



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

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Volunteer Opportunities Exist In The Glen

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors will have several seats to fill this fall, and as a result it's time to start thinking about becoming a volunteer in your community.

Board President Ray Alexander and Vice President Amanda Deringer have announced that they will not be seeking reelection in the fall when their three-year terms conclude. In addition, the Board's At Large member, Jonathan Rolbin, has indicated plans to step down with one-year remaining on his term. That will create three vacancies, and therefore increase demand for qualified volunteers to join Treasurer Maynard Dixon and Secretary Jay Yianilos.

In the Glen, Board members serve three-year terms, and those terms are staggered so that in any given year one or two terms are completed. At the Board's first meeting following the fall elections, the new Board will determine each of its officers.

Our community can only continue to be such a vibrant and lively place to live by having its residents volunteer to serve. Fresh eyes are always needed to help steer the direction of Fairlington Glen into the future. The job requires a monthly formal Board meeting lasting two hours at the Fairlington Community Center. Between meetings, Board members interact with Glen residents, co-owners, and our property manager. Day-to-day details of our community are handled by Cardinal Management and our on-site staff.

Candidates should possess a community perspective and the energy necessary to get the job done. Please consider making this your time to step in and serve the Glen. Former Board members will tell you that being on the Board can be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time.

Contact any current Board member to find out more details about the Board's responsibilities and duties.

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TOP 10 REASONS TO VOLUNTEER

According to the Community Associations Institute, here are 10 reasons to volunteer for the Board:

1. Protect your self-interests. Protect your property values. Maintain the quality of life in your community.
2. Correct a problem.
3. Be sociable. Meet your neighbors, make friends, and exchange opinions.
4. Give back. Repay a little of what's been done for you.
5. Advance your career. Build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.



6. Have fun! Association work isn't drudgery. It's fun accomplishing good things with your neighbors.
7. Get educated. Learn how it's done, and don't worry we'll train you.
8. Express yourself by helping with creative community projects.
9. Earn recognition. If you would like a little attention or validation, your contributions will be recognized and celebrated.
10. Try some altruism. Improve society by helping others.

A NOTE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT RAY ALEXANDER

Fellow Glen Residents,

Each year in the fall, the community begins to see and feel the effects of change. Days are shorter, nights are longer, the temperature starts dropping, and leaves begin falling. Change also occurs in the governance of our community. In November, you will be asked to vote on the 2013 budget for Fairlington Glen and elect a new Board of Directors, which will begin serving in December.

This year we will look to elect three new officers to replace incumbents. After three years of service, Amanda Deringer, Jonathan Rolbin, and I will step down and not seek re-election. Remaining will be Maynard Dixon (current Treasurer) and Jay Yianilos (current Secretary). In addition to these two positions, there is a President, a Vice President, and an At Large member. Once elected, the Board members determine who will serve in what capacity for the coming year.

My time of service has been enlightening, fulfilling, and yes at times frustrating. During my tenure we've dealt with the unscheduled events such as record snowfall, intense rain and wind, and the replacement of damaged gutters, downspouts, and shrubbery. Then there were the scheduled events like roof replacements, "B" building mailboxes, landscaping, parking lot improvements, tennis court upgrades, pool activities, and more. I say frustrating at times because of all the well-intended and varied opinions on what the Board should do and not do. While these ideas are easily expressed, they are often not backed with a groundswell of support to participate in a plan of action. Still, we've managed to press on, make progress, and see our community continue to improve, grow in value, and remain an ideal place to live in the national capital region. Along the way there have been volunteers who rose to the occasion, coming forward and making a difference. To them we thank you!

I've owned my unit for 25 years, but departed in 1990 to continue my service as a member of the military. I returned three years ago after completing my military career and was quickly reminded of what made Fairlington and the Glen such a special and wonderful place to live. I am thankful that I live in the Glen and am grateful that I was able to give something back to this community.

I appeal to all of you to consider stepping forward and giving something back to your community as well. We can use committee chairs and members to work on special events or major programs (budget, landscaping, pool, recreation, community outreach, etc). Increasing attendance at our monthly meetings (2nd Tuesday at 7pm—Fairlington Community Center) to engage in a dialogue about our community and where we want it to go and grow in the future would add value to the decisions we make and the direction we set. And of course, we need officers to serve on the Board. While we have a management agent, the co-owners are responsible for governance of the Glen. I am confident that no one in our community desires to relinquish our voice and means by which to influence and protect our investment.

There are no prerequisites for service other than being a resident co-owner with an interest and desire to make a difference. The time commitment is both minimal and (*continued next page*)

(continued from page 3) manageable. So please consider stepping forward and being part of setting the path for the Glen's future. The Glen needs you and there are many who have enjoyed the benefits of living here without participating in making this the special place it is. Now is an ideal time.

We will be soliciting nominations for candidates by the end of summer. The Glen's annual meeting and Board election will be Wednesday, November 7. Please consider being part of the governance process.

Sincerely,

Ray Alexander, Board President

WATERING NEEDED TO KEEP GLEN GREEN

The Board encourages all residents to water plants and trees near the buildings where they live to help protect our investment in common area greenery. Water consumes about 15% of your monthly condominium fee.

Generally, shrubs and trees need deep watering each week, especially during hot, dry spells of summer. And our lawns require 1 to 1-1/2 inches of rain every 7-10 days from spring through fall, either by rainfall, by watering with hoses, or both.

When using a sprinkler, we urge you to use a timer so that water does not drain into parking areas and storm drains. Be especially careful if using soaker hoses in foundation plantings. Too much water for an extended period right close to buildings may cause leaks into basements. Also, when setting up sprinklers, please try to avoid water loss onto sidewalks, parking lots, and streets.

We need the watering help of all residents to keep our plants, grass, and trees healthy throughout the growing season. Please take responsibility for the lawn and shrubbery areas in the front, rear, and side of your residence and for common areas nearest your residence. Join with your neighbors in watering lawn, shrubbery, and tree areas along the street.

Water preferably early in the morning, and please do not water during the hottest part of the day to prevent evaporation. Avoid late afternoon or evening watering to the extent possible, so that foliage and grass is dry by nightfall to prevent fungal and other diseases.



PATIO REMINDERS

Summer's sun and warmer weather allow you plenty of time to enjoy your backyard patio. Whether grilling, entertaining, sunbathing, or just sitting outside reading a book, you'll find your own patio to provide the perfect spot. And this is also the perfect time to remind you about some of the do's and don'ts of patios in the Glen.

Co-owners and residents must keep their patio areas clean, neat, orderly, and free from obstructions or accumulation of personal property other than patio furniture. The Glen assumes no liability for loss or damage to articles stored in or on that patios and is not responsible for damage to anything built, placed, or planted in the patio area except when such damage was caused by the gross negligence of Glen employees and/or contractors performing maintenance.

HOT TUBS: Hot tubs are not permitted in patios.

LANDSCAPING WITHIN PATIOS: Co-owners may landscape within their fenced enclosures provided it does not impact adjacent units and does not violate any Glen policy.

PATIO TREES: Patio trees, along with other trees throughout the Glen, beautify our neighborhood. They provide shade for humans, homes for birds, and contribute to a healthy environment. Please remember, however, that patio trees are the responsibility of the co-owner to maintain, including trimming and removal when appropriate. Branches should not touch roofs, gutters, buildings, or interfere with other common elements such as tennis courts. Trunks and roots should not intrude into your neighbor's yard or common elements or push against fences. If they do, you will be required to remove them at your expense.

When planting new trees in patios, we urge you to consider small trees whose eventual size is scaled for small areas like our patios rather than mighty oaks or maples that are better suited for more open areas. Some trees that are appropriate for patios include:

Deciduous Magnolia

Star or Gem Magnolia

Eastern Redbud (many color varieties)

Serviceberry

Mountain Laurel (can be grown as a small tree)

Crepe Myrtle

Red Spruce



Plum

River Birch

Kousa Dogwood

Bald Cypress

Styrax

Japanese Maple

PATIO STRUCTURES (Blanket Variance): No structures shall be placed or constructed inside the patios that exceed the height of patio fences, and structures may not be attached to patio fences. Table umbrellas, trees, and shrubs may exceed the fence height. Hanging plants must be below the fence line except those hanging from rear door canopies.

UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE: This is the responsibility of the co-owner or resident to monitor and keep underground drainage devices attached to the downspouts in the patio areas clear. Failure to do so may result in a back-up in your unit or a neighbor's unit, and any resulting damages are at the co-owner's or resident's expense.

VINES: Vines or plants may be placed on trellises within the patio area. Trellises are not to exceed fence height. Vines are not permitted on buildings or fences.

IT'S A TWO-STEP PROCESS



When taken outdoors in the Glen, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Pet owners or their agents must also clean up after their dogs at all times. Dog waste should be bagged and deposited with trash or in trash cans located in the Glen. When walking a dog, please remember to (1) pick up the poop and (2) properly throw it away. Do not leave the bagged dog waste on the ground near the curb. It is your responsibility, not our trash contractor's or on-site staff's, to throw it away.

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE WHILE ON VACATION

Before you hit the road on a summer vacation, take a few precautions so your home isn't enticing to thieves. Implement these safety tips to help keep your home and our community secure.

Call on friends for help. If you're going to be away, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to check on your house every day or two—or better yet, housesit—while you're gone. It's also a good idea to alert your neighbors that a friend is monitoring your property so they don't call the police to thwart a perceived break in.

Set your lights on a timer. Leaving your house unlit for days on end is a sure sign to burglars that it's empty, but so is keeping the lights on 24/7. Instead, set the timer to simulate your regular routine.

Stop your mail and newspaper. Nothing screams "nobody's home" like a pile of newspapers on your doorstep. If you can't get a friend or neighbor to collect them for you, it's a good idea to temporarily stop delivery of both your mail and your newspaper.

Don't leave the spare house key lying around. That fake rock where you keep the extra house key isn't always as discrete as you think. Whether you keep a spare key under your welcome mat, above the door frame, or in a hide-a-key contraption, chances are it'll take the average burglar just minutes to find it and gain access to your home. Instead, take that spare key with you, let a friend hold onto it, or put it in a safe place inside your house.

Make a last-minute checklist. Are all the windows and doors locked? Stove and oven turned off? How about all the faucets? Are the electronics unplugged and the valuables secured? Take five minutes before you leave to make sure your house is vacation ready!

ARLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS EXPAND

Beginning this month, each of the seven branches of the Arlington Public Library will now be open every day of the workweek. That means that the Shirlington branch adds hours of 10am to 6pm on Thursdays to its schedule. These new hours were approved by the County Board for the Fiscal 2013 budget. For more details, visit <http://library.arlingtonva.us>.

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