

# Mews News

*Landmark Mews Community Association  
Monthly Newsletter  
August 2020*



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## **NEXT HOA MEETING:**

Wednesday, September 16 @ 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**

### **AUGUST 2020**

The Board met Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, as scheduled, via Zoom. Our agenda included a further discussion on a new Delegation of Authority resolution, the naming of The Berm survey results, a joint Landmark Mews/Overlook enhancement project and new Board of Directors election procedures considering the Pandemic.

Delegation of Authority Resolution: The Board adopted a new Delegation of Authority that allows the president to spend up to \$1,000.00 without Board approval in the interval between Board meetings.

Landmark Mews and Overlook Joint Enhancement Project at Landmark Mews Drive Cul-de-sac: The Board agreed to a 50/50 split with Overlook for an enhancement project at the Landmark Mews cul-de-sac. The enhancements include Cleanup, Dig Out, Restore & Lining of Swale with Landscape Fabric and Rip Rap Stone for Drainage & Water flow and Removal of Approximately 33 Dead or Dying Trees and Grinding of Stumps and Pruning 5 Trees.

Naming of the Berm: The Board discussed the results of the Naming of the Berm survey. There was a large community response to the survey. As the free version of Survey Monkey only gives partial results, the Board agreed to sign up for an annual plan, that will allow us to review the full results and conduct future surveys. The Board will then discuss the survey results at the September meeting.

Board of Directors 2020 Election Procedures: The Board discussed some changes to our election procedures considering the Pandemic. This year, there will be 4 Board seats up for election: The three regular "in cycle" seats plus one seat to fill the remaining time of Bruce Wood's term. As our nomination procedures require a petition to be signed by 5 residents of the community for each candidate, the Board adopted a resolution that will allow for an E-mail notification of a resident's intent to sign a petition in lieu of an actual signature for this year's election. More details will be sent in an upcoming announcement regarding the elections.

Food Trucks in the Mews: In light of a recent article discussing the plight of area food trucks and that many residents are working from home, the Board discussed the possibility of inviting an occasional food truck to the Mews (or the vicinity of the Mews). The Board decided to table this item for a future meeting once we obtain more information from food truck vendors and the County on the feasibility of hosting such an event. Here is the link to the article on the WTOP website:

<https://wtop.com/local/2020/07/lunch-crowd-gone-90-of-food-trucks-leave-dc-struggle-to-survive/>

Finally, please remember to mind the rules on Visitor Parking. Residents are only allowed to park in Visitor Parking between the hours of 8:00 PM and 10:00 AM every day.

That's a wrap. Next month's meeting is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom.

Best,

DanPresident  
Landmark Mews Community Association  
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### **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

#### **Welcome to Landmark Mews – NEW!**

Please help welcome our new residents to Landmark Mews:

5208 Bedlington Terrace	Dave & Kelly Stewart
6362 Brampton Court	RADM John & Mary Fuller
6311 Chaucer Lane	Tom & Lydia Milliner
6308 Chaucer View Circle	Joel Villahermosa Trish Dasilva Evan Olivares
6335 Chaucer View Circle	Michelle Marsh
5195 Cottingham Place	Tim & Catherine McLain
5197 Cottingham Place	Adham El-Hady Ramsey El-Hady
6326 Manchester Way	Adrian Zimmerman Mehreen Naqvi-Sherazee

#### **Resident Parking Decals**

To facilitate confirming which vehicles belong to residents and which do not, the Board in 2009 adopted a vehicle decal requirement. Maria Santos, Landmark Mews HOA Secretary, maintains a list of owners matched to their vehicles. She provides information on how to obtain parking decals to new residents as part of her customary "Welcome to Landmark Mews" email. Residents who dispose of a vehicle and acquire a new one are supposed to notify Maria to de-activate the old decal and to be issued a new one. Please note that vehicle decals can be transferred since they are static cling, however, you will still need to notify Maria with the new vehicle information. Over the past few months, we have noticed several resident vehicles without decals. Please contact Maria Santos at [secretary@landmarkmews.com](mailto:secretary@landmarkmews.com) to request a new decal. You will need to provide your name, street address, phone number, and vehicle information (year, make, model, color, license plate).

## Fall Inspections Reminder

We have noticed that a lot of work has been taking place in Landmark Mews over the past few months. We appreciate residents maintaining and updating their homes, as well as complying with the Spring covenants' committee notices. Fall inspections will be taking place in September so please make sure to have any outstanding covenants items completed by then. Should you have a question/concern, please contact the Covenants Committee at [Covenants@landarkmews.com](mailto:Covenants@landarkmews.com). We thank all residents for helping maintain the high standards, beauty and serenity of the Landmark Mews community.

## City of Alexandria Provides COVID-19 Updates<sup>1</sup>

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.

## Census Takers Are Visiting Unreported Homes in Fairfax County: Complete the 2020 Census<sup>2</sup>

Fairfax County households that have not completed a 2020 Census form may be visited by census takers this month. As of July 31, 76 percent of Fairfax County residents responded, and a near 100 percent response rate is in progress before the final **Census deadline of September 30**. Census takers are required to wear masks, practice social distancing protocols, and other health and safety guidelines, and will have a government ID badge that includes a photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. To confirm a census taker's identity, call the Census Bureau at 1-844-330-2020. If no one is home when the census taker visits, a notice will be left at the door with information about how to respond online (<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-online.html>), by phone (several language lines available at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>), or by mail (<https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-mail.html>).

An accurate count ensures all residents are represented fairly in federal and state government, and that federal resources are allocated correctly across state and local jurisdictions. Fairfax County urges every resident to be counted to ensure our community gets the funding and government support it needs. **The Census Bureau does not disclose any personal information.** A respondent's personal information **will never be shared** with immigration enforcement agencies, like ICE; law enforcement agencies, like the FBI or police; or be used to determine eligibility for government benefits. **The results from any census or survey are reported in statistical format only.**

## Election Officers Needed for the November 2020 General Election<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.alexandriava.gov/>

<sup>2</sup> Mason District September 2020 E-Newsletter

<sup>3</sup> Mason District September 2020 E-Newsletter

The Fairfax County Office of Elections needs election officers to assist voters on Election Day, **Tuesday November 3, 2020**. New election officer training classes begin online in September for the November General Election. If you are a registered Virginia voter, consider applying soon! Bilingual Vietnamese and Korean speakers are needed in Annandale, Centreville, and Falls Church. **To apply**, visit <https://www.vote4fairfax.com/apply> by **Tuesday, September 15, 2020** to ensure the best chance of a precinct assignment for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Fairfax County is the largest voting jurisdiction in Virginia with 243 precincts countywide. Compensation begins at \$175. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/new-officers](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/officers/new-officers), send an e-mail to [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-324-4735.

### **The General Election is November 3, 2020: Are You Registered?**<sup>4</sup>

It's not too late to register to vote, update current Virginia voter registration, and apply to vote absentee by mail. Visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <https://Vote.Elections.Virginia.Gov>. The website also includes information about polling places, election districts, how to check on absentee ballot status, and access voting histories.

### **Key Dates to Remember:**

- **September 18:** First absentee ballot mailout (after absentee ballot application is received);
- **September 18:** Early voting/absentee **in-person** voting begins at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax, Virginia. For hours visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/fairfax-county-government-center/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/fairfax-county-government-center/);
- **October 13:** Voter Registration Deadline (In-Person/By Mail) 5 p.m.; online: 11:59 p.m.;
- **October 23:** Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, fax, and online: 5 p.m.;
- **October 31:** Final day to vote absentee early/in-person, 5 p.m.; and
- **November 6:** Deadline to return your absentee ballot by mail to the Office of Elections: 12 noon.
- **Ballot must be postmarked by November 3, 2020.**

Questions? Send an e-mail to the Office of Elections at [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-222-0776, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **On Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.**

### **Voter Applications Available in Several Languages**<sup>5</sup>

Voter registration applications and absentee ballot applications are available in **English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean** at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/voter-forms](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/voter-forms). To apply online for a Virginia absentee ballot, visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>. Additional information about absentee voting is available at

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<sup>4</sup> Mason District September 2020 E-Newsletter

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[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee) and [www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/](http://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/). **Absentee ballots may be returned in the following ways:**

1. By mail at Office of Elections, Box 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038;
2. In accordance with the **Code of Virginia, § 24.2-707**, sealed ballots may be **hand-delivered** to the **General Registrar**, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323 in Fairfax, Virginia. From **September 18 - October 31**, hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; and on Saturdays, **October 17, 24, and 31**, hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **No voting on Sundays**; or
3. **Only when satellite locations are open for in-person absentee voting**, sealed ballots may be hand-delivered to the **Assistant Registrar** at one of the [14 satellite locations](#) ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee)) Monday - Friday, **October 14 - 31**, from 1-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, **October 17, 24, and 31**, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. **No voting on Sundays**.

For more information, contact the Office of Elections by e-mail at [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov), or call 703-222-0776, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **On Election Day, polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.**

### **Absentee In-Person Voting Available in October at 14 Satellite Locations<sup>6</sup>**

With the General Assembly's approval of "early voting" for the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections, the Board of Supervisors approved (on July 14) **five new satellite voting locations** to the existing nine locations, which includes the [Mason District Governmental Center](#), located at 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. All 14 satellite in-person absentee voting locations will be open **October 14-31**, and hours are Monday-Friday, 1-7 p.m.; and on Saturdays, **October 17, 24, and 31**, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **All locations closed on Sundays**. For a complete list of satellite locations, visit the Office of Elections website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee). Hours for absentee in-person voting at the Mason District Governmental Center is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/mason-governmental-center](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee-locations/mason-governmental-center).

**NOTE:** On **Election Day, vote at your regular polling place**, as indicated on your voter information card, which lists the name and address of your voting location (polling place). For more information, visit the Fairfax County Office of Elections website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections), or call 703-222-0776; TTY 711. Not sure of where you vote? Visit either the GIS [My Neighborhood App](#) or the [Virginia Department of Elections](#) website.

### **FIOS FEEDBACK**

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

#### **Foster FIOS adventure, Lessons learned: Part 2**

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*Troubled by the thought of Verizon connecting FIOS to my ancient, lengthy coax cable installed some 30 years ago, I searched Angie's List, signed up with Home & Office Network Solutions (Lew Little and wife, Bonnie) for a free network assessment (one-month waiting list.) For me, It was worth the wait. Here are highlights I learned from Lew's visit:*

- 1. For best performance, hardwire all stationary electronic devices (computers, printers, scanners, and TV); save wireless for mobile devices. By needlessly choosing wireless over hardwire for my printers / scanners, these devices consume wireless signal 24 hours daily – ping-pong for users – and the signals are less reliable.*
- 2. Verizon is not pulling a fast one by piggybacking on my ancient and convoluted coax cable. The industry has developed MOCA (MultiMedia Over Coax Alliance) technology, protocols, and adapters that allow high-speed internet transmission over legacy coax cable networks.*
- 3. Most homeowners do not need to buy high-end internet speed; I would not get “a better initial installation” by ordering top-of-line 1 Gig service.*
- 4. Internet service providers (Cox, Verizon, Dish/AT&T) typically reserve about two-thirds of the incoming signal for communication with their TV boxes. If I decide to forego the TV services offered by the Internet service provider; i.e., rely on Over-the-Air free TV and / or Internet streaming services, such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, HBO, PBS; I would not need a special FIOS or Cox router – and that would free up capacity for Internet streaming services.*

*Our next step: Late September (earliest available.) Lew will install the FIOS adapters necessary for FIOS use of existing coax, expand my hardwire coverage to all rooms using modern ethernet wiring where cable does not exist; hide the wiring behind walls (which Verizon will not do,) and strategically locate three WIFI transmitters (size of a Coke can) to have good house-wide coverage, which becomes increasingly important to take advantage of many wireless “add-on’s” available for intercom, camera, security, etc.*

*Lew's estimate for all the network work I want could be as high as \$2000, but the work is done on time and materials basis. (If I opt to “cut the cord” and rely on streaming for TV services, it would not take long to recoup the investment.) We have rescheduled Verizon installation to 1 October. Let you know how it works out.*

### **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](http://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](mailto:oem@fairfaxcounty.gov), or by calling 571-350-1000.

### **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](mailto: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 – AUGUST 2020**

*Updated on 8/28/20 2:14 PM*

**ACTIVE SALES LISTINGS**

**6252 Masefield Court**

List Price: \$740,000

List Date: 8/27/20

DOM-MLS: 2

Status: Active

**6323 Chaucer View Circle**

New List Price: \$714,888

New List Date: 8/28/20

Previous List Price: \$729,900

Previous List Date: 8/8/20

Original List Price: \$740,000

Original List Date: 7/17/20

DOM-MLS: 42

Status: Active

**UNDER CONTRACT/CNKO LISTINGS**

**N/A**

**SOLD**

**5197 Cottingham Place**

List Price: \$700,000

List Date: 6/4/20

DOM-MLS: 3

Agreement of Sale Date: 6/6/20

Close Date: 7/17/20

Close Price: \$705,000

Status: Sold

**6335 Chaucer View Circle**

List Price: \$799,900

List Date: 6/22/20

DOM-MLS: 13

Agreement of Sale Date: 7/6/20

Close Date: 7/30/200

Close Price: \$775,000

Status: Sold

**5208 Bedlington Terrace**

New List Price: \$739,000  
New List Date: 5/22/20  
DOM-MLS: 28  
Original List Price: \$759,900  
Original List Date: 5/1/20  
Agreement of Sale Date: 5/28/20  
Close Date: 7/15/20  
Close Price: \$735,000  
Status: Sold

**6362 Brampton Court**

List Price: \$740,000  
List Date: 2/14/20  
DOM-MLS: 159  
Agreement of Sale Date: 6/1/20  
Close Date: 7/22/20  
Close Price: \$740,000  
Status: Sold

**ACTIVE RENTAL LISTINGS**

N/A

**RENTED**

**6308 Chaucer View Circle**

List Price: \$3,200  
List Date: 6/29/20  
DOM-MLS: 21  
Close Date: 7/20/20  
Close Price: \$3,260  
Status: Rented