



# Parkfairfax FORUM

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## DIY Failure

By Scott Mulrooney, President of the Parkfairfax UOA

One of the reasons that we have a covenants process here in Parkfairfax and laws that govern construction here in the City of Alexandria/Commonwealth of Virginia, is to protect against ignorance. Just because you can rent a jack hammer and watch videos on YouTube showing how to use it, doesn't mean you should.

We recently discovered an unfortunate incident where one of our former owners had decided to install a washer/dryer in their unit without getting covenants approval from Parkfairfax, and without getting building permits from the City. During the construction, they caused significant structural damage to their second floor and the supporting beam and column below on the first floor. The damage they caused remained hidden until their unit was sold in November 2025. The new owner decided to do a gut rehab of the entire condo before moving in (for which they received both covenants approval and obtained City building permits), and that's when the damage caused by the previous owner was discovered. Parkfairfax notified our structural engineers who visited the site

See *DIY Fail* continued on page 3.



The hole in the floor, beam, and column damage that were discovered during renovations.

## Annual Meeting Notice

Parkfairfax will host its Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Election virtually via Zoom and in person in the Parkfairfax Board Room on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7 pm.

This year's election will fill four positions on the nine-member Board: one Ward One seat for a one-year term to complete an unexpired term, and three full three-year terms representing Ward Three, Ward Four, and one At-Large position.

**Voting opened on March 20, 2026.** Electronic voting will remain open until 11:59 pm Eastern Time on April 14, 2026. Paper proxy ballots must be submitted by 5 pm Eastern Time on April 14, 2026.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the election process and make their voices heard.

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Meetings begin at 7 pm at the Association Office and is also available via Zoom. Board package material is available for residents to review at the Association Office and website, [www.parkfairfax.org](http://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](mailto: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.

## March Board Meeting Highlights

- The Board received an OVERVIEW from Jim Pates, the Insurance Broker with Preferred Insurance, discussing the details of our insurance policies that renew on April 1.
- General Managers Report:
  - Parkfairfax submitted an application to the City of Alexandria to participate in the Stormwater Credit program. The application was approved and Parkfairfax will receive a 16.2% reduction on the Stormwater Fee on the city tax bill that comes out twice per year, on all association owned units. The credit will be applied for two years, so a total of four rounds of tax bills.
  - **Inspections Completed in 2026:**
    - Asphalt:** After the snow and ice melted, the asphalt around the community was inspected. Potholes on City-owned streets have been reported to the city for repairs and the list of potholes on Association-owned streets will be turned into a proposal for repairs.
    - Nighttime Lights:** A nighttime inspection of the lights throughout the Community was conducted on Wednesday, March 11th. Nonfunctioning lights have been reported to Dominion for repairs.
    - Windows:** Inspections on the windows in association owned buildings were completed in mid-March. A report on windows needing replacement is being prepared.
  - **Inspections on the 2026 “To Do” list:** Stoops and Railings, Attics, and Concrete Sidewalk.
- The Board ACKNOWLEDGED three retiring board members and their exemplary service to Parkfairfax:
  - Jeff Lisanick, Ward 3
  - Scott Buchanan, Ward 4
  - Dave Bush, At-Large
- The Board APPROVED AVON Corporation as the General Contractor to complete the foundation stabilization work on buildings 822 & 828.
- The Board APPROVED Walker Consultants the contract to provide administrative oversight of the foundation stabilization work on buildings 822 & 828 in the amount of \$212,000.
- The Board APPROVED the proposal from Walker Consultants to perform a visual assessment of the brick façade of the 289 structures located throughout the community in the amount of \$27,500.
- The Board APPROVED the renewal of the Master Insurance Policy as provided by Preferred Insurance in the amount of \$655,543.69.
- The Board APPROVED the proposal from High Sierra Pools for the 2026 Pool Season, with all three pools being opened six days a week.
- The Board APPROVED the FY27 budget with total expenditures of \$12,891,229.39, and an increase of 3.85% in HOA assessments.
- The Board APPROVED the updated Window specification from the Architectural & Planning Board.
- The Board APPROVED the January 2026 Reserve Expenditures in the amount of \$12,852.50 with funds to come from GL 9901.015, Reserve Expenditures.
- The Board APPROVED the proposal for movie night in the amount of \$2,500.

### *DIY Fail continued from page 1.*

and declared the damage posed a potential life safety issue, construction needed to be halted, and a repair had to be designed. This cost time and money. Owners complain about their condo fees going up, however, it's because of nonsense like this that they do. Between engineering fees and the repair itself, over \$34,000 of Association funds went to repairing this DIY project gone wrong.

The Board of Directors and Management have zero tolerance for owners who ignore the rules and attempt projects like this on their own. And this is not the only example; unfortunately, there are many others. All of us collectively end up paying the price when something goes wrong. And it will go wrong if you don't hire professionals. DIY may sound tempting because you want to save money, but there are good reasons to know your limits and hire

licensed architects, engineers and contractors when required by law. We live in multi-family housing. Every building has four to eight condos in it. Our structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are all shared. What you do to your unit, can and will affect your neighbors. Which is why Parkfairfax, the City and the Commonwealth have laws to protect our health, safety and welfare. Please follow them.

If you have any questions about which home improvement projects require covenants approval, City permits, or the use of licensed professionals, please reach out to the covenants committee at [covenants@parkfairfax.org](mailto:covenants@parkfairfax.org) or our Covenants Director, Lolita Clark, at [lclark@parkfairfax.org](mailto:lclark@parkfairfax.org). Thank you.

# Parkfairfax Activities

Presented by the Parkfairfax Activities Committee

Join us for

## SnoCones!

To celebrate the opening of  
Parkfairfax pools for the summer!



Saturday,  
May 23rd, 2026  
12-2PM  
Martha Custis Pool

Join us for our **Summer Concert Series** at the  
Coryell Pool Lawn Space | 6-8PM

Saturday, June 20th | Concert #1  
“**Karl Stoll and the Danger Zone**”  
Vintage Rock and Roll

Saturday, July 25th | Concert #2  
“**Whiskey Before Breakfast**”  
Irish Instrumental Folk/Bluegrass

Saturday, August 15th | Concert #3  
“**Surf Junkies**”  
Classic and surfed up Pulp Fiction, 80's  
and 90's tunes.

Spend a beautiful afternoon touring the property, visiting participating owner's units and patios, viewing Parkfairfax landscaping improvements, checking out our amenities and searching for the famous turtles!



Rain date: Sunday, June 7th, 2026 | 1 to 5pm

To register for a ticket, please send an e-mail to:

[pffx2026tour@gmail.com](mailto:pffx2026tour@gmail.com)

Please enter “Ticket Request” in the subject line.  
Please include:

- Your name
- Your address
- Number of requested tickets
- Your Parkfairfax ID Card No.

Your name will be added to the registration list.  
Ticket/Program pick up will start at 12:45PM on  
the day of the event at the Community Room.

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

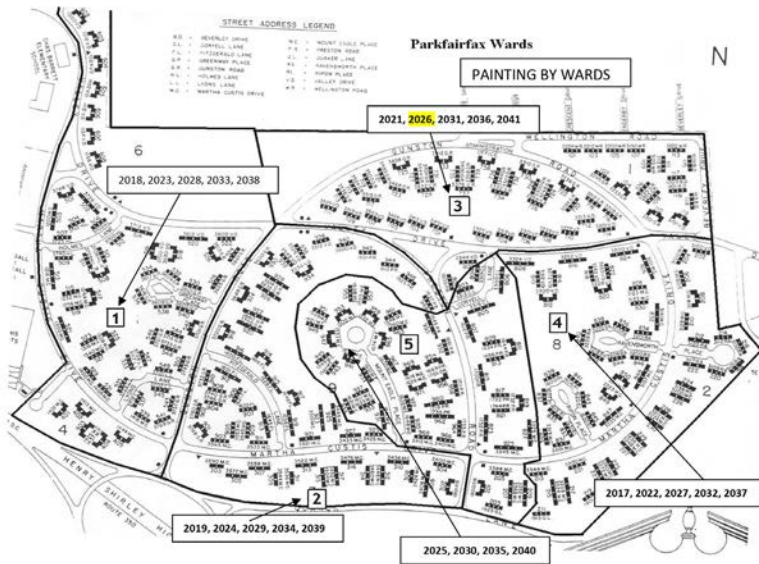
# Fresh Coats Ahead: Summer Painting Schedule Announced

Ward 3 painting is tentatively scheduled to begin in June. Residents will receive advance notice before exterior trim work begins on their buildings. In addition, warranty touch-up painting will take place in Ward 5, with in-house touch-ups completed as needed.

Front and rear entry door painting in Ward 3 will be performed by Williams Painting. Doors will need to remain open briefly to allow for proper drying. After standard notification, Parkfairfax staff will use keys on file to access units. The entry notice will include an Admit Slip, allowing residents to provide specific instructions. Homes with special access considerations, such as pets or alarms, will be coordinated with care to ensure the work is completed smoothly.

If you choose to stain your door, please note that all future maintenance will be your responsibility. The Association will not prepare, maintain, or repaint stained doors. Owners who rent or sell units with stained doors should inform tenants or purchasers to avoid misunderstandings.

A map outlining sections and wards is included to show which areas will be affected by this year's contractor painting and touch-up work.



## WARD 3 RESIDENTS ONLY

Please complete the following:

This form must be returned by May 22, 2026

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Building Number \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your selected color:

Please paint my door the selected color below:

- Bracken Biscuit
- Prussian Blue
- Carriage Red
- Buffett Green
- Carter Plum
- Hardwood Putty (white)
- Waller Green
- Palace Green
- Finley Blue
- Washington Blue
- Mopboard Black

I wish to stain my door with one of the following Minwax stains. Do not prepare it for painting.

- 235 Cherry
- 2716 Walnut
- 2718 Ebony
- 210 B Golden Oak

*These stains are the choices that are approved by the Association. Initial staining and all subsequent upkeep of the future maintenance of a stained door's finish will be your responsibility. The Association will not prepare a door for staining, maintain a stained door, or paint over a stained door.*

*Paint and stain samples are available for viewing at the association office.*

## 2027 Assessments, 3.85% Increase

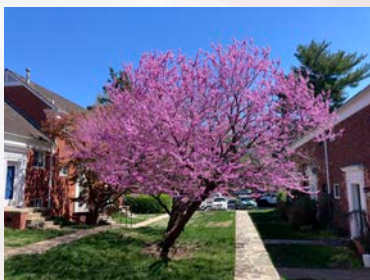
At the March 18, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the FY26/27 Budget with a 3.85% increase on assessments. Beginning June 1, 2026, monthly assessments will be:

Model Name	FY27						
1A Jackson	\$532.02	1E Garfield	\$545.45	2B1 Madison	\$670.45	3B Harrison	\$818.15
1B Jefferson	\$576.43	2A Lincoln	\$629.13	2C Washington	\$680.81	3C Coolidge	\$867.75
1C Monroe	\$562.99	2A1 Lincoln	\$653.91	2D Cleveland	\$741.72	4A Roosevelt	\$1046.48
1D Adams	\$524.79	2B Madison	\$650.81	3A Van Buren	\$778.91		



# Springtime Arrives Around Parkfairfax

Photos by  
Patti Morgan



# Welcome Spring!

Photos by Scott Mulrooney



Photo by Tamara Kanouff

# Nature In Our Neighborhood

Translated by Christine Payack

## Happy spring & feliz primavera!

**“Chick-a-dee-dee-dee! Neighbors, please allow me to interpret my mnemonic phrase for you all in English and en español!**

I am an acrobatic and active little Carolina Chickadee, and today I am representing my fetching species. I belong to the avian family Paridae, which comes from the Latin word *parus* meaning titmouse. I hope you observed me throughout the winter months because I'm a resident bird and do not migrate.

As an omnivorous and opportunistic feeder, my diet shifts seasonally between insects (80-90% in summer) and seeds and berries (50% in winter)—when I will readily visit feeders for black-oil sunflower seeds, suet, and peanuts.

Although I weigh a mere 10 grams, roughly equivalent to two teaspoons of water, I have many adaptations that help me survive in the cold weather. But it isn't easy!

What are those adaptations? Let's get scientific! I remember where I hide every seed I find and can actually grow and shrink parts of my complex brain in order to do so. In autumn, my brain grows and develops a strong memory for re-locating my secret seed caches. As winter fades and temperatures rise, and food is more abundant, that area of my brain shrinks down again. Can you imagine being called birdbrained and using that term as an insult?

In terms of saving energy, I use a technique called “regulated hypothermia” to lower my body temperature. I circulate “fresh” arterial blood from my heart next to the cold veins of my feet, recapturing heat that would otherwise be lost. During bleak winter nights, I shelter in tree cavities and puff up my feathers to create a cozy, insulated feathery coat.

This winter, you might have seen me hanging upside down in mixed flock communities—actively foraging with my other bird brethren such as tufted titmice and white-breasted nuthatches. We help each other find food and warn each other about predators—who are also trying to survive.

In the spring and summer, more than anything, I need yards full of native plants. How can that be, you might wonder? What do I have to do with native plants? Well friends, native plants are required to support native insects such as caterpillars, which I depend on for

my diet. Caterpillars and other insects are especially critical when I am raising young. My nestlings need protein to grow, and they eat a diet almost exclusively made up of insects.

I hope this fact will expand your human mind: My mate and I feed one of our broods 6,000 to 9,000 insects in a two-week

period in order to grow and fledge! And when I say insects, I am singing about plump juicy caterpillars and yummy invertebrates such as spiders, beetles, aphids and other larvae. We continue feeding our fledglings for up to 3 weeks after they leave the nest.

Here is an important ecological fact. Most native insects, especially caterpillars, are specialists. That means they eat only the host plants with which they co-evolved. Without native plants, there are fewer native insects, and without insects, birds cannot thrive, no matter how many bird feeders you fill for us. No wonder the Migratory Bird Day theme for 2025 was *Protect Insects! Protect Birds!*

***I sing for all birds with this important nesting message:*** Please watch for the lint that comes out of your dryer vents. Although it is tempting for us to use it as nesting materials, it is extremely dangerous. Here's the toxic truth. It contains residues from detergents, bleach, and fabric softeners that can harm us. Lint loses structure when wet, molding easily and failing to protect our nestlings. And most worrisome, the fibers can entangle and trap our young birds. A sticky matter indeed!

As I fly away, I leave you with these thoughts from one of my favorite human poets.”

### Instructions for living a life:

Pay attention.  
Be astonished.  
Tell about it.  
by Mary Oliver

### Resources:

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/how-do-song-birds-survive-winter/>

<https://www.nvbirdalliance.org/news/sanctuary-species>

Birds of the World, <https://birdsoftheworld.org/bow/home>  
Gotch, A. F. *Latin Names Explained. A Guide to the Scientific Classification of Reptiles, Birds and Mammals.* Facts On File, Inc. 1995.

*Instructions for living a life;* Excerpted from the Mary Oliver poem “Sometimes,” from *Red Bird*, Boston: Beacon Press, 2009, page 37.  
Native Plants for Northern Virginia, Plant NoVA Natives Campaign.  
Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Bird House graphics.



Left: Carolina Chickadee, Macaulay Library, Brad Imhoff



Left: Carolina Chickadee, Audubon, Douglas Tallamy

## Spring Inspections Underway!

A property-wide Covenant Inspection is now underway to identify and address any items that may not be in compliance with the By-Laws and Administrative Resolution #2. This initiative is part of our ongoing commitment to preserving the quality, safety, and appearance of our community.

As shared in March, our goal is to achieve 100% compliance across Parkfairfax by the end of the year. With everyone's cooperation, we are confident this goal is within reach.

The first round of covenant inspections will focus on the following:

1. Unpainted compressors
2. Patios located in front of or beside units
3. Prohibited items or excessive clutter on breezeways, patios, stoops, and porches
4. Dryer vents that are in need of cleaning or have the wrong vent cover
5. Excessive toys left in front of units or on patios
6. Front porch lights that are not in compliance

Residents who receive a notice will be provided with details and guidance on how to resolve any issues. We appreciate your attention to these matters and your continued support in helping keep Parkfairfax a place we are all proud to call home.

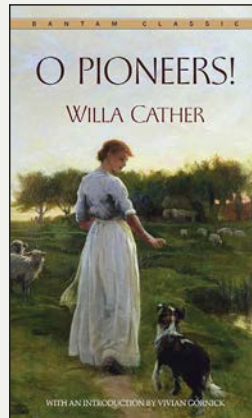
## BOOK CLUB

### *O Pioneers*

by Willa Cather

Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm

**Parkfairfax Community Room**



It tells the story of the Bergsons, a Swedish immigrant family living on the Nebraska prairie. Alexandra, the oldest daughter, is a strong-willed, hardworking woman determined to keep the family together and make their farm thrive. In the face of many hardships, she finds the strength to persevere, leading to a transformation of the land and the people around her.

This beautiful, timeless novel is filled with themes of family, love, courage, and perseverance, and is a must-read for anyone looking to explore the American frontier.

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](mailto:catherinekitchell@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list or for any additional information.

**See the March Parkfairfax Forum for the May and June books.**

## Join the Meetings Virtually

### Architectural & Planning Board Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89257385052>

Phone Dial-In: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 892 5738 5052      Passcode: 879597

### Buildings & Utilities Committee Meeting

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

Phone Dial-in: 888-788-0099 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 820 5787 4372      Passcode: 596956

### Board of Directors Meeting

Web access: <https://zoom.us/j/95236782815>

Phone Dial-In: 877-853-5247

Meeting ID: 952 3678 2815      Passcode: 389608

### Communications Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83833639396>

Phone Dial-in: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 838 3363 9396      Passcode: 215818

### Covenants Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89947324303>

Phone Dial-In: 833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 899 4732 4303      Passcode: 336001

### Election Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81331967290>

Phone Dial-in: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 813 3196 7290      Passcode: 293130

### Finance Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96204170334>

Phone Dial-in: 888-788-0099 US Toll-free

Meeting ID: 962 0417 0334      Passcode: 586277

### Landscape Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86074068749>

Phone Dial-In: 888-788-0099

Meeting ID: 860 7406 8749      Passcode: 484695

### Recreation Committee Meeting

Web access: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81198276690>

Phone Dial-in: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 811 9827 6690      Passcode: 336001

## Lost Pets in Parkfairfax

### How to keep pets safe and what to do if they become lost

We receive calls from residents periodically stating that they see lost pets wandering the property. Here are some tips on how to prevent losing your pet and what to do if you do if that happens.

#### Prevention:

- When leaving home, make sure all doors and windows are closed.
- When a visitor, maintenance person or contractor arrives, make sure the door is closed right behind them. We have heard from some residents that their pets got out quickly when someone opened the door.
- If you have a long-term visitor, instruct them to be careful when leaving or entering the unit.
- Always walk your dog on a leash. This is in the by-laws and the property requests this for safety of others but also so your pet won't get away.
- Get your pet micro-chipped and keep the registration up to date.
- KNOW your pet. Have photos and accurate descriptions of your pet readily available—their color, pattern of their fur, any markings, breed, etc., if they wear a collar and any tags that may be on it.
- Make sure your pet has ID tags on their collar in case they escape and are found, you can be easily contacted.

#### What to do if you lose your pet:

- Have current photos of your pet. If you do lose your pet, you can show people pictures and use them to create flyers or create an online post.
- Educate yourself on the services available for lost or stray animals in your area. In Alexandria you can contact Alexandria Animal Welfare League at 703-746-4774 or at <https://alexandriaanimals.org/alexandrias-animal-services/>
- You can post missing pets on websites such as [PawBoost](#), [Pet Radar](#), [Lost My Kitty](#), or [Fairfax County Animal Services](#).
- If you are new to the community or if your pet is new, the Humane Society recommends that you familiarize your pet to its new surroundings immediately. If your pet gets out and doesn't recognize its new neighborhood, it may not know how to find its way home. This applies more to those with dogs, but also cat owners who take them outdoors.
- If your pet does get out, put flyers up around the community (3-mile radius).
- Go to any last locations you visited with your pet—it may have wandered back to those locations.



- Put items that have a familiar scent outside your home, near doors or patios—items like their toys or blankets—things they play with or sleep on have the strongest scent. You can also use this technique for cats by putting used litter pans outside.
- Video doorbell cameras like Ring and Arlo, plus security cameras are great for spotting pets at all hours of the day. If you don't have one but your neighbor does, ask if they can review the footage for you.
- Log onto the Parkfairfax Facebook Group for Residents and post a notice about your lost pet.
- Report your lost pet to the Parkfairfax office.

#### What to do if you see a lost or stray pet, or have found one:

- Knock on doors in the found area to see if anyone recognizes the pet.
- Call the main office to see if anyone reported a lost pet.
- File a found report with the Alexandria Animal Welfare League, <https://alexandriaanimals.org/finding-a-lost-pet/>.
- If the pet is friendly and you are able to safely transport the pet to a local vet, they can scan for a microchip.
- Hang flyers in the found area and/or post on the Parkfairfax Resident Facebook page that you have found a pet. You can also post on websites such as [PawBoost](#), [Pet Radar](#), [Lost My Kitty](#), or [Fairfax County Animal Services](#).
- Of course, be careful. You want to make sure you are safe. If an animal is unapproachable, call Animal Control at 703-746-4444 to request the animal be picked up.

#### What can I do to help?

If there are flyers with missing pets near you, or if you see reports of missing pets in your area on Facebook pages or other websites, stop and take a look. You may recognize a missing pet and help to reunite them with their people.

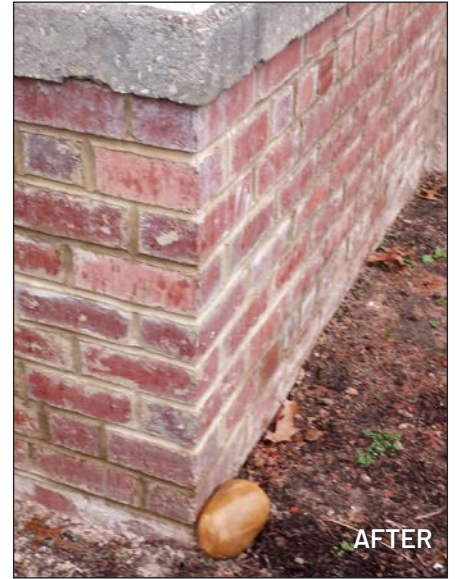
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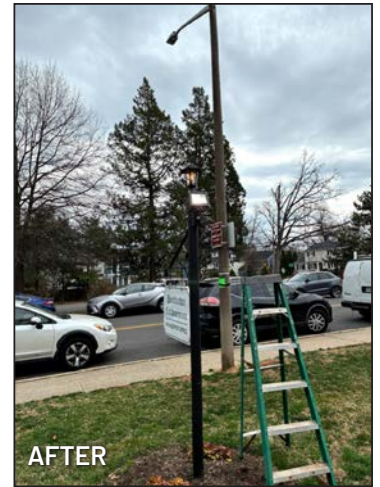
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Parkfairfax residents are invited to reserve the Community Room (at the Parkfairfax Administrative Building on Gunston Rd.) or Martha Custis Pool (Pool A) for private events. Reservations must be submitted to the Assistant General Manager for approval and are granted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### AVAILABILITY

The Community Room is available for daytime and evening use. Setup may begin after **8:00 am**, with events concluding by midnight Sunday through Thursday and **1:00 am** on weekends. New Year's Eve events may extend until **2:00 am**.

The Martha Custis Pool is available on Wednesdays (when the pool is otherwise closed), weekday mornings from **9:00–11:00 am**, and Friday and Saturday evenings from **9:00 pm.–12:00 am**. Pool rentals require lifeguard supervision through the community's pool contractor, with applicable fees.

### FEEES

**A \$250 security deposit and \$350 rental fee are required for each facility.** Proof of insurance coverage (\$100,000) must also be provided at the time of reservation. Deposits are refunded within three weeks following the event, provided no damage or additional cleaning is needed.

For more information or to reserve a space, contact the office at 703-998-6315 or visit the Parkfairfax website [www.Parkfairfax.org](http://www.Parkfairfax.org), under Resources > Administrative Forms > AR-15.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Passover Begins at Sunset 	<b>2</b> Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Easter 	<b>6</b> Recreation Committee Meeting, 7 pm Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 pm	<b>7</b> Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30pm Landscape Committee Meeting, 7 pm	<b>8</b> A&PB Committee Meeting, 7 pm Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm	<b>9</b> Large Item Pick-Up	<b>10</b> Newsletter Submission Deadline	<b>11</b> Office open, Walk-Ins Only 9 am – Noon
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Covenants Committee Meeting, 7 pm The Writers Group, 7 pm	<b>15</b> Annual Meeting & Elections 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Book Club 7 pm	<b>22</b> Board Meeting 7 pm Earth Day 	<b>23</b> Communications Committee Meeting 7 pm Large Item Pick-Up	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>