



# The Glen Echo

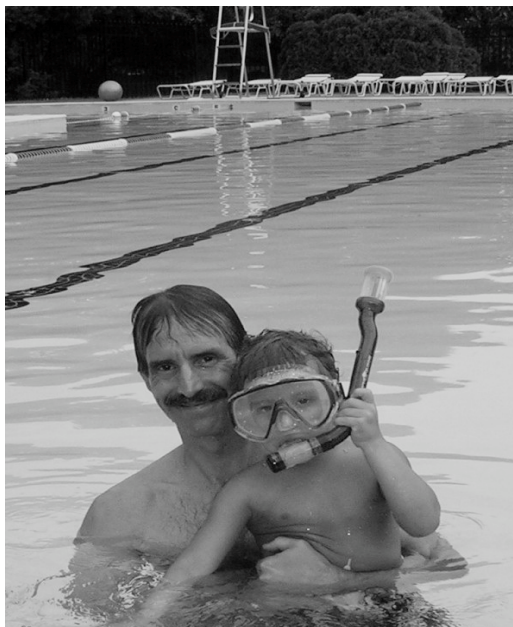
Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

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## Kennan Garvey Remembered



Long time Glen resident and former Board Member **Kennan Garvey** passed away suddenly on January 19th. Kennan was a regular at the pool each summer with his grandson **Jeremiah** (see photo). Kennan will be missed by his many friends in the Glen. For more information on his life and service details, please visit [www.libbygarvey.com/kennan](http://www.libbygarvey.com/kennan).

**Libby Garvey** and her children very much appreciate the outpouring of support they have received over the past month from their friends and neighbors in the Glen. They wish to thank all those who make the Glen such a wonderful place to live.



Spring Walkabout

March 8

8:00am

Meet at Stafford Circle

Join your neighbors to make spring planting plans.

What would you do if you needed to reach a lot of your neighbors in a hurry?

Would you call the Management Agent? Would you call the Glen staff? Would you call or email the neighbors **you** know how to contact? Would you go knocking door to door? Or would you take advantage of using a community bulletin board for all Glen residents to use? Fairlington Glen is building an on-line community through Yahoo Groups to help us stay in touch with one another. Whether you need a tip on replacing your HVAC or lose your keys on a walk, [groups.yahoo.com/group/fairlington\\_glen](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fairlington_glen) is a great way to plug into your community. You do need to set up a Yahoo account with ID (that is free of charge). The group is moderated and available only for co-owners. You may unsubscribe at anytime. Need help getting on the site? Contact Alison Trimble at (703) 931-7096.

March Board Meeting

Thursday, March 6 at 7:30pm

Abingdon Elementary School

In the Media Center

## Welcome Package

The Board has prepared an information package for new owners and residents to welcome them to Fairlington Glen and provide them with immediately useful information. The welcome package covers communication mechanisms, useful contacts, activities calendar, trash and recycling, maintenance and repair, insurance, water usage, and caring for our sewer system. It was distributed to the homes of new 2007 owners last month. Members of the Court Representatives Group (CRG) who attended its January meeting each received two copies for distribution to new owners and renters in 2008. If you would like to see what the package contains, you may view it on the Glen's website at [www.fairlington.org/glendocuments.htm](http://www.fairlington.org/glendocuments.htm).

## By-Laws Revision

Our legal firm, **Rees Broome**, has prepared a revision of the Glen's bylaws to bring the Glen into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our bylaws have not been changed for over 30 years and do not take advantage of the many changes that have occurred in the Condominium Act of Virginia or the technological changes that have occurred in the world. Computer communication via e-mail did not exist when our bylaws were written in 1973, as odd as that may seem to many of you, who can't imagine a world without e-mail (can any of us now?). The charge for late assessments contained in the bylaws is \$3.00 (that is not a typo). We also now have over 30 years of experience interpreting and applying the Master Deed and bylaw provisions in allocation of maintenance and repair responsibilities between the Council and its co-owners, which the Board summarized in last August's memo to co-owners. The mutual obligations of the Council and its co-owners are included in the revised bylaws.

At its February meeting the Board reviewed the proposed bylaws revisions. President **Bob Patrician** has asked the CRG, as well as a group composed primarily of former Board members who have worked with the existing bylaws, to meet with our legal advisors at the **Thursday, March 6**, Board meeting to discuss the proposed revisions. **Peter Philbin**, our lead lawyer, will explain the rationale for the proposed changes and lead the discussion. At a later date, the Board will present bylaw revisions to the community at a Community Forum to seek your support. Given the 75 percent vote needed for approval, we want you all to understand the benefits of the proposed changes. We look forward to engaging the entire community in this effort.

## seeking Space

The Glen needs office space for **Nelson** and **Maria** during pool complex renovation from approximately September 2008 through February 2009. We seek basement space (6:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday) that would provide an office with computer and phone access (we would bring our own) and bathroom facilities. Minor work might be done in the patio area, which could also serve as an entry point to the basement. We will offer a reasonable rental fee for the space. Alternatively, does anyone know someone with an RV they would be willing to rent to us over the winter? Please call **Dave Sherman**, chair of the Pool Complex Task Force, at 703-931-1108 to discuss possibilities. This is a great opportunity for someone who is gone during the day to help the Glen.

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