

Chesterfield Mews Community Association

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Chesterfield Mews Community Association Annual Meeting

May 22, 2019 @ 7:30pm

Registration begins at 7:00p

Fairfax Circle Baptist Church

3110 Chichester Ln

Fairfax, VA 22031

(Note NEW LOCATION!)



Please join the Chesterfield Mews Community Association (CMCA) for our annual meeting on May 22. If you are not able to attend, you may return the proxy included in the official mailing notice all homeowners received from Select Community Services.

At the meeting, residents will hear updates from the CMCA Board, participate in an open forum, and vote for members to open board vacancies. Come meet your neighbors and learn more about the community!

Semi-Annual Community Assessments are Due

All owners are required to pay dues semi-annually, in November and May. CMCA dues for Spring 2019 were due May 1. Please return your payment before May 30.

You should have received a bill from Select Community Services that you can use to submit your dues. Residents may also pay online at <https://www.townsq.io> or on the TownSq app (Android and iOS).

If you misplaced your bill, please contact Select Community Services (contact information at the end of this newsletter).

Board Member Candidates Wanted!



At this year's annual meeting, Chesterfield Mews residents will be voting on three board positions. If you have time, talent, dedication (or all three), please consider running for a Board position this year.

Residents with experience in landscaping, grounds maintenance, financial matters, or other governance issues are particularly needed.

If you are interested in running for a board position, you can fill out a candidacy form that was sent from the Select Community Services with the agenda. Residents may also nominate candidates at the annual meeting.

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Playground/Tennis Courts Lock – Where are You?



The lock to the Chesterfield Mews common area has been taken several times in the last year, resulting in additional costs to the neighborhood and many disappointed neighbors. The Board is not aware as to whether it was removed by a resident or someone external to the community. Removing the lock from the common area leaves this community amenity vulnerable to passers-by on the trail and neighboring communities. For the sake of your fellow residents, please do not remove or modify the lock in any way.

Community Roads Paving Update



The Board of Directors has recently contracted with a vendor, J2 Engineering, to assist with the procurement of a paving company to perform major maintenance of the asphalt pavement in our neighborhood. This is an important step in implementing the board's plan to carry out the pending repair, resurfacing, and repainting and marking of the roads, curbs, sidewalks, and parking areas within the community. Guysborough Drive along the entrance to the community is not included in this scope as this road is owned by the County. The paving project will include all other roads in the Community.

The re-paving project is expected to commence in late Summer/early Fall 2019. If you have any questions about this process, please attend the annual meeting on May 22 or submit a question to the CMCA Board through www.inthemews.com.

Ross Bankson, 1942 – 2019

An Original Chesterfield Mews Homeowner

Ross Rodby Bankson, distinguished writer, Vietnam veteran, and beloved member of the community, passed away in January. An original homeowner, Ross moved to Chesterfield Mews in 1978 with his wife Yvonne (1941 – 2003). They raised four kids together in the neighborhood.

Ross grew up in the Foreign Service, living abroad in Japan, Indonesia, and Taiwan. By age 15 he was writing his own column for the *China Post* in Taipei. After a brief return to the United States to attend the University of Maryland, Ross joined the Navy in 1964 and served aboard an ammunition ship in the South China Sea as an officer during the Vietnam War. He would meet Yvonne while stationed in Saigon. They married in Hong Kong in 1971 and eventually settled down in Fairfax, where Ross went on to work for the *Washington Post*, the National Geographic Society, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

For 40 years Ross resided quietly at the bottom of Eakin Park Court as good citizen and neighbor. He participated in cleanup days, served on the CMCA Board, and wrote the newsletter for a stint. In his leisure, Ross continued his seafaring days on the Chesapeake as captain of his own sloop. Ever quick with a joke, a neat fact, or

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exaggerated antics, Ross loved to entertain his grandchildren. He was close with his neighbors, too, though he generally wasn't one for small talk or social gatherings. More B n Tre than Beltway, Ross preferred to do his socializing abroad, meeting new people and continuing to seek adventure well into his 70s. He will be missed.

A full obituary can be found in the *Washington Post* online. Ross will be laid to rest with Yvonne at Arlington National Cemetery this summer. For details please contact the family.

Save the Date! Fourth of July Neighborhood Party



Come celebrate America's birthday with your fellow neighbors and friends! The CMCA Social Committee will host a cook-out on the grassy common area in between lower Eakin Park Ct. and lower Readsborough, starting at 2:00pm. Feel free to bring a favorite food or dessert to share. There will be games and fun!

Date: Thursday, July 4, 2019

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Grassy Common Area between Lower Eakin Park Ct and Lower Readsborough Ct.

Neighborhood Volunteers Wanted!



Would you like to play a leadership role in your community? There are many opportunities to contribute to Chesterfield Mews outside of running for a Board of Directors position. Please take a look at the following volunteer positions and consider signing up.

Positions available include Welcome Committee, Social Committee, aMewsments Coordinator, and more!

Please sign up at the following link:
<https://bit.ly/2Z4cZo8>

Pick it up, it won't bite!



Over the winter, we experienced several episodes of unusually strong winds. Some of these occurred on trash collection days. As a result, lighter pieces of trash – paper items, plastic bags, bottles or cans – were blown throughout the community. In some cases, they came to rest beside your patio fence or in your landscaping. In other cases, they traveled to the periphery of the community where they lodged in the bushes. Now that the weather is improving, please keep an eye out for litter as you walk the community, and pick it

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up whenever you can. The grounds maintenance crew will pick up trash if it's in the way of their mowing, but their contract does not include a general spring clean-up of the community. The only way that we will

eliminate the residue of winter winds will be if everyone picks up trash whenever they come across it. Thank you for your help with this community undertaking.

Chesterfield Mews Real Estate Market

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Days on Market	Model	Contract Date	Close Date	Comments
3159 Colchester Brook Lane	\$499,500	\$510,000	3	C	30-Nov-18	14-Jan-19	Updated kitchen and bathrooms
3148 Colchester Brook Lane	\$589,900	\$589,900	1	A	1-Mar-19	29-Mar-19	Beautifully remodeled throughout
3171 Eakin Park Court	\$525,000	\$525,000	6	B	26-Mar-19	03-May-19	Some updating

Data provided by Ginny Howden, Realtor, Long and Foster

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