

Parkfairfax Condominium Landscape Committee Report June, 2021

Adopt-a-Tree

Each year, since 2017 we have matched newly planted trees and neighbors through the Landscape Committee's Adopt-a-Tree Program. This program gives residents a chance to keep an eye on new plantings while facilitating the watering of young or fragile trees. As of our June meeting, we have 64 adopters and 87 trees in the program.

The Summer is a key time for this program, as this is when we are asking the adopters to water and care for their tree. We've had over 3 dozen trees "graduate" from this program, meaning they are not on a regular schedule to be watered but are still checked on by neighbors from time to time.

Invasive Plants in Parkfairfax

Following a conversation with a neighbor, Board President Bush requested the Landscape Committee give an informative walk regarding the impact of invasive plants on the wooded areas of our property. The impact of invasive plants are wide reaching and have an impact on water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, tree cover, and maintenance of the property. An excellent primer on the subject is available at: <https://www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic/> Please consider joining us on June 26 at 10 AM starting at 1570 Mt. Eagle.

Great Response on Gardens in the Park Month

Building on the success of last year's expansion of Gardens in the Park Week to an entire month, the Parkfairfax Landscape Committee put together activities for residents explore our lovely community (while staying socially distant of course) during the month of May.

Among the activities featured last month are (in no particular order):

- Available Adopt-a-Tree
- Coloring Pages
- ID'ing invasives/alternatives
- Scavenger hunt
- Cicadas
- Virtual turtle/climbing sculptures walk
- FAQs on Parkfairfax Landscaping

We've gotten some great responses from residents including:

- [From the Virtual Sculpture Walk Week] Where I grew up in small town Illinois we had the same turtle and saddle at a local park. I was shocked a delighted to see them at Parkfairfax. Thank you for sharing the extra details about them!

- Your list [FAQs on Landscaping] was very informative and helpful! It should be handed out to all new owners!
- [Re: Scavenger Hunt] Love this idea! Thank you!
- [General Comment via email] Very Nice. Thank you for doing this.
- Thank you, wonderful explanation [about cicadas]. Just finished taking a walk thru PKFX and Beverly Hills, hardly any cicadas there, but so plentiful here.
- I have just read the piece, "11 Landscape Questions" that was published in the recent Parkfairfax Weekly Update. It has answered many of my questions, and I thank those who conceived of and wrote it.

We look forward to continuing to come up with ways that our community can explore our landscape.

Grant Update

We have submitted a grant application for the Audubon Society/Plant NoVA Natives Grant for HOA Entrances a decision is expected by the end of June/beginning of July.

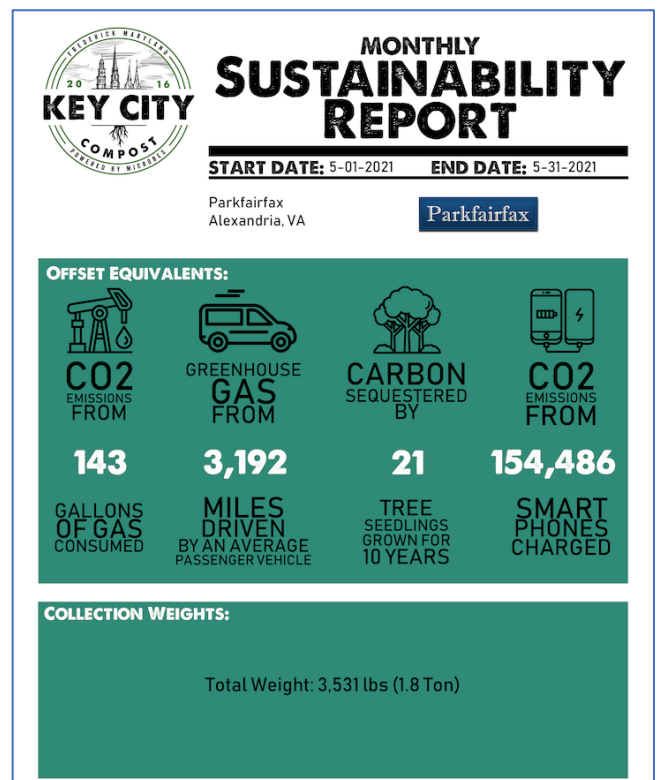
We are also continuing to explore other grant possibilities.

Compost Program Update

Since September 2020, Parkfairfax has allowed residents to pilot an at-home compost program. To date, we have 100 households participating in this weekly service and our monthly stats are available in the chart (to the left). In April, residents who were part of the program were able to request a 12 lb. bag of compost ready to be used in their garden.

Parkfairfax Garden Guide

With many residents focused on the Homefront during the pandemic, and with the pending revisions of the ARs, the Committee is revisiting the content of the Parkfairfax Garden Guide (last time revised was 2011). We look forward to adding and updating the guide with input from other Committees and the Board of Directors.



We will be taking a Summer Break from meetings but continuing to work on projects. Our next meeting will be on September 7 at 7 PM via Zoom.

Recreation Committee

Dana Cross

From: Mark Miller
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Dana Cross
Subject: FW: Re: Pickleball follow-up

From: Paul Friedman <paulfriedman@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:10 PM
To: Mark Miller <mmiller@parkfairfax.info>
Subject: Fwd: Re: Pickleball follow-up

Is this sufficient or would you like me to provide you with more info?

----- Original Message -----

From: Helen White <hwhite@cpa.com>
To: Paul Friedman <paulfriedman@comcast.net>
Date: 04/09/2021 5:48 PM
Subject: Re: Pickleball follow-up

I recommend ordering the portable nets on wheels from https://www.pickleballcentral.com/Deluxe_Picklenet_Portable_net_system_p/oo250.htm Enter the promo code **CRSPORTS** to receive a 5% discount. An additional 5% is set aside in a special account for Breakthrough Community Sports, Inc., the name of my small nonprofit organization that I use to support my efforts to promote pickleball.

Arlington County uses these cable locks (usually 2 per single net) or you can stack two nets together and secure them with 2 cable locks. The locks are a deterrent. If someone really wanted to take the nets (that has not happened in Arlington and Loudoun counties or the Town of Vienna), the cable locks would not prevent them from taking the nets. You should not have a problem because the entrance to the tennis court is locked. The cable locks will keep the nets off the tennis court when they are not being used.

<https://www.grainger.com/product/MASTER-LOCK-Fixed-Length-Cable-Locks-6JD75>



Portable Pickleball nets are secured to a light pole with one cable lock and are positioned parallel to the tennis courts. There is 10' of space from the wall to the tennis sideline.



These two portable pickleball nets are stacked and secured to the fence behind the tennis baseline with a cable lock at both ends of the net. There is enough space to safely store them behind the tennis baseline.

Glad you are moving forward.
Helen

On Fri, Apr 9, 2021 at 4:56 PM Paul Friedman <paulfriedman@comcast.net> wrote:

Helen,

I can't seem to find the website you recommended.

Would you send me a link to the nets we need to purchase and the locks we should buy to attach them to the fence that surrounds the tennis court.

I need to present exact costs and the back-up for those costs to get approval.

Thanks,

Paul

Dana Cross

From: Mark Miller
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Dana Cross
Subject: FW: Diving boards and how they effect insurance

From: Jim Pates <jim@preferins.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Mark Miller <mmiller@parkfairfax.info>
Subject: Diving boards and how they effect insurance

Mark,

I hope you are well. Regarding having a diving board at the pool, these days insurance companies, in almost all cases, do not want to have them.

-Greater New York, the company that has your general liability coverage, really does not want to cover diving boards and in almost all cases says no.

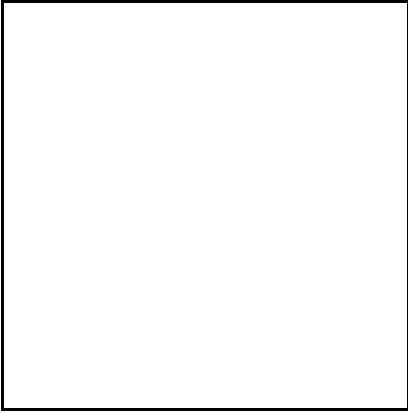
-In terms of your Umbrella policy, there are about 6 programs that offer umbrella polices to Condominiums and HOA's and they all have a no exception rule of no diving boards at this point. These umbrella programs for HOA's and Condominiums are very cost effective compared to umbrella polices with other carriers. So losing your Great American program umbrella policy could mean a doubling in cost, if not more for your umbrella policy.

So even if we can get Greater New York to allow the diving board at a cost, you would lose your current umbrella policy and if we could find another umbrella carrier it would certainly on the low end mean doubling the premium from your current umbrella. (Current umbrella \$33,744)

Diving boards at community associations are going away quickly do to the large liability risk they present, along with the large insurance costs associated with diving boards.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,



Jim Pates

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Proposal

Where Amazing Happens...

Client Name: Parkfairfax Condominium Martha Custis Drive Pool A
Project Name: BUDGET 2021 - Replace Existing Old Diving Stand with New Stand 3/4 M for 12" Diving Board
Job Site Address: 1117 Martha Custis Dr Alexandria, VA 22302 **Billing Address:** 1117 Martha Custis Dr Alexandria, VA 22302
Estimate ID: EST2101948
Date: Sep 11, 2020

Replace Existing Old Diving Stand with New Stand 3/4 M for 12" Diving Board **\$4,860.00**

NOTE Existing Jig to be re-used. In case it is corroded and cannot be re-used separate proposal for jig replacement will be provided. Existing Diving board and handrails along with mounting hardware and fulcrum will be re-used. In case in poor condition separate proposal will be submitted.

1	Diving Stand 3/4 M for 12" Diving Board by SR Smith	\$3,685.00	\$3,685.00
1	Mounting Hardware	\$495.00	\$495.00
	Professional Service Labor		\$680.00
		Subtotal	\$4,860.00
		Taxes	\$0.00
		Estimate Total	\$4,860.00

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: All Unforeseen conditions and work complications will be reported to the management. All Change orders are subject to prior approval. All work to be done in a professional manner and all materials to complete the above work to be included in this agreement. This estimate applies only to the job described above. The invoice will be submitted upon completion of the work. The payment is due upon receipt unless specified otherwise. Please sign below and return to the Sierra offices in order to schedule the above work. Price is valid for 90 days.

Estimate authorized by: _____
Company Representative

Estimate approved by: _____
Customer Representative

Signature Date: _____

Signature Date: _____