

**NEXT HOA MEETING**

Wednesday, October 20 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom (Monthly Meeting)

Thursday, October 21 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom (Annual Meeting)

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**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**September 2021**

Hello Neighbors,

**New Residents**

Any new Homeowners and community members will receive a Welcome Packet detailing some helpful information about the community. For additional details and useful information, please visit and register on the official [LMCA webpage](#). This will ensure you gain access to all the latest information, monthly meeting minutes, and various community updates.

As a reminder, residents of the community are asked to update their contact information and ensure you have a valid LMCA car sticker affixed to your vehicle. To request a vehicle decal, please go to the website and under “Quick Clicks”, click on the button “[Parking Decal Request](#)”.

Please join me in welcoming the following new residents to the Landmark Mews community.

Andrew Skinner John Meyer Jack Von Kannon	6308 Chaucer View Circle
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**Call For Candidates**

**Requesting candidates submit their Board Nomination Package to the Election Committee Chair no later than Tuesday, September 21, 2021.**



## Nomination Process

1. Complete the [attached nomination form](#) and ensure you obtained at least five LANDMARK MEWS Homeowner's signatures for your form.
2. Include a short bio of your personal and professional experience or background.
3. Submit nomination form and bio to the voting Committee chair, Stephen Rochon, at [rochonuscg@aol.com](mailto:rochonuscg@aol.com).
4. **Nominations must be received by the Committee Chair no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.**
5. The Elections Committee will confirm candidate interest and eligibility.
6. Candidate biographies will be posted on the Landmark Mews website and will be included with the virtual voting ballots.

## Summary of the Month's Activity

The Board continues taking steps to improve our community and provide current information on issues affecting the community.

There are a few issues that have been delayed due to lack of available personnel to work the issues and as a result, we are not on schedule where we had hope to be at this point.

1. Results of Special Covenants Hearing:

Although the Board originally agreed to revise the language in the architectural standards to allow installation of permanent sporting equipment in homeowner's back yards; the Board reversed the decision after further assessment and the provision will remain.

The architectural standards language, which prohibits the installation of permanent mounting of sports equipment remain unchanged. The decision was based on several matters including the potential barriers caused by the installation of the equipment, some additional concerns for infringement on neighboring homes, unsightly and overall, a lack of space to proper have equipment installed.

2. The lighting issue is going through a test phase approach. We are installing partial lighting in both the Berm and streetlights to see assess a solution to resolve the issue.
3. The Board evaluated another contractor proposal for landscaping services. The review determined the current landscaping service contract offered by Brightview Inc, was determined to be the best value and offered the best approach to maintaining the current community landscaping services.
4. The Board reviewed the draft budget and provided copies to the Board for initial review and approval.
5. A couple of pending actions deferred until the fall timeframe:
  - Assessing the replacement of street signs
  - Assessing the installation of speed bumps
  - Assessing the feasibility to hire an outside contractor for Property Manager
  - Deferring street pavement work until FY22

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

The Board conducted its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

### **Covenants' Report**

The Covenants Chair advised the Board on several issues:

- a. The Fall inspections will begin in mid to late September and all Homeowners are advised to review surrounding properties ahead of inspections to ensure there are no violations existing conditions creating violations. If Homeowners have questions or require clarification on any covenants' procedures, they are directed to contact the Covenants Chair, Loren Sciurba, at [covenants@landmarkmews.com](mailto:covenants@landmarkmews.com).

As a reminder, for any covenants' violation notices, homeowners must comply with the notice and provide response in the required timeframe and make timely repairs of all violations. Residents are reminded that any unresolved covenants' violations will be provided to the Board for resolution and correction using one of two available methods:

1. The Board may correct the repairs and bill the homeowner for the repair cost, interest, and associated fees.
2. The Board may issue an assessment (levy/fine) on the homeowner daily, until repair/s are completed.

The Board reviewed and approved minor changes for the architectural standards via email. The covenants language contains only minor administrative changes and maintained the provision prohibiting sports equipment and is posted on the LMM website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The draft budget for 2022 was presented to the Board for review and approval. Only minor changes were highlighted, and the Treasurer reported the following:

1. The budget identified no increase in the monthly assessment.
2. All planned operation and costs for calendar 2022 are funded.
3. No significant changes required for the budgeted line items.

### **Acting Property Manager's Report**

The Board was briefed on some planned maintenance actions:

1. The landscaping lighting on the Berm and other areas are constantly in disarray because of frailty and destruction by pedestrians. A test phase to install sample lighting on the Berm and some streetlights will occur throughout September.
2. The Board discussed a potential new landscaping company decided to maintain the current landscaping contract with Brightview.

3. The Board was briefed on several other actions:
  - a. Reviewing the process to remove and replace dead trees and plants
  - b. The contractor will install a new irrigation system sprinkler for watering areas on Chaucer View and the Berm has trees that require irrigation, and the system will be adjusted to resolve that issue

## **Planned Actions**

### **Deferred and New Business**

1. The Board initiated a request to have community street signs replaced or reconditioned.
2. The Board deferred the Property Manager's discussion until the October meeting.

**One special note:** A big thank to Loren Scurba and the covenants committee for the enhanced work performed on drafting the and providing the Board with the revised architectural standards.

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Willie

*News from...*

## **SUPERVISOR PENNY GROSS**



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### **September 2021**

A few items of information for you or your association newsletter:

**The Board Corner: Perspectives from Penny** – September promises to be a busy month, as students are returning to school after a year-and-a-half of virtual learning, county facilities are reopening for community meetings (masks still are required when visiting county buildings), and the Board of Supervisors is resuming its regular meeting schedule after a brief August hiatus. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that virtual meetings can be efficient and accessible and, although the Board's public hearings will welcome in-person testimony once again, testimony by telephone and/or video will continue. There is information in this newsletter about several public hearings on September 14 that may be of interest to Mason District residents, along with sign-up instructions.

Significant rain events in the metropolitan region, as well as other locations in the country, highlight the effects of climate change on the built environment. Structure flooding, vehicles washed away, infrastructure obliterated, and loss of life can devastate communities. Local public safety agencies sometimes can provide immediate relief and resources, but residents

and businesses also must prepare and plan for unexpected emergencies. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management has helpful tips on its website [Office of Emergency Management | Emergency Management \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency-management). Take a few minutes to create an emergency kit (a gallon-size resealable plastic bag works well) for copies of important documents – birth certificates, drivers' licenses, property deeds, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, credit card and insurance information, prescriptions, COVID-19 vaccination cards, etc. Then, take pictures of all those documents on your cell phone, as back up. Put some cash in the bag, too, and keep the whole thing handy if you need to leave in a hurry because of a storm, a fire, or other disaster. Plan, prepare, and protect – now.

### **A Reminder about Road Rules for School Buses, School Zones, and Crossing Guards**

– With school back in session after a year-long hiatus of in-person learning, here is a reminder about how to keep yourself and others safe this fall. Remember, it is **never** O.K. to pass a school bus, speed through a school zone, or ignore a crossing guard's direction.

1. **Driving Near School Buses:** Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have more than 1,600 buses in operation daily. FCPS and private school buses will be on the road and, when school buses are flashing red lights, drivers must stop in both directions, unless there is a median that separates the bus from the travel lane. It is considered reckless driving - a criminal offense - if you pass a stopped school bus boarding and alighting children.
2. **Driving through School Zones:** Pay attention to where school zones start and end. Follow the speed limit (25 mph) when school zone lights are flashing.
3. **Following Crossing Guards Instructions:** Observe the whistles and waves of crossing guards. Be aware of the crossing guard zones in areas along your commute.

### **Land Use News – Land use items of interest include:**

- The **Fairfax Water Sleepy Hollow Road Pump Station** project is scheduled for a **public hearing** before the **Board of Supervisors** on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** at 3:30 p.m. The proposed pump station would be located at 2959 Sleepy Hollow Road in Falls Church, and would improve water pressure, fire flow and resiliency throughout the Seven Corners area. Residents who wish to testify before the BOS may register online at [Sign Up to Speak Before the Board of Supervisors | Clerk to the Board \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form), or sign-up by calling 703-324-3151; TTY 711, no later than 12 p.m. the day of the hearing. Video testimony must be submitted no later than 9 a.m. the day **prior** to the public hearing. Written testimony may be sent by first-class mail to: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, 22035, or by e-mail at [ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- The **Sleepy Hollow Road Sidewalk Project** is scheduled for a **public hearing** before the **Board of Supervisors** on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** at 4:30 p.m. about the acquisition of certain land rights necessary to keep the project on schedule. The project consists of building 4,789 linear feet of concrete sidewalk to provide a continuous pedestrian walkway along Sleepy Hollow Road, between Columbia Pike and Leesburg Pike. The project also includes upgraded CG-12 curb ramps, new curb and gutter, a retaining wall, and would address drainage concerns within the project limits. To testify in person, residents may register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form), or by calling 703-324-3151; TTY 711, no later than 12 p.m. the day of the hearing. Video testimony must be submitted no later than 9 a.m. the day **prior** to the public

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**For more county info follow.....**

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**LANDMARK MEWS**  
**REAL ESTATE UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2021**  
*Updated on 9/17/21 1:48 AM*

**ACTIVE SALES LISTINGS**

**6368 Brampton Court**

List Date: 09/10/2021  
List Price: \$825,000  
DOM-MLS: 7

**6272 Chaucer Lane**

New List Date: 08/23/21  
New List Price: \$750,000  
Previous List Date: 7/16/20  
Previous List Price: \$769,900  
DOM-MLS: 39

**6329 Chaucer View Circle**

New List Date: 09/09/21  
New List Date: 08/18/21  
New List Price: \$799,000  
Previous List Date: 07/30/21  
Previous List Price: \$820,000  
DOM-MLS: 97

**COMING SOON**

**6363 Brampton Court**

List Date: TBD  
List Price: \$800,000  
DOM-MLS: TBD

**UNDER CONTRACT/CNKO LISTINGS**

**N/A**

**SOLD**

**N/A**

**ACTIVE RENTAL LISTINGS**

**N/A**

**RENTED**

**6308 Chaucer View Circle**

List Date: 07/29/21  
Sold Date: 8/11/21

DOM: 14 days

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