
4 - COMMON GROUNDS

“Common grounds” are the property owned by the CMCA for the use and enjoyment of all residents. Common grounds include green spaces, tennis courts, streets, and parking areas.

aMewsments

Chesterfield aMewsments is the common recreation area located at the foot of Readsborough Court in a lovely wooded setting. The facility consists of a sports court (tennis and basketball) and playground. Chesterfield aMewsments is *private* and for the use of Chesterfield Mews residents and guests *only*. Keys to the courts can be obtained from the board member responsible for the courts (see the CMCA website). Keys are available for a one-time fee of \$25, which helps pay for court maintenance. To obtain a key, please contact the Key Coordinator listed on the CMCA website.

Please follow these guidelines for using the courts, both to protect the court surface and to be courteous to other Mews residents:

- Parents **MUST** accompany children under the age of 12.
- Use courts for playing tennis or basketball only—other sporting equipment is not allowed on the courts.
- Wear only tennis shoes on the court; **NO** roller blades!
- Be sure the gate is locked when you leave.
- If others are waiting to use the tennis courts, please limit your playing time to one hour for singles, two hours for doubles.
- Courts are located in close proximity to several homes; please avoid being excessively noisy when playing, particularly in early morning or late evening hours.

Green Spaces

The CMCA is responsible for contracting with a grounds maintenance company to maintain common grounds. Our current contractor is Blade Runners, whose contact information is on the website and in each newsletter.

Please do not cut or prune trees or shrubs on common grounds. Pruning is an art, and shrubs and trees can be easily damaged. If an unwanted tree, shrub, or other planting is interfering with your property, please contact the board to resolve the situation.

To keep our community looking its best, please also keep all personal property inside your fence. Personal property includes toys, firewood, lumber, garbage cans, and lawn and garden utensils. To maintain security, ladders should always be stored indoors or locked.



Pets

Please remember to pick up after your dog. Keep in mind that:

- Kids play on the grass and don't always pay attention to what they're walking in.
- You may walk your dog at night and won't always be able to see what *you're* walking in.
- Residents who don't have dogs want to enjoy the common areas, too.
- Rats and other rodents *love* dog droppings.

Please ~~also~~ be aware that Fairfax County leash laws apply in the Mews. Dogs must be on leashes at all times.

Streets

Guysborough Drive, up to and including the circle, is owned and under the control of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. All other streets in the development are owned and maintained by the community. The CMCA contracts with a private company for maintenance of these roads, including snow and ice removal.

All street lights (also known as "Watchlights") in the community are maintained by Dominion Power. If you note a burned out light, requests can be phoned to Dominion's

Customer Service Number: 1-866-366-4357, option 1, then option 2 (St/Watch Light outage). If available, request should identify Pole number (generally on the light post) and address close to pole so Dominion can locate pole in the daylight. If they ask for an “account number”, the community’s account number is **7124167508**. The billing address is Chesterfield Mews Community Association, 3175 Colchester Brook Lane, Fairfax, VA.

Parking and Automobiles

Each home in the community has two reserved parking spaces, identified by lot number (your neighbors can tell you which spaces are yours). There are 22 visitor spaces in the community, located along Readsborough Court and Colchester Brook Lane. These spots are for visitors only. Residents’ vehicles may be towed if these spots are used for long-term parking.

Additional parking for guests (or for additional vehicles) is available along Guysborough Dr. or the service road parallel to Route 50.

Vehicles that are parked on the yellow curbs or that are not in a defined parking spot in the community may be towed. There are restrictions on the length of time that an individual vehicle can be parked on the service road or Guysborough Drive. Commercial vehicles owned by residents must be parked outside the community.

Other regulations:

- No portion of the development is to be used to repair cars.
- Vehicle washing is not permitted as soap and other chemicals drain directly into the Accotink stream and flow on into the Chesapeake.
- Vehicles’ license tags, county stickers, and safety inspections must be kept up-to-date.
- Vehicles that are immobile (for mechanical or legal reasons) must be restored to operating condition within 24 hours

Cars not in compliance with these regulations may be towed at the owner’s expense.