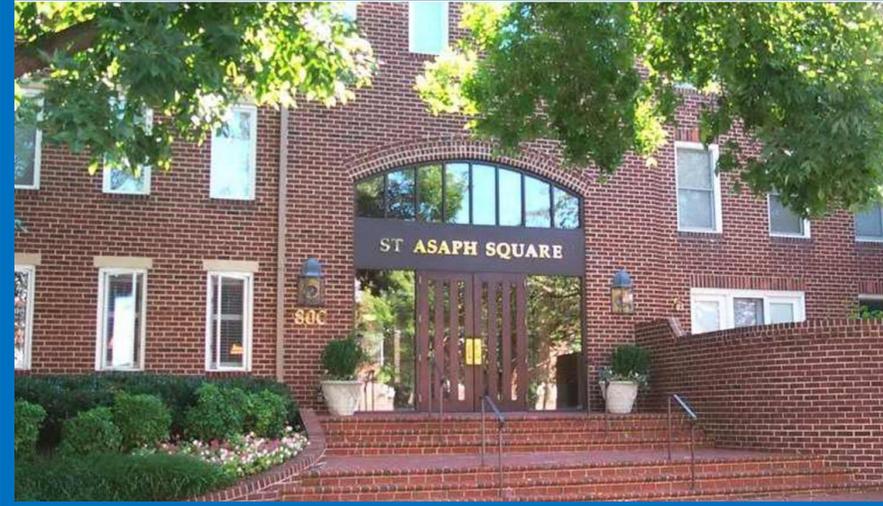


ST. ASAPH SQUARE Newsletter

July and August 2016



St. Asaph Square Website has lots of news and information! Just go to <http://www.st-asaph-square.com>

Board President's Report

Bev Keane, President



Hello Neighbors,

Summer is in full swing and I hope everyone is staying cool and enjoying the slower pace of the season. Pool hours have been extended to include daily openings from 11am to 7pm. Bring a guest, have lunch on the patio and enjoy what Saint Asaph Square has to offer. Please contact Mr. Serry in the Management Office if you need to purchase additional guest passes.

The Board is already looking toward 2017. A Budget Committee will be stood up by the end of August to develop a budget for the upcoming year. Please consider joining the Budget Committee and learn what it takes to run the building. We need YOU to help make decisions that will shape monthly fees and expenses in 2017. If interested, please drop a note to the Board at the [Contact Us](#) link on the Saint Asaph Square website and we will be in touch.

Updates related to the building and other announcements can be found at the Saint Asaph Square website at <http://www.st-asaph-square.com>. Please bookmark the address so you can stay as up to date as possible with building activities and other news. The website also provides other helpful information about Saint Asaph Square and Alexandria.

Please join us at the monthly Board meetings held every the third Tuesday of every month on the third floor solarium, S. Pitt Street side. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Welcome Wagon

Debby Palmer-Mills, Chair

Welcome home, newest residents!

- *Jillian (Jill) Feraro and David Driscoll in #430*
- *Lisa Priesto in #321*
- *Natalee Binkholder in #229*
- *Elinor Kim in #410*



Landscape Committee

Bev Keane, Chair

and Barbara Ballentine



On_vacation!

Social Committee



Happy Hour

Join your neighbors for fun and conversation on Fridays at about 5:30 p.m. on the St. Asaph patio. Bring a beverage of your choice -- soda, lemonade, wine, water, whatever -- but do come! *All are welcome!*

*We need a Social Committee Chair and you'd be *perfect!* Just contact a member of the Board for more information.



Design Committee

*Ginny Long & Shari Keefer, Co-Chairs
Committee Members Deb Bowman, Kathy Helfert,
and Celeste Johnston*

On Saturday, July 16, St. Asaph Square hosted an **Open House** for the area's realtors to see our fresh new interior. We didn't have many takers, but that's ok – the word is definitely out that our old look (Revolutionary War musket men, anyone??) is no more!

(At the July Board meeting, I presented an alternative to the window film in the St. Asaph Street lobby for the Board's consideration. It was a recommendation from myself, not as a representative of the Design Committee. Ginny)



Management's Corner

*Patrick M. Mazzei, CMCA, AMS
Chief Human Resource Officer
and Community Manager*

The building interior renovation has (in my opinion) raised the value of every unit. Time will tell if this is actually true, but when you walk in the lobbies -- even not knowing what they looked like prior to the renovation -- you are instantly greeted with a smart, fresh 21st century look. It is clean and I believe will stand the test of time.

Since the work has been completed, there have been some minor damages to the common areas. These damages usually mysteriously occur during the weekends when site staff is not in the building. It is incumbent on every resident to 'treat' the common areas if they were an extension of their own units as repairs are costly. If you notice any damage, please use the notepad outside the Management Office to report it to Mr. Serry.

The Pool Plaza deck project is substantially complete but will be revisited after the Pool season has ended to correct a few anomalies with the contractor's work. We never accept mediocrity and although this may be an inconvenience to all residents in the area of the construction, the work needs to be done correctly and according to the agreed specifications and scope of work. The Board of Directors will be making a final determination on how best to address these issues in the near future.

Management is still collecting any information regarding service issues with the Comcast TV and Internet provider. Management will also be sending a survey to report these issues -- watch for it slipped under your unit door. When complete, please return it to the Site Management office.

It's budget time again and Management has begun preparing a draft 2017 budget for the Board's review and consideration. St. Asaph does have a Budget Committee, and if you are interested in volunteering please submit your name and contact information to the site office with attention to Ms. Shari Keefer, Treasurer.

Architectural and Construction Modifications inside your unit may or may not require Board approval, city building permits, or the hiring of a licensed and insured contractor. "Do I need Board approval to do 'X'?" ... a question that comes up more frequently than not. The answer is, when in doubt, ask! But as a guideline and rule of thumb, any cosmetic work performed inside your unit does not need approval. Examples such as wallpaper, painting, window treatments (as long as they meet the rules for the color seen from the exterior of the building), and counter top replacements can be completed without approval, while removing walls, changing the footprint of a unit, electrical box relocation, and window replacements all need approval and most likely a permit from the City of Alexandria and approval of the Board of Architectural Review (windows only).

Remember, there are certain guidelines that all contractors must follow when working inside the building. Mr. Serry in the site office has identification badges for your contractors to wear along with a complete set of rules and regulations for your contractor to follow. Please give him a call at 703-683-5858 or visit him during regular office hours.

Stay Cool and enjoy the summer season.

Best regards,

Patrick M. Mazzei



Getting to Know You...

By Mary Ann Radebach

We're looking forward to Mary Ann's return from overseas. She's very much missed -- and her column, too!



Community Bulletin Board

This new column is for anything you want to post – for example, community happenings to tell others about, parking spaces or units to sell or rent, items to sell or give away. Just send postings to vlongmath@aol.com.



St Asaph Square Community Yard Sale Saturday, September 24 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Our sale last year was very successful and a lot of fun. Come to sell or buy or just to visit!

Each person will be responsible for their own sales. Only a few tables will be available so bring your own if you can. Look for more information and a signup sheet soon on the bulletin board outside Mr. Serry's office. Contact Barbara Ballentine at 703/836-5199 or Bev Keane for further details.



Odds and Ends

Alexandria Farmer's Market -- What's the History??

By Barbara Ballentine

It's time for local blueberries, blackberries, and peaches at the Old Town Farmer's Market. When you are there on a Saturday morning think about the history of the place. A search of the City web site yields information on the market from the Office of Historic Alexandria. This is from an article in *Out of the Attic* dated November 2014.

"Market Square was established only a few years after Alexandria was founded in 1749, and the Saturday morning market may be the oldest of its kind in the United States. The site is centrally located on the prime

block, where King, North Royal and North Fairfax streets intersect, and immediately adjacent to City Hall. At that time, Cameron and North Fairfax streets were the main avenues in Alexandria, and their intersection was considered the most important in Northern Virginia. In the early years, Duke and King streets largely accommodated the westbound transportation of agricultural produce from Virginia's vast open lands. Large wagons filled with grains and hogsheads filled with tobacco leaves were hauled to Alexandria's gridded street network near what is now West Street. Within a short time, those heading from Little River Turnpike to the wharves or marketplace could easily access King Street by using a short diagonal roadway, appropriately named Commerce Street.

Cameron Street, named for Thomas Fairfax, the sixth Lord Fairfax of Cameron, was the location of many of the town's finest residences and was bisected by the taxpayer-funded Christ Church. Its west facing facade not only welcomed travelers to Alexandria, but also forced them to divert around the imposing structure and pay homage to the building's importance. Originally, Market Square was little more than a scruffy field where housewares, foodstuffs, animals and farm products could be sold to local townspeople or those coming to Alexandria from its rural hinterlands. The area was also used for other purposes, such as the sale of African slaves and the mustering of militias.

By the late 18th century, the square started to fill with permanent structures and buildings providing a home for prospering commercial sellers, taverns and warehouses. At the start of the Civil War, buildings framed the entire block at the front of the square, with the marketplace reduced to an interior courtyard that could only be accessed by two small passageways called Sharpskin Alley and Market Alley. Sharpskin connected the mid-block space between North Royal and North Fairfax streets, while Market linked Sharpskin to King. Within this confined space, supplemented by stalls at the rear of City Hall, a huge variety of public activities took place and often spilled onto the public sidewalks outside the square. The area was even the site of the Friendship Fire Company before its move to South Alfred Street in 1855.

During Alexandria's 1960s urban renewal project, the covered stalls were replaced by an expanded City Hall, and the buildings that covered the original square were taken down and replaced by a public parking garage, topped by a public plaza and fountain."

Out of the Attic is published each week in the Alexandria Times newspaper. The articles are authored by staff of the Office of Historic Alexandria.
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/historic/info/attic/2014/Attic20141113MarketSquare1919.pdf>

Reminders

- For the safety of all residents, if you are working with a realtor please request that they not give out the code to the building.
- The locked bulletin boards in the entryways are for internal St. Asaph Square communications to owner/residents only. A large bulletin board for posting notices such as 'for sale' items, etc., is located outside Mr. Serry's office. Residents may also forward any items you believe to be of interest for posting in the new **Community Bulletin Board** column of this newsletter.
- Shopping carts in the basement are the property of specific owners and are located at their respective parking spaces. Please return all carts to their original location. They are for the sole use of the individual who owns the parking space unless otherwise authorized.
- Dogs should be kept on leashes in common areas.
- Please ensure that all trash and recycling items are placed in the receptacles in the garage trash rooms and that trash chute rooms are kept free of non-bagged waste. Boxes should be flattened before placing in all receptacles. Note: Single Stream Recycling is in effect.



- An excellent website with lots of information about recycling in Alexandria is...
<http://alexandria.gov/tes/solidwaste/info/default.aspx?>

- Residents are reminded not to park in designated parking spaces unless they have the owner's prior approval. Visitors who use the outdoor visitors' parking spots need to register their vehicles with the office. If the office is closed, please put a sign on the dashboard indicating which unit the car is visiting. The complex reserves the right to tow non-registered vehicles.

- There is a 'NO SMOKING' policy in common areas of St. Asaph Square, including open air balconies.

- Here's a handy link to the *City of Alexandria* site - you can submit online requests for the city to do something. For example, would you like the bus stop on South Washington Street to be restored? Click here and let your voice be heard:

<http://request.alexandriava.gov/CCC/#tab=Find>



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A fun and important way to become more involved in St. Asaph Square is by volunteering. Please consider contacting one of the committee chairs to offer your special talents.



Saint Asaph Square website has *lots* of helpful information. You can find a calendar plus St. Asaph forms & rules on the *Owners/Residents* tab, links to help you move around the DC metro area on the *Neighborhood Links* tab, weather, and more. Just go to <http://www.st-asaph-square.com>.

To minimize printing costs, our goal is to provide the newsletter electronically as much as possible.



Our monthly Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the 3rd floor South Pitt Street solarium. **The next Board meeting is Tuesday, August 16.** The meetings are the place for residents to learn all that is going on in the building and to voice concerns and comments.

- If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletters via *email*, please submit your email address to Serry at Stasaph801@verizon.net.
- If you would like to receive the newsletters using our *website*, just log onto <http://www.st-asaph-square.com> and go to the *Owners/Residents'* tab where the newsletters are posted (please see Serry for the password you will need to access that page). Deb Bowman, creator of the website, will be happy to assist you if you have any problems or questions.
- If you do not have a computer and would like hard copies of the newsletter to be delivered to you, please notify Serry.

To submit an item for the **September & October Newsletter**, please send to vlongmath@aol.com by **September 15**.

Please note that this newsletter is for the purpose of disseminating information that may be useful, important to know, or interesting to residents. The Editor and Board reserve the right to control content of the newsletter. Residents with complaints or dissatisfactions should please direct them to the Board, either in person or in writing. Such issues are then brought up and discussed during the *Community Forum* session of every Board meeting.

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