

Mews News

*Landmark Mews Community Association
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July 2020*



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NEXT HOA MEETING:
Wednesday, August 19 @ 7:00 PM via 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
JULY 2020

The Board met Wednesday, July 15th, as scheduled, via Zoom. Our agenda included an update on the landscape renovations, continued discussion about adopting the CAI's Model Code of Ethics for Board Members, further discussion on a new Delegation of Authority resolution and the naming of The Berm.

Landscape Renovation: Most of the landscape work is complete, allowing us to move on to the new projects. The new projects include a drainage enhancement at the end of Manchester (near Brampton) and some additional timber replacement on the stairs towards Landmark Mews Drive from Chaucer View Circle.

CAI's Model Code of Ethics: The Board reviewed our existing policies for any conflicts with the CAI's Model Code of Ethics. Finding none, the Board adopted the Civility Pledge for the Community.

Delegation of Authority Resolution: The Board continued discussion on a new Delegation of Authority resolution to cover spending limits by the President and Property Manager between Board meetings. We discussed monetary limitations and will have a final draft to review and approve at the August meeting.

Naming of the Berm: The Board discussed the naming of the Berm. A consensus of the Board agreed that we should proceed with a poll of the community with these three choices: Brampton Park, Mews Park, & The Berm. Look for a survey to be sent soon.

Finally, another 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 August 19th, via Zoom.

Best,

Dan

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

City of Alexandria Provides COVID-19 Updates¹

The City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Health Department (AHD) remind everyone that you are **safest at home**. Older adults, persons with underlying medical conditions and pregnant women are at greater risk for severe disease and are advised to minimize potential exposures as much as possible. Please keep at least 6 feet of distance from others.

Everyone is required to wear a mask in most indoor public settings. Your neighbors and loved ones are counting on you to stop the spread of COVID-19.

21 New COVID-19 Cases and No New Fatalities Added in Alexandria²

The cumulative number of COVID-19 cases in Alexandria is now 2,639, including 56 fatalities. COVID-19 is spread by people whether or not they have symptoms, and nearly 10% of infected Alexandrians have required hospitalization. Everyone must do their part to stop the spread: maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others, wear a mask, and carry and use hand sanitizer. With a recent increase in cases, you are more likely to encounter someone who is infected. Be prepared to answer a call from the Alexandria Health Department in case you are identified as a close contact. Detailed data, including data on age, race and ethnicity, is available through links at alexandriava.gov/Coronavirus.

Home Repair Services Through Dominion Energy

Many of the homes in Landmark Mews have/had polybutylene pipes that deteriorate over time, burst and cause flooding if not replaced. Dominion Energy has partnered with HomeServe to offer home repair plans to help eligible customers be prepared and have the best possible service in the case of such an emergency. They have 14 product offerings in three categories as follows:

1. Plumbing
2. Electrical
3. Heating and Cooling

The Water Line Replacement Program is covered under plumbing for \$4.95/month and billed through Dominion Energy. For more information, please visit

https://www.homeserve.com/sc/coverage#filter=*

If you have any questions regarding the polybutylene pipes, please contact Roger Casalengo at prop.manager@landmarkmews.com.

FIOS FEEDBACK

For those of you who have not yet ordered FIOS, following is some helpful information from one of the Mews' longtime residents, Tim Foster.

Annie and I ordered FIOS service for installation 7 July, but have postponed it a couple of months while we seek outside advice on what wiring arrangements we might want to incorporate in light of our particular situation (e.g., 250' run of Cox coaxial cable to our router, which saps the signal.) Perhaps others might be interested in what we think we learned to date ("think" -- because getting reliable has not been easy.)

1. Verizon FIOS installation price -- \$99 – (waived for online orders.)

¹ <https://www.alexandriava.gov/>

² <https://www.alexandriava.gov/>

2. For this sum, Verizon will: a) run FIOS cable from back fence to the house, (underground, if feasible); b) connect the incoming FIOS to already existing cable / telephone wiring – in a Verizon-provided connection box; c) connect the current in-house wiring to a FIOS-capable router that the customer provides or rents from Verizon. (The router broadcasts the signal for your wireless devices and has ports for hardwire connection.)
3. The coaxial cables we now use for TV / Internet cannot be used Verizon's super high-speed "1 Gig" service. For those customers, Verizon installation entails running a thin, white, flat, 1/4" wide, category 6, ethernet cable from the connection box to wherever you want the router. Customers who wish to hide this cable behind walls and between floors must do it themselves or hire someone. Verizon will not "fish" wires.
4. For phone service: The ordering process includes an online search to determine if we could keep our phone number; the computer reported "not available." When I mentioned this much later during discussion with a human Verizon representative, the answer was we could keep our phone number.

Governor Directs DMV Commissioner to Extend Certain Administrative Actions

To support the phased re-opening of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Customer Service Centers (CSC), Virginia Governor Ralph Northam signed the [Fourth Amended Executive Directive Seven \(2020\)](#) on June 25, which extends the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before **July 31, 2020**. Virginians have up to an additional 90 days, not to exceed October 31, 2020, to schedule appointments at DMV CSCs, DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations for services that cannot be completed online or by mail. The limited operations by appointment began on May 18, 2020. For more information, and to schedule an appointment, visit the DMV website www.dmv.virginia.gov.³

Save the Date: Virginia Sales Tax Holiday

Virginia's 2020 Tax Free Weekend is coming! Beginning **Friday, August 7, 2020** at 12:01 a.m. until **Sunday, August 9, 2020** at 11:59 p.m., consumers can purchase **qualifying** school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star® and WaterSense® products without paying sales tax. For more information, including a list of qualifying items, visit www.tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday.⁴

Be Reachable: Sign-Up for Fairfax Alerts – The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for significant emergency events that may occur in our community. Sign up for Fairfax Alerts at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts to stay informed about emergency-related activities affecting our county and region. Questions may be answered by OEM staff by e-mail at oem@fairfaxcounty.gov, or by calling 571-350-1000.⁵

³ Mason District July 2020 E-Newsletter

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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@landmarknews.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 – JULY 2020

Updated on 7/23/20 11:38 PM

ACTIVE SALES LISTINGS

6323 Chaucer View Circle

List Price: \$740,000

List Date: 7/17/20

DOM-MLS: 7

Status: Active

UNDER CONTRACT/CNKO LISTINGS

6335 Chaucer View Circle

List Price: \$799,900

List Date: 6/22/20

DOM-MLS: 13

Off Market Date: 7/4/20

Status: CNKO

Close Date: 7/31/20

Close Price: TBD

SOLD

5197 Cottingham Place

List Price: \$700,000

List Date: 6/4/20

DOM-MLS: 3

Status: Sold

Close Date: 7/17/20

Close Price: \$705,000

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: 28

Status: Sold

Close Date: 7/15/20

Close Price: \$735,000

6362 Brampton Court

List Price: \$740,000

DOM-MLS: 160

Status: Sold

List Date: 2/14/20
Close Date: 7/22/20

ACTIVE RENTAL LISTINGS

N/A

RENTED

6308 Chaucer View Circle

List Price: \$3,200
DOM-MLS: 11
Status: Rented
List Date: 6/29/20
Close Date: 7/20/20
Close Price: \$3,260