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Parkfairfax and Charles Barrett Elementary School— Then and Now

By David Rusk

Editor's Note:

David Rusk lived with his parents, Dean and Virginia Rusk, and brother Rich and sister Peggy in two different apartments on Valley Drive. He began at Charles Barrett Elementary School when it was just a temporary clapboard structure before the current brick schoolhouse was built in 1949. This article is an excerpt from "Personal Reflections on America as the First Global Society," a lecture David presented to an international conference at Delft Technical University, The Netherlands in November 2007. David Rusk's father, Dean Rusk, was Secretary of State from 1961-69.

In April 2007, I walked into Charles Barrett Elementary School for the first time in 55 years. I entered a school and an America that was very different—and much better—than the America I grew up in.

From 1946 to 1952, my family lived in Parkfairfax, a sprawling new complex of 284 two- and three-story garden apartments. Constructed in 1941-43, Parkfairfax was built to house the crush of young government and military families, then busily launching the Baby Boom of the post-World War II era. As like most of my neighborhood friends, my father worked at the Pentagon, and subsequently at the State Department.

In that pre-Civil Rights Revolution era, Parkfairfax was rigorously segregated. No African Americans (nor Jews) allowed. My classmates were all white. I cannot even recall any Asian or Hispanic classmates. Alexandria had plenty of African American children, but I never saw them. They attended totally "separate but equal" schools (that were only hypothetically equal). (According to the 1950 census, 12.4 percent of the city of Alexandria's 61,787 residents were "non-white"—overwhelmingly African Americans rather than other racial groups.)

Almost all the illustrations in my textbooks were of white people. Our history lessons focused largely on our colonial British heritage, with a nod to the late 19th early 20th century waves of European immigrants that blended into the American



In a classroom at Charles Barrett Elementary School, students start the day with a flag salute in 1948. Image by B. Anthony Stewart, National Geographic Image Collection. This photo is part of National Geographic March 30, 2020 Gallery: Vintage Gallery: School 100 Years Ago. www.nationalgeographic.de/photography/2020/03/

"melting pot." My only recollection of a multi-cultural lesson was listening to, and drawing posters illustrating, Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg's "Pier Gynt Suite."

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Capital Improvement Projects Town Hall

Scheduled for December 9 at 7 p.m. See page 5 for more information and how to attend.

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November Board Meeting Highlights:

- The Board PASSED a motion to accept the October reserve expenditures in the amount of \$257,650.72.
- The Board APPROVED the flagstone patio at unit 3442 Gunston Road.
- The Board DID NOT APPROVE the retaining wall at unit 3442 Gunston Road.
- The Board APPROVED a motion to purchase two replacement maintenance trucks at a cost not to exceed \$58,000.

Covenants Committee Member Needed

There is one open spot for appointment at the December 16, 2020 Board meeting. If interested, please contact Dana Cross at dcross@parkfairfax.info no later than December 9, 2020.

Join the Conversation

Board Meetings

To virtually attend Board meetings using the Internet or your phone, follow these instructions.

Web access: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/378695061>

Phone Dial In: +1 (872) 240-3212

Phone Access Code: 378-695-061

Landscape Meetings

To virtually attend Landscape Committee meetings, follow these instructions.

Web access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89076000429?pwd=TDVCa09NNUZReWE0V1gvVXVsMUFKQT09>

Phone Dial In: 301 715 8592

US Meeting ID: 890 7600 0429

Phone Access Code: 444027

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kesSVslfLD>

Covenants Committee Meetings

To virtually attend Covenant meetings using the Internet or your phone, follow these instructions.

Web access: <https://zoom.us/j/94388421305>

Phone Dial In: 888 788 0099

Phone Access Code: 943 8842 1305

Parkfairfax Office Holiday Closure

Parkfairfax Offices at 3360 Gunston Rd, and the Maintenance Yard will be closed or closing early on the following dates:

Thursday December 24th, 2020, closing at 12pm

Friday, December 25th, 2020, all day

Thursday December 31st, 2020, closing at 12pm

Friday January 1st, 2020, all day

For afterhours emergency service please call 1-866-370-2977. Trash Bin area will remain accessible during regular hours.

Trash Collection During the Holidays

Trash will **NOT** be picked up on the following Days:

Friday December 25th—Christmas

Friday January 1st—New Year's Day

Please note that we will be collecting trash the following day if service is affected above.

We will be collecting holiday trees the first 2 weeks of January on Tuesday and Thursday—so collection days will be January 5, 7, 12, and 14.

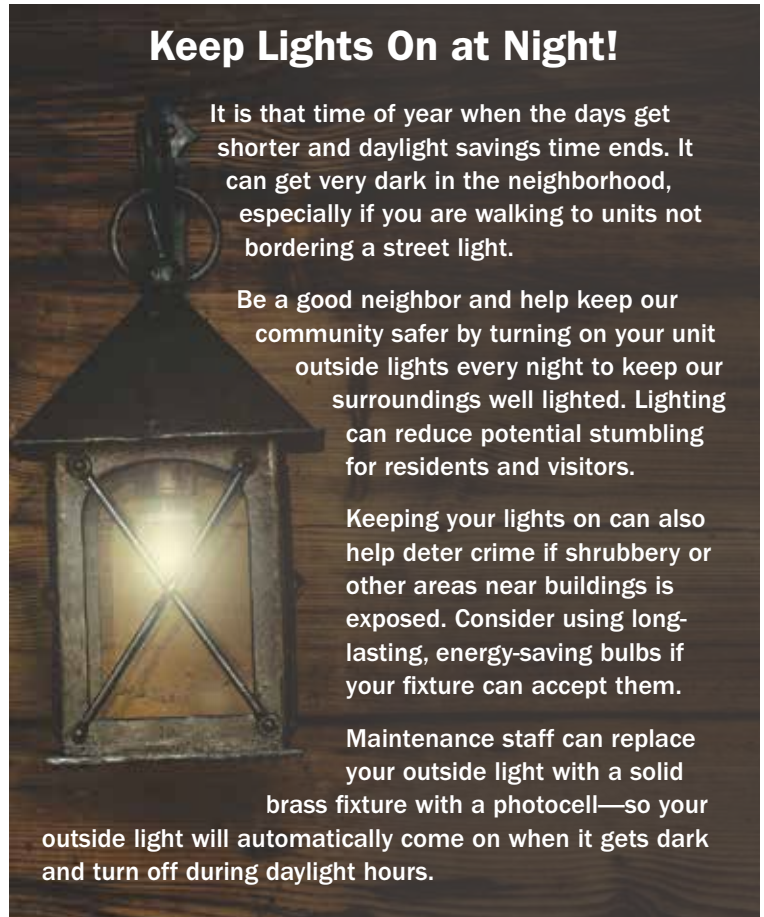
Keep Lights On at Night!

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 for residents and visitors.

Keeping your lights on can also help deter crime if shrubbery or other areas near buildings is exposed. Consider using long-lasting, energy-saving bulbs if your fixture can accept them.

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



A New Tree for Spruce Island



There is a new tree on Spruce Island, but it isn't a spruce. Unfortunately, neither of the two young spruce trees that were meant to replace the original spruce survived for more than a year. So, the new tree that will reign on Spruce Island is an American Holly. American Hollies can live for 100 years, grow well in sun and can achieve a height of 40 to 60 feet and a spread of 18 to 40 feet. They also have a compact pyramid shape that is great for hanging holiday lights.

The American Holly is considered one of the most popular trees in the world. Due to extensive cultivation by nurseryman and gardeners, there are currently over 1000 different cultivars, with more being patented every year according to the Holly Society of America. Known as the hardiest broad-leaf evergreen, the American Holly is ridiculously tough. Native specimens found throughout the Appalachian Mountains have been found to withstand temperatures of -10°F, while cultivated varieties have been naturalized in Ohio down to -20°F. The tree is also not picky in terms of soil requirements. American Holly will grow in nearly all soils. This fact is evident given that its native range extends from Massachusetts to Florida to Texas. American Hollies grow on mountain tops, in river valleys, on flood plains, and along coastlines. This range of habitats and conditions means the American Holly does not take great risks in its habit of growth. The tree has a slow to medium growth rate (8 to 12 inches a year). It also reproduces the "old fashioned way;" male and female flowers are produced on separate plants. A male pollinator must be nearby in order to produce the beautiful red berries on female trees.

Throughout history, the appeal of bright red berries and lustrous evergreen leaves drove the popularity of the English Holly. From the Roman and Druid winter solstice traditions to the European Christian traditions, the symbolism and colorful nature of the evergreen holly in the dead of winter was constant. When the European colonists landed in the New World, they brought their love of holly. Prior to their arrival, American Holly leaves had been used by Native Americans to make tea to treat cough, and berries had been used to make buttons. But Europeans brought demand for American Holly to a whole new level. They recognized American Holly as an obvious substitute for their English holly holiday traditions, and decorative and landscape usage soon exploded. Today the popularity of the American Holly is as strong as ever.

Information from americanholly.org

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Every year (despite the constitutional separation of church and state) my public elementary school held elaborate Christmas programs, featuring traditional Christmas carols and re-enactment of the Nativity scene. On February 22, we celebrated George Washington's birthday, but we did not observe Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12. In Virginia, school children celebrated the birthday of Civil War General Robert E. Lee, patron saint of the Confederacy.

Fifty-five years later, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday had replaced Robert E. Lee's. The school's principal, an African American woman, arranged a tour of my old school. The classrooms were a kaleidoscope of children of different origins. Twenty percent were black (about two-thirds native-born African Americans, the remainder recent African and West Indian immigrants). Another 16 percent were Hispanic (with the largest group from El Salvador). Over five percent were Asian. Just 59 percent were white, including a number of children of recent Eastern European immigrants. (Almost 28 percent of the 10,334 students in Alexandria City Public Schools are enrolled in English as a Second Language classes; 80 different languages are spoken in their homes.)

All textbooks were multi-cultural. A third grade reader opened with the question "How can our traditions and the traditions of others make our lives more interesting?" What followed included stories by authors from Tanzanian, Chinese, Russian, Italian, Indian, Mexican, Japanese, and African American backgrounds. A history of Charles A. Lindbergh's historic trans-Atlantic flight was accompanied by the story of Bessie Coleman, the first African American woman aviator.

And, as a result of several United States Supreme Court decisions reaffirming "a wall of separation between Church and State," prayers (even carefully non-sectarian ones) and, of course, Christmas pageants had disappeared from public schools (perhaps to the anguish of many Protestant religious conservatives)—replaced by rich, multicultural pageants celebrating a diverse but intertwined history.

Charles Barrett may be empty today due to the pandemic, but the sidewalks of Parkfairfax (where my daughter now lives) bustle with the increased diversity I witnessed in the halls in 2007. I enjoy returning for BBQs and marveling at the changes—including the fact that the recently planted trees of the 40s that were barely taller than me at age 6 are now towering, stately testaments to the passage of time.

I have contrasted my experience 70 years ago, a decade ago, and today to illustrate a central theme: within my own lifetime, and the lifetime of Parkfairfax, the United States of America has become perhaps the world's most racially, ethnically, and religiously diverse society, and our nation—and Parkfairfax—are much better for this greater diversity.



MANAGER'S CORNER

Mark Miller, CMCA, AMS
General Manager

Winter Heat Blues

It's that time again with the colder weather upon us we want to pass on some quick reminders to maintain heat in your home this winter, especially if you are planning on being away for any length of time:

- Make sure there is adequate heat in your unit, especially in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Have your baseboard heaters cleaned. You should vacuum your baseboard heaters at the beginning of the season, this simple task will minimize the dust buildup and provide for both better convention and eliminate the unpleasant "burning" odor when they come on.
- Leave baseboard and wall heaters "on" at least at the number "2" low/mid settings.
- You should maintain an interior temperature no lower than 55 degrees when away or out of the home.
- Wall heaters: Here too they should be opened up and cleaned. As these have electric coil elements there is a potential fire hazard from built up dust.

- Unit with thru-wall heat pumps should have their coil and filters checked and cleaned. Also look for any gaps that will allow air in and have them sealed. Also be sure your wall units are the correct size for the sleeve. Interior gaps are unit owner responsibility, however on the exterior the Association is responsible for the sleeve seal to the brick. Although we re-seal every painting cycle, they can split, crack or re-open.
- Leave Kitchen and bathroom doors open.
- If you feel cold or low temperatures in any cabinets adjacent to water piping or shut-off valves, leave the cabinet doors open to allow heat to circulate.
- Look for un-sealed cabinet opening or penetrations. If your kitchen is not upgraded, report these to the office and we can investigate and seal. If you have an upgraded kitchen it is owner's responsibility to seal any openings.
- Check your windows and doors for drafts and seal or repair if needed.
- If away, have a neighbor check your unit periodically.
- Make sure the office has an emergency key on file "just in case."
- Please remember that owners are responsible for any damages caused by frozen or burst pipes within 1" of the wall in their units.
- If you are renting your unit, please be sure your tenants know to contact the office immediately with any leaks.

By following the above suggestions one can greatly both increase the efficiency and head off any potential issues.

Capital Improvements Town Hall Scheduled

For the last few years, the Board has discussed making capital improvements. Generally, capital projects require meaningful financial investment and are beyond the scope of ongoing building maintenance, landscaping, and other reserve account items. Further, these items go beyond the annual operating budget because of their size and scale, and therefore require multi-year planning and financial commitment. While the Board has not made any decisions, there are several projects worthy of consideration that require significant saving. Thus, over the last two years, the Board has reserved \$200 thousand for future capital projects; if no projects are agreed to, the money will be owners' equity that potentially reduces the need to increase condo fees in the future. Either way owners will benefit.

The Board has considered concepts such as: upgrades and renovations to the party room; upgrades and renovations to the fitness room; expanding the pool house at the Martha Custis pool to add a modern party room, gym, and other spaces; replacement of all laundry room windows; a property-wide lighting project; and/or making electric car charging stations

available on the property. These are merely some ideas we looked into.

While we regularly get suggestions from owners at our meetings or via email, for this larger endeavor we want to solicit community feedback at a town hall. At this town hall, the Board and management will share research and thinking on the aforementioned ideas and also seek input from owners on these and possibly other project ideas.

This Capital Improvement Projects Townhall has been scheduled for December 9 at 7 p.m. and will take place virtually like most current meetings using the same dial-in and link as a regular Board meeting.

Notary Services

Notary services are available for Parkfairfax Routine Change Applications and Non-Routine Change Applications only.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION

A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY

Package thefts are crimes of opportunity. The Alexandria Police Department would like to remind citizens to take extra care this time of year when having mail and packages delivered to their residence. Package thefts from doorstops and front porches during the day usually increase between the months of October and January. There are steps you can take to be proactive in keeping your package safe from theft.

PACKAGE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- Encourage family and neighbors to pick up packages as soon as possible as after they are delivered.
- Track your packages. Try to be present at the time of delivery. Many mail carriers allow you to track your shipment online:
FedEx: http://www.fedex.com/ca_english/track/
UPS: 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>
- Be neighborly. If you can't pick up your mail ask a neighbor to do it for you. The U.S. Postal Service can also hold your mail if you travel during the holidays.

Always report any suspicious activity immediately to the Alexandria Police Department. Call 911 for emergencies or call our non-emergency number, 703.746.4444.



ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Should We Feed Wild Birds?

By Christine Payack

Last December, my curious and enthusiastic pre-k and kindergarten students made pinecone bird feeders. We smeared open pinecones with a plant-based “fat” and rolled each one into a seed mixture. A red piece of yarn was tied at the top in order to hang them on reachable bushes and branches.

After a week passed, we checked the feeders. To the delight of all the budding young naturalists, some of them saw and heard a variety of wildlife species, such as blue jays, northern cardinals, European starlings, house sparrows, Canada geese, a downy woodpecker, turkey vultures, a northern mockingbird, gray squirrels and even a black squirrel! And many of our feeders showed signs of being dined on by our avian and furred friends!

Wild birds benefit from year-round reliable and steady food sources. With bird feeders supplementing natural food, birds can depend on a plentiful source of nourishment to keep them well fed and thriving.

Many people take delight in feeding birds. But a taste of a backyard suet cake or a peck at a communal feeder may also hold hidden risks for birds.

For example, suet cakes offer birds a wide variety of healthy ingredients. But during hot summer months, suet can soften and melt, causing a mess at backyard feeders and potential dangers to birds—including spoilage and sticky attachment to feathers.

Also, “feeders can bring unexpected species together more frequently than normal, creating ideal conditions for parasites and other contaminants,” a National Audubon scientist says. “That birds often crowd into tight spaces to get at the tasty morsels also makes it easier for pathogens to leap between birds.”

So, should we stop feeding birds? “Absolutely not,” says Stephen Kress, director of Audubon’s Project Puffin, “There are plenty of simple things we can do to avoid many of these potential outcomes.”

Here is what we can do to help wild birds while feeding them:

1. Safe bird feeding includes completely scrubbing out feeders with a 10 percent non-chlorinated bleach solution at least a few times a year, and definitely between seasons.
2. Remove any spilled seed, feces, debris or other contaminants from a bird bath. Use a solution of one part distilled white vinegar to nine parts water to scrub a birdbath thoroughly where the birds land, perch, drink or bathe. Keep the water fresh and clean.

3. Research the favorite foods of the bird species you want to attract, the feeder styles they like best, and the best places to hang feeders.
4. Bird seed mixtures targeted to a wide range of species are the cheapest but most wasteful. They are usually packed with fillers like milo that most birds pick through, resulting in a mess under the feeder. The mess can quickly become a sludgy mixture that can make birds sick, so it should be cleaned up during the winter or raked out when conditions are drier. Leftover seed hulls and unwanted seeds on the ground can also attract mice and rats.
5. Avoid exposing ground-feeding birds to a rancid seed “goo.”
6. Offer preferred foods in different feeders. For example, high quality cracked corn and millet can go into one bird feeder and only high-quality sunflowers in another.
7. Keep your pet cats indoors. A safe window view will provide enjoyment for your cat and keep your birds safe.
8. Place feeders a safe distance from windows. Window decals will deter bird window strikes.

Enjoy the exquisite beauty of birds while helping them to survive throughout the year!

Sources:

<https://www.audubon.org>

<https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/why-do-we-feed-birds-and-should-we-a-qa-with-the-experts/>



Pinecone Birdfeeders hanging in the Carlin Springs Elementary School Courtyard, December 2019

Parking Policy: Holiday Reminders

As guests come to visit for the holidays, please keep the Parking Policy rules in mind.

Residents of Parkfairfax are entitled to use available common element parking spaces for approved vehicles, on a first-come first-served basis. Vehicles must be parked so as not to block access to the sidewalks. The Bylaws permit only one vehicle per unit to park on the common element parking spaces without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors. Common element parking includes all of the lanes and all the semi-circular off-street parking areas, along with the cul-de-sac at the Exercise room, the parking lot at the Martha Custis swimming pool and the Valley Drive Tennis Court parking area.

No trailer, boat, or recreational vehicle (RV) may be parked in any common element parking area. State inspection sticker and current license plates must be properly displayed or shall not be kept on any of the common elements. Vehicles parked on Association property may not be covered in a way that obstructs the viewing of the license tags. All vehicles must be kept in proper operating condition so as not to be a hazard or a nuisance by noise, exhaust emission, or appearance.

Management will post a 72-hour notice on a vehicle that is in violation of the Parking Policy Resolution. If vehicle is not removed or brought into compliance the vehicle will be towed (at owners expense and risk). All towing will be on an on-call basis. Authorization and supervision will be done by Management and/or the President of the Board of Directors only.

Driving or parking motorized vehicles of any kind on the common elements not designated for vehicle use (i.e., grass, sidewalks, or breezeways) is strictly prohibited.

In addition to the towing provisions above, breaches, alleged or actual, of the above regulations are subject to appropriate action by the Covenants Committee, under the provisions of Policy Resolution Number Four.

The Unit Owners Association or the Board are not responsible for damage to vehicles or loss of property from vehicles parked on the common elements.



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 below and return it to 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.

2020/2021 Request for Snow Removal Assistance

Name(s)

Building Number

Address

Phone Number (Home)

Phone Number (Work)

Signature

Date

**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.

DECEMBER USP SPECIALS

Water Saving Toilets



Premier Toilet Elongated bowl and comfort height 1.28GPF

\$225.00 (Includes wax ring, supply tube, bolts, removal & labor)

Non-Special Price, \$135.00 (not including labor)



Gerber Toilet – 1.6 GPF

\$210.00 (Includes wax ring, supply tube, bolts & labor)

Non-Special Price, \$125.00 (not including labor)



NEW!

Premier Select 2-Piece 1.1/1.6 GPF Dual Flush Elongated Toilet in White

\$255.00 (Includes wax ring, supply tube, bolts, removal & labor)

Non-Special Price, \$143.50 (not including labor)



NEW!

Premier Select 2-Piece 1.1/1.6 GPF Dual Flush Round Toilet in White

\$239.00 (Includes wax ring, supply tube, bolts, removal & labor)

Non-Special Price, \$152.00 (not including labor)

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 you can log onto the website and register at <https://parkfairfax.managebuilding.com>. If you need assistance, 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 selling your condo and no longer living here at Parkfairfax. That way you won't keep receiving the email alerts. Thanks!



CLASSIFIEDS

HEALTH & WELLNESS

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

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 90-minute massage for \$90. First-time special: 90 minutes for \$80. Call Mark Herrenbruck, Encore Massage (703-987-0283).

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. www.warriorsevenyoga.com. Licensed and insured.

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DLC Electrical Contractors, LLC: Doing all phases of electrical. Panel box upgrades, installation of new circuits, electrical, plumbing and venting for washer & dryer installations, kitchen & bathroom remodeling. For a free estimate call 703-477-8935, godsblessing4me@gmail.com.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

1431 Martha Custis Drive: Three big bedrooms make this 2 level townhome feel like a real house. The living/dining areas are huge and the kitchen has a large white porcelain farm sink with new butcher block countertops. 11 electrical outlets!! Big patio with endless green space. Inlet parking and very near the gym. The johnANDjohn TEAM, 703-820-9723, RE/MAX Allegiance, www.Parkfairfax.com.

1629 Ripon Place: Park at your door on this sweet cul-de-sac. Plank hardwood flooring throughout, washer/dryer in a separate closet. 8 closets and a separate storage unit, granite countertops. Master bedroom has 3 closets! The brick patio is grounded by a beautiful tree and professional landscaping. The johnANDjohn TEAM, 703-820-9723, RE/MAX Allegiance, www.Parkfairfax.com.

1557 Mount Eagle Place: This scrumptious 2 level/2 bedroom townhome end unit has views that only this cul-de-sac street can provide; the highest point in Parkfairfax. Parquet floors have been restored to their original luster. Historic windows allow sunlight to flood the space. Washer/dryer upstairs. Renovated bathroom. The johnANDjohn TEAM, 703-820-9723, RE/MAX Allegiance, www.Parkfairfax.com.

3626 Gunston Road: A true GEM! This treehouse is tucked neatly at end of the building, inlet parking, open kitchen with island. Washer/dryer in separate closet, high end granite countertops. The johnANDjohn TEAM, 703-820-9723, RE/MAX Allegiance, www.Parkfairfax.com.

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3328 Coryell Lane: Talk about easy parking on this little street off the beaten path! Ascend the carpeted steps into the large sunny living/dining area. Freshly painted, and the gleaming hardwoods invite your special decorating. Large kitchen with gas range, dishwasher, washer/dryer, built-in microwave and an abundance of storage space. The johnANDjohn TEAM, 703-820-9723, RE/MAX Allegiance, www.Parkfairfax.com.

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We will be collecting holiday trees the first 2 weeks of January on Tuesday and Thursday—so collection days will be January 5, 7, 12, and 14.

The Landscape Crew mulches all discarded Christmas trees through the "chipper" at the Maintenance Yard. This keeps disposal costs down, and makes pine chips available for erosion projects, and etc. Please bring your tree down to the Yard if you can and look for the area next to the chipper (with all of the other Christmas trees or you can be first!); if you are not able to bring your tree to the Yard, you can leave it at curbside near your building by 1pm, Monday through Friday.



How to Find Information Fast on the Parkfairfax Website

There is a wealth of information on the Parkfairfax website, **www.parkfairfax.info**, but sometimes it can be challenging to find it. Fortunately, there is a remedy for this issue.

Go to Google search and type in site:parkfairfax.info patios (or whatever information you're trying to find).

Google will search only the Parkfairfax website and return

all possible web pages or documents for your search term. Be sure to put a space between info and your search term.





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If your mailing address, phone number, email address or any other contact information changes, please let the Association office know.

Also, if you have the locks to your doors changed, please provide the office with a copy. Parkfairfax Condominium Bylaws (article 5, section 9) instructs unit owners to provide a working copy of their unit keys to the Association.

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1br/1bth	30	8	\$311,825
2 br/1+bth	44	14	\$375,148
3br/1+bth	4	4	\$469,500

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Parkfairfax continues to be a wonderful place to live, and I love telling her story to people considering a purchase in this community. I am a true believer in all the great things that are Parkfairfax. There is so much offered here, and the amenities become even more valuable when comparing Parkfairfax to other communities in the area.

So many of you have stopped by my Open Houses this year just to say hello or check out the renovations. Your feedback is always welcome and appreciated in continuing our common goal toward improving values and maintaining our sense of community. I have enjoyed watching you jump into my conversations with potential buyers, eager to share all the reasons why Parkfairfax is far and above the best opportunity in Northern Virginia. Nothing sells better than the positive enthusiasm of a current homeowner!

Thank you all for being my friends. You have always made me feel welcome and part of this special community.

It is fitting that during this season we remember the special people who have positively touched our lives. So, to all of you, for all you have done for me, I am truly grateful.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Landscape Committee Meeting, 7pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Covenants Committee Meeting * 7pm	9 Capital Improvement Projects Town Hall 7pm	10 Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting 7pm Large Item Pick-Up Newsletter Submission Deadline	11	12 Office open 9am – 12pm
13	14	15 Book Club [TBD] 7pm	16 Board Meeting* 7pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office closes at 12pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve Office closes at 12pm	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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