

# The Glen Echo

**Newsletter of Fairlington Glen** 

August 2006

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the Water
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Sept 1st!
Thanks!

During the month of July we were mopping up and trying to figure out how to avoid the water problems we encountered at the end of June. After the Board meeting on July 11, a number of our neighbors volunteered to work on drainage issues. That group got together on July 26 and began to identify the steps we need to take to get rainwater off the property and keep it out of our houses. You'll be hearing more from this group, but they would greatly appreciate it if you would complete the survey in this month's newsletter.

We have a new Variance Coordinator. Greg Lukmire, a respected local architect and a longtime resident of Court 15, has agreed to take on this important responsibility. Among the tasks the Board has asked Greg to take on will be a review of the Glen's record of variances and the rules governing actions that require a variance. We may have a number of things which could receive "blanket variances" which, then, would not need to go through the variance process. We will also work together with the Buildings and Grounds and Landscape committees to review our rules to see if there are things which should be removed from the list of potential violations.

If you are considering doing work on your home, please contact Greg to find out about our process for insuring that owners can renovate their homes while maintaining the architectural and structural integrity of our community.

Greg's e-mail is glukmire@verizon.net and his phone number 703/578-4844.

We also have a new Maintenance Committee. Bob Wilson (Court 12) will chair a group which will work with Ricky Solares, our on-site property manager. Among other responsibilities, the committee will propose standards to the Board for maintenance of the common areas, work with the management agent and on-site staff in planning and monitoring work, assist in preparing contract specs and monitoring contractor work, and suggest common approaches to maintenance problems that Co-Owners share but are not the responsibility of the Association. It will be involved in outreach to the community on maintenance concerns and will coordinate with other groups, including the group working on drainage and other water issues. Bill McShea Ct 11), Dave Sherman (Ct 1) and Jim Hewitt (Ct 1) have also agreed to serve on the committee. Margaret Windus will serve as the Board's liaison to the committee.

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## **Water Problem Survey**

The July newsletter addressed water problems neighbors experienced during the unusually heavy storms in June. As a result of that expanded meeting of the board, volunteers have formed a water task force. The mission of this group is to better identify problem areas and facilitate timely and cost effective solutions to water problems within our homes.

The purpose of this survey is to get input from residents of the Glen, which will help in this endeavor. We hope you take a few moments to give us your feedback. Please return completed survey to: Susie Peetros, 4226 S. 35<sup>th</sup> Street or email to <a href="mailtosuzip@comcast.net">suzip@comcast.net</a> by September 1.

\*\*\*This form is available at the fairlington.org website if you want to download it and email your responses.

#### Home

If you experienced water problems during the June storms, in your opinion, mark any of the item(s) listed a possible cause(s) of your problem:

Deep basement units with backup though floor/shower drains.

Groundwater seepage through floor or base of foundation wall.

Clogged downspouts.

Gutter overflow problems other than downspout.

Leakage though window wells.

Street gutter drain failure.

Common area storm sewer failure

Inadequate landscape/patio grading away from foundation walls.

Other (please identify).

If any of the items identified in question 3 are problem(s) you have previously experienced please list below.

If you have successfully solved a prior basement water problem in the past, what method(s) were implemented, and at what cost?

#### Common/patio areas

Do you have large trees within your patio area? Y/N

Do you have large trees surrounding or growing against your home? Y/N

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#### **Water Problem Survey Continued**

Please identify locations of pooling water you have observed around your unit/court after heavy rains.

Please identify locations of failed gutters/downspouts you have observed during/after heavy rains.

Please identify locations of street sewer drainage problems you have observed during/after heavy rains.

Please identify locations of common area drainage problems you have observed during/after heavy rains.

Your Name: Address: Ct #:

**Phone or Email Contact Information:** 

## **Pool News and Event Highlights**

The pool is now operating under the regular summer hour's schedule: Weekends and Holiday Mondays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Weekdays 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Remember to bring your favorite bottle of Pink or Red to share with your friends at our next Wine Tasting on

#### August 9th at 7 p.m.

Bring your little ones and your lunch for some socializing around the baby pool at the **Tot Lunch & Play every Wednesday morning@11:00am**. Contact Amy Suardi at 703-820-0656 or Susan Lyons at 703-400-9445 for more details.

We have scheduled our second "Masters Swim" from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on August 10th. Our swimmers will get to enjoy several more lanes for serious or fun lap swimming – no worries about random beach ball attacks as non lap swimmers will be limited to the far right side of the pool. And check out the Late Night swim on August 19th, the pool will be open two hours longer so you can take a little dip under the stars.

"Save this date" – **Saturday September 9th from 4-7 p.m.** for our end of year pool party to celebrate yet another fabulous summer in the Glen, complete with yummy margaritas and entertainment from the *Old Kids on the Block*!

**Pool Rules Reminder:** Please be sure to bring your activity card each time you visit the pool, and remember if you bring guests you must accompany them and make certain that they are aware of our pool rules. In order for children to visit the pool alone they must be at least 8 years old and have passed the swim test. Babies and toddlers who wear diapers also are required to wear snug fitting plastic pants over the swim diapers. And finally, if you would like to have a party of eight or more at the pool, please contact "party queen" **Patricia Greenfield at green31@msn.com** and she will be happy to explain applicable rules, etc.

Thanks and have a great summer!

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