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# Parkfairfax Condominium

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*A Historic District*

**Unit Owners Association • Maintenance Department**

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## **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

### **FIRE HYDRANT TESTING NEAR YOU Unit Owners May Experience Changes in Water Pressure**

The Board of Directors has contracted Guardian Fire Protection Services to test and inspect all Association owned fire hydrants in the community. Technicians will be out **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm**. The inspection involves removing all caps and lubricating the threads as well as flowing water to ensure that each hydrant is operating properly.

This annual testing is essential to ensure that hydrants are operating efficiently for fire protection purposes. This also assists with maintaining the fire rating, testing monitors, measures the health of the city's water system, identifies weak areas in the system, removes materials that settle in the hydrant, and cleans out the lines. Checking each hydrant improves crew knowledge of hydrant locations. Fire department personnel will check to make sure there is adequate clearance around all fire hydrants, and property owners should clear weeds and brush from blocked hydrants to aid in their easy identification and access. The fire code requires at least 36 inches of clear area around the hydrant for proper access and helps assure that the hydrant is visible from the road.

During hydrant inspections, residents might experience temporary low water pressure or discolored (rusty) water. The discoloration of water will not harm an individual, although it may stain light colored clothing. The fire department advises that you run your faucets until you have clear water. Do not run your hot water or do laundry until your water is clear. If you have any questions or should you at any time notice a hydrant in need of repair, please contact Parkfairfax Maintenance Department.

This project should be very quick (Weather Permitting). Please bear with the temporary inconvenience.

### **Fire Hydrant Testing Near You:**

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Time: 8am – 2pm

If you should have any questions, please contact Alonzo Alexander at 703-578-3427  
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