that Valley Crest did not charge us for the haul away of all the debris from the Community Spring Clean Up. It was a lot of material and we appreciate their assistance.

Roger, Norm Taylor, Marty McDonald, and Chris Dale put together the welcome packets for the new neighbors that included wine, flowers and community paperwork. The packages were met with appreciation from all, and I appreciate their effort in getting this project completed.

Roger is compiling several concepts and estimates associated with the entrance way at the south end of Landmark Mews Drive. He should have something to present at the June meeting.

Finally, the Spring rotation of flowers should be planted shortly.

Covenants Committee – The Spring inspections are completed. Letters will be sent by the end of June. There are many residents that have not complied with issues from last year. If you are one of these residents, please be advised that the Board plans to enforce violations not fixed per the time frames indicated to the full extent possible.

Also, prior to initiating any new projects, please run them by the Covenants Committee in case they need Committee approval. It is better to be safe than sorry.

I-395 HOT Lanes – Mr. Garrett Moore, Northern Virginia Director, VDOT and his VDOT / TransUrban team in charge of the I-95 HOT Lanes project came last night to update the LMCA HOT Lane Task Force. Short version: Nothing materially has changed since our meetings with them last summer before VDOT's September 2011 public

announcement of its I-95 HOT Lanes plan. VDOT reports that the contracts for detailed design and sound studies have now been awarded. They expect to have the data needed to address our concerns by mid-summer, with sound wall construction projected for this fall.

As a refresher, the I-95 HOT Lane Lanes project includes an off-ramp to merge into I-395. The “flyover” (flies over I-395 further to the south between here and Edsall Road) will merge into I-395 along Stevenson Avenue, but at the level of the existing highway. This will eat into our already small, landscaped buffer between Stevenson Avenue and I-395, but in return we get a sound wall – unless a majority of noise-affected homeowners in the area from The Olympus to Overlook veto the sound project in a vote VDOT is required to take prior to construction. VDOT determines which individual homeowners get to vote based on existing noise levels and whether the sound wall will significantly reduce them. (Note: Only individual homeowners, not homeowner associations, may vote.)

Recognizing that the decision to put the exit here is a “done deal,” LMCA Task Force members are operating on the premise that the majority of homeowners will certainly want the sound wall. Our focus, therefore, continues to be working with VDOT / TransUrban senior management and designers to mitigate adverse impacts on our community. VDOT now seems fairly confident, for example, that they will be able to locate almost the entire wall on the I-395 side of the existing chain link, limited access fence. To the extent possible VDOT says it will try to access the work from the I-395 side. VDOT states they plan to construct the wall

first, which ought to help shield us from roadway construction noise. VDOT states it will assign a single project manager to work closely with LMCA during the construction phase.

We have provided VDOT / TransUrban a wish list of desired landscaping / design features; VDOT has agreed to respond to the particulars. The sound wall design will depend on VDOT sound and geo-testing, which is just starting. This information is also needed for VDOT to determine which homeowners will be sufficiently affected to be included in the homeowner vote (for or against the sound wall) that VDOT is required to conduct prior to construction.

The Task Force assumes most homeowners will vote for the sound wall (once vetoed, there can be no way later to revive the initiative.) However, to illuminate homeowners as to what they might expect in the way of noticeable results, VDOT has offered, upon completion of the sound studies and design work, to VDOT's senior noise abatement official (and other VDOT personnel) brief our entire community I shall schedule such a community-wide meeting when VDOT is ready, which should be an excellent forum for interested homeowners to get better informed of the details and to raise questions they might have.

Board Vacancy – After six (6) years of valuable service to the community, Loren Sciorba has resigned from the Board effective with the end of the May Board meeting. Pursuant to a Board Resolution, I provided the community with thirty (30) days notice for interested parties to express an interest in serving out the remainder of Loren's term, which expires on December 31, 2012. The Board will appoint a replacement at our

regular monthly meeting on Wednesday June 13th at 7:00 PM.

Should an interested party desire to serve beyond the end of this year, he or she will need to stand for election to the Board in October. If you are interested in serving on the Board as indicated, please e-mail me your name and a statement of candidacy to prez@landmarkmews.com by the close of business on Friday June 8, 2012.

That is it for this month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday June 13th at 7:00 PM at 6309 Chaucer View Circle.

Thank You!

Dan Aminoff, President

Contact me: prez@landmarkmews.com

Covenants Corner

Spring inspections are almost complete and the Committee will be sending out letters soon. Residents with “required” items that need immediate attention will receive their letters first. Owners with “advisory” or no items will follow.

Since backyards are not generally included in the inspections, the Committee asks for your cooperation in keeping your area free of weeds and as “neat” as possible. We ask that you be especially mindful of stagnant water of any kind. Even a small amount will breed mosquitoes and attract vermin. If you have a pool or fountain, please be sure that the water is running continuously or empty it. Birdbaths, by rule, are not allowed. Your cooperation in keeping the Mews in first class condition is appreciated.

William R. Evinger
Chair, LMCA Covenants Committee

Lion Chef Invitational

What: A foodies and friends event to benefit the FHSSA

When: Saturday, May 19, 2012,
7:00pm – 10:00pm

Where: United States Patent Office and Trademark Office, Madison Building Atrium, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Cost: \$60 per person (includes food tasting and one ballot for People's Choice Award)

Or

Patron Sponsor is \$125 (includes admission for one, program recognition and two ballots for People's Choice Award)

For more information or to register online visit
www.fhssa.org/lionchef2012.

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

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.

Board Meeting Dates and Host

June 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joel Kaplan, 6309 Chaucer View Circle.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

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

FOR SALE

6316 Manchester Way- \$519,000
6326 Manchester Way-\$535,000

SOLD

6333 Chaucer View Circle- \$557,750
6313 Chaucer View Lane- \$569,900

RENTED

6254 Masefield Court - \$2,800 per month
6353 Brampton Court- \$2,900 per month

LMCA Board Attendance 2012

Member Name	Position	Jan 11	Feb 8	Mar 14	Apr 11	May 9	Jun 13	Jul 11	Aug 8	Sep 12	Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec 12
Dan Aminoff	President	Y	Y	Y	N	Y							
Loren Sciurba	Vice President	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Bill Gaffney	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y	N							
Linda Carter	Member	N	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Joel Kaplan	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Tom Craig	Member	N	N	Y	Y	Y							
Delia Riso	Member	Y	Y	Y	N	Y							
Marty McDonald	Treasurer	N	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Roger Casalengo	Property Manager	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Heather McGhee	Secretary	Y	Y	Y	Y	N							

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.: