



THE CHESTERFIELD MEWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER 2016

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 7:30 P.M.

At the home of Bill Saint, 3179 Colchester Brook Lane
(Rescheduled from Tuesday, September 27)

Labor Day Celebration A Sweet Success!

Labor Day Sunday afternoon found kids and grown-ups alike enjoying ice cream and scrumptious toppings along with great socializing. Our *aMewsments* area's newly re-surfaced technicolor basketball/tennis court complete with four-square and hop-scotch areas, plus beautiful early fall weather, provided a perfect setting.

Board member **Trish Trillet** headed up planning and arrangements.



L to R:
Dylan and Lance enjoying ice cream and some high jinks.



Jeffrey introduces his reluctant sister Evie to the goodies table.

WOODSON PARC PROGRESS

The developer's model home sprang up quickly in the midst of the seemingly never-ending site-grading and preparation next door to us. The home's new garage was the setting for a September 1 meeting of CMCA board members with the developer and the County officials who are required to approve planting changes along the boundary area. The board requested four plant-type change items which will provide better sound and visual screening for our neighborhood which the board believes have a good chance of approval.

BAMBOO CLEARING - As promised by the developer, work began the week of Sept. 12 clearing large stands of bamboo and other noxious vegetation along and up to 25 feet from the fence line. The 3-man crew has selectively removed bushes and bamboo by hand to avoid damage to desirable vegetation and stacked the cuttings for removal. After the cutting, four herbicide treatments will be applied to the cut stems at three-month intervals, which is expected to eradicate 95% of the bamboo.

Resident's Comments:

Upper Eakin Park resident Vijay Methwani and his wife wrote to board president Rosina Schacknies to "commend the good work being done. There were so many dead bushes around and it looked really untidy. [It's] all cleaned up and it looks so much better. We see [Rosina] always working around. We need more dedicated board members like her. Please publish this so people know the good work being done."

Our sources tell us that Rosina also provided the bamboo work crew with cold lemonade during those hot days.

During the bamboo clearing, this object was unearthed, believed to be an eating implement commonly in use during the mid-late twentieth century.



PLEASE, PLEASE STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES !

Within the last week we have been notified of cars failing to stop for the school bus as it loads/unloads children. Most recently, the vehicles were a black sedan and a black SUV that continued east on Guysborough.



WATER MAIN BREAK

Mews homes experienced a brief interruption of water availability on September 9 as *Woodson Parc* developer's digging struck water and unleashed a large spouting geyser. A neighbor speculated that "our aquifer must be in good shape."



HOA ASSESSMENTS DUE IN NOVEMBER

Homeowners will receive in October by mail a \$617.54 invoice for their fiscal 2016-17 second half assessment. Payments are due in full beginning November 1. Payments received after November 30 are subject to a \$25 late fee plus interest and payments received after December 31 are subject to additional fees, interest and possibly legal charges.

HOME ARCHITECTURAL INSPECTION PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

Our management company, Select Community Services, has scheduled an inspection of all exterior Mews homes for October 11 and 12. The last ACC inspection was in April 2015, so inspectors will be looking closely to insure our community's homes remain in compliance with the

established CMCA rules (posted on our website). These rules apply to exterior maintenance and painting, replacement and repair of windows, doors, siding, roofing materials, landscaping and courtyards.

NEED AN AMEWSMENTS KEY?

Or have a question or comment you'd like to offer? Please contact our homeowner's association management company, **Select Community Services**, at 703-631-2003, or send the board a message through the "Contact Us" text box appearing on the left side of the home page on our website, www.inthemews.com

CORRECTING THE RECORD

A flyer distributed anonymously over Labor Day weekend combined a laudable call for greater homeowner efforts in the maintenance of our respective residences with some statements that are factually untrue. We would like to correct the record on these points so that people are not confused by misinformation.

Error 1: "wooden steps made for only one house on Colchester Brook Lane." A longstanding set of stairs deteriorated to the point where safety required them to be replaced. The stairs serve housing units on each side, especially four nearby residences, as well as all service people who need access to the rear of these buildings.

Error #2: "a cement path to nowhere." A longstanding paved pathway joining lower Colchester with a similar county pathway leading to the Accotink Trail deteriorated to the point where safety and aesthetics required it to be replaced. The Board has also been advocating for the county parks authority to repair their portion of this path.

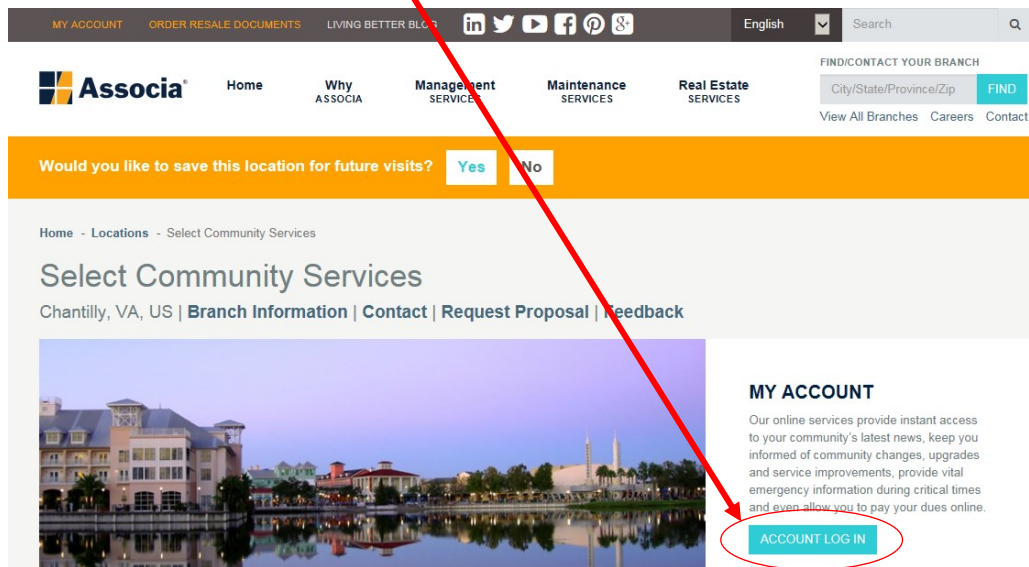
The flyer then questions how budget decisions are made and how grounds priorities are set. The answers can be found in the annual budget that was distributed by mail to all homeowners in advance of the last annual meeting and in the verbal board report and large poster which communicated these priorities at that same meeting. The essence of this report was captured in the draft minutes for the 2016 annual meeting, which have been posted on the community website for the past four months. As always, owners and residents are welcome to attend the board's monthly meetings.

THE CMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

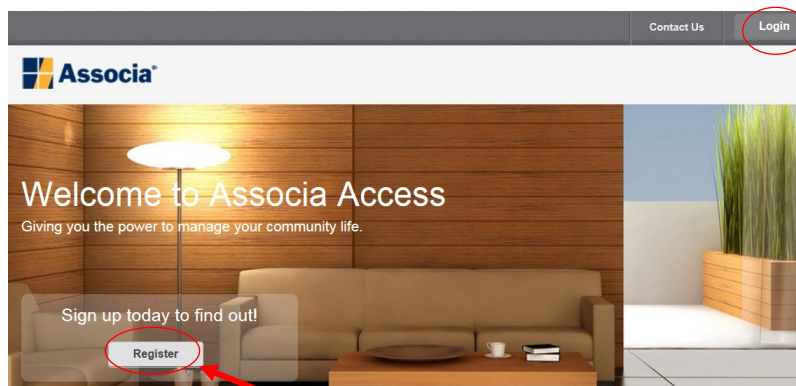
***CHECK YOUR ONLINE HOMEOWNER ACCOUNT—
LOCATED ON THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY'S WEBSITE***

Homeowners can check the status of their account, including transactions after January 1, 2016, by going to: "www.scs-management.com."

- 1. On the Home Page click on "**ACCOUNT LOG IN**" as shown:



- 2. If you have already registered, on the next screen (shown below) click on "Log In." Follow the directions on the screen.



- 3. If you're not registered yet, click on "Register," then enter your account number (a number on your May 1, 2016 bill, starting with 00934), then add the 22031 zip code for Chesterfield Mews. Follow the directions on the screen.
- 4. If you're unsure of your account number, or having problems getting access, contact **Select Community Services** at 703-631-2003, OR CMCA Treasurer, **Helen Fortner** at 703-698-8433.

RECENT REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY IN CHESTERFIELD MEWS

Address	List Price	Sold Price	Days on the Market	Model	Contract Date	Close Date	Comments
3173 Eakin Park	499,000	525,000	2	A	19-Mar-16	20-Apr-16	Updated
3140 Delburne	464,500	468,000	28	B	21-Apr-16	20-May-16	\$12,000 seller subsidy
3168 Readsborough	499,000	502,000	7	C	19-Apr-16	26-May-16	Updated
3135 Eakin Park	469,900	452,500	85	B	13-Apr-16	13-Jun-16	Very dated but well maintained
3154 Colchester Brook	510,000	512,000	4	C	6-Jun-16	15-Jul-16	\$2,000 seller subsidy—remodeled and updated
3150 Colchester Brook	489,888	490,000	47	B	3-Jul-16	8-Aug-16	Updated
3135 Guysborough	489,900	489,000	4	B	12-Jul-16	4-Aug-16	\$5,525 seller subsidy—remodeled and updated
3142 Delburne	435,000	Contract	188	A	14-Sep-16	Est. 31-Oct-16	Needs TLC
3181 Eakin Park	425,000	Contract	17	B	14-Sep-16	Est. 21-Oct-16	Needs TLC

*Real estate data provided by Ginny Howden, Long & Foster Realtors.
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

*To contact the board and for more community information
visit our website: www.inthemews.com*

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