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Parkfairfax Grows Its Urban Forest

By Beth Hand

Many of us choose to live in Parkfairfax for its beauty—tall, mature trees, woods, green spaces, and attractive, low brick buildings nestled into gently rolling landscape. It's a welcome respite in a major metropolitan area where treeless complexes abound. Did you know our trees are vital to the health of our community, city, and the planet?

We are part of what the U.S. Department of Agriculture calls an urban forest. According to the USDA, "Urban forests help to filter air and water, control storm water, conserve energy, and provide animal habitat and shade. They add beauty, form, and structure to urban design. By reducing noise and providing places to recreate, urban forests strengthen social cohesion, spur community revitalization, and add economic value to our communities."

Further, trees improve our mental and physical health. A review of 201 studies revealed many health benefits. In fact, MRIs of city dwellers living close to forests reveal an amygdala structure (the emotional center of the brain) "associated with better capacity to cope with stress" and stronger immune systems.



A crew plants saplings on Gunston Road.

Resident Reminder

If you still have any holiday decorations up (wreaths, lights, etc) please remove them from the common elements.

Our Parkfairfax trees and landscaping not only help promote good mental health but also life itself by trapping carbon and turning it into life-giving and sustaining oxygen. If you and your family would like to learn more, check out the documentary *Kiss the Ground* on Netflix.

An old Chinese proverb states, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is right now." With our large

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A young tree awaits planting on Valley 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, www.parkfairfax.info.

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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 It must be signed and include your unit address and phone number (address and phone number will not be published) and submitted by the 10th of each month preceding publication.

February Board Meeting Highlights:

Decisions

- The Board agreed to approve the FY 2023 Draft Budget with a 5.5% increase in assessments.
- The Board agreed to hold a Budget Town Hall Meeting Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m.
- The Board declined the request from the Fort Myer Swim Club to rent the Martha Custis pool during the 2022 season.
- The Board approved the December 2021 Reserve Expenditures in the amount of \$41,594.25. To see what repairs and enhancements were funded click on expenditures.

Committee Reports

Due to the lengthy budget discussion, the Board reviewed only the report from the Landscape Committee requesting consideration of the revised stormwater mitigation proposal from Christopher Consultants. The consultants refined their proposal of two test plots in the

700s and 500s that are indicative of many of the stormwater issues in the community including water pooling and rushing downstairs and water running down steep slopes into units. One pilot project would focus on a common area near Gunston and the other near Lyons Lane pool. The Board received the updated plan and provided funding in the FY'23 budget but did not approve the projects as provided by the consultants

To read the project proposal or any committee reports, click on Committee Reports above.

Board Discussion

The Board moved approval of final door specifications to the March meeting and moved discussion of a revised resolution on trash and recycling to the March meeting.

Sunday, March 13— Daylight Saving time. Remember to Spring your clocks forward.

Bike Storage Tips

Below are a few tips when storing your bikes in the laundry rooms at Parkfairfax:

- Bicycles must be properly secured in a rack and identified by a current permit sticker issued by Parkfairfax. Bike permits can be purchased at the Administration Office for \$5.00. Any bicycles that are stored in a laundry room and do not have a current Parkfairfax permit will be subject to impoundment. Permits can be affixed to the post beneath the riding seat so that it is easily visible.
- Make sure when exiting the laundry room that the laundry room door is shut and latched behind you.
- Call the police immediately if you see something truly suspicious. Call the Parkfairfax Management Office at (t) 703-998-6315 during normal work hours after you have called the police.
- Register your bike. Bicyclists may register the serial numbers
 of their bicycles with the Alexandria Police Department or
 through a program like the National Bike Registry. If your bike
 is stolen, the serial number will help the Police in efforts to
 recover your bike.
- Check with your local bike shop for information on high-tech locks. Avoid locks, chains or cables that can easily be cut, broken or picked.

Please be aware that while Parkfairfax will do what it can to bring these bike thefts to a stop, Parkfairfax is not responsible for bike thefts from the bike racks in the laundry rooms.



Do you have unwanted or expired medications?

In Alexandria, you can dispose of unwanted or unused pills, liquids or other medication at one of three permanent medication drop boxes that provide year-round access to safe drug disposal:

- Neighborhood Pharmacy: 2204 Mt Vernon Ave.
 Open Monday Friday, 9am 7pm; Saturday, 9am 2pm; and Sunday, 10am 1pm
- Inova Alexandria Hospital: Visitor's Center Lobby (near cashier's window), 4320 Seminary Road; Open daily from 1 – 5pm
- Alexandria Police Department Headquarters (just inside front entrance, ring bell for access): 3600 Wheeler Ave.; available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
- Needles are not accepted at permanent medication drop box locations.

Spring Cleaning Reminders

We regularly hear from our local real estate professionals about "curb appeal." It is a hot topic especially this time of year when units tend to be listed on the market.



With the coming of spring and the warmer weather more residents spend time outdoors. We ask that residents please tend to their individual areas near their units, particularly patios, front stoops, porches and breezeways. The Association has both resolutions and covenant guidelines that allow or prohibit certain items. In the next few weeks when spring cleanup begins, we will be noting any areas that fail to heed the guidelines. We will send out courtesy reminders to units that are not in compliance. Below are several of the major issues that residents need to be mindful of. For the complete list, please visit the website or email our service request link at: www.parkfairfax.info/services/work-order-request/. Please provide your email and we will attach the guidelines in our response.

Items prohibited for patios, front stoops, porches or breezeways:

- Empty flower pots and other miscellaneous gardening supplies and equipment when not in use.
- No fencing of any type around patio areas
- Boats (including canoes and kayaks)
- · Tents or awnings
- Furniture (other than lawn furniture)
- Bicycles (no storage in front, in breezeways or on patios)
 Parkfairfax provides bicycle registration and storage in selected laundry/storage rooms. Contact the office for more information
- Building materials (no demo debris)
- Flammable materials (gas or kerosene containers or unattached propane tanks)
- Fire pits (chimineas are allowed 15 feet from the building and 4 feet from shrubbery)
- Hammocks (free standing frame type only, attaching to trees is prohibited)

Items allowed for patio areas only without approval:

 Bird houses or feeders (Patio areas only, no front, side or other parts of the limited, reserved or general common elements); hanging bird feeders, standing bird feeders and bird baths are permitted but nothing may be attached to the building with the exception of suction cup type feeders to the windows. No bird feeders may be nailed to any trees.

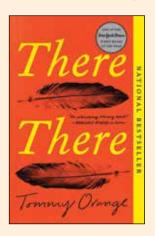
BOOK GROUP

There There

by Tommy Orange Tuesday, March 15, 7 pm

Parkfairfax Board Room

NOTE: this is different from where we usually meet and is upstairs from the Party Room next to the office



Novel. Winner of the PEN/
Hemingway Award, Tommy
Orange's wondrous and shattering
bestselling novel follows twelve
characters from Native
communities: all traveling to the
Big Oakland Powwow, all
connected to one another in ways
they may not yet realize. Among
them is Jacquie Red Feather,
newly sober and trying to make it
back to the family she left behind.
Dene Oxendene, pulling his life

together after his uncle's death and working at the powwow to honor his memory. Fourteen-year-old Orvil, coming to perform traditional dance for the very first time. Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American—grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, with communion and sacrifice and heroism.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month; everyone is welcome. Light snacks will be available. Please contact Catherine Kitchell at catherinekitchell@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list or for any additional information.



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Francisco Foschi, CMCA®, AMS®, PCAM® General Manager

New to Parkfairfax?

A Few Tips to Help You Settle In

Welcome to Parkfairfax—a historic community with a significant future! Parkfairfax is a unique community of 1,684 units carefully nestled into 132 landscaped and wooded acres. This community began as rental units constructed to meet wartime civilian housing needs. Many notable Washingtonians have chosen our community as their first homes when coming to Washington to serve their nation, including Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford. In 1978, Parkfairfax was converted to a condominium and is now home for people of all interests, occupations and ages. Among the amenities Parkfairfax offers are three swimming pools, an exercise facility, tot lots, tennis courts, a car wash, maintenance yard, laundry rooms and woodland trails.

First Steps as a Parkfairfax Resident

- Read a recent issue of the condominium newsletter, the Parkfairfax Forum.
- Confirm that the front office has a working copy of the key(s) to your condominium (for maintenance and emergency use).
- **Get your facilities pass.** This picture ID provides access to the maintenance yard, pools, and fitness center. There is a nominal fee to obtain this pass, and owners must show settlement papers; renters must show a lease agreement.
- · Register your pets.
- Register your bicycle(s) if you plan to store them in the laundry/storage rooms. They must be locked to the available bike rack.
- Keep your front light burning at night, for safety. Photosensitive outdoor light fixtures are available for installation through the USP program.

For more tips on living in Parkfairfax, go to www.parkfairfax. info/community-info/new-resident-information/.

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acreage and park-like setting, we play an important role in our city's commitment to a achieving a 40 percent tree canopy by 2035.

Recently we added to our urban forest with street trees. But it is not enough to plant trees. We must do our part to sustain our canopy. One way you and your family can contribute is by participating in the Adopt-a-Tree program that has been in place since 2017. You can adopt a tree to water until it becomes established. Please contact the Landscape Committee at parkfairfaxlc@gmail. com to see what trees are available.

Want to Get Your Citizen Scientist On? Take a deeper dive into learning about and supporting our tree canopy, and the planet.

- "Help NASA Measure Trees with Your Smartphone": this is app sends data back to NASA where it is captured in a database and can be visualized by visiting a NASA site. "The GLOBE Program has helped teachers and students gather scientific data for more than 20 years..." https://www.nasa.gov/feature/ goddard/2019/help-nasa-measure-trees-with-new-app
- iTree: Great way to learn more about the benefits of our trees!
 You get to identify a tree, measure it, and calculate its benefit.
 You'll discover how much energy savings a tree provides.
 https://www.itreetools.org/

 How Our Trees Talk to Each Other: This TED talk by Ecologist Suzanne Simmard, will give you a new appreciation for how "social" trees are—sharing resources through their root systems even to different species, "recognizing" their offspring, and alerting other trees to potential threats. https://www.ted.com/talks/suzanne_simard_how_trees_talk_to_each_other

MARCH USP SPECIALS

Garbage Disposal

1/3 HP: \$173.75*

1/2 HP: \$186.25*
*Prices include parts and labor





Parkfairfax Activities Committee Event

Call for Entries!

Do you have a beautiful outdoor space that you would like to share with your neighbors? Have you made exterior improvements to your entry area or patio?

Have an incredible green thumb?

Please consider entering the tour!

The Tour will take place on Saturday, June 4th, 2022 from 1-5pm (rain date Sunday, June 5th). To enter, please send an e-mail to: PFFX2022Tour@gmail.com and include your name, street address, building number, phone number, a brief description of your patio or garden area, the improvements or points of interest and of course, photos.

Registration deadline is March 31, 2022 • Notification of acceptance by April 15, 2022



Island Naming Contest

The Board of Directors recently approved a proposal to have a Community contest to re-name Spruce Island. Specifically, this is the triangular parcel of land bordered on one side by Valley Drive and on two sides by Preston Road where Preston splits at the bottom. This island has long been the central outdoor gathering space for community activities, informal recreation, and just relaxation time alone or with neighbors. The contest is most timely as the Spruce tree died and has been removed. The top 3-5 names will be submitted to the Board of Directors for a final selection at the 2022 April or May Board meeting. The contest winner will receive a tree to be provided and planted by the Association near their unit.

Contest Rules

- 1. All entries must be received by close of business, Thursday, March 31st, 2022.
- 2. Entries must contain the submitter's name, e-mail and/or phone number for contact purposes.

- Submittals should contain the words "Island Naming Contest" in the subject header and be sent to the Association offices in care of Administrative Assistant Ra'Chelle Carey at: rcarey@ parkfairfax.info
- 4. Residents may submit up to three (3) names.
- 5. The name proposed must not exceed four (4) words to encourage its common use by the Community.
- 6. Proposed names that reference a person should include brief background information about the person and their accomplishments.
- 7. Proposed names that reference plants, shrubs, or trees will not be considered.
- 8. Negative, rude, or off-color names will not be considered.



Resident's Right to Know—Gas Emergency Education

State regulations require that residents living in communities designated as "master meter operators" receive information on how to handle gas emergencies. Parkfairfax is classified as a master meter operator. Each homeowner is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of his/her gas stove. Parkfairfax doesn't perform any services or repairs to these privately owned gas stoves. Make sure that your stove is in proper operating order. Homeowners should contact licensed professionals for any repairs to your stove. If your pilot lights keep going out, or will not stay lit, it is an indication that you require the services of a professional. If you decide to replace your stove, keep in mind that the Association requires a 10-day advance notice if the gas supply to the building must be interrupted to accommodate pipe replacement at your stove. When you call the office you would ask for a gas shut off notice; there is a fee of \$45.00 and an

invoice will be sent out to you. A new shutoff valve is highly

recommended to be included with every stove replacement.

Flexible gas pipes should not be reused but refer to the specific

manufacturer's recommendations for more details. These are very

If you smell gas inside your unit, please call Washington Gas at 703-750-1000. The gas company may make very simple repairs. If any type of significant failure of your stove causes the gas odor, in all likelihood the valve will be closed off and you will be advised to seek a professional repair. If you are advised that the leak is on the

piping leading to the stove, the gas company will shut off the gas supply to the building, and you should call Maintenance at 703-998-6315; after hours, call 1-866-370-2977. If at any time you

believe that there is a concentrated build-up of gas in your unit, leave the building immediately. Alert your neigh-

bors in the building. Call the Fire Department at 911 immediately. If you smell gas anywhere on the outside of your building, please call the gas company at 703-750-1000 and Maintenance at 703-998-6315. If you have any reason to believe that there might be a concentration of gas near the building, please alert the building occupants immediately. Call the Fire Department at 911.

Gas leaks are a very serious matter. Any malfunction of your stove, or of the piping in and around your building, should be corrected immediately. Make sure that only qualified and licensed trades people work on your gas appliances. Make sure that the Association procedures are followed, should any work on your stove require an interruption of the gas supply to the building. Only the Association can valve the building's gas supply off and back on. This ensures that all affected appliances are checked and in safe condition to resume normal operations. Some unlicensed contractors might propose a "quick change "of the gas piping in your unit to avoid the 10-day notice and Association fee. This is dangerous and is not allowed. If the pilot lights in the neighboring units flicker out, they will not relight themselves. Make sure that the work is done properly and safely.

Join the Meetings Virtually

important elements of the gas supply to your stove.

A&PB Meetings

Web access: https://zoom.us/j/6706419056?pwd=WEZSbXRIZHp

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Meeting ID: 670 641 9056 **Passcode:** 586277

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Landscape Meetings

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Transportation & Land Use Meeting

Web access: https://zoom.us/j/91204298577

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Buildings & Utilities Committee Meeting

Web access: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82057874372

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Meeting ID: 820 5787 4372

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BEGINNERS YOGA for MEN and WOMEN: We wish to announce our "Spring Outdoor YOGA class" beginning in May 2022. We are posting now to give everyone a chance to plan time to attend. Our class will be one day a week and your first two classes will be FREE. It makes good sense to give our prospective classmates an overview of what will be included in our curriculum. Several of you may be very experienced in Yoga and we will always welcome your attendance. Our class is designed specifically for "beginners," Maybe you tried a class once and were defeated right off the bat. Generally that is because you were not in the right class. It's so important to start with the basics of Yoga. They are; proper breath, stretch, balance and pose/form. These four components help you discover an inner strength you may not know that you have. They are the key to developing a long lasting love of Yoga. Yoga at your speed and level. They will encourage anyone, of any age, to learn a progressive yoga practice at any level, be it beginners, intermediate or advanced. You will gain a self confidence about the strengths in your mind, your body and your spirit. Our class will be both male and female. Stay tuned for additional updates on our May 2022 class starting date. Feel free to contact: Penny at Txt: 703-548-1882. We welcome your questions and feedback.

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Flor's House Cleaning Service:

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House Cleaning Services: With more than 20 years' experience. Resident at Parkfairfax since 2008. We are family owned. Please contact us at (703) 200-6861 Johanna and Mauricio, dulahu@msn.com.

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PET & PLANT SERVICES

THE GARDEN CONTESSA, former owner of Contessa's in DelRay is offering JAN, FEB, and MARCH appointments. Bed planning and prepping of your beds, to be ready for new spring plantings. Trimming bushes, amending soil, deep edging of beds, cleaning out old soil and mulch and adding new plant nutrition. Creating a plan for new things you would like to add to your beds. Garden nursery visits available. Perennial Garden bed design is our professional specialty. This can be a dormant time, but there is always something to do, to keep your garden in shape. Our initial consultation for all PFX residents is FREE. Txt 703-548-1882. We provide COVID SAFETY and are masked and gloved. References/Photos available. Gardening is our passion. We do it all, large or small and each year our client base in PFX has grown. We thank you, and we are delighted to serve all of you. ContessasHome@ gmail.com.

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- Small toys or covered sandboxes (not to exceed 18" in height)
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- · Plantings or Plant containers
- Installation of any type of paving materials such as brick, slate, block, stone etc.
- Outdoor lighting
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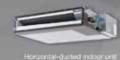
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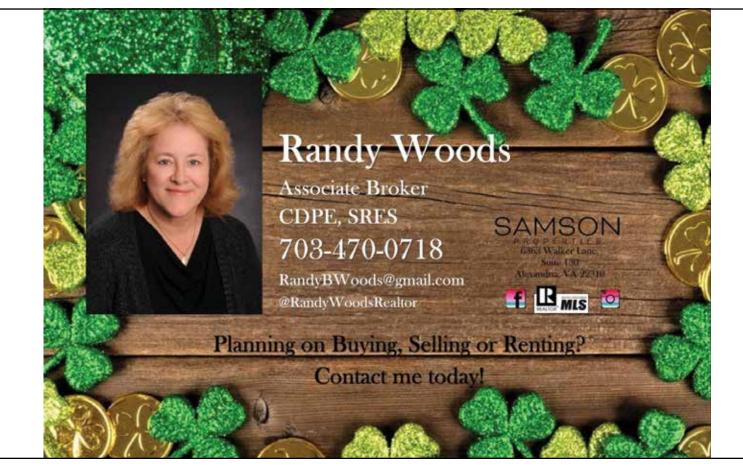
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		Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30pm	Landscape Committee Meeting, 7 pm	3 Budget Hearing Meeting 7pm	4	5
6	7	Covenants Committee Meeting, 7 pm	9 A&PB Committee Meeting 7 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 pm Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline Large Item Pick-Up	11	Office open 9 am - 12 pm
13 Daylight Savings Time	14	Book Club 7 pm	Board Meeting 7 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm Large Item Pick-Up	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30pm	6 Landscape Committee Meeting, 7 pm	7 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	8	9

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