



CHESTERFIELD MEWS

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Fall 2011

Snow? On Guysborough? In October? Naaah, It Only Looks That Way

It's actually the new landscaping company's first step in renewing the Mews's deteriorating grass cover. The "snow" is a so-called turf-establishment blanket secured by "sod staples."

Before laying the blanket, Professional Grounds aggressively aerated the soil and then broadcast seed compatible with Northern Virginia's climate and Mews-specific microclimate. Topsoil, fertilizer, and compost are also laid down.

"Treating the entrance to the Mews first was decided upon for an obvious reason," says grounds committee chairman Jo Ann Andren. "It's the first impression visitors and potential buyers have of the community."

Turf work will proceed apace on the rest of the Mews, over time. An especially problematic area exists at the bottom of lower Eakin Park Court. In a broad swath there, erosion has washed away grass cover, and large tree roots have emerged above the soil. The contractor has proposed renewing the soil and replacing the lost grass with more efficient soil-gripping ground cover such as ivy or periwinkle.

"The thrust of future grounds projects will be issues prioritized by homeowners," says Andren. "These include maintenance of mature trees, turf renovation, strategic tree plantings, and refurbishment of ornamental beds throughout the community."

Witches & Warlocks & Ghouls, Unite!

Chesterfield Mewsers this year are in for a double-barreled Halloween.

As a Saturday-afternoon prelude to the annual end-of-October eventide event, residents have scheduled a costume parade on 29 October for all will-be trick-or-treaters aged infant through 92.

Costumed paraders young and old will assemble at the aMewsments playground at 12:50 p.m. They'll wind their way from the playground to Kelly's Circle, thence down and around Colchester, then back to the circle, and from there return to aMewsments via Readsborough.

But wait! There's more! After the parade, everyone is invited to partake in some goblin' good snacks, drinks, and treats at the playground.



Though not a requirement, adults accompanying children in the parade may go incognito. That would be, of course, in costume.

Rain day is the 30th. For questions, contact Patricia Trillet, (703) 725-2284.

Eakin Adds 2 Small 'No Parking' Areas

In response to complaints from residents on upper Eakin voiced at this year's annual meeting, the CMCA board of directors has authorized and completed the yellow curb painting of what had been legal—but problematic—parking spots.

The markings cover only a small curb area, but the spaces in question, when in use, often blocked residents from (or trapped them in) their assigned spaces.

Drivers violating the new no-parking zones will receive two warnings before being towed for a fee ranging from \$110 to \$125. The lower rate applies 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In other maintenance news, Dominion Paving in early October filled cracks in the Mews's roads. The next step, resealing, will wait till spring when no leaves will be falling into the seal coat.

In Brief . . .

A service pipe leading from a water main to a house on Colchester recently burst. Unfortunately, the homeowner did not have insurance from Virginia Power (\$4.50 a month), so the

damage—about \$4,000—was out of pocket. Just a reminder that water service line and heating and cooling insurance (\$9.95) are well worth the price.

Expect that road construction at the intersection of Lee Highway and Gallows road to continue till next fall. When completed, the

intersection will be widened to accommodate right-turn and dual left-turn lanes in each direction. The project also includes extensive sidewalks along both roads.

| Real Estate Activity | Address | Original List Price | Sold Price | Days on Market | Model | Status |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|
| | 3141 Guysborough | \$338,900 | | 30 | B | Contract (short sale) |
| | 3143 Guysborough | \$425,000 | \$425,000 | 44 | A | Sold |
| | 3132 Eakin Park | \$424,950 | \$425,000 | 5 | A | Sold |

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