



CHESTERFIELD MEWS

NEWS

Spring 2011

Annual Meeting Is Set for May 24; Residents to Vote on 3 Board Seats

The annual meeting of the Chesterfield Mews Community Association will take place Tuesday, May 24. The meeting runs from 7:30 till 9 p.m. at Kena Temple, a quarter mile east of the Mews on Route 50.

One of the top agenda items will be the election of three new 3-year members to replace those not seeking reelection to the board of directors.

The board especially seeks members from groups not currently represented. "Our population of Asian and Middle Eastern residents is growing," says board member Ross Bankson. "We invite these residents to participate. Greater representation will strengthen our community and help preserve home values."

The board also seeks more equal representation from all areas *within* the Mews.

Service on the board entails one 1½-hour meeting once a month. Other duties may be volunteered for but are never required.

In recent meetings, the board has elected Nancy Minter as president. It has approved a 1.2 percent increase in annual dues in accordance with the 2010 consumer price index. And it has contracted a new landscape company. At the meeting, a company official will detail plans for upgrading and enhancing the community's overall landscaping appearance.

In other agenda items, the board will discuss the 2011 budget (to be distributed shortly, along with biographies of board candidates) and preview the annual architectural inspection.

Paint, Courts, Fences Will Be Eyed In Upcoming Exterior Inspections

Getting under way in May will be the annual round of home inspections by the Mews's management company, Gates, Hudson Associates. Under the auspices of the CMCA's

architectural control committee, the inspection is geared toward maintaining the curb appeal—and thus property values—of the community and to identify unsafe conditions.

Each home will be evaluated to ensure that paint and trim are maintained to comply with ACC guidelines. Fences will likewise be inspected: are they in good repair, not leaning, not painted or stained?

Similarly, courtyards may have no major cracks, broken concrete, or sunken steps.

Finally, inspectors will verify that personal items are not stored in common areas. Such items include firewood, bicycles, mulch bags, and garbage cans.

After the ACC reviews the findings, any violation notices will be mailed to homeowners. They will provide a time frame for repair. After that time has expired, GHA will conduct a second inspection to ensure that required work has been performed.

Community Web Site Gets Facelift

Taken on by board member John Whitlock, the Web site inthemews.com is being refurbished with an eye to making it more useful and informative. Among the innovations:

- Intuitive, feature-rich interface for the user with added links, save, and contact functions.
- A "Contact Us" feature that will permit residents to contact the board directly.
- Ability to link content directly to 128 social media sites and tools
- For a nominal fee, availability of a community space for residents to advertise goods and services. The fee will help offset the site's hosting fees.

"The Web site is a work in progress," says Whitlock. "Mews residents are invited to offer suggestions to make it even more useful."

Go East, Young Man, Go East!

With construction of the new retail shopping center just across Nutley Street from Pan Am, a major traffic jam has resulted for shoppers returning to Chesterfield Mews.

The north-south traffic light for Nutley is set at 2 minutes 30 seconds. The left-turn signal south on Nutley lasts a measly 30 seconds.

Result: At the busiest hours, residents can wait 7 minutes to make a turn. That can worsen when, as is often the case, the lead driver wastes 6 seconds distracted by his iPad until the guy behind him honks him ahead.

Solution: Take the Quiznos exit. Head east on Lee Highway to Ellenwood Drive. Turn

onto Ellenwood and merge onto Route 50. Doing so will save time—and vexation.

In Brief . . .

The new Walgreens on Nutley Street is expected to open in mid-June. Building-supply problems have reportedly stalled opening of the new bank.

The new custodian of tennis court keys is Jo Ann Andren. Fee remains \$25 for the year—a bargain at twice the price.

Housing prices rising? Judging by the chart below, the answer would seem to be yes. Compared with average sale prices in February 2010 (\$377,000), the prices below average \$406,000.

| Real Estate Activity | Address | Original List Price | Sold Price | Days on Market | Model | Status |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| | 3159 Readsborough | \$415,000 | \$400,000 | 36 | C | Sold |
| | 3137 Guysborough | \$419,000 | \$411,000 | 28 | A | Sold |
| | 3172 Colchester Brook | \$424,888 | | 6 | B | Contract |
| | 3140 Delburne | \$419,000 | | 8 | B | Active |
| | 3132 Eakin Park Court | \$424,950 | | 5 | A | Active |



BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ETC.

Whom to Call for What

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <p>Nancy Minter PRESIDENT Contractor Clearinghouse 3137 Eakin Park (703) 280-4996</p> <p>Brian Saal TREASURER 3135 Guysborough (703) 609-4994</p> <p>Margaret Kerr-McKown SECRETARY 3145 Guysborough (703) 280-1311</p> | <p>Jo Ann Andren Tennis keys 3160 Readsborough (703) 560-2198 joannandren@aol.com</p> <p>Ross Bankson Newsletter 3169 Eakin Park Court (703) 280-5065</p> <p>John Miller Neighborhood Watch 3145 Eakin Park Court (703) 764-1416</p> | <p>Michael Epley 3173 Eakin Park Court (703) 218-5151</p> <p>Gordon Silcox 3159 Colchester Brook (703) 280-1041</p> <p>John Whitlock Web site 3132 Delburne Court (703) 675-5507</p> <p>•</p> <p>Architectural Control Jo Ann Andren Nancy Minter</p> <p>•</p> | <p>Special Trash Pickup (703) 818-8222</p> <p>Police (nonemergency)</p> <p>Animal Control (703) 691-2131</p> <p>Gates, Hudson Associates 3020 Hamaker Court Fairfax 22031 (703) 752-8300</p> <p>Doug Courtney (571) 432-3785</p> <p>County Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth (703) 560-6946</p> |
|--|---|--|--|