

# Parkfairfax FORUM

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## YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!

### DASH Bus Service to Pentagon to Continue

#### *But there's still work to do...*

A big "Thank You" to the more than 150 Parkfairfax residents and neighbors who spoke out earlier this year in favor of retaining current peak DASH bus service to and from the Pentagon. The revised Alexandria Transit Vision Plan (ATVP) maps, just released and pending final approval in December, **retain the existing AT3 and AT4 routes, service hours frequencies between Braddock Road and the Pentagon via Parkfairfax without an additional stop at Shirlington.** The initial draft of the ATVP had proposed elimination of these efficient routes and replacement with slower and more indirect services.

**AT PRESS TIME**—A last minute agreement was reached not to pursue any changes to Metrobus 22A off-peak service between Parkfairfax and Pentagon City/Pentagon in the near term (2022), ATVP maps have already been revised to show retention of this important route. Those who work non-traditional hours or who currently enjoy off-peak trips to the airport, Union Station, theater, museums, sporting events, concerts, etc. can rely on Metrobus 22A service for the foreseeable future. Possible changes in the long term (2030) plans will be a topic for further review, however.

While there are several city-wide outreach sessions announced, The Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee has teamed with the Parc East Condominium for a second community meeting with senior DASH officials to review updated ATVP concepts **specific to our community** for both peak and off-peak services. **This event will be held Wednesday, November 6 at 7pm in the Parc East Party Room, ground floor, 1225 Martha**

### 2020 Board of Directors Elections

As required by the Bylaws, the Board of Directors must appoint an Elections Committee of at least three unit owners, no later than 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The primary responsibility of the Elections Committee is to oversee the nomination and election of members to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws and procedures adopted by the Board. If you are interested in joining the Elections Committee, please send a letter of interest to Dana Cross at [dcross@parkfairfax.info](mailto:dcross@parkfairfax.info) no later than December 5, 2019.



**Custis Drive.** Street and off-street parking is available, and personnel will be in the lobby to direct you. Our last community meeting in June drew an overflow crowd, and we are most grateful to Parc East for hosting the upcoming event in their larger facility. Whether you are happy, sad, or simply confused, you need to be there! We are looking forward to seeing you on November 6.

Bob Gronenberg  
*Chair, Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – NOVEMBER 6th • 7pm

**Parc East Condominium, 1225 Martha Custis Drive**

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Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Association Office. The meeting agenda is posted on the bulletin board outside of the main office. Board package material is available for residents to review at the Association Office and website.

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Letters to the Editor of 150 words or less are welcomed from owners, mortgagees or residents of Parkfairfax. It must be signed and include your unit address and phone number (address and phone number will not be published) and submitted by the 10th of each month preceding publication.

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## October Board Meeting Highlights:

- The Board PASSED a motion to approve the September 2019 Reserve Expenditures for the amount of \$115,459.72.
- The Board PASSED a motion to approve a second pet application for a resident on Preston Rd.
- The Board PASSED a motion to approve a second pet application for a resident on Gunston Rd.
- The Board PASSED a motion to amend the Central AC Package Split System specifications.
- The Board PASSED a motion to approve a HVAC application for a owner on Mount Eagle Place.
- The Board ELECTED Nic Soto as Secretary to the ParkFairfax Board of Directors.

## November 5, 2019 Election 6am–7pm

### Virginia Senate/House of Delegates/ Alexandria Clerk of Court

#### Parkfairfax Votes at:

**Art Gallery at Convergence (new location)  
1801 North Quaker Lane**

**Absentee voting is available  
now thru November 2!**

**Office of Voter Registration & Elections,  
703-746-4050 • alexandriava.gov/elections**

## Parkfairfax Holiday Office Closure

Parkfairfax main office and maintenance yard will be closed on Monday, November 11th to observe Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 28th-29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have a maintenance need on those dates please contact on-call. Thank You.

**The Maintenance Department hours** begin at 7am and end at 3:30pm. Any resident may request to take advantage of the convenience of the earlier hours for inspections and repairs. If early work in your unit sounds good to you, simply inform the Service Coordinator that you would welcome a start on a scheduled job or inspection prior to 8am.

## Condo Fee Reminder

We have been experiencing an increase in condo fees being delivered to the main office or placed in the drop box. Please send all condo fees to Barkan Management Company with your 16-digit account number to the address below. We don't process condo fees in our office. When they are dropped off it may cause a delay in when it would be delivered, and you could be charged a late fee if that happens.

### You can pay one of two ways:

Using your coupon booklet and a check or money order you can send payments to:

**Parkfairfax Condominium  
c/o Barkan Management Company  
P.O. Box 62011  
Newark, NJ 07101-8060**

Second option is to call (800) 533-7901 and select option 1 for assistance with setting up recurring payments or your online account or you can go online to make one time payments or set up recurring payments to [www.clickpay.com/Barkan](http://www.clickpay.com/Barkan).

Remember to have your 16-digit account number when setting up your account and/or mailing off your check. Also make sure your check is made out to Parkfairfax Condominium Association.

### Additional Charges for Monthly Assessments:

We have had feedback from several owners regarding their accounts having additional fees. The fees are only applied when using a credit card to pay your monthly assessment, either one time or automatically monthly. The current fee is 2.95% of your monthly assessment. To avoid paying this fee, based on the Barkan instructions (attached here), owners have several options to pay without any fees:

- Sign up for direct debit
- E-Check
- Use the coupon and mail in your payment



## Buildium Work Order System: The 411

Quite a few residents have registered and logged into the Buildium portal. For those who are new to Parkfairfax or haven't gotten around to it may be asking what is Buildium and what are the benefits? Buildium is an American property management company that offers software via the internet so you can submit work orders at any time, have the capability to easily talk to maintenance techs by text, follow up on work progress and track your work order history.



You can easily use Buildium from a smart phone, computer, tablet, laptop and anywhere that has internet. Once registered you will have a log in and can plug away from anywhere!

If you have not received an email from Buildium with your log-in credentials then please contact the office at 703-998-6315 and we will send you a link to register or feel free to email staff at the main office (contact information is on the inside of page 1).

**Please remember to use the "OPT Out" option in Buildium when you are no longer living here at Parkfairfax. That way you won't keep receiving the notices. Thanks!**

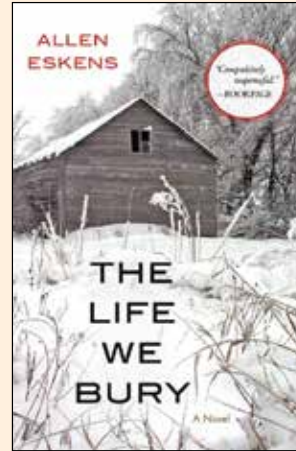
### BOOK GROUP:

## *The Life We Bury*

By Allen Eskens

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19, 7:00pm

WHERE: The Party Room, 3360 Gunston Road



Novel. For a college English assignment, Joe Talbert must interview a stranger and write a brief biography of the person. With deadlines looming, Joe heads to a nearby nursing home and meets Carl Iverson, a dying Vietnam veteran on medical parole after spending 30 years in prison for rape and murder. As Joe writes about Carl's life, especially Carl's valor in Vietnam, he cannot reconcile

the heroism of the soldier with the despicable acts of the convict. Joe, along with his skeptical neighbor Lila, throws himself into uncovering the truth, but he is hamstrung by having to deal with his dangerously dysfunctional mother, the guilt of leaving his autistic brother vulnerable, and a haunting childhood memory. Thread by thread, Joe unravels the tapestry of Carl's conviction. But as he and Lila dig deeper into the circumstances of the crime, the stakes grow higher. Will Joe discover the truth before it's too late to escape the fallout?

We will have light refreshments, but feel free to bring something to share!

The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month, everyone is welcome. For information, contact Emily Hovind at [emhovind@hotmail.com](mailto:emhovind@hotmail.com).

## Book Group Coming Attractions

December:

*The Fifth Risk*, by Michael Lewis



## Recycling

As the holiday season approaches please be mindful to flatten your boxes before recycling them. Flattening the boxes and placing them in the appropriate recycling bin will help make room for others who want to recycle. Whether your box is small or large, please flatten it and recycle. Thank you.



## MANAGER'S CORNER

**Mark Miller, CMCA, AMS**  
General Manager

### Staying Safe and Secure

As the sun sets earlier and daylight savings time ends November 3, we ask that residents pay attention to safety during the extra hours of darkness. Here are a few simple steps to keep you and the community safe.

- Make sure your windows are secured and the locks function.
- Do not leave ground floor windows open unless you have window security locks. Many types are available, and these allow a window to remain open a few inches but will not allow the window to be forced open.

- Take care when using our laundry or storage rooms. Be sure to close the door when you leave and report any door issues to the office or via buildium.
- Report any exterior building lights that are out.
- Check your porch and rear lights (if applicable) and replace any bulbs that have burnt out.
- Install either a dusk to dawn fixture or bulb. Our USP program can provide both. Please contact Guy Andrew at [gandrew@parkfairfax.info](mailto:gandrew@parkfairfax.info) for options.
- Make sure to lock your vehicles.
- Make sure not to leave valuables out in the open in your vehicles.
- Report any suspicious persons to the Alexandria Police Department (non-emergency number, 703-746-4444)

Taking a little extra time can make all the difference in the world. And remember, if you see something, say something.

## NOVEMBER USP SPECIALS ~ BATHROOM FAUCETS



Chrome Traditional Bath  
Faucet: \$75.28  
Special (includes labor)  
\$140.00



Bronze Traditional Bath Faucet:  
\$87.84  
Special (includes labor)  
\$153.00



Polished Traditional Chrome  
Bath Faucet: \$49.98  
Special (includes labor)  
\$115.00



Polished Chrome Bath Faucet:  
\$89.78  
Special (includes labor)  
\$132.00



Treme Polished Nickel Bath Faucet:  
\$93.78  
Special (includes labor) \$158.00



Treme Polished Chrome Bath Faucet:  
\$89.78  
Special (including labor) \$154.00



Polished Chrome Bath Faucet: \$59.46  
Special (including labor) \$124.00

# Parkfairfax Activities

Presented by the Parkfairfax Activities Committee

**Mark your calendar now for these exciting upcoming events!**

## 2019 Parkfairfax Upcoming Activities

### Annual Wine & Cheese Social



**Saturday  
November 9, 2019**

5:00pm to 7:00pm  
Parkfairfax Party Room  
3360 Gunston Road

Join your neighbors for a fun evening at one of our most popular events!

### Jingle Mingle



**Sunday  
December 8, 2019**

3:30pm to 5:00pm  
Parkfairfax Party Room  
3360 Gunston Road

Join your neighbors for music, holiday treats and a visit from someone special!

The above events are hosted by the Parkfairfax Activities Committee. If you would like to join the Activities Committee, please attend the Activities Committee meeting held the first Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30PM at the Parkfairfax Party Room (Mgmt Office), 3360 Gunston Road.

While the Jingle Mingle event featuring Santa will be held from 3:30-5:00pm at the Parkfairfax party room, please join us at Spruce Island at 6pm when we flip the switch to light our soon-to-be-planted Christmas Tree!



### Book Your Holiday Party Today!

The holidays are right around the corner and dates are filling up, if you would like to host a party and need a bit more room other than your condo then check out our party room! It's located at our main office and is reasonably priced to book. \$150.00 rental fee which is the cost to rent the room and \$200.00 deposit in case any damages occur or if you don't clean up.

It's spacious and has a great sized kitchen. We still have some availability for November and December (weeknights included). Stop by the office to get an application or go online to our website and print one out. All you will need in order to book the room is:

- Proof of residence
- Proof of homeowner's insurance
- (2) checks—one for \$150.00 (we cash after the party is over) and \$200.00 deposit in case any damages occur or for not cleaning up the space. If the space is left in the condition you found it, we will shred the check for \$200.00.

Call our office staff for availability. Pick up the key to the party room 2-3 days before your event and when you are done just drop it in the drop box.

If you have any questions about reserving the room or available dates please call the office at 703-998-6315 or email Miranda Harrington at [mharrington@parkfairfax.info](mailto:mharrington@parkfairfax.info).

# Scheduled Preventive Maintenance

## Gutter Cleaning

The leaves are falling, and a majority of our maintenance staff will soon be cleaning the buildings' gutters. This project is exceptionally weather-sensitive, so time is of the essence. All residents are asked to be patient if a routine maintenance request is not completed as quickly as it might have been in the past. Having the gutters cleaned is top priority and the first step in effective water management of buildings and grounds.

Clearing gutters and downspouts also helps prevent storm water and snow melt from entering units from overflows. Guard Guards have now been installed on 150 of our buildings to date with another 25 planned by December. The Association is planning on completing the remaining buildings over the next 18 months which will then eliminate the need for staff to perform high ladder work not only making a safer working environment but saving the Association \$120,000 annually in labor costs.

## A reminder to maintain heat in your home this winter

If you are responsible for a vacant unit, or if you are going to be away from home for any period this winter, please:

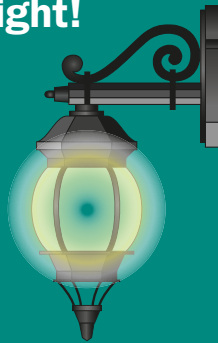
- Make sure there is adequate heat in the unit, especially in the Kitchen and bathroom.
- Make sure you have "exercised" your shut off valves to be sure that they hold in the event of an emergency.
- Leave baseboard and wall heaters "on" at least at the number "2" (low/mid) level.
- Leave kitchen and bathroom doors open.
- Open doors to any cabinets that house water piping or shut-off valves.
- Have a neighbor check the unit periodically.
- Make sure the Maintenance Office has an emergency key on file "just in case."

## Keep Lights On at Night!

It is that time of year when the days get shorter and daylight savings time ends. It can get very dark in the neighborhood, especially if you are walking to units not bordering a street light.

Be a good neighbor and help keep our community safer by turning on your unit outside lights every night to keep our surroundings well lighted. Lighting can reduce potential stumbling in the dark for residents and visitors.

Maintenance staff can replace your outside light with a solid brass fixture with a photocell— so you can leave the switch turned on and your outside light will automatically come on when it gets dark and turn off during daylight hours.



## Winterization of hose bibs/wall hydrants

Parkfairfax staff continues replacing (or converting) outside hose bibs (wall hydrants) with a "freeze-less" valve (Woodford Model 19). Once installed, this valve will not require the annual winterizations that have been necessary over the past 60+ years. However, the "freeze-less" design will not prevent trapped water from freezing within the valve body, so we ask that all hoses be disconnected over the winter. This change-over creates a significant added workload for the in-house plumbing staff. Staff will valve-off all unconverted hydrants as scheduled this November. Then beginning in February/March 2020 a newsletter article will announce that wall hydrants will be turned on by resident request and maintenance personnel will have to enter the unit to change the hydrant to a new, freeze less type. Once a work order has been made, maintenance staff will install the requested hydrants in turn.



## Do you occasionally or routinely use drain cleaning chemicals?

Some drain chemicals are extremely caustic and others contain high percentages of acid. Either of these materials can damage any "weak spot" in the drain piping within your unit. These stronger drain cleaners may even cause a leak. Maintenance staff is aware of this risk and is careful to thoroughly check the piping whenever they use a chemical drain cleaner. Critical points are the trap or "J-bend" immediately beneath the sink (this is the most thinly walled portion of the drain piping), and at the connecting pipe where the horizontal plastic/PVC pipe enters the wall (the developer did not replace the galvanized "nipple" that connects to the stack pipe—this is also a weak point that might be in a somewhat corroded condition).



A safer choice for clearing slow drains is an enzyme-based drain cleaner. These drain cleaners are much less harsh and work effectively on slow draining, organic clogs (grease, hair, etc.). They are not very helpful if you drop something solid in the pipe, or if the pipe is completely stopped up. Keep in mind, the less harsh the drain cleaner is, the more patient you need to be for it to work. The very strong (more potentially damaging) drain cleaners might work very quickly but with the possibility of some pipe repairs being required afterwards.

Whichever drain cleaner you use, always completely read the instructions, particularly any safety-related messages or warnings. Use the measured amounts in the concentrations recommended, and allow the allotted time for them to work.

## A Reminder on Snow Removal

Staff is responsible for clearing all common element walks (walks serving more than one unit). Each Parkfairfax resident is responsible for clearing portions of the walkways that serve only their unit as well as their own stoops. Residents who are unable to clear their own walks due to physical impairments may complete the “Request for Snow Removal Assistance” form and return it to the main office. This form may be found in this newsletter, or at the main office.

- Please do not use the sand barrels (found near each Laundry Room) as trash receptacles or “dog walk” containers.
- Please do not park in the intersections or crosswalks during a storm. This stops the snow clearing equipment.
- Please do not “reserve” parking spaces with lawn furniture, cones, etc. All parking lanes will be plowed once the cars move. Please do not ask staff to dig out your car or give your car a jump-start. These requests delays having the walks and roads cleared for everyone’s benefit.
- When digging out your car, please do not dump snow in large piles on the streets or sidewalk; snow removal equipment cannot clear them. These piles of (now) compacted snow force someone else to shovel it a second time.
- Please be patient and travel with care. Remember, melting snow helps more than anything else to maintain ground water which helps to stabilize these buildings.

## 2019/2020 Request for Snow Removal Assistance

Name(s)

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Building Number

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Address

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Phone Number (Home)

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Phone Number (Work)

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Signature

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Date

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**This request must be renewed each year!  
All prior years requests have been destroyed!**

**Please return this completed form to:**  
Parkfairfax Condominium at 3360 Gunston Road,  
Alexandria, VA 22302; or FAX to 703-998-8764.

## Hiring a Contractor

If the work you undertake inside or outside your unit requires one or more permits from the City of Alexandria, please be aware that the permit will be issued in the name of the property owner and the requirements imposed under the permit(s) are the ultimate responsibility of the property owner throughout the construction project.

The first installation of a clothes washer, for example, requires three (3) city permits: an electrical permit, a plumbing permit, and a mechanical permit. A contractor may serve as the agent of the property owner and may obtain permits for the owner. However, the permit is still issued in the name of the property owner(s) and the legal responsibility for ensuring that (sub) contractors perform the work and that required inspections are obtained remains with the property owner(s). You must have an approved Association application and the necessary City permits in your possession before you start work, or you may risk receiving a “Stop Work Order” (which will add costs to your fees when you belatedly apply for the permit). Property owners who wish to perform their own work may do so by completing a Property Owners Affidavit with the City along with the normally required permit applications. For much more information on this, check out the City website at [http://www3.alexandriava.gov/city/code enforcement/](http://www3.alexandriava.gov/city/code%20enforcement/).



Homeowners can also verify that contractors have pulled permits, via the City website, by clicking on the Permit Tracker button and typing in their address. Additionally, homeowners can check that all required inspections (i.e. close-in and/or final inspections) are performed and passed. The Association has a separate “permitting” process regulated via Covenants applications, approvals, and inspections. When Covenants approval is required, you must obtain it before starting the work.

For more information, check out Parkfairfax’s website at <http://www.parkfairfax.info/>. **Protect your own best interests!** If your contractor tells you that he will obtain all required permits and approvals, demand copies of the permits. Always obtain written proposals that detail every aspect of the work. If the contractor’s proposal is not comprehensive or understandable, write a





## Help Stop Package Thefts in YOUR Neighborhood!



We need **YOUR** help to stop package thefts in the neighborhood.



Please stop and take a moment to read some of the tips below to keep your neighborhood safe!

The Alexandria Police Department wants to remind residents that crime prevention starts at home. Package thefts from doorsteps and front porches during the day time usually increase between the months of October and January, due to the holiday season. Here is a list of things you can do to help prevent that:

- Encourage your family and your neighbors to pick up delivered packages as soon as possible after they are dropped off on your doorstep.
- **Try to track your packages.** By doing this, you might even be able to be present at the time of delivery. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment online at the following websites:



**FedEx:** [http://www.fedex.com/ca\\_english/track/](http://www.fedex.com/ca_english/track/)

**UPS:** [http://www.ups.com/WebTracking/track?loc=en\\_US&WT.svl=PriNav](http://www.ups.com/WebTracking/track?loc=en_US&WT.svl=PriNav)

**USPS:** <https://tools.usps.com/go/TrackConfirmAction!input.action>

**DHL:** <http://www.dhl.com/en/express/tracking.html>

- Always **lock your doors** when leaving your home
  - Be neighborly—take a moment to get to know your neighbors
  - Report any suspicious activity or persons in your neighborhood to the Alexandria Police Department right away by contacting **911 for emergencies** or **703-746-4444 for non-emergencies.**



**Have a great holiday season!**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE

**For Sale:** Dining room table from SCAN, "trestle" style, circa 1995, teak?? Includes 2 leaves. Seats 10. \$299. Phone or text 571-216-4647, aeichers@gmail.com

**For sale:** Frigidaire thru the wall heater and cool unit. Purchased/ installed Jan 2019. \$200.00. Text Debbie at 210-367-9896 if interested in purchasing.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Luxurious In-Home Massage:** Enjoy a restorative massage in the comfort of your home by an experienced, fully licensed Parkfairfax therapist for a very affordable price. Therapeutic and relaxing 70-minute massage for \$70. First-time special: 90 minutes for \$80. Call Mark Herrenbruck, Encore Massage (703-987-0283).

**Luminance Healing Arts LLC:** Physical therapy for women, athletes, and dancers. Mara specializes in manual therapy and exercise prescription to facilitate healing and give you tools to prevent future occurrence. Call 703-966-3095 for more information. [www.luminancept.com](http://www.luminancept.com)

**NAMASTE:** Looking to learn Yoga? Increase your yoga skills? Practice yoga at home with tailored asanas? And/or how to meditate? Call Francisca 703-399-4532. [www.facebook.com/warriorsevenyoga](http://www.facebook.com/warriorsevenyoga). [www.warriorsevenyoga.com](http://www.warriorsevenyoga.com). Licensed and insured.

**King Street Chiropractic Wellness Center** offers gentle chiropractic care as well as massage, personal training, and nutrition. With a personalized treatment plan, our goal is to keep you pain free and moving confidently at every stage of life. Feel Younger. Be Healthier. Call 703.578.1900 for a wellness consultation. [www.kingstreetwellness.com](http://www.kingstreetwellness.com)

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

**Home Renovation and Staging:** A Parkfairfax Resident with 17+ years of interior architecture experience. Contact me for your renovation and decoration needs. Preparation of renovation drawings, color and product scheme or staging with your own current items. Contact lidalewis@bespokedesignstudios.com.

**Mario's Home Improvement:** Licensed Class A. Interior painting. Drywall and plaster repairs. Wallpaper removal, carpentry, electrical panel. Ceramic tile, complete kitchen and bath remodeling, granite counter tops. Free estimates. References available. Over 20 years of experience. Mario Zambrana 703-501-7506 or MZambrana60@yahoo.com.

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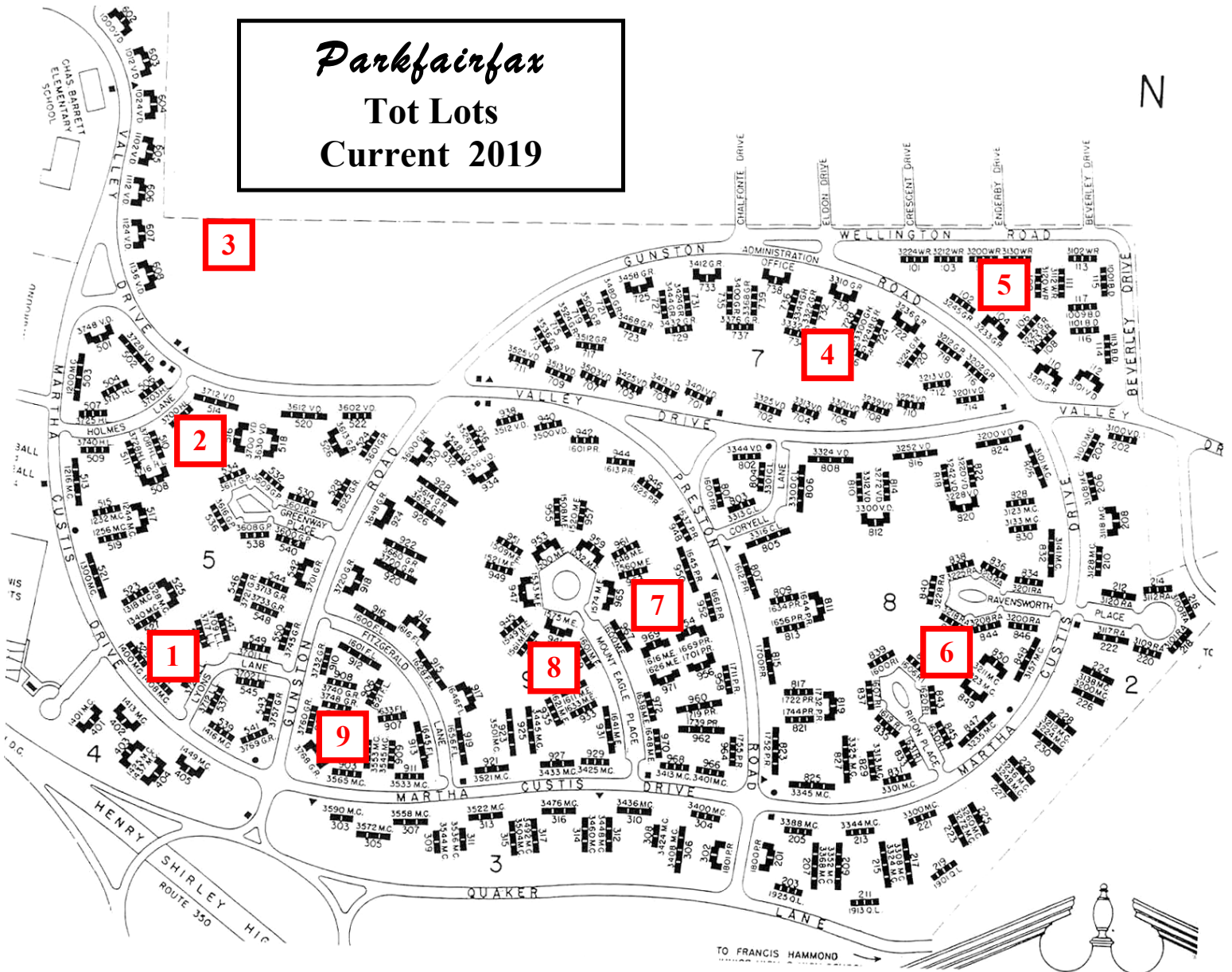
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10 Newsletter Submission Deadline	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>(Office Closed)</b> Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm	12 Covenants Committee Meeting 7 pm	13	14 Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting 7 pm Large Item Pick Up	15	16
17	18	19 Book Club 7 pm	20 Board Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> <b>(Office Closed)</b>	29 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b> <b>(Office Closed)</b> Large Item Pick Up	30
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