

Mews News

*Landmark Mews Community Association
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NEXT HOA MEETING:

Wednesday, June 17 @ 7:00 PM – 6325 Manchester Way or Zoom

Please be sure to check out website: <https://www.landmarkmews.com/>
And request to join our Facebook page: **Landmark Mews, Alexandria Va**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MAY 2020

The Board met Wednesday, May 20th, as scheduled, via Zoom. Our agenda included replacing a vacancy on the Board, an update on the landscape renovations, discussion about adopting the CAI's Model Code of Ethics for Board Members and Civility Pledge for the Community, and a couple of administrative matters.

Board Vacancy: The Board has selected longtime resident Carl Halvorson to replace Bruce Wood on the Board. We are grateful that Carl threw his hat in the ring at this time. Carl's appointment will last until this year's Annual Meeting in October. At that time, this seat will be up for a special election to fill the remaining term, which runs through the end of 2021.

Other issues we covered:

Landscape Renovation: In addition to the new projects the Board approved in February and April, there is some remedial work on previous projects already completed. These include some drainage flow issues, plants and shrubs that will need to be replaced and enhanced, and brick paver re-setting. We hope to have these items completed in early June, so that we can move forward on the new projects.

The Board also approved a couple of small tree trimming and tree removal projects as well as re-painting the curbs surrounding the islands at and near the Stultz entrance to the community.

CAI's Model Code of Ethics and Civility Pledge for the Community: I had sent these two items out to the community with the May board meeting agenda. The links to these items are also included with this Mews News here: [CAI Civility Pledge Forms](#) / [CAI Board Member Ethics](#). The Board discussed the provisions of each document and the provisions seem to be fairly straightforward and worthy of adoption. However, before we act on these items the Board would like to solicit input from the community. Please send any feedback or thoughts on these documents to me at president@landmarkmews.com.

Finally, just a reminder that all dogs out and about in the community are required to be on a leash. Landmark Mews follows the Fairfax County ordinances on this matter. To that extent, should you notice a dog off leash, please contact Fairfax County Animal Control at 703-255-6377.

That's a wrap. Next month's meeting is scheduled for June 17th, most likely via Zoom.

Best,

Dan

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COVENANTS CORNER

Spring inspections are currently taking place and notifications will be sent via email shortly. Should you have any questions, please contact covenants@landmarkmews.com.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

A Phased Re-Opening of Farmer's Markets Begins in May – The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) is preparing for a gradual re-opening of some Farmer's Markets, beginning **May 9, 2020**. During this phased approach, social distancing and safety guidelines that comply with Governor Northam's orders will be observed. All other park amenities, such as visitors' centers and restrooms, will remain closed. Information about which Farmer's Markets will open can be found on the FCPA website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.¹

Mason District and Fairfax County Resources During COVID-19 – To find additional resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit the [Mason District COVID-19](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason/covid-19) website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason/covid-19), which offers online resources and information at the local, state, and federal level. Fairfax County also has new resources, which include:

- A COVID-19 languages portal that features information about basic needs assistance translated into the top seven non-English languages spoken in Fairfax County: Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, Urdu, and Farsi: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/language-portal;
- Fairfax County offers COVID-19 text alerts in Spanish. To sign up, text FFXCOVIDESP to 888777. Reciba mensajes por texto de COVID-19 en Español. Para inscribirse, textea FFXCOVIDESP a 888777.;
- Food resources for families: <https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update-food-resources>;
- A COVID-19 Geospatial Resources Platform that offers maps and interactive applications with data relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic in Fairfax County: <https://fairfax-county-covid-19-geospatial-resources-fairfaxcountygis.hub.arcgis.com/>;
- Stores with dedicated store hours for vulnerable populations, list compiled by Northern Virginia Family Services: www.nvfs.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Dedicated-Store-Hours-Most-Vulnerable-Operating-Updates.pdf.

¹ Mason District May 2020 E-Newsletter

- The most recent information about COVID-19 in Fairfax County is available on the Health Department website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus; and
- The latest key updates is available: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/.

For information about the Fairfax County's operating status, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/status. Although most county buildings are closed to the public, visit the "Assistance from a Distance" website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/assistance-distance for key government services that are available online or by phone so you can conduct business with Fairfax County.²

² Mason District May 2020 E-Newsletter

HOW BAD IS IT?

Tips & Tricks from the editors of *HGTV Magazine*³

Q: How bad is it to go to open hours without any intention of buying one?

It's cool, real estate agents say, and you'll be in good company: Up to 30% of open house visitors are curious locals, says Paula Monthofer, a realtor in Flagstaff, AZ, and a spokesperson for the National Association of Realtors. People who are just peeking help an open house look popular and may get the word out about a great listing. Realtors also know they can make good connections: "Often, people at open houses are thinking of making a move but aren't yet ready to buy," says Monthofer, noting that she regularly reconnects with folks when they are ready. So don't feel funny about putting your name on the sign-in sheet, but mention that you're not in the market right now so the listing agent won't waste time following up.

A: NOT BAD AT ALL!

Q: How bad is it to ignore a light that sometimes mount a curtain rod from the window trim, not the wall?

"That's bad for aesthetics and practical function," says HGTV designer Hilary Farr, cohost of *Love It or List It*. Concealing the top of the window trim could look weird next to the rest of a room's moldings. And even when the curtains are open, they can't let in maximum light because they won't totally clear the glass – there will always be fabric blocking it. Not to mention that it's safest to secure the rod to studs in the wall, whatever the weight of your curtains. If you have the space, Farr suggests putting it 4 inches above the window trim and extending it about 12 inches on either side. If you don't have that much room, go as high as you can or consider a rod that mounts to the ceiling.

A: PRETTY BAD!

Q: How bad is it to toss a can of spray paint in the trash?

If the can is completely empty, without a hiss of air, it's perfectly fine to throw it away (some towns even let you use the recycling bin). "But if there are any contents left inside, that can create problems," says Bob Cappadona, president and chief operating officer at environmental services company Veolia North America. Paint contains oil-derived petroleum. A can that gets broken during the jostling of trash collection may lead to leakage, which can seep into groundwater when it reaches the dump. Plus if the can is dented or punctured in the disposal process, the residual pressure might turn it into a projectile and injure a sanitation worker. Household hazardous waste programs – check your town's website for info – know how to handle spray paint cans safely, and often find ways to recycle or reuse the materials.

A: PRETTY BAD! (if there's paint in the can)

A: NOT BAD AT ALL! (if the can's empty)

Q: How bad is it to never have your tires rotated?

Sorry, this isn't optional. "When you don't rotate tires, two will wear out faster, compromising the stability of your vehicle," says David Bennett, manager of automotive repair systems at AAA. Which pair get the brunt of the wear and tear depends on whether your car is front-, rear-, or all-wheel drive – that indicates which ones are doing the extra work. As their treads get run down, it takes longer for the car to stop, especially in rain or snow. Switching tires around helps delay this deterioration. Do it once every other oil change, or at least before

³ Julianne Peitone, *HGTV Magazine*, May 2020

winter. Check with the place where you bought them before shelling out for service: Some tires' purchase price includes rotation and balancing for their lifetime.

A: REALLY BAD!

HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE MEWS NEWS?

If you have information or a helpful idea that would benefit the community and would like to include it in the Mews News, please email it to Maria Santos at secretary@landmarkmews.com. We'll do our best to include it in the next newsletter, as long as the content is appropriate.

LANDMARK MEWS
REAL ESTATE UPDATE – MAY 2020
Updated on 5/28/20 12:44 PM

ACTIVE SALES LISTINGS

5208 Bedlington Terrace

New List Price: \$739,000
New List Date: 5/22/20
Original List Price: \$759,900
Original List Date: 5/1/20
DOM-MLS: 25
Status: Active

6362 Brampton Court

List Price: \$740,000
DOM-MLS: 102
Status: Active
List Date: 2/14/20

UNDER CONTRACT/CNKO

6311 Chaucer Lane

List Price: \$720,000
DOM-MLS: 3
Status: CNKO
List Date: 5/7/20
Off-Market Date: 5/9/20
Close Date: 6/19/20

SOLD

N/A

ACTIVE RENTAL LISTINGS

6315 Chaucer View Circle

List Price: \$3,400
DOM-MLS: 75
Status: Active
List Date: 3/11/20

RENTED

6326 Manchester Way

List Price: \$3,000
DOM-MLS: 24
Status: Closed
List Date: 4/22/20
Sold Date: 5/15/20

