

Barrister's Keepe Newsletter

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BK HOA Board Meeting

The March BK HOA Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at Woodson High School – Room E204. Starting time is 7:00PM. (Best to go into Entrance 1, through the doors and up to the 2nd Floor. E204 is on the right side of the hallway.)

Covenants Committee Updates

Greetings from the Covenants Committee. As always, we welcome additional members to serve with us.

Walk around:

We will be conducting a quick look of 2016 findings and leave a note for you about issues not addressed. If you have not completed working on repair, painting, cleaning, etc. please let us know when they will be complete. Our 2017 walkaround will be in July.

Parking:

Thank you to the homeowners who have been following parking guidance. Several residents have applied for temporary parking permits for extended guests.

Decks:

The covenants committee will be doing a review of deck colors and materials this summer. Please let us know if you'd like to serve on this ad hoc committee. We plan to make a recommendation, following a sense of the community, at the September meeting.

Please remember the Community Reference Document and Design Standards are packed with useful information. Find these and more at: (www.barristerskeepedia.org) If you have questions, feel free to contact any member of the covenants committee.

Social Committee News

SUMMER "FLING" AT THE FOUNTAIN:
Saturday --- June 17th (Rain Date is June 24th)
At 4:30 PM.

Please bring a small plate of appetizers to share, a chair and a beverage or two. Delicious Desserts will be provided by the Social Committee.

We hope to see everyone there!

Barbara Petersen – Chair
Artie Andreson – Co-Chair

Dear Neighbors –

I'm feeling like a frog! We might need the rain but a little sunshine every once-in-a-while wouldn't hurt anyone either! Oh well, summer will be here soon enough and we'll start the annual ritual of complaining about the heat and looking forward to fall and football! We had to cancel our March meeting so I hope everyone can make the June meeting. These meetings are an opportunity for the Board to take any necessary actions but, more importantly, for all of us to get together and talk – talk about what's going on in the neighborhood or the City. Speaking of what's going on in the City,



I don't have any new news to report about the new development planned for the circle. I express my frustration at every Planning Commission meeting I attend but the City has done everything it can do in terms of approval, plan reviews, etc. Our new Mayor – Mayor David Meyer – has this high on his priority list and is now meeting regularly with the developer to ensure the developer is doing everything to get this project moving forward.

Everyone by now has seen that the Enclave is going in. They are a little ahead of schedule because of all the good weather we had before the rains came. And, I'm sure everyone has had the pleasure of trying to get down Fairfax Boulevard through all the storm water management work that is being done in front of the old Hooters all the way out to Route 123. Once completed, that will allow the repaving of Fairfax Boulevard and go a very long way toward attracting new businesses for the redevelopment of the shopping center that is now about 90%+ empty.



Have you seen the latest Cityscene? First, that publication is always a good read. The latest issue has information on the redevelopment of Paul VI High School. “The proposal, totaling about 18.5 acres, includes the entire school property, as well as two adjacent single-family lots owned by the Diocese. The developer proposes 555 residential dwelling units in a combination of townhomes, condominiums, and apartments, as well as 10,000 square feet of commercial space. The developer also proposes to retain 24,000 square feet of the existing school building for commercial, community space, or other use.” “Updates on this and other city developments are available on the city website at www.fairfaxva.gov/development.”

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM?

DO YOU HAVE ONE?

We've had another incident of a fire suppression system pipe breaking in the attic of one of our neighbors. Fortunately, folks were home but didn't know where the shut-off valve was. Luckily, a neighbor came over and shut the water off. But, not before substantial damage was done! Do you know where your shut-off valve is for your fire suppression system? Is it tagged prominently so you can find it readily? Remember, from past discussions we learned that the water for our fire suppression systems is totally different from our house water system. You need to know where both are!

THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A comprehensive plan is a policy document that describes a community's vision for how it wants to grow over the next 20 years. It answers questions like: Where have we been? Where are we going? And how do we get there? It provides guidance on land use, transportation, housing,



economic development, environment, public facilities, parks, historic preservation and sustainability. It informs land use regulations through the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance and budget decisions through the Capital Improvement Program.

Every locality in Virginia is required to have a comprehensive plan. At least once every five years, the comprehensive plan is reviewed by the Planning Commission to determine whether it's advisable to amend the Plan. In 2012, the City Council adopted a minor revision to the 2004 Plan with a major update anticipated within the next five years.

A Comprehensive Plan reflects the community's vision for the future. Therefore, public input is essential to providing a plan that accurately reflects the opinion of the community. I think I just heard someone say, "How can you get involved?" There are many great ways. Here are a few:

Use Social Media:

- Share your thoughts on Facebook and Twitter #FairfaxCityWillBe
- Share a photo with the City on Instagram of what you love about the City and what you wish was here using #LivableFairfax

Attend a public meeting

- Check the City calendar to see when the next meeting is: www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/city-calendar
- Sign up to be emailed about upcoming meetings through City Alert: www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/fairfax-city-alert

ROCK THE BLOCK

If you haven't been to one of these events, you need to go. Take the family because there's something for everyone. They are the 4th Fridays during May through October from 6:30pm -9:30pm. They are in the Old Town Square so take your lawn chairs, get something to eat and drink from our local vendors, sit back, and enjoy! For more details visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/rock-the-block>.

Have fun this summer but keep safe. Keep an eye on the fountain. The latest "thing" is impromptu evening get-togethers to share a beverage of choice and swap stories. They're fun! So, if you see a bunch of people sitting around the fountain in the early evening, come join n. No one needs and invitation.



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