

# Chesterfield Mews Community Association

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## Join Us for the Fourth of July Neighborhood Potluck!



**Wednesday, July 4 @ 2:00pm - ??**  
**Grassy Common Area on Lower**  
**Readsborough Ct.**

All neighbors are invited to celebrate the Fourth of July with food, friends, and fun in the common grassy area on lower Readsborough Ct. The Mews will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, but all attending neighbors are asked to bring a snack, dish, or dessert to share! There will be something for everyone with games, music, and a water slide for kids (and brave adults)!

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### **Next Steps for the Long-Term Landscape Renovation of Chesterfield Mews**

The CMCA Board has begun to implement the long-term landscaping plan that was completed earlier this year. The purpose of the plan is to beautify the neighborhood grounds and make the landscaping more sustainable in the long-term. Wood chips have been spread under the trees along the access road on both sides of Guysborough.

These will provide a foundation for subsequent plantings. Already more than 100 native trees and bushes have been planted. Next, landscaping on both sides of the Mews entrance will be re-arranged and partly replaced. This is likely to happen in September after the summer heat has passed. Homeowners can find the detailed landscaping plan on the community website, [www.inthemews.com](http://www.inthemews.com).



### **Sustainable Garden Tour visits the Mews**

The *Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation District* invited our community to participate as one of six sites for its annual Sustainable Garden Tour. The Mews visit showcased the permeable walkway and underground storm water runoff system located between lower Eakin Park and lower Readsborough. These two projects were undertaken with technical guidance and partial funding from the county in 2015 and 2016. Impressively, we received 34 visitors from the tour.

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## Trash Trash Trash! Trash Reminder!

The CMCA prohibits residents from taking out their trash until 6pm on Thursday evening. Residents also must retrieve your

garbage can by Saturday morning. Some residents are putting their trash and garbage out a day or two early. This attracts birds and animals that tear open the bags and spread the contents around the streets. It also becomes unsightly for your fellow neighbors and friends. **\*\*Please put white kitchen bags filled with garbage inside sturdy black trash bags so that birds and animals cannot tear them open.\*\***



## Did you know we have 22 visitor spots??

Visitor parking spaces were clearly marked last

August. They are intended for use only by visitors and service vehicles. Some residents routinely use visitor's spaces for parking their personal vehicles; such violations will result in towing. See the website for parking rules and parking map. Upper/Lower Eakin Park residents, should encourage your guests to park in the visitor spots on Readsborough Ct. Cars parked along the yellow curb will be towed.

## Car Rinsing

As the weather heats up, the CMCA board wanted to remind residents to avoid washing your cars using soap or detergents in the neighborhood. It's fine to rinse off your vehicle with plain water, but soap or detergents are prohibited because the water runoff from vehicle washing goes into our storm sewer. This empties into Accotink stream, and goes from there into the Potomac River the Chesapeake Bay where it can damage oyster and fish populations.

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