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Be a Good Neighbor—Spread a Little Holiday Cheer



By Elaine Lawler

As the festive lights twinkle, and the aroma of freshly baked cookies fills the air, it's the perfect time to extend warm wishes to those who make our neighborhood feel like home. Go ahead, I dare you. Share a smile, wave delightedly when you see your neighbor.

Every day we have another opportunity to strengthen community bonds and create lasting connections with our friends...err, I mean neighbors... no, I actually do mean friends. And I can say this because I live in Parkfairfax; home of the kindest and friendliest people on the East Coast.

Whether you're new to the neighborhood or have been living here for years, take a moment to go out of your way to meet a neighbor, greet a neighbor you've known for years, or just do something extra to add a little joy to someone else's day. It's the Holidays so folks will understand if you seem a little off. Maybe it's the eggnog? Maybe it's the spirit of the season? Maybe it's just a good time to be a little "extra" nice!

As Parkfairfax comes alive with twinkling lights, yard decorations, tasteful front door wreaths, and a general spirit of celebration, we all need to be a little more patient with each other as well. Stress levels can rise during the holidays as noisy neighbors host

get-togethers or watch a lively game of football! Parking spaces can become more scarce, flashing decorations can become annoying. Don't let the little things create tension that lasts into spring.

Here are things we can all do to ensure we are being "good neighbors" this holiday season.

1. **Avoid unnecessary disputes:** Parkfairfax has rules that are intended to promote harmonious community living. Whether you're putting up lights and decorations or planning a holiday gathering, above all else, make sure you know these rules to avoid disputes, violations and even fines. Knowing the rules and ensuring your guests know them as well will help ensure the holiday season is pleasant for everyone involved.
2. **Decorate thoughtfully:** When decorating outside, be mindful of your neighbors. Avoid excessive or overly bright lights that might disturb others. Setting up lights on a timer will help ensure they aren't disturbing others' sleep.

See **Good Neighbor** continued on page 3.

New General Manager

Greetings! My name is Katie Kight, I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself as the new General Manager for Parkfairfax Condominium.

I started on Monday, October 20th, and jumped right into meeting with staff, vendors, and the community.

I have worked in the real estate industry my entire career, with the majority focused on Condominiums and Community Associations. This is my third onsite General Manager role.

A little about me:

I hold a Bachelor's Degree from Radford University and a Masters Degree from George Mason University (and am in the

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Meetings begin at 7 pm at the Association Office and is also available via Zoom. 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.org.

The Newsletter deadline is the 10th of each month preceding publication month. Email editorial announcements, commercial and classified ads to Lolita Clark, lclark@parkfairfax.org.

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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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3. **Respect noise levels:** Noise can be annoying. You know it and so do I. Be thoughtful about noise coming from your unit. Remember to turn down the volume on your holiday music in the late evening and cut back on practicing your tap dance routine during the early morning hours.
4. **Plan for parking:** Plan ahead when it comes to parking. If you are hosting guests during the holidays, do your best to encourage your visitors to be thoughtful about our limited parking space (carpooling is nice) 'Tis the season to be a good neighbor!

Parkfairfax Holiday Decorations— Rules And Guidelines

Holiday decorations and lighting are permitted without the necessity of an application as long as they are tasteful and only during a holiday period as defined below, subject to such determination by management of the Covenants Committee. The following rules apply:

1. All decorative lighting **MUST** be turned off the day after a holiday period.
2. All decorations, including all lighting, must be removed from the exteriors of units, including doors, windows, brick walls, railings, and columns, and from the common element, including bushes and trees, within two weeks after the end of a holiday period.
3. The holiday periods are only December 1st through January 6th and October 1st through October 31st.
4. Decorations or lighting are permitted during holiday periods on doors, door frames, posts, columns, or exterior brick walls.
5. Care must be exercised during installation to avoid damage to any materials, including to any brick or woodwork.
6. Drilling of the brick is **NOT** allowed; proper, non-damaging attachment to the mortar joints is acceptable. Any and all damage will be the full responsibility of the unit owner to repair or replace.
7. Temporary lighting and decorations on and between shrubs and trees on common elements are permitted during holiday periods but must be completely removed within the timelines specified above. Due care is required in both installation and removal to prevent damage to the plant material.
8. Electric cords must not create trip hazards or impede use of Association sidewalks, or they will be removed by Parkfairfax at the unit owner's expense.
9. Decorations or lighting during holiday periods may extend onto the common element but only directly in front of the applicable unit. Communal decorations extending in front of other units may only be installed with the express written permission of all impacted residents and are subject to all of the above-listed restrictions.

October Board Meeting Highlights

- The Board APPROVED a Financial Management Contract with First Service Residential at an annual cost of \$95,000.
- The Board APPROVED the Ludowici terracotta tile as the roofing material for the Parkfairfax roofing program.
- The Board APPROVED authorizing Walker Consultants to redo the construction documents for a complete repair of the buildings 822 and 828 at an additional cost of \$85,000.
- The Board APPROVED the August 2025 Reserve Expenditures in the amount of \$132,654.69 with funds to come from GL 9901.015, Reserve Expenditures.

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extremely small minority of folks who went to two different colleges and neither school having a football team!).

I am a diehard fan of the Washington Nationals and love all things baseball. (Yes, 2019 **was** one of the best years ever.)

In my spare time I enjoy watching DC sports (as painful as it may be sometimes), reading, and knitting items for charity. My favorite place to vacation is anywhere with a beach.

I am excited to be here and am looking forward to being part of the Parkfairfax Community!



Cover image by Michelle Millerick

Parkfairfax Activities

Presented by the Parkfairfax Activities Committee

2025 Parkfairfax Upcoming Activities

Mark your calendars now for these exciting events!

Wine & Cheese Event

**Stop by this evening to
meet and welcome our new
General Manager Katie Kight!**

**Saturday,
November 8th, 2025
5-7pm
Community Room
3360 Gunston Road**



Holiday Tree Lighting with the Alexandria Choral Society



**Saturday
December 6th, 2025
5-6pm**

The Island at the
corner of Preston Rd.
and Valley Dr.

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 Wednesday of every month, starting at 6:30PM at the Parkfairfax Community Room (Mgmt Office), 3360 Gunston Road.

Holiday Closings

The Parkfairfax office will be closed:

Tuesday, November 11
in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday-Friday, November 27 and 28
for the Thanksgiving holiday



**Day Light Saving
Time Ends**

**Don't forget
to turn your
clocks back on
November 2nd.**

PARKFAIRFAX VOICES

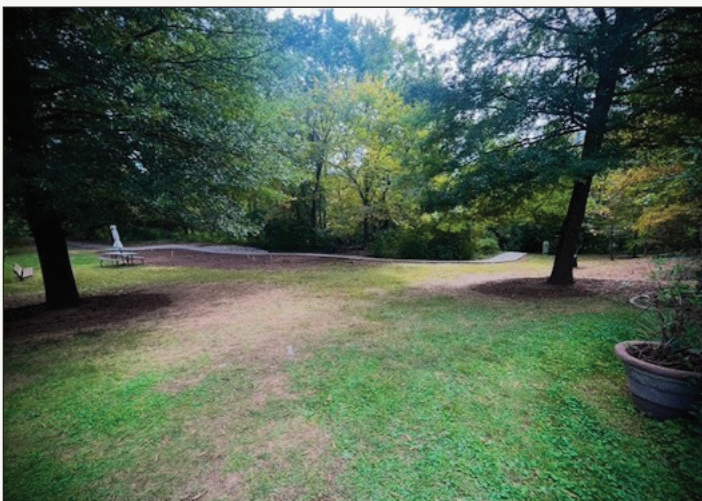
The Restoration of Tot Lot 7

Late yesterday afternoon, I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a family of deer stepping out of the woodland area onto our beautiful newly-designed pathway. It was as if they were inspecting it, and one by one they stepped right into the middle as they strolled by and later back into the woods. It was really quite something to see.

I know that the final artistic design is yet to come, but I hoped you would enjoy seeing this Parkfairfax habitat group who are already appreciating your new landscape masterpiece!

Our Parkfairfax staff have been working so hard to create something at really speaks to the richness of what makes Parkfairfax so beautifully unique.

—Patti Morgan,
Resident of Parkfairfax



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 Courts parking area.
- No trailer, boat, or recreational vehicle (RV) may be parked in any common element parking area.
- State inspection stickers, current license plates, and current City Sticker 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 and registration sticker(s).
- 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.



THE PETS OF PARKFAIRFAX

An Interview with Kasher

How long have you lived in Parkfairfax? Since 2021

What Ward do you live in? Ward 5

What kind of dog are you? I'm an Australian Cattle Dog, also known as a Blue Heeler

How old are you? 5! Which makes me the perfect combo of playful zoomies and wise boy vibes.

What's your favorite thing to do in Parkfairfax? Sniff absolutely everything. And then sniff it again. Just to make sure it's still the same.

Have you ever been to the September Doggie Dip? Yes! It's my favorite day of the year. I love to swim.

What's your favorite Holiday? Christmas! Santa Paws always brings me presents.

What are you going to ask Santa for this year? Lots of treats! Maybe a never-ending peanut butter jar?!

What is your favorite outdoor activity? Hiking with mom! Tons of new smells. Some of our favorites are Lake Accotink, Teddy Roosevelt Island, Great Falls, Mary's Rock, and White Oak Canyon.

Do you have any dog or cat friends in Parkfairfax? Yes! I love making new friends.

Would we know your human; has she lived here a long time? You might! My human is Caitlin Counihan, your friendly neighborhood Ward 5 rep! I help her with community outreach (mostly by being cute).

If we see you on a walk with your human, will you let us pet you? YES! In fact, I will demand it by flopping on the ground so you can rub my belly. I'm too cute to resist.

When people are introduced to you for the first time what is the one question they always ask your human about you? They always ask what kind of dog I am. I guess I am one-of-a-kind!



Kasher and mom hiking

What is your favorite game? "Find it!". My mom hides stuff and I use my super sniffer to track it down. I never lose. Ever.

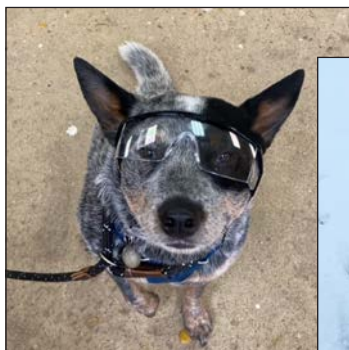
First thing you ever chew'd up (accidentally of course)? I'm not much of a chewer. But I do like to sneak a stick or a bit of mulch on walks when Mom's not looking. Parkfairfax mulch? Chef's kiss. Aged to perfection, with subtle earthy notes. Very refined palate over here.

Did you "pawticipate" in the Parkfairfax Trick or Treat Night this year? Yes! I was a ghost. Mom said I was very spooky!

What's your best trick? Lots! I love to learn and have an AKC Trick Dog title. I am a working dog and like to be helpful to mom—I can bring her the mail (even packages!), pick things up for her, and even close doors.

Ever chased a squirrel? Not really. I am more interested in the crows picking at the trash—they are the real troublemakers!

FINAL QUESTION: What is your opinion of the quantity and quality of the fire hydrants in Parkfairfax, too many or too few? Frankly, not enough! I vote to have one per building. For safety, of course... and sniffs!



Safety first

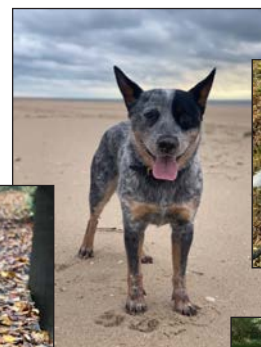


Snow!



Fall walks

Getting ready for Santa Paws!



Bethany Beach, DE

Parkfairfax Turtle Walk!



Spooky ghost!



Nature In Our Neighborhood

Translated by Christine Payack

"Meow, meow!" Hello neighbors! You may think you hear a cat meowing, but it's me —the gray catbird! I am a migratory bird. By time you read this, I am hopefully settled in my winter home in the tropics of Latin America. In the fall, I fly south to find the best food and shelter during your winter season. In the spring, I fly north to find the most food and the best place to breed and raise my young.

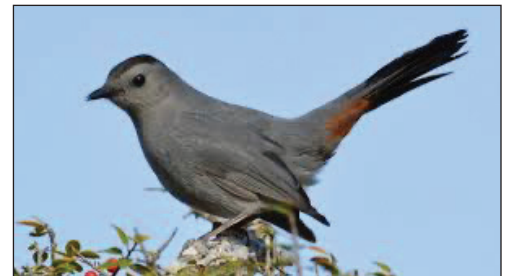
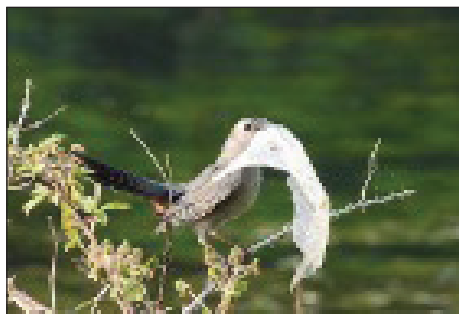
I am pleased and "preened" to tell you about myself. My scientific name is *Dumetella carolinensis*. I'm in the family *Mimidae* which includes the northern mockingbird and the brown thrasher. I mimic the sounds of other birds and use them to create my own songs.

I didn't leave Parkfairfax because of cold weather. On the contrary, I followed the flyway that led me to my food of scrumptious spiders, delectable insects, and juicy berries and fruits. Did you know I migrated at night and used the stars to find my way?

Although many of my bird brethren do not enjoy the hustle and bustle of human activity, I don't mind it, and during the spring and summer months, I will build my nest in shrubs and vines in your yards and local parks. I am curious and sometimes adorn my nest with litter you humans leave behind, such as plastic straw wrappers, string, and even bottle caps. (But please don't tempt me with litter! I hear that nestlings can get tangled in discarded debris. Oh my feathers!)

I came across many hazards along my migratory journey. And speaking on behalf of all migratory birds, you can help us during our annual migration seasons. It is simple to do!

1. Turn off unnecessary lights at night that disorient us.
2. Find out how you can make your windows safe, so we don't collide into them head first. Ouch!



3. Keep cat companions inside. Our fledglings do not yet understand the perils of felines.
4. Avoid using pesticides that eradicate the insects we need to eat to survive. Pesticides also make us very sick.
5. Grow plants that attract the insects we need to feed our young, such as delicious caterpillars. Speaking of which, I heard through the bird vine that Carolina chickadees feed their nestlings approximately 7000 caterpillars in a two-week time. Wow! That's record breaking!
6. If you leave water for us in a birdbath, it is very important to refill the water at least twice a week, and thoroughly clean the water once a week. We can become sick from fetid standing water where algae and debris harbor harmful bacteria, mold, and mosquito larvae. Yuk!
Hopefully, you will hear me again in the spring. Listen for my distinct meow calls and my melodious songs. Afterall, I can sing non-stop for ten minutes straight! What will I be singing? It will be a simple tune to discern: Thank you all for welcoming me back home!"



Resources:

Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute
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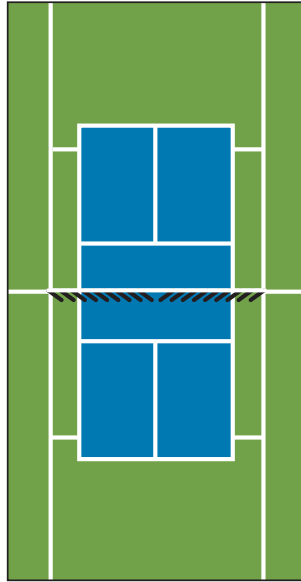
By Lisa Harger

If you've heard the sound of paddles popping and laughter coming from Valley Drive, you've witnessed the fastest-growing sport in Parkfairfax (and most of America): Pickleball!

Why is it such a big dill?

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It's played with a perforated plastic ball and solid paddles on a smaller court with a lower net than tennis. The rules are simple to learn, making it accessible for everyone from newcomers to experienced players. And it's a great way for residents of all ages to stay active and get to know their neighbors!

Fun Fact: A pickleball court is a little bit smaller than a Lincoln unit—under 900 square feet. If you play doubles, you probably won't need to leave your kitchen/dining room area!



Pickleball Court (blue)
vs. Tennis Court

In October, the Board of Directors had four new courts installed at the tennis courts behind the Martha Custis pool—which can be used for both tennis and pickleball. Like at Valley Drive, the pickleball lines have been painted in yellow over the existing white tennis court lines. The pickleball nets can be rolled in and out as needed.

Fun Terms: "I'm dinking it into the kitchen!" While it may sound like gobbledygook, it's a real thing. A "dink" is a soft, controlled shot that lands in the opponent's "kitchen," the non-volley zone on each side of the net. The phrase describes making a strategic shot that causes the ball to drop just over the net, making it difficult for the opponent to attack.

The Recreation Committee is planning to host pickleball sessions; please watch for announcements. But the courts are open now, so grab your paddle and have some fun!



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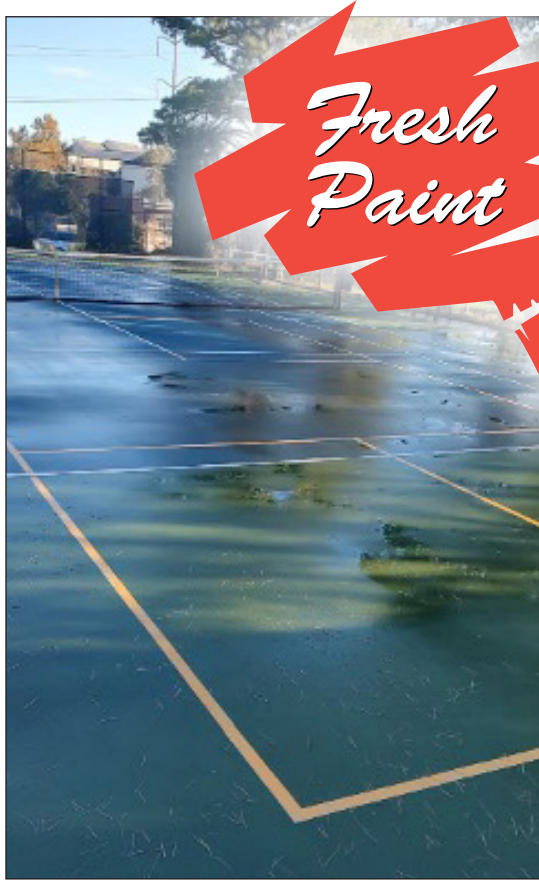
There's No Place Like Home...

Especially if you live at Parkfairfax where there is a sense of a Norman Rockwell nostalgia that harkens back to a bygone time.

Thomas Wolfe wrote, "You can't go home again," but the residents of this little 1942 jewel of a community may just have a difference of opinion!

Contributed by Patti Morgan
Parkfairfax resident, circa 2002





Parkfairfax Creates 4 New Pickleball Courts On Martha Custis



Avoid Frozen Pipes This Winter

By Elaine Lawler

A wise gardener reminded me that winter is just around the corner. Leaves are falling, temperatures are cooling off, and winter is rolling in, yet there is still one more thing we must all remember to do. **UNHOOK THE GARDEN HOSE FROM THE SPIGOT!**



If you've ever faced the music after having neglected to unhook the hose from an outdoor spigot that has frozen and burst during the winter, you won't ever forget to do it again. When that unfortunate disaster happens, water inside the hose can't drain properly and freezes. This creates a backup that can crack or even burst pipes and water has a mind of its own! It can flood your unit or your neighbor's unit. Don't be taken by surprise, turn off the water and unhook your hose from the spigot before old man winter arrives.

Writers and Photographers Wanted for the Parkfairfax Forum

Love to write? Enjoy snapping photos around the neighborhood? Parkfairfax's Newsletter Team is asking residents to help us with content to showcase the best of our community! Please send your articles or photos to PFXNews@parkfairfax.org.

You don't need to be a professional writer or an accomplished photographer. We are quite fond of original articles and candid photos and your neighbors will be too! Wouldn't it surprise your neighbor to see a picture of themselves walking their dog, or chatting with friends on the corner in the newsletter? What about all those holiday displays that starting to pop up? Are you taking pictures of them for Facebook? Don't forget us... we want you to send them to us too! We want to print them in the newsletter.

A Special Request: We looking for some photos of fall and winter scenes of Parkfairfax or pictures of Holiday cheer for our December and January issues. Did you get any great photos during the holidays in previous years? Do you have

See **Wanted** continued on page 15.

By Scotty Vieira



HALLOWEEN



**ALL TREAT!
(NO TRICKS)**



Photographer unknown

Pierogi, by Kurt Rodriguez



Photographer unknown



Calvin, the Cowardly Lion
by Alicia Blowers



Photographer unknown



By Megan Victoria

Snow Removal

The seasons first reminder; staff is responsible for clearing all common element walkways (walks that serve more than one unit). Each resident is responsible for clearing that portion of the walkways that serve only their unit. Residents who are unable to clear their own entry walks due to physical impairment may complete the "Request For Snow Removal Assistance" form and return it to the main office.

Please note that last years list will not be used. If you require this type of assistance again this year, you must submit a new form. We cannot make any exceptions.

- Please do not use the sand barrels as trash receptacles or "dog walk" containers (these will be placed near each Laundry Room in early November).
- Please do not park in the intersections or crosswalks during a storm. This stops our motorized equipment.
- Please do not "reserve" a parking space with furniture or boards. All parking lanes will be plowed once the cars are moved.
- Please do not ask staff to dig out or jump-start your car. This is not the maintenance staff's job and detracts from their scheduled work assignments.
- While digging out your car, please do not make huge piles on the streets or sidewalks. It does take extra time to put the shoveled snow onto the lawn areas. However, roads and walkways can become impassable, even to snow removal equipment, due to compacted piles of snow.
- Do not use household salt or rock salt on concrete or flagstone walks and steps. Never use any ice melting chemicals that contain ammonium nitrate or ammonium sulphate. Do not use any type of ice melting chemicals on newer walks—sand is fine.

The Association will have small baggies of ice melting chemicals available at the Main Office once we get into the winter weather. These are the same pink crystals that staff uses. This ice melt is sodium chloride based, but has been specially treated to protect concrete.

Please be patient during winter weather. Take your time and enjoy the season!

2025/2026 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.

Book Recommendations for Autumn

By Melanie Thompson

Hello Parkfairfax neighbors! My name is Melanie and I love to read. In fact, my love language is forcing my literary opinions on friends, family, and now neighbors! If you want to marinate in the autumn season, infuse some spook into your life, or are just trying to decrease your screentime, you've come to the right place—warning: frights ahead!!

Here are some of my favorite reads to make the spooky season last until winter.

Books that feel like you're alone in a dark, misty cemetery with the spirits:

Graveyard Shift by M.L. Rio

In the Dark, Dark Wood by Ruth Ware (or honestly anything by Ruth Ware)

Sharp Objects by Gillian Flynn

Books that are a modern take on the Gothic novels you were assigned in high school:

Carmilla: The First Vampire by Amy Chu

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

When the Reckoning Comes by LaTanya McQueen

Books that prove, once again, sometimes fact is scarier than fiction:

The Red Market by Scott Carney

Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma
by Claire Dederer

Midnight in Chernobyl
by Adam Higginbotham



Parkfairfax Transformations

Parkfairfax Operations & Maintenance a.k.a.



The Big Bad Wolf Response Team
... Because even brick homes need maintenance.



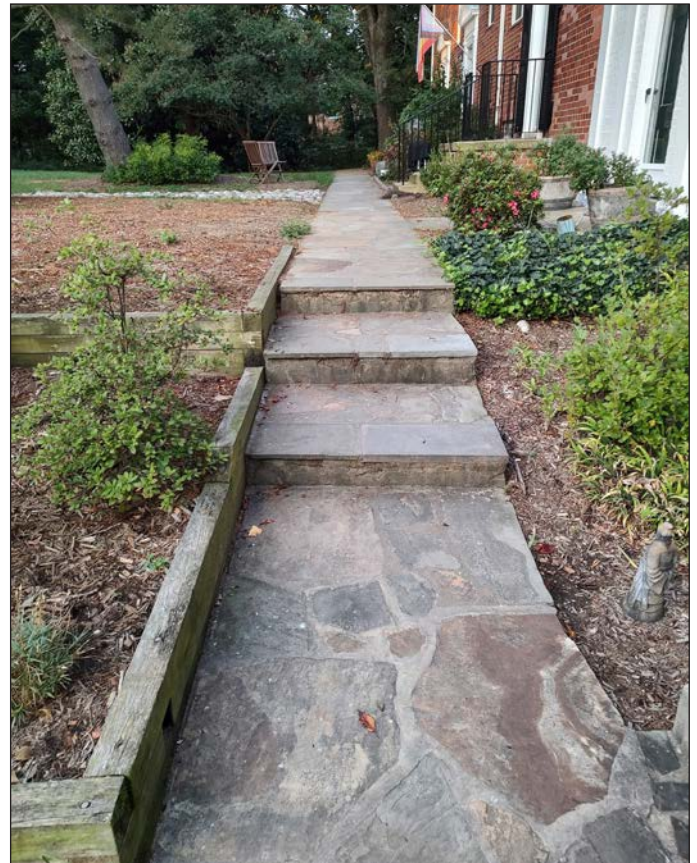
Building 602:
Shutter Replacements



**Parking Sign and Building
Locator Sign Upgrade**



Building 728/3306 and 3308 Stoop Replacement



Building 223 and 225: Flagstone Repair



Photo by Michelle Millerick



Please 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 streetlight.

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. Keeping your lights on can also help deter crime if shrubbery or other cover near buildings is exposed, reducing places to hide.

Consider using long-lasting, energy-saving bulbs if your fixture can accept them.

Another option: 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.

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SEPTEMBER 1991

Summary of Board Activities

by Terry Zobeck

September 25, 1991: Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. All Board members were present.

The Board approved the formation of a Civic Affairs Committee to inform and advise the Association on city-wide issues that affect Parkfairfax, such as the city trash rebate.

The Board discussed the specifications proposed by the Planning Board that would permit the installation of replacement casement windows. Currently, only double-hung neo-colonial sash windows are permitted. The motion to approve the proposed specifications failed to pass – Directors Culhane, Makens, Rerecich, and Walz voted against the motion; President Preston abstained. President Preston stated that the issue would be discussed again at the October 9 Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

October 9, 1991: Meeting of the Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. Directors Rerecich and Walz were absent.

At Resident Forum a unit owner

stated that children and young adults have been harming the landscape around some buildings by running and riding bicycles through and over bushes and other plants. He also voiced his opposition to the proposed casement replacement window specifications. A second unit owner was concerned about the asbestos in her attic. Management will look into these issues and report to the unit owners and the Board.

The Board selected Merrill Lynch to act as the Association's investment counselor. Their proposed investment strategy for Parkfairfax is to invest in short-term U.S. Treasury bills. This is a very conservative approach as required by the Association's bylaws.

A Board committee comprised of Directors Makens and Zobeck was established to act as an information clearinghouse on the proposed specifications permitting casement replacement windows. The committee will gather information from unit owners, architects, vendors, and other interested parties for presentation to the Board. A decision on this issue is expected by the end of November.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. ■

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BOOK CLUB

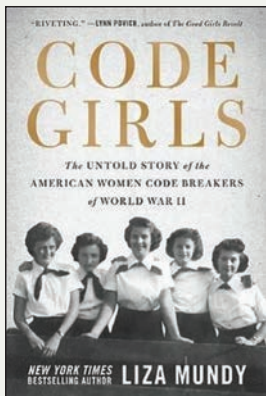
NOTE: There is no book club for November, instead we will meet the second week of December. Starting in January we will go back to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers Who Helped Win World War II

by Liza Mundy

Tuesday, December 9, 7 pm

Parkfairfax Board Room



Most of it takes place around the DMV so it was cool to recognize places.

In the tradition of *Hidden Figures* and *The Girls of Atomic City*, *Code Girls* is the astonishing, untold story of the young American women who cracked key Axis codes, helping to secure Allied victory and revolutionizing the field of cryptanalysis.

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countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history; now, through dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, bestselling author Liza Mundy brings to life this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.

We generally meet the third Tuesday of every month; everyone is welcome. Light snacks/drinks 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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photos from one of our annual tree lighting events? Of carolers? Of the Holiday displays your neighbors put out? Please send them in!



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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends 	3 Recreation Committee Meeting, 7 pm Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 pm	4 Election Day Landscape Committee Meeting, 7 pm 	5 Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30pm	6 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30pm	7	8 Office open, Walk-Ins Only 9 am – Noon
9	10 Newsletter Submission Deadline	11 Veterans Day The Writers Group, 7 pm 	12 A&PB Committee Meeting, 7 pm Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm	13 Large Item Pick-Up	14 Covenants Committee Meeting, 7 pm	15
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