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June Is Blooming with Community Fun at Parkfairfax

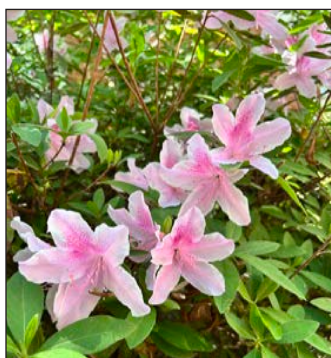
By Parkfairfax Newsletter Team

Did you know that June in Parkfairfax is shaping up to be one of the most exciting months of the year? From the long-awaited opening of our pools to the joy of touring beautiful gardens and participating in neighborhood traditions, there is something for everyone to enjoy as we kick off the summer season together.

Nothing says summer in Parkfairfax quite like pool season. Residents are invited to grab their towels, sunscreen, and neighbors and head to the pool. Our pools officially reopened for the summer on Memorial Day weekend. Whether you are planning relaxing afternoons by the water, swimming with family, or reconnecting with friends after a long winter, the pools are ready to welcome everyone back for another great season.

To make June even sweeter, keep an eye out for complimentary snow cones furnished by the Activities Committee during our first concert of the season at the Coryell Pool! Hanging out at the pool is the perfect way to cool down, celebrate the start of summer, and enjoy some community fun with the neighbors.

June is also an exciting month for our Landscape Committee, whose volunteers continue to make Parkfairfax one of the most beautiful communities in the region. Residents are encouraged to participate in *Gardens in the Park* activities and learn more about the plants, flowers, and the landscaping efforts that help define the charm of our historic neighborhood. These events are a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow gardening enthusiasts, gather inspiration for your own outdoor spaces, and celebrate the natural beauty of the landscapes and personal gardens found throughout Parkfairfax.



Photos by Andrea Drone

Another highlight this month is the highly anticipated Home and Garden Tour. This beloved community tradition offers residents a chance to explore the creativity, care, and character that other unit owners have used to make their Parkfairfax homes and gardens so special. From thoughtfully designed interiors to beautifully maintained outdoor spaces, the tour showcases the pride and personality of our community while inspiring ideas for homes and gardens of every size.

As summer begins, we hope residents will take advantage of these opportunities to connect, celebrate, and enjoy everything that makes Parkfairfax such a vibrant place to live. We look forward to seeing everyone around the pools, in the gardens, and throughout the community this June! Don't forget your sunscreen.

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The Newsletter deadline is the 10th of each month preceding publication month. Email editorial announcements, news, photographs of the community, interviews with pets, and any original articles you'd like to contribute to PFXNews@parkfairfax.org. The opinions of columnists and letter writers are their own and in no way reflect the opinions of Parkfairfax Condominium Unit Owners Association or its Board.

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Email commercial and classified ads to Lolita Clark, lclark@parkfairfax.org. Publication of advertisements in no way implies an endorsement of the products or services by Parkfairfax Condominium Unit Owners Association or its Board. It is up to the advertiser to keep track of when the ad expires. You will not receive notice from Parkfairfax that the ad has expired.

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.

May Board Meeting Highlights

- General Manager's Report:

Reserve Study: The onsite inspection for the new Reserve Study took place on May 14 & 15. The General Manager and Director of Operations provided general community information, as well as historical data regarding maintenance and replacement projects. The Board expects to receive the initial draft of the Reserve Study in mid-June.

Bikes: As a reminder to residents in the Community—2026 bike stickers are required by June 1st. Parkfairfax staff will be conducting bike inspections starting Tuesday, June 2nd and tagging all bikes that do not have current stickers.

- The Board DIRECTED the General Manager to solicit bids for a property line survey in the wooded area between the Valley Drive Tennis Courts and the North Ridge residential neighborhood due to encroachment onto what is believed to be Parkfairfax property.
- The Board APPROVED the replacement of the pool vacuum at Pool A and the purchase of new pool vacuums for Pools B and C, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.
- The Board APPROVED the March 2026 Reserve Expenditures in the amount of \$300,930.63 with funds to come from GL 75100.
- The Board ADOPTED the Board of Directors Code of Conduct.
- The Board APPROVED the revised Non-Routine Change Application.
- The Board APPROVED the FY27 Roof Replacement Contract with Prime Roofing and Exteriors in the amount of \$529,210. The buildings that will be reroofed are: 314, 404, 535, 913, 920, and 932.
- The Board APPROVED the Natural Gas contract for 12 months at a cost of \$4.260/MMBTU (Million Metric British Thermal Units).
- The Board APPROVED the contract with Kolas Contracting for the replacement of the remaining Fascia in Ward 5, in the amount of \$104,227.00.
- The Board APPROVED the contract with Kolas Contracting to start the Fascia replacement in Ward 3, in the amount of \$208,644.00.
- The Board APPROVED the invoices from E&G Services in the amount of \$44,200 for the abatement of asbestos in the crawlspaces of 13 Parkfairfax buildings.
- The Board AMENDED the Movie Night proposal to include coordination of food trucks and lawn games.
- The Board DISCUSSED the rocky transition to the new financial management firm, FirstService Residential, and the plan that the Board and Management is taking to remediate service issues.

2027 Assessments

New Fiscal Year, New Monthly Assessments and Payment Options!

At the March 18th, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the FY26/27 Budget with a 3.85% increase. Beginning June 1, 2026, monthly assessments will adjust to the following amounts.

Model Name	FY27		
1A Jackson	\$532.02	2B Madison	\$650.81
1B Jefferson	\$576.43	2B1 Madison	\$670.45
1C Monroe	\$562.99	2C Washing.	\$650.81
1D Adams	\$524.79	2D Cleveland	\$741.72
1E Garfield	\$545.45	3A Van Buren	\$778.91
2A Lincoln	\$629.13	3B Harrison	\$818.15
2A1 Lincoln	\$653.91	3C Coolidge	\$868.03
		4A Roosevelt	\$1,046.48

Important Note: Not all unit owners will receive coupon books:

- Owners who mail in a physical check will receive a coupon book in May that includes 12 coupons for the full fiscal year.

- Owners enrolled in ClickPay automatic payments will not receive coupon books.
 - If Clickpay is set to pay the full account balance, the new monthly amount will automatically update in June.
 - If Clickpay is set to pay a specific amount, **the owner will need to update the payment amount in Clickpay.**
- Owners using Bill Pay through their personal bank will not receive coupon books and **the owner will need to update the payment amount in their bank account.**

Correction

The snowcrete photos featured on page 8 of the February 2026 *Forum* were taken by Kim Stenlund. We apologize for the omission and appreciate the opportunity to properly credit her work.

Parkfairfax Activities

Presented by the Parkfairfax Activities Committee

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!



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

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.

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.

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.

A Belated Welcome to Patrick Falvey, the Parkfairfax Landscaping Manager

Patrick is a native of Arlington Virginia and has worked in landscaping since he was 14 years old. He started out at Hills Nursery on Glebe Road. He worked for a few commercial landscaping companies before starting his own landscaping company, which he owned for 18 years (he employed 45 people.) After selling his business he managed the landscaping and grounds maintenance for 5 Inova Hospitals before finding the position here with us last

September. He still has an entrepreneurial spirit but wanted to focus more on the art and beauty of his profession and says "Parkfairfax is the right place to do that. There is so many gardeners here in the community." Patrick manages a team of five Parkfairfax groundsman. He said his team receives about 50 Buildium tickets a week, each requesting unique and particular tasks from his team, which they complete in addition to their general

landscaping maintenance. His team is responsible for building and maintaining the retaining walls tucked away around our buildings and they also manage most of the planting, small tree work, and lots of other landscaping tasks. In addition to managing the groundsman, Patrick as directs and overseeing the work of outside landscaping contractors and, when we need them, professional arborists. There is a lot of variety here and he said "Parkfairfax is unlike anywhere else I've worked. It's a huge learning curve." One of his favorite projects this year was planting 30 trees this spring. Patrick chose all hardwood trees (White Oak, Red Oak, Willow Oak, and non-fruit bearing sweet gum trees) and said that in the fall he expects to plant 30 more hard wood trees and that planting will also include some ornamental species.

When you talk with him you can tell that landscaping is his passion "There are so many beautiful and unique gardens around individual units here, just walking from one task to the next in this community is such a great treat to the eyes. I love the mature trees and small-town feel. It's so obvious that the people who live here love their homes. I'm also very impressed by how many people take the time to put in tickets about other areas around Parkfairfax, things they noticed while walking their dogs. And there are so many volunteers... it really is a one-of-a-kind association."



Patrick Falvey and Tonya Turner.

Parkfairfax Welcomes Tonya Turner to the Team!

Tonya joined Parkfairfax in October of 2025 and we, the Newsletter Team, missed adding a hello and welcome aboard to her in the *Parkfairfax Forum*. We are fixing that oversight right now.

Tonya describes herself as hospitality driven and is a certified concierge. She belongs to the National Concierge Association. She works in the Parkfairfax in our main offices as a Service Coordinator. She tells us that it is her job to make sure workorders

are written and completed! She strives to give residents all the service they need. She is here to help answer questions and assist in any way possible. She even has a list of contractors that other residents have used in the past. She is happy to share the names on that list if a resident asks her for the name of someone who can do a particular service and has previously completed work for another unit here in the community.

She tells us that Parkfairfax is very different from other

places she has worked and she has worked for several other associations. She says that Parkfairfax service coordinators do very tedious work and our service coordinators have more interactions directly with tenants than other Associations.

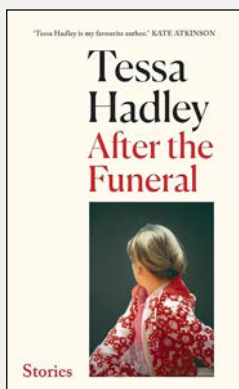
When she's not in the office, she said she spends a lot of time with her grandchildren. She told us, "I am a grandmother and love that!" She is very family-oriented and very outgoing. She has 18 grandchildren who keep her on her toes! For instance, this month is Prom... no more explanation is needed... we are certain you understand the pressure! She also owns a catering business on the side called "Caleechee Kitchen" and has been catering for over 25 years.

She really likes working here at Parkfairfax and when we asked if she could send a special message to residents, she replied that she would only request one thing. That we should all remember to be pleasant to our Parkfairfax service coordinator... they want to help you and when they have to say "No" to a resident's request they are just the messenger. They really do wish they could say "yes" to every request.

BOOK CLUB*After the Funeral and Other Stories*

by Tessa Hadley

Tuesday, June 16, 7 pm

Parkfairfax Community Room

A Best Book of the Year: *TIME*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *Vogue*

In each of these twelve stories, small events have huge consequences. Heloise's father died in a car crash when she was a little girl; at a dinner party in her forties, she meets someone connected to that long-ago tragedy. Two estranged sisters cross paths at a posh hotel and pretend not to recognize each other. Janie's

bohemian mother plans to marry a man close to Janie's own age—everything changes when an accident interrupts the wedding party. A daughter caring for her elderly mother during the pandemic becomes obsessed with the woman next door; in the wake of his best friend's death, a man must reassess his affair with the friend's wife. Cecilia, a teenager, wakes one morning in Florence on vacation with her parents and sees them for the first time through disenchanted eyes.

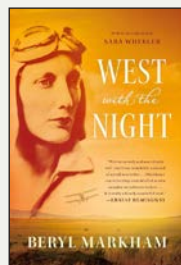
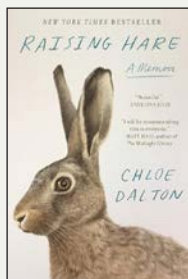
We generally meet the third Tuesday of every month, everyone is welcome. Light snacks/drinks will be available. Please contact Catherine Kitchell at catherinekitchell@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list or for any additional information.

BOOK CLUB—WHAT'S NEXT?

Are you a fast reader or want to read ahead? Here are the upcoming books:

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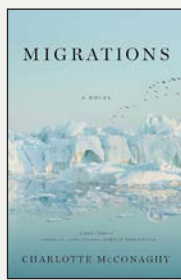
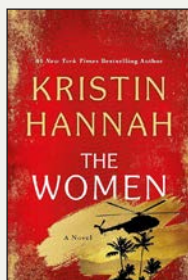
by Chloe Dalton

**August***West with the Night*

by Beryl Markham

September*The Women*

by Kristen Hannah

**October***Migrations*

by Charlotte McConaghy

Have a bike and you're not using? Donate it with the BUC!

Last fall, volunteers from the Building and Utilities Committee (BUC) surveyed the association's 54 bicycle storage rooms. The results confirmed what many bicycle owners already know: our storage rooms are overflowing with bikes! At the time of the survey, about half of the rooms overcrowded and had bike racks completely full of bikes!



To help relieve this overcrowding, the BUC is hosting a Bicycle Donation Drive during June and July. Donated bicycles will be picked up by Velocity Bicycle Cooperative, refurbished if needed, and provided to individuals in need throughout our community.

Participating is easy!

If you do not need a donation receipt for tax purposes, simply bring the bicycle you want to donate to the Maintenance Yard and leave it in the designated area just inside the gate. Parkfairfax staff will take care of the rest.

If you do need a donation receipt, you have two options:

1. Arrange to drop off your bike when Velocity Bicycle Cooperative comes to collect donations. To be notified once the pickup date is scheduled, contact the BUC at buc@parkfairfax.org.
2. Donate directly to Velocity Bicycle Cooperative. Visit Velocity Bicycle Cooperative donation page for more information.

Please note that Parkfairfax cannot accept electric bicycles as donations during this donation drive. E-bikes may still be donated directly to Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative.

We hope you'll join us in helping our neighbors while also creating more space in our storage rooms!

By the way, if you're interested in joining the group who is working on recommendations for making better use of the space in our storage and laundry rooms, come join the BUC! We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the board room or join us on Zoom. Email buc@parkfairfax.org for more info.

It's June— Time to (Re)Register Your Bike!

\$20 registration fee. The form is available on the website, <https://tinyurl.com/PFXbikes>.

Download the form, fill it out and submit with payment to the management office:
3360 Gunston Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22302

Nature In Our Neighborhood

Translated by Christine Payack

Flash, flash! Greetings vertebrates! I am your resident firefly... or should I "flash" lightning bug. Actually, I am neither a true bug nor a fly.



If I may, allow me to flash for my fellow fireflies and indulge in a bit of taxonomy and more. First and foremost, we are invertebrates. To put things in perspective, approximately 97% of all animal species on our planet are invertebrates, with only 3% being vertebrates. Having said that, we think you might reconsider your use of the word "spineless" to insult one another.

We are proud insects in the order *Coleoptera*. This term is derived from Greek meaning "sheath winged." Aristotle coined this word to describe beetles.

Based on sheer numbers of species, beetles are the most successful animals on the planet. According to renowned entomologists, Arthur V. Evans and Charles L. Bellamy, if single examples of every animal and plant species were placed in a row, every fifth species would be a beetle!

We belong to the family *Lampyridae* which originates from an ancient Greek word meaning "glow-worm" or "shining tail." We are known for our amazing ability to glow, a feature called bioluminescence. We use our "cold light" —which produces no heat—to communicate with our fellow fireflies and find love interests on warm summer nights. Described as a "language of light," our rhythmic flashes can be sharp and synchronized, creating a magical visual code in the dark. And here is something to chew on —certain firefly females of some species eat males of other species by mimicking a dissembling mating flash to lure the males and consume them to obtain defensive chemicals.



Above: Common Eastern Fireflies seen at dusk
Right: Glowworm
Top: Common Eastern Firefly



We partake in complete metamorphosis. Here are our four stages of development:

1. Female fireflies lay roughly 500 eggs in damp soil, moss, or leaf litter during mid-summer. Our eggs often slightly glow.
2. After 3-4 weeks, our larvae called "glowworms" hatch and live for most of their lives in this stage. They feed on other invertebrates such as, snails, slugs, and worms. Glowworms are beneficial predators, using venom to paralyze prey, and spend winters in a dormant state under bark, leaves or in soil.
3. In spring, our larvae burrow into the ground to create a protective chamber and pupate until they finally transform into adults.
4. We adults emerge with the primary purpose of mating. We often live long enough to reproduce, and many of us do not eat at all!

But here are the very dim and glow-less facts. Our populations are declining rapidly across North America, potentially at risk of extinction. Heartbreakingly, your human children might not get to experience the magical firefly nights you yourselves might remember. Why are we struggling?

First of all, we are incredibly vulnerable to changing weather patterns. Climate disruption is playing a large role in our decline.

Secondly, light pollution disrupts our communication in devastating ways. We use our perfectly timed flashes to attract our mates. But instead of the natural darkness that our species evolved under, we are competing with your artificial light.

Next, humans are destroying our homes. It is a hard truth. We need specific conditions to survive, and habitat destruction deprives us of essential resources like food and shelter.

Lastly, if you spray your lawn with pesticides, you might as well be declaring war on fireflies. Neonicotinoid pesticides are especially harmful. These chemicals disrupt our development, particularly during our vulnerable underground larval stage. And "insect zappers" are the worst because they kill vast numbers of beneficial insects, pollinators and invertebrates while killing very few mosquitoes. I don't understand why humans think all insects are mosquitoes.

BUT HOPE REMAINS! The most powerful thing you can do for us can take place right outside your doors. You can transform your spaces into firefly refuges!

Embrace the Darkness! Turn off unnecessary outdoor lights at night so we can see each other's flashes.

Create a Firefly-Friendly Habitat! Please stop spraying pesticides and herbicides and turn off those "insect zappers." This is absolutely necessary if you want us to be a dazzling part of your neighborhood.

Mow Less and Leave Fallen Leaves! Keep portions of your lawn un-mowed. We prefer longer grass. Leave fallen leaves and natural debris. Our larvae love to live and hunt there. Tolerate the

Some Bunny Had a Party and You Can Too!

Looking for the perfect place to host your next celebration? The Parkfairfax Community Room is now available to reserve for birthdays, family gatherings, showers, game nights, and more—even a bunny-themed birthday party complete with decorations, cupcakes, and photo opportunities!

Located in the Parkfairfax Administrative Building on Gunston Road, the Community Room offers a convenient and welcoming space for residents to celebrate special occasions close to home. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be approved by the Assistant General Manager.

The Community Room is available for both daytime and evening events. Setup may begin after 8:00 am, with events ending by midnight Sunday through Thursday and 1:00 am on weekends. New Year's Eve reservations may continue until 2:00 am. It is a nice sized space, which includes an ADA compliant bathroom. If size is important to you, you will want to know that the community room is approximately 1300 square feet and the Patio offers another 800 square feet for your guests to enjoy. That is a lot of room to party!

A \$350 rental fee and \$250 refundable security deposit are required. Residents must also provide proof of \$100,000 liability insurance at the time of reservation. Deposits are typically returned within three weeks following the event, provided no damage or excessive cleaning is required.

Ready to plan your next celebration—whether it's a bunny birthday bash or another memorable gathering? Contact the Parkfairfax office at 703-998-6315 or visit Parkfairfax.org under Resources > Administrative Forms > AR-15 for reservation details.



Photos by Chelsea Daly

Nature continued from page 7.

plants you call weeds. Plant native trees, shrubs, and grasses that support the other invertebrates we eat.

As the Virginia Tech entomologist Eric Day says, "The presence of fireflies indicates a diverse habitat, and doing these things is essential to ensuring future generations can enjoy the natural wonder of skies lit up by them."

Here is a cool light activity: To safely watch us without disturbing us, put a piece of blue film or paper over your flashlight—we cannot see blue light.

Fireflies

Light Light is the ink we use

Night Night is our parchment

We're fireflies...

Resources

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Dryer Vent Fire Safety and Code Compliance Update

In February 2026, Parkfairfax revised the Washer and Dryer and Dryer Vent Installation Specifications. The newsletter team agrees that this isn't the most interesting update to report on, but it is an important and we thought that this month was the perfect month to remind residents that it's time to bring our vents up-to-code.

Each year somewhere between 13,800 to 15,970 homes in the U.S. are damaged due to structure fires caused by clothes dryers (and vents). These fires cause deaths, injuries, and more than \$200 million in property damage annually.* The leading cause of these fires is the failure to thoroughly clean lint from dryer vents, which allows lint to accumulate and become a fuel source.

Beginning in October 2023, local fire safety officials in Alexandria began enforcing Section 504.11 (Common exhaust systems for clothes dryers located in multistory structures) of the Virginia Mechanical Code (VMC). This section prohibits the installation of screens over dryer vents, and the interpretation has been expanded to include "cages". The intent of this rule is to ensure lint is not trapped at the vent outlet, which can significantly increase fire risk.

What This Means for Parkfairfax Unit Owners

- It is important to note that this prohibition applies only to clothes dryer vents, not to kitchen or bathroom exhaust vents.
- Because washer/dryers are installed by unit owners, the unit owner is responsible for ensuring their appliances are maintained and meet current code.
- Residents who have installed washer/dryers have signed an indemnity agreement, stating that the Association bears no responsibility for appliances installed in their home.
- Residents must update their clothes dryer vents to remain in compliance with the updated Virginia Mechanical Code.
- Parkfairfax staff cannot assist with the replacement of a resident's dryer vent.

Parkfairfax Washer/Dryer Installation and Replacement Requirements

All installation and replacement requirements are defined in the Parkfairfax Washer-Dryer and Dryer Vent Specification, Revision 2.2026 ([Washer-Dryer-and-Dryer-Vent-Specifications](#)).

- New installations require a Routine Change Application, along with electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permits from the City of Alexandria. All work must be completed by a licensed contractor.
- Washer/dryer replacements using existing modified electrical and plumbing configurations do not require a new application.
- However, if the location of the replacement washer/dryer is changed, or any new electrical or plumbing work is performed, a new Routine Change Application is required.

Code-Compliant Vent Replacement

Unit owners are strongly encouraged to replace any screens or cages currently installed over their dryer vents with a code-compliant vent cap listed in the Parkfairfax specifications. The approved model is: Nixalite of American Inc., Model DWV4W with the brown or white factory powder coat finish (<https://www.nixalite.com/product/dryer-wall-vents>). The factory applied finish shall either be brown for the red brick buildings and white for the white-washed brick and white paint brick buildings. Please refer to the specification for full installation details.



*Statistic sources: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA)

June Landscape Reminders

Scheduled Maintenance This Month

Lancaster and the Parkfairfax Staff is actively working to keep common areas and landscapes looking their best. The following maintenance activities are scheduled for June:

- Mowing, edging, and bed weeding throughout the month
- First pruning cycle of shrubs
- Ornamental tree pruning
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) inspections
- Release of beneficial ladybugs as part of our natural pest control program

Homeowner Tips

June calls for a focus on water and heat management across your landscape. With summer temperatures rising, a few proactive steps can make a significant difference in plant health:

- Stake any leggy or top-heavy plants to prevent wind or heat damage
- Deadhead spent blooms regularly to encourage continued flowering
- Apply fertilization appropriate to your plant types and soil conditions
- Water deeply as needed rather than shallowly and frequently—this encourages stronger root systems



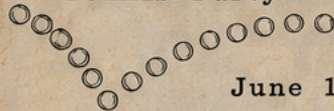
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In 1983, Parkfairfax kicked off summer with a "Tennis Party"!

The "Guest Pass Policy" at the pools is always evolving!

Tennis Party



June 11



The turnout for the Open House of May 17th was very encouraging for tennis enthusiasts. Apparently there are quite a few residents interested in playing tennis and meeting other residents for play.

There will be a **Tennis Party** for Parkfairfax residents and guests on **Sunday, June 11th** at 3:00 P.M. at the Valley Drive courts. Tennis balls, sodas, and munchies will be provided. We are hoping for a good turnout of people of all levels of play. So, come and join us!

Swimming Pool.

Guest Pass Policy

1. Two guests will be admitted free of charge upon presentation of a head of household guest pass. Guests must be accompanied by the resident offering the guests the use of the facilities and possessing a valid facilities pass.
2. In addition to the two free guests, you may bring two additional guests at a charge of \$2.00 per guest per day. However, the total number of guests paid or unpaid, is limited to four.
3. Guest tickets, at a cost of \$2.00, will be available at the Association Office during regular business hours. No tickets will be sold at the pools, therefore it is suggested that you purchase a sufficient number of tickets if you expect to be bringing more than 2 guests to the pool. The tickets will have no expiration date and may be used from pool season to pool season. Children six and under will be admitted free.
4. Please do not expect the lifeguard to make any exceptions regarding this policy. They are unable to change or deviate from the policy and will not make special exceptions.

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June 6-Landscape Cafe, 1-5 PM

Stop by the Parkfairfax Community Room during the Home and Garden Tour to take a break and enjoy a community plant exchange.

June 13-Turtle Walk, 9 AM

Meet at the Parkfairfax Management Office for a walking tour
Celebrate Parkfairfax and learn about our concrete turtles and other yard art.

June 20-Parkfairfax Tree Walk, 9 AM

Meet at the Coryell Pool Open Space for a walking tour
Learn about native and non-native trees that shape our green spaces.

June 27-Mimosas at the Mimosa, 10 AM

Meet at the Quaker Lane Pedestrian Entrance to Parkfairfax
Enjoy a refreshing mimosa(or two!) while learning about
the impact of invasive plants on our local ecosystem.



2026 POOL HOURS

Opening Memorial Day Weekend

(Parkfairfax photo access cards are required to enter the pool. If you don't have a card, you may obtain one from the Association Office. Access cards may not be active for accounts with outstanding balances).

POOL ADDRESS:	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	HOLIDAY HOURS
Pool A 1117 Martha Custis Drive	6 am-8 pm	12 pm-8 pm	CLOSED	6 am-8 pm	12 pm-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	9 am-8 pm	10 am-8 pm
Pool B 3715-3717 Lyons Lane	1 pm-8 pm	1 pm-8 pm	1 pm-8 pm	CLOSED	1 pm-8 pm	10 am-8 pm	10 am-7 pm	10 am-8 pm
Pool C 3314-3316 Coryell Lane	1 pm-8 pm	CLOSED	1 pm-8 pm	1 pm-8 pm	1 pm-8 pm	11 am-8 pm	11 am-7 pm	11 am-8 pm

1. The swimming pools are for the enjoyment of the residents and occupants of Parkfairfax, who have a current facilities pass. The Association accepts no responsibility for any accident of injury in connection with such use or for any loss or damage to personal property.

2. By using the pool, you agree not to hold the Association liable or responsible for any damages or injuries which you might sustain and, furthermore, hereby agree to indemnify, reimburse and hold the Association harmless from any and all costs, expenses, damages, or injuries sustained by you or incurred by the Association as a result of your use of the pool. Pool users agree to be bound by all provisions of the Association, including those related to the use of the pool, and subject to the Association's enforcement authority. All owners, residents, and guests are responsible for their behavior and that of their tenants, residents, occupants, lessees, invitees, children, and guests.

3. A current facilities pass is required to use the pool. The photo ID access card will allow up to 3 guests to be admitted to the pools at no charge. Unaccompanied guests must also present their sponsor's facility pass to gain access to the pool.

4. Lifeguards are in charge of the pool and pool area at all times when the pool and pool area are open and/or operational. All persons using the pool must obey the lifeguards at all times and comply with all instructions, directions, orders, and commands issued by the lifeguards designed to promote the health and safety of the pool users or to enforce compliance with the Association's rules and regulations. Non-compliance with the lifeguards or violation of the Association's rules and regulations shall subject any pool user to immediate ejection from the pool and pool area. There may be other enforcement actions by the Association. The pool is open for use only when the lifeguards are on duty and at their stations. Pool users are to stay clear of the guard stations and should not lounge around the stations or obstruct the guard station or the check-in desk.

5. If you cannot demonstrate to the lifeguards that you can swim, you will not be allowed in water over your head. The lifeguard may test your swimming ability.

6. For safety reasons, children under the age of sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by a resident sixteen (16) years of age or older to be admitted to the pools and tennis courts. A children's card (no photograph) shall be required for children between the ages of twelve (12) and sixteen (16). Diaper-aged children must wear plastic pants to be permitted in the pools.

7. You must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool or after using the toilet. No one will be allowed to swim who has a cold, inflamed eye, a cough, an infection, or is wearing bandages. Only swimming suits may be worn in the pool. Cut-off jeans, cotton t-shirts, and similar clothing may not be used.

8. Glass containers and breakable objects are not permitted in the pool areas. Non-alcoholic beverages in non-breakable containers (plastic bottles, cups made from paper, plastic or Styrofoam, or metal cans) in sizes not larger than sixteen ounces (16 oz) will be allowed in the pool area during regular pool hours. Containers for the storage of such beverages (such as portable coolers) are permitted. Intoxicated persons will be denied access to the pool area at all times. No facility to prepare or serve food is allowed on the pool deck.

9. Street shoes are not permitted on the pool deck.

10. No pets will be permitted in the pool or on or within the pool area.

11. Trash must be placed in approved containers. Please keep the pool, deck, and bathhouse areas clean.

12. No running, pushing, dunking, rough play, or profane language will be allowed in the pool area. Standing or sitting on someone's shoulders or spouting water and similar unhygienic actions are not permitted.

13. The use of kickboards, tubes, water wings, balls, or other items will be allowed only if the lifeguard determines that such use will not endanger the users of the pool. Only the lifeguard can make this decision, based on the size and character of the crowd.

14. Sun tan oil is not permitted in the pool. Please use a towel to cover your lounge chair, especially if you are using tanning oils or sunscreens.

15. Anyone who is asked to leave and does not is guilty of trespassing and subject to prosecution.

16. Any person who continues to violate a rule after being warned by a lifeguard is subject to having their facilities pass withheld by the lifeguard and forwarded to the General Manager, who will return it only after the matter of the offending resident is discussed with the General Manager. The rules and regulations of the Association will be enforced by the Manager, violators will be subject the enforcement authority of the Association.

17. Lap lanes are for active swimming only.

COVENANTS CORNER

Parking

By The Covenants Committee

In January, Parkfairfax endured a major snowstorm. In the aftermath of the storm, online community websites were laden with drama surrounding stolen parking spaces after the storm had passed. Nearly every vehicle in the neighborhood was buried in snow that soon turned to ice. Some residents were very unhappy with the lack of empathy and respect shown to them by their neighbors when it came to parking spots that had been cleared. It's totally understandable that residents who did the backbreaking work of shoveling their vehicles out of the snow and ice would want to lay claim to that spot for a while. Most neighbors are respectful and honor that unwritten rule. The point here being that it is an unwritten rule and cannot be enforced. Parkfairfax Covenants state that there are no reserved parking spaces on Parkfairfax owned roads. Even where there is a space reserved for a vehicle with a handicap designation, any vehicle displaying a disabled parking placard or plate may park in that space on a first-come first-served basis. Parkfairfax covenants also state that "no signs, initials, numbers, or any other additions or alterations may be painted, displayed, or erected by any resident in Association controlled parking areas."

Longtime residents can tell stories of all the problems and disputes that have arisen from situations where residents believe they have a right to reserve a parking spot after a snowfall (who

dug out what, when, and for how long they feel that space should be reserved for them). In the end, the simplest system remains the first-come-first-served system we have always had.

While on the theme of parking, let's review a few other things.

The Association controls parking:

- on the streets with names ending in "Lane"
- in cul-de-sac parking lots between buildings
- in the Association parking lot on Valley Drive
- in the maintenance yard
- in the Martha Custis pool parking lot
- in the Building 401 parking lot

The City of Alexandria controls parking everywhere else.

The Association Bylaws permit only one vehicle per unit to park in Association parking areas. Residents may park in a space for up to 30 days. If the Association receives a report or notices a vehicle has not moved after 30 days, it will place a 72-hour notice on the vehicle. If the vehicle owner fails to respond to the notice, the vehicle will be towed at the owner's expense. Any vehicle not kept in proper operating condition so as not to be a hazard or nuisance by noise, exhaust, or appearance, or is parked in a way that obstructs the reasonable flow of traffic will also be towed at owner expense. Association Policy Regulation #6, "Parking Policies Relating to Vehicles," is posted on the Parkfairfax website and contains all the details and rules governing parking spaces on Parkfairfax owned roads.

Join the Meetings Virtually

Meetings begin at 7 pm at the Association Office and are also available via Zoom. Board package material is available for residents to review at the Association Office and website, www.parkfairfax.org.

Board of Directors Meeting

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

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Buildings & Utilities Committee Meeting

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Communications Committee Meeting

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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>

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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

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	1 Recreation Committee Meeting, 7 pm Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting, 7 pm	2 Activities Committee Meeting, 6:30pm Landscape Committee Meeting, 7 pm	3	4 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	5	6 Home and Garden Tour/Landscape Café 1 – 5 pm
7	8	9 The Writers Group, 6 pm Covenants Committee Meeting, 7 pm	10 A&PB Committee Meeting, 7 pm Building and Utility Committee Meeting 7 pm Newsletter Submission Deadline	11 Large Item Pick-Up	12	13 Turtle Walk 9 am Office open, Walk-Ins Only 9 am – Noon
14 Parkfairfax Crafters in the Community Room 4 pm	15	16 Book Club 7 pm	17 Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Tree Walk 9 am Parkfairfax Concert at the Coryell Pool 6 – 8 pm
21  Father's Day	22	23	24	25 Communications Committee Meeting 7 pm Large Item Pick-Up	26	27 Mimosas at the Mimosa 10 am
28	29	30	1	2 Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm	3	4