

# MEWS NEWS

## The monthly news letter of the Landmark Mews Community Association

JULY 2011

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### President's Message

The Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>. I presented an update on the HOT Lane project, we received an updated Financial Report, we received the latest Property Report from Property Manager Roger Casalengo, and we received an update from Covenants Chairman Evinger.

*I-395 HOT Lane Project* – We have had continuing dialogue with VDOT as well as our political representatives. Landmark Mews has just been moved into the 39<sup>th</sup> Virginia House District

represented by Vivian Watts. Delegate Watts will be visiting the community to see firsthand our situation on Stevenson Avenue.

I will create a section on the website in early August where we will post updates as they are available.

*Financial Report* – Treasurer Marty McDonald updated the Board. There was not much to note about this month's report. The Mews has several new residents, and we are hoping to obtain their contact information.

If you are new to the Mews, please complete the form on the back of the Mews News to be sure you are on our E-Mail list.

*Property Report* – Projects are continuing. We are in the process of removing a dead fir tree, continuing to point the brick wall, and trim some trees.

*Covenants Committee* – Chairman Evinger wants to remind everyone that the work indicated on your Spring Inspection notice should be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, when making any alterations to the exterior of your property, please be sure to complete a Request to Modify form. It may be that you do not need Covenants' approval, however, it is always best to be safe than sorry.

A couple of quick reminders:

1. Please do not grill or barbeque in the alleyways. Please be sure to grill inside your privacy fence. There are various utility lines, including gas lines that run through the alleyways. I would hate for anyone to get an unexpected BANG! out of their meal!
2. It is helpful to group your white trash bags into large black trash bags when placing them on the curb for pick-up. It is especially not a good idea to simply put garbage in an open bag on the curb. Unfortunately, we have critters in the community that like all critters, look for low hanging fruit. They think the twice weekly offering is a bountiful meal for them. Let's

do our best to keep critters under control by putting trash in the black trash bags. These bags are very resistant to critters. In addition, they help keep the trash anchored to the street. We have had several windy days where trash has ended up all over the community.

3. Whenever possible, please keep your porch light on. The streets look much better when lit and it provides a huge security benefit to the community.

That is it for this month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday August 16th at 7:00 PM at the home of Delia Riso, 6269 Chaucer View Circle.

Thank You!

*Dan Aminoff, President*

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### **Covenants Corner**

The Committee wants to thank all the residents who have completed their repairs noted in their spring inspection. If you still have items to work on and need additional time, the Committee will review requests prior to September 1. Normally, 30-day extensions are granted; additional time is allowed on a case-by-case basis. Items that are left over from previous inspections will probably not be given an extension. The Committee expects that anyone who disagreed with a REQUIRED ITEM already would have submitted their objection to the Committee.

The Committee has received complaints/comments concerning the appearance/condition of some back yards. At least one prospective buyer

commented that, seeing the condition of the adjoining units, he would be reluctant to buy. Since the spring inspection was a “curb” inspection, the Committee had limited access to the backyards. We ask for your cooperation in keeping your area free of weeds and as neat as possible. In that regard, 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 is appreciated.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

When surveying the brick wall I noticed that many back gates did not appear to have locks on them. Perhaps there were locks on the inside, but a few were unlocked entirely and easy to open.

Please make sure your back gates are secure.

Thank you.  
Neighborhood Watch

### **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.

### **Garage Sale**

Got too much stuff? Don’t want to mess with eBay? Then consider joining us for a community-wide yard sale. If you are interested, please contact Loren at [lsciurba@gmail.com](mailto:lsciurba@gmail.com) so we can plan a date.

### **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.

### **Rebuilding Together**

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is a non-profit dedicated to preserving affordable homeownership by repairing and revitalizing homes—free of cost!—for those in need, including (but certainly not limited to) the elderly, persons with disabilities, military veterans, and families. Whether you are a homeowner in need looking to apply for home assistance at no cost to you, or an active citizen who would like to volunteer some of your time and skill to help a neighbor stay in their home—please contact us with any questions or to see if you qualify for our services by calling **703.836.1021** or visiting our website

[www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org](http://www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org)

### **Items for Sale**

Make Best Offer. CASH AND CARRY

- \*Dining Room Table and 6 Chairs
- \*Bedroom Furniture
- \*Like New Exercise Equipment
- \*Beautiful Etage
- \*Antique Dresser, etc.

If interested in any of the above items,  
please send an email to  
[secretary@landmarkmews.com](mailto:secretary@landmarkmews.com).

**Board Meeting Dates and Host**

August 10th, 7:00 p.m. at Delia Riso's  
home, 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  
6264 Masefield Court, \$480,000

5198 Bedlington Terrace, \$549,900  
6333 Chaucer View Circle, \$555,000  
6317 Chaucer Lane, \$710,000

**CONTRACT**

6315 Chaucer Lane, \$559,900

**SOLD**

5204 Cottingham Place, \$525,000  
6252 Masefield Court, \$475,000  
6272 Masefield Court, \$595,000

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](mailto: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.: