

President's Report

By Michael Sullivan

It's just beautiful here in the Springtime. I hope you are all enjoying nature's rebirth with everything green and flowers blooming around our AKW home. And, with some of the Pandemic restrictions eased, we are finally able to get out a bit more and take it all in.

As you can see, much progress has been made on our garage project. Although we encountered some emergency repairs in the A Garage, those are nearing completion and we should be able to start that Garage work on schedule.

We are also happy to report that the balancing valve replacement project is complete, so we won't suffer more full-building water shutdowns in the near future. This was a huge endeavor and we are grateful for the cooperation from our residents.

Our committees have been busy engaging in and planning for more improvements in landscaping, security, budget and finance and the swimming pool. And speaking of the swimming pool: Having been forced to miss our pool season last summer, we are thrilled to be able to open the pool for Summer 2021. There are updated rules, restrictions and limitations due to the Pandemic, so be sure to read the details on [page 3](#).

As we all slowly emerge from the restrictions and challenges caused by the Pandemic, it is even more important to greet and help each other along the way. Please continue your care and outreach to your neighbors.

Board Meeting Highlights

Reported Financials

	February	January
Total Cash and Investments	\$2,252,432	\$2,026,725
Year-to-Date Income	\$357,401	\$175,756
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$339,543	\$144,361
Delinquencies \$ - March	\$27,860	\$23,459
Delinquencies % - March	1.37%	1.15%
YTD Reserve Expenditures	0	0
Total Reserves	\$1,723,529	\$1,685,478

Six accounts totaling \$25,822 accounted for 93% of total delinquencies, with 10 accounts of less than \$1,000 (\$2,038) making up the balance.

Board Actions

- Ratified an e-vote to renew the master insurance policy with Weaver Brothers for \$114,313.21.
- \$987.00 to Densel to replace a chiller sensor.
- \$2,671.28 to Densel to replace the master hallway Air Handling Unit motor sheave and starter.
- \$16,368.00 to Densel for a preventive maintenance agreement for a one-year term beginning April 1.



- Planning is underway for the pool opening this summer. More details in this issue and soon to be sent to residents.
- The annual HVAC Inspection program will be extended until June 30.
- The Board reaffirmed that—with the exception of an emergency—water shut-offs will begin no earlier than 9 am.

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Project Update: C/D Garage Deck Reconstruction

Parking

Residents impacted by the first phase of the garage work have been accommodated through a combination of reserved spaces at the former NTB parking lot on Edsall Road and the selective use of Visitor parking spaces. **Residents are encouraged to communicate current parking restrictions to visitors and contractors prior to coming on-site. Towing is being enforced!!**



Garage Repairs

A tendon repair in the ceiling of the A Garage was started but not completed, displacing a small number of residents for the day. Further work will be scheduled soon.

The steel bridge from the walkway to the D deck has been rebuilt but remains closed for now.

B Deck repairs are ongoing. The Contractor has requested permission to investigate 5 areas (patches) that may be problematic in the future. This work is within the scope of the contract, but could extend the completion date by 5 to 10 days.

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So Long, Farewell

Parting is such sweet... oh, you know how it goes.

It was with sadness that we said goodbye to AKW porter, Jose Castillo. He retired once—at least he gave it a go—but decided he needed to stay busy and returned to AKW on a reduced schedule. He finally was ready to say farewell on April 18. We know he was here in 1981, so that adds up to a **astounding** 40 years of service to our community. Always courteous, Jose is a gentleman and an individual of remarkable integrity. He will be sorely missed. Many residents conveyed their farewell via card to wish him many days of rest, relaxation and happiness in his coming years!

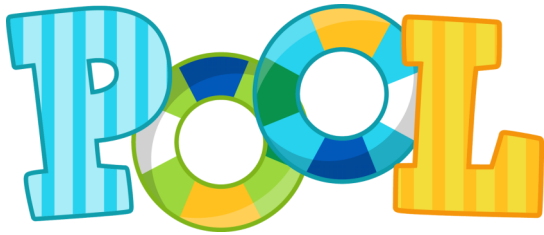


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Kevin Pearson joins AKW

Kevin Pearson joined AKW on April 5 as Maintenance Technician. Kevin has over 20 years in the maintenance field and last worked for Holiday Inn in Alexandria. He will work with Luis troubleshooting maintenance concerns, building repairs and on vendor relations and team management. Please wish him a warm welcome to AKW if you cross paths.





Pool Committee

Stephen Colodner

2021 Pool Season is almost here! I don't know about you, but I really missed the pool last summer. The great news is that the pool will be open this summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Like everywhere else, we've had to make a few changes.

To maintain a safe environment and to comply with the governor's orders, there are some temporary changes from how we've managed the pool in the past. A full copy of the Board resolution and the 2021 Pool Rules will be distributed shortly, but I wanted to give you a brief list of the changes you'll notice.

1. **Registration:** Paper pool passes are no more. We will be using BuildingLink to make an amenity reservation for the pool. You will only have to do this one time to get access to the pool all summer.
2. **Check-in:** The sign-in table this year will have a safety checklist to screen for people with any recent symptoms or risk indicators for COVID-19.
3. **Social distancing:** There is a minimum distance of 10 feet between people who are not of the same household. Pool furniture has also been spaced out and there will be marked areas where the furniture should remain.
4. **Masks:** Masks will be required in the pool enclosure unless you are in the swimming pool.
5. **Hygiene:** Cleaning supplies will be available to wipe down the loungers or chairs before and after use. Extra cleaning will be taking place to sanitize any high contact areas. There will be hand sanitizer stations near the check-in table. As always, we recommend people take a shower before entering the pool facility.
6. **No Spa:** Unfortunately, the spa/hot tub/jacuzzi cannot open this year.

Reduced capacity: Maximum capacity is 18 people in the pool area. First come, first served, but we've rarely been that crowded in the past.

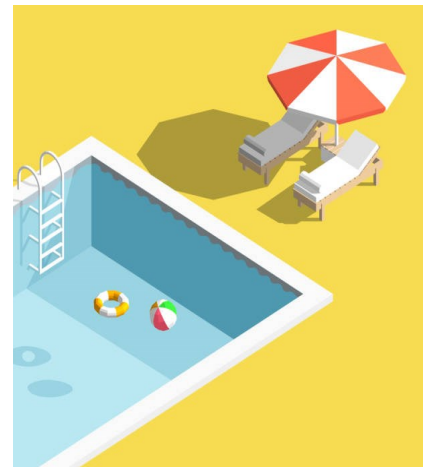
Reservations:

If you're looking forward to getting some sun or taking a dip, use either the BuildingLink app or buildinglink.com to reserve the pool for the summer. Steps:

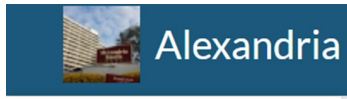
1. Log in to the app on your phone or the site on your computer.
2. Click Amenity Reservations
3. Click Add New Reservation
4. Select the Swimming Pool
5. Set your start and end dates: May 29 and September 6
6. Read the liability waiver and agree
7. Click Submit Reservation or Save

The Office can also assist with reservations for the season.

Here's looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer pool season.



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Amenity Reservations: Calendar View

About This Page

+ Add New Reservation

(Click on Swimming Pool icon.)

Back to Reservations

Select a different Amenity to reserve

Reservation Instructions: The pool rules, including the special health guidelines for COVID-19 are in the Reservation Document below. They are also posted in the lobby and a copy will be available at the lifeguard station. If health guidelines change, those changes will be announced via email and the updated guidelines will posted as well. To reserve for the summer, start your reservation on May 29th and end it on September 6th.

Enter New Swimming Pool Reservation Request

Cancel

Save

Available for reservations on the following:

- Sundays 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Mondays 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Tuesdays 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Wednesdays 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Thursdays 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Fridays 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Saturdays 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM



Rules



Reservation Document:
[2021SwimmingPoolRules.pdf](#) (141.40 KB)

* This amenity can be reserved for up to 101 days.

Date Range Limit: Reservations can only be placed between 5/29/21 and 9/6/21.

Automatic Decline Policy:

Requests are automatically declined after 7 days, if request is not approved.

Available Times On 5/29/21:

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Reservation Date & Time:

May 2021							September 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	29	30	31	1	2	3	4
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Starting on 5/29/21 at 10:00 AM Ending on 9/6/21 at 8:00 PM

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Liability Waiver

I acknowledge and agree that the Alexandria Knolls West Condominium Council of Co-Owners ("Council") has put rules and regulations in place as preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Council cannot guarantee that patrons will not become infected with COVID-19 as a result of using the Swimming Pool Facility. I acknowledge and agree that the novel coronavirus, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19, and that COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. Further, coming to the Swimming Pool Facility could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19, particularly as individuals may not be using face masks while using these facilities. I further acknowledge that, while cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities and equipment is being performed as required by the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order(s), I am still at risk of contracting COVID-19 from the surfaces and air in these facilities, as well as from exposure to other persons. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the pool and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.

I agree to comply with all rules and regulations for using the pool facilities and acknowledge that if I fail to comply with the rules and regulations, particularly those related to health and safety, I may be asked to leave to the Swimming Pool Facility.

To the fullest extent allowable under Virginia law, I agree that I am responsible and liable for myself and household members for any and all claims, liabilities, illness, injuries, expenses, damages to persons or property, direct or indirect, including but not limited to costs and attorneys' fees, arising from, or as a result of my possible or actual exposure to COVID-19 by my use of the Swimming Pool Facility, and that I hereby on behalf of myself and household members agree to release, defend, hold harmless and forever discharge the Association, its directors, officers, employees, members, residents, agents and CMC Management, An Associa Company, its directors, officers and employees from any claims, liabilities, injuries, illness, death, medical expenses, lost wages, damages of any kind, damage to person or property, direct or indirect, including but not limited to costs and attorney's fees, arising from my exposure to, contracting of, or in any way related to COVID-19 in connection with my use of the Swimming Pool Facility.

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS ATTENDEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS.

I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ A COPY OF THE 2021 POOL RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES. FAILURE TO DO SO CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF POOL AMENITY PRIVILEGES.

Type in the word 'Yes' to agree: (Required)

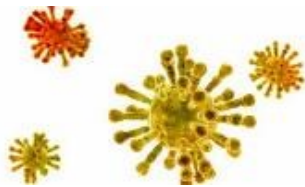
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COVID Corner

While Governor Northam [relaxed restrictions in Virginia](#), to become effective on May 15, you'll want to make sure you continue to follow the mandated guidelines.

Also, if you are interested in using the pool this season, read the instructions on [pages 3-4](#) to learn the NEW rules for this year and how you can get the most out of this amenity. Pool opens on Memorial Day, May 29 and closes on Labor Day, September 6.



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A BIG Reminder . . . And a couple of updates . . .

First: In the past year we've reminded you to NOT flush those 'flushable wipes'. If you saw the pictures with the article in [The Washington Post on Sunday, April 25](#), it probably caused you to say "YUCK!" Author Katherine Shaver said, "More disinfectant wipes also are getting improperly flushed, utilities say, as people sanitize counters and doorknobs. Paper masks and latex gloves tossed into toilets and washed into storm drains are also jamming sewer equipment and littering rivers." She continues: "Utilities say the wipes twist into ropy wads ... then congeal with grease and other cooking fats improperly sent down drains to form sometimes massive "fatbergs" that block pumps and pipes, sending sewage backing up . . . On Wednesday [April 21] WSSC Water said 10,200 gallons of untreated sewage reached a creek in Silver Spring after an estimated 160 pounds of wipes plugged a pipe."



Finally, "utilities are asking customers to stick with the "three Ps" – pee, poop, and (toilet) paper – when they flush." WSSC Water says you can continue to use the wipes, "But put them in the **trash** rather than the toilet."

Yup, this isn't the most palatable article for us to write, but think of the cost of repairs being added to our condo fees. Putting wipes in the **trash** is an easy thing to do, to keep our Community functioning as we'd like! **Many thanks for your doing this for AKW!**

Second: TrashAway has provided us a trash can especially for **glass**. If you're not taking your glass recyclables to the Whiting St. drop-off, please make sure to separate from regular trash or metal/plastic recycling.

Third: Hazardous Waste collection has reopened at the 3224 Colvin Ave. location. Hours: Monday and Saturday (only), 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Keep in your Unit until you can take them to this site. BTW, AKW cameras will identify you if you put any hazardous waste in the trash room; TrashAway will not collect! Because we're all home all the time, **trash tonnage has increased 38%**. Try to conserve! Think ahead about those throw-away plates, glasses, coffee cups, bags and think of our environment!



Senior Services of Alexandria partners with these services for your benefit:



Protect the ones you love with SMART911. The City of Alexandria has joined the nationwide “Smart911” service which lets residents, businesses and visitors provide information to 9-1-1 dispatchers in advance of emergencies. This FREE service allows individuals and businesses to create profiles with home, work and mobile numbers and attach information that would be valuable to dispatchers and First Responders to include medical issues, emergency contacts, pet ownership, vehicle details and more, and can help Police, Fire and EMS to assist you. This is a FREE service from the City. It’s private and secure, as you control your information, available only to trained 9-1-1 dispatchers in participating communities nationwide. **Info, sign up:** alexandriava.gov/911 or call **703-746-HELP (4357)**.

Essential Service – ENDdependence Center of Northern Virginia. The local non-profit provides programs and services to individuals who are disabled as well as a community resource and advocacy center run by and for persons with disabilities. ECVN’s mission is to *END* dependence by empowering people with disabilities to live independently. It is a cross-disability organization and works with people of all ages who have every type of disability.

Their core services are: *Peer Counseling; *Advocacy; *Independent Living Skills Training; *Information and Referral services; and *Transition Service. Additional programs are for Communication and Outreach, Transportation and Mobility, and Medicaid Waiver Services. ECVN maintains a registry of individuals who are available to provide Personal Assistance Services.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, ECVN is able to accept donations of durable medical equipment as well as financial contributions. It is open to people with every type of disability and of all ages. It covers Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties, as well as the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. They are always looking for Volunteers!

For more information go to their website at ECNV Home or call 703-525-3268.

Essential Service – Rebuilding Together DC • Alexandria is an award-winning, mission-driven organization that creates healthy neighborhoods for residents in Washington, DC and Alexandria, Virginia by maintaining housing for low-income homeowners; providing critical home repairs that eliminate health and safety hazards; providing modifications and upgrades to schools, parks, and other common spaces in underserved neighborhoods; and creating homeownership opportunities. To find out more, click on this [link](#). Director of Development Maggie Kelfstad can be reached at mk@rebuildingtogetherdca.org.

Essential Service - DOT Para-Transit provides safe, reliable, Americans with Disabilities (ADA)-compliant, curb-to-curb taxi service, seven days a week for residents of Alexandria unable or find it difficult to use public transportation. This service has over 1,500 registered clients and provides over 50,000 rides annually. For more information including the application to apply for the program click on [Transportation - Senior Services of Alexandria \(seniorservicesalex.org\)](#).

<u>2021 Board Meeting Dates</u>	
May 11	June 8
July 13	August 10
September 14	October 12
November 9	December 14

Sunday, May 9th
Make it special!



Home Rehabilitation Loan Program

From the Office of Housing, this “HRLP” helps owners make repairs or improvements which are required for the health or safety of the owners, or which are needed to preserve and extend the life of the property. A loan can be used to make home repairs and replacements.

Income limits are \$68,000 for one person; \$77,680 for two. The program provides both financial and technical assistance to eligible Alexandria homeowners. Maximum construction loan amount (for a condo) is \$75,000, with no interest, no monthly payments, and due when the property is sold/transferred.

To find out the “rules” for qualifying, call the HRLP office at 703-746-4990, Mon-Fri, 8 am to 5 pm. The Program Implementation Division of the Office of Housing is at 421 King Street, Suite 215. Click here to access their web site—>alexandriava.gov/Housing. *If you need it, take advantage!*

With your support, SSA didn’t miss a step when the need for services more than doubled. Over the past year, SSA staff and our corps of dedicated volunteers:

- Delivered more than 130,000 meals,
- Completed roughly 3,384 Groceries to Go shopping and delivery trips,
- Scheduled 500+ older adults (and counting!) for COVID vaccinations in coordination with the Alexandria Health Department, and
- Made approximately 5,500 Friendly Visitor phone calls to isolated seniors.

That’s why they’re asking for your continued [tax deductible] support at www.seniorservicesalex.org.
Thank you for your generosity!

Glaucoma Awareness Month

We missed that January was Glaucoma Awareness Month, but here’s the scoop:

- Glaucoma can cause vision loss and blindness, which can’t be reversed, due to fluid buildup that damages the optic nerve.
- There are NO early symptoms! No warning signs, no pain, no discomfort, no blurry vision until the problem is advanced.
- Half of the people—nearly 3 million in the US—who have glaucoma aren’t aware of it!
- Some people are at higher risk: African Americans over 40, adults over 60, especially Hispanics/Latinos, and people with a family history of glaucoma.

Schedule a comprehensive eye exam as soon as you can with an ophthalmologist who will dilate your eyes (pupils) to look for signs in the optic nerve (back of the eye). Ask your local family doctor for a referral. To learn more, visit www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma.



Proposed Roadway Changes on GW Parkway

[Alexandria Living Magazine](#), 4/7/21

The GW Parkway is a faster and more scenic alternative to Route 1. Recently, the National Park Service (NPS) released an assessment of traffic and safety along the +6 mile portion of the Parkway between Old Town and Mount Vernon. Chief among the recommendations in the report: Reduce traffic lanes from four to three and add a turning lane.

According to the Alexandria Living Magazine article, “this section of the parkway serves more than 25,000 vehicles daily. The purpose of the traffic and pedestrian safety assessment, according to the report is, “to investigate traffic and operational issues and develop context-sensitive solution[s] to make improvement while maintaining the Parkway’s scenic and historic character.... The report was based on a large amount of traffic data and incorporated feedback from the public, stakeholders and elected officials that was collected in 2019.”

The study focused on nine intersections along the parkway from Belle Haven Road to Stratford Lane. Proposed are a variety of short- and long-term solutions. Initial improvements, which could begin later this year, include:

- Restripe the road to implement a road diet (lane reduction) while maintaining driving capacity.
- Between Tulane Drive and Stratford Lane, the NPS will change markings so that there will be three travel lanes (2 northbound, 1 southbound) and one turn lane.
- Increase visibility of lane markings and Mount Vernon Trail crosswalks.
- Remove vegetation at intersections to improve visibility.

Other efforts and projects could include more public education, increased policing and enforcement of speed limits and distracted driving. Officials are also considering the addition of rumble strips, improvements to traffic patterns (like pedestrian and bicycle refuge islands, roundabouts and U-turn and left-turn lanes) and additional lighting, striping and signs.

A complete copy of the report and more information can be found [here](#).

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New Food/Staples Delivery Option Coming to Alexandria

[Alexandria Living Magazine](#), 4/11/21; [Washington Business Journal](#), 4/8/21

Alexandria will be first in the Metro area to welcome “DashMart.” a DoorDash virtual convenience store featuring items for delivery. A repurposed 5,700 SF warehouse at 826 S. Pickett St. is expected to open in the second quarter of this year. The concept was launched last August and now has 18 locations.

The average DashMart carries 3,500 items from household essentials, medicine and pet food to snacks, ready-made restaurant meals and packaged spices from local retailers. It also sells at-home Covid-19 tests, through a partnership with Vault Health Inc. and Everlywell Inc. Details on purchase minimums and delivery fees were not announced.

With a focus on including local businesses, the Alexandria location will carry Virginia Diner Peanuts and cooking sauces from Glory Days Grill, the restaurant chain founded in Burke 25 years ago. The company also has relationships with Cheesecake Factory and Nando’s Peri-Peri.

DashMart enters a crowded grocery delivery market. With its merchant relationships and logistics tech, San Francisco-based DoorDash believes it has created a concept that can stand out.

Volunteers Needed

Because of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, we're calling for an Owner to step up to complete the term, from now until the Annual Meeting at the end of September.

Although there's a quorum with only six members, it really *does* take that extra person to make a real difference in "the workload," to make sure all points of view are considered, and of course we need your particular skills to complement the other members! Write a paragraph or two about yourself and submit to President Michael Sullivan via the Office mailbox for him. Oh, and then consider yourself a candidate for election at the Annual Meeting. *We need you to think about the incredible service you can render.*



Which reminds us: we're looking for another couple/three folks to cover the Office during times when both Capri and Judy are not available or on duty. *Please* chat with Capri if you're interested in this occasional paid fill-in position.

You know it's Spring when..... the Flea Markets Appear!

The [Del Ray Vintage & Flea Market](#) returned on April 10. The flea market will take place monthly on the second Saturday of each month through November from 9 am - 1 pm.

In addition to the lot at 1900 Mount Vernon Ave., additional vendor spaces will be open at the adjacent Salvation Army Corps building to accommodate social distancing. Thirty vendors will be selling a wide variety of items from clothes to housewares each month.

The Salvation Army is donating the use of their lot and has asked for donations in return. If you are able, donate what you can from their small request list.



Read about the Del Ray Vintage & Flea Market's Co-Founders, Dr. Lauren Fisher and Amy Eggers in an August 2019 issue of [Alexandria Living Magazine](#).

More holidays this month!

May 5 is [Cinco de Mayo](#), the traditional Mexican celebration of the 1862 victory of the Mexican Army over the French. More celebrated in the US, it has become a celebration of Mexican-American culture.



May 5 is also [National Astronaut Day](#). Sixty years ago Alan Shepard and his *Freedom 7* spacecraft launched into space and returned about 15 minutes later. This quick trip put future astronauts on a path to spending days on the moon, then months in the International Space Station. And in February 2021 we have the *Perseverance* vehicle on Mars!



On this day, check out what's going on, and see if you can spot the ISS passing overhead www.spotthestation.nasa.gov.



From the Elections Office — Preparing to Vote: What You Need to Know

Registering to Vote: If you have not registered in Virginia, or if you need to change your name or address, complete the Application (next paragraph) online through the site below, or a paper copy that you can obtain at the Elections Office in Old Town (call and they will mail it to you). Social Security Number is required on this form. Online is really easy and much faster. Paper applications are returned to this office. If you are already registered, you do not need to do it again. Deadline to register is Monday, May 17.

You may **APPLY for a mail-in ballot** electronically by going to the State website www.elections.virginia.gov (this is the main site for Virginia). *You will need your Virginia driver's license for identification, as they use your license signature to verify the application.* You may also call the City Elections Office to obtain a copy of the Application. *Do it now; the Postal Service doesn't assure timely delivery!*

In-Person Absentee balloting began 45 days before Primary Day, so that is already underway. The Elections Office is at 132 North Royal Street in Old Town (middle of the block, across from City Government Plaza, and just a few steps from Gadsby's Tavern). **Phone: 703-746-4050.**

(The real nitty-gritty, in-the-weeds explanations of everything 'voting' may be reviewed in the August-September-October 2020 issues of **Knolls News**, which contained everything you'd ever need to know about voting in Virginia!)

One change to the mail-in ballot is that this one will NOT require the Witness signature on the sealed ballot envelope. Read the entire instructions included with the paper ballot. Pay attention!

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This June 8th Primary Day is for the DEMOCRATIC party candidates. Republicans chose to have their Convention on May 8th. Voting will be candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, House of Delegates, the Mayor of Alexandria, and Members of the City Council. [For the November 2nd General Election, the candidates who win the Primary will be joined on the ballot by the candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff.]

Oh, one other bit of trivia from Alexandria City: for the Presidential election, 98,000 people registered online; more than 40,000 asked for mail-in ballots; more than 20,000 returned those ballots; most of the remainder voted on Election Day instead.

Tuesday, June 8th
Democratic Primary
6am – 7pm
At the OLYMPUS condo



Where has this Year Gone?

Did it slip your mind that our next holiday is Memorial Day weekend? Which means it's time to check out that bathing suit from last year. And the suit coverups. And the flip-flops, the sunscreen, the towels ... gosh, there's a whole lot of stuff! Hard to believe but the pool opens at the end of the month! The Pool Committee has been hard at work and diligent about preparations. **Mark your calendar for May 29**, 10am opening!



Check out the ongoing pandemic guidelines with a list on pages 3-4. Paper copies of the entire Pool Rules 2021 will be distributed to all Units for ongoing reference by Residents for the duration. **Look forward to seeing you!**

Avoid the stress of mail and package deliveries!



We've told you before about the <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail> form you can use to hold mail at the Post Office. With the new mailboxes and reconfigured space in the Office, great gobs of mail and piles of boxes are not available on-site. Complete the form on your computer, using a START and STOP date, and all is taken care of! (One Resident recalled trying this out upon holiday travel as "E-Z, P-Z.") Other choices now include: [USPS Informed Delivery](#) (also apps on iOS and Android), which will tell you

what's being delivered so you can keep on top of all those catalog orders you made! Also available is [FedEx.com/delivery](#) or on the same apps. You're notified of anything matching your name/address, and you can place a Vacation Hold for up to 14 days, or arrange a specific delivery time, or reroute (for a fee). [UPS My Choice](#) (and the same apps) has been around since 2011 – *who knew?* – Fill out your preferences and you can designate a "leave at" location. For an additional fee, UPS can reroute to another state (and they have more choices).

REMEMBER that all of these folks can be considered "first responders" during this pandemic time, so show them due consideration and make their lives as easy as possible!



HVAC Inspections



Because leaking in the heating/ac units continue to cause problems for Residents, last year mandatory professional inspections became necessary for every Unit. The original deadline had been set for the end of May, but pandemic restrictions discouraged residents to allow vendors to enter their Unit. Inspections for this year are **extended to June 30**. Replacement filters may be picked up from the Office.

Important Dates in May

- ◆ Mothers Day Sunday May 9
- ◆ Board Meeting Tuesday May 11, 7:00 pm*
- ◆ Pool Opening Saturday May 29, 10:00 am
- ◆ Memorial Day Monday May 31

*Information on accessing the electronic meetings will be provided in advance.

The Board
meeting.



Meeting agenda is available in the Office the Friday before the

Sharon Grant is a Virginia Notary and offers services to AKW residents by appointment at no charge.
Email sharon@akwcondo.com



Important Phone Numbers

Guard Mobile	571-565-5591
AKW Office Phone	703-751-7541
AKW Office email	office@akwcondo.com
AKW Fax	703-751-2136
A-1 Towing	703-971-2600
CMC Emergency	301-446-2635
Police Non-Emergency	703-746-4444
Police Emergency	911
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