

MEWS NEWS

The monthly news letter of the Landmark Mews Community Association

DECEMBER 2011

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President's Message

The Board held its annual meeting on Wednesday December 14th. As you will see below, we renegotiated our trash pick up and landscaping contracts. As we look forward to 2012, I would like to set out some goals that I hope the Board will accomplish:

- (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. We will start working on these at our January meeting.

Financial Report – Treasurer Marty McDonald updated the Board. There were no extraordinary expenses this past month.

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 – The community has received bids from two companies that are interested in bidding on our landscaping needs: Valley Crest (our current provider) and Brickman. The requirements of our landscape contractor are that they be able to provide landscaping services, irrigation system maintenance and snow removal. After going back to each vendor to provide an apples to apples bid, the Board approved Valley Crest as our service provider. While the bid from Brickman was slightly lower than that of Valley Crest, the Board decided to go with Valley Crest given our history with them as well as a significant credit towards a large project. Of significance, given the current economic situation, our annual fee is back to where it was in 2005.

Also, as we were facing an increase in our trash contract on January 1st and our contract expires in June of 2012, I asked former President Bruce Wood to reach out to AAA to see about renegotiating at this time. AAA provided an excellent proposal as well as reduced their fee significantly for the first 6 months of 2012 (the last 6 months of our contract). Again, given the current economic situation, our annual fee is back to where it was in 2005.

That is it for this month. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday

January 11th at 7:00 PM at my home
6360 Brampton Court

Thank You!

Dan Aminoff, President

Contact me: prez@landmarkmews.com

Covenants Corner

REMINDER: Exterior modification to your house or landscaping requires prior Committee approval. When requesting a modification to your property, be sure to use the current version of the form [10/16/2010] available on the LMCA website or from any Committee member. Please be sure to provide as much information as possible on the form, including colors, materials, and company. If possible, include a sample of the materials and colors as may be appropriate for your project. The cost of the project is NOT required. For modifications that would alter the original structure or design of the home, requests must be published in the Mews News and on the LMCA website and 30 days must transpire to allow for community comments before Committee action. For all other projects, allow time for the Committee to review your request and act on it BEFORE you start your work.

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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	\$19.95

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

January 11th, 7:00 p.m. at the home of
Dan Aminoff, 6360 Brampton Court.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

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

FOR SALE:

6317 Chaucer Lane, \$659,000

6261 Masfield Court, \$549,900

CONTRACT

6311 Chaucer View Circle

6307 Chaucer Lane

FOR RENT

6277 Chaucer View Circle, \$3,000 per
month (rental application pending)

5198 Bedlington Terrace, \$2,995 per
month

LMCA Board Attendance 2011

Member Name	Position	Jan 12	Feb 9	Mar 9	Apr 13	May 11	Jun 15	Jul 13	Aug 10	Sep 21	Oct 12	Nov 9	Dec 14
Dan Aminoff	President	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (for half of mtg.)	Y	Y
Loren Sciorba	Vice President	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Gaffney	Member	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Linda Carter	Member	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Joel Kaplan	Member	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill Menzies	Member	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Delia Riso	Member	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Marty McDonald	Treasurer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Roger Casalengo	Property Manager	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Heather McGhee	Secretary	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y

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.: