

Barrister's Keepe Newsletter

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BK HOA Annual Meeting

The March BK HOA Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at Woodson High School in Room E204 at 7:00PM.

(Best to go into Entrance 1, through the doors and

up to the 2nd floor. E204 is on the right.)

Grounds Committee News

Spring really did come in like a lion!

As we look around to assess damages from strong winds we notice patches of grass beginning to green and bulbs that are showing green stalks with their flowers not far behind. And notice a couple of beautiful flowering trees in your neighbors' yards! Spring is around the corner and soon enough the fountain in the community common area will be turned on. CLS has come through to trim trees.

Before mulch is put down in a few weeks it might be a good time to do any personal yard work that you like to do such as special plantings, pulling a few odd weeds or cleaning out any unneeded debris.

If you have any questions the Grounds Committee might address please email Mikal Meyer at vze3ghg3@verizon.net.

President's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbors

welcome NEW NEIGHBORS

I've been remiss in doing this in the past, but I want to take this opportunity to welcome George and Christine Prattes to the community. They are the new owners of 3466 BKC and will be moving in the week of March 12th. There will be activity in and around the house that entire week so don't be alarmed if you see people going in and out. The moving van is scheduled for March 16th so be aware the Big Truck will be "in the house."

STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

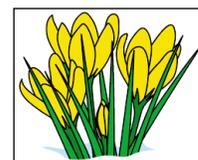
We're still looking for volunteers for the Covenants Committee and Social Committee. We have three stalwarts on the Covenants Committee, but they are always looking for newbies. Once again, I want to thank Annie Patenaude and Madan Gera for their long and dedicated service on Covenants. Please think about volunteering a little of your time to the Covenants Committee as the work they do is crucial to our being able to remain the beautiful little community on Pickett Road with woods on one side and the Church and tank farm on the other. We are totally without a Social Committee at present, so we need to re-energize that activity. While we don't have that many planned activities throughout the year, it has been my observation that those are the times we do get together as a community.



I do want to thank Barbara Petersen who served on the Social Committee for 11 years and as the Chair for the past 9 years. Without her we wouldn't have had the many activities throughout each year from the summer socials to Oktoberfest to the great Holiday Party event. Thanks Barbara – from the entire community!

SPRING CLEAN-UP

It's coming folks! Spring is just around the corner. Take a look at Nancy Webster's tree. Even our forsythia has blooms. I mention this every year about this time, but we need to get outside and look around. Considering the recent horrendous wind we had, take a good look at your siding and roof – any damage there? While you're looking, look, too, at the cleanliness of your walk and driveway. I know mine needs power washing. What about the condition of your garage doors – any wood rot, especially along the bottom? Or do they need to be painted this year? And, look at all the wood you have on the house – there are several good painters recommended in our Community Service Directory. I have to have the concrete foundation painted this year – might want to take a look at that too.



DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE CITY

Since I'm on the City Planning Commission, let me give you an update on some of the projects either going on or being contemplated within the City. If you want more information, you can go to the following link on the City's web page:

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/community-development-planning/development-review-projects-map>. It's fairly easy to navigate around. Click on any of the projects and a box opens to give you more information about the status of the project.

Fairfax Circle

Can you believe it might be finally happening? At least they're tearing down the old place. Let's hope new construction begins right after they complete hauling off all the debris!

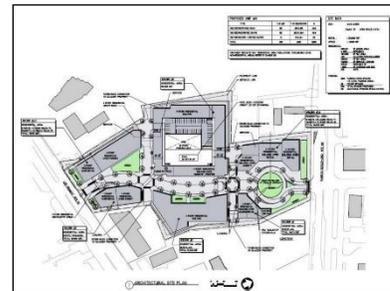
Fairfax Shopping Center



This is where the old Hooters was and where the furniture store held their "going out of business" sale for the past couple of years! The developer is proposing to redevelop the existing Fairfax Shopping Center (75,000 sf) into a new 30,000 sf grocery store and 18,000 sf of other commercial space.

Fairfax Gateway

This project is just west of the intersection of Routes 29 and 50. It's between the shopping center right at the intersection 29 and 50 and Jermantown Road. They are proposing 403 multifamily units and 19,136 sf of commercial and office. The project has not been approved yet by the City Council.



Mount Vineyard



Have you driven Main Street through the City heading toward the intersection of Routes 29 and 50? This project is on the right as you head northwest. The developer is building 132 residential units (64 multifamily condos, 30 "2 over 2" stacked condos, and 38 townhomes).

Paul VI

The redevelopment of this project has taken a long time too – and for good reason in my opinion. The last proposal submitted to the City for consideration is really dense. They're proposing to redevelop the existing school site into 136 townhomes, 184 condominiums and up 44,000 sf of retail.



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