



The Glen Echo

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Fairlington Glen Resource Guide: “Did You Know? 2007” Attached

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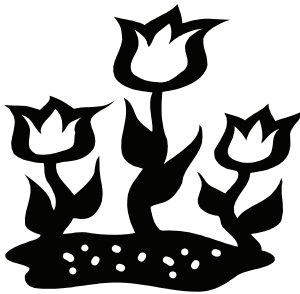
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Who do I call when my sink is clogged????? What can I do to my front “yard”???? Help! Someone is parked in my space...What now????? How do I know what I can recycle???

Find the answer to these burning questions (and many more!) in the updated copy of “Did You Know?”, a community resource guide published yearly. This guide gives helpful reminders for those occasional questions that come up regarding garbage collection, pest control, building maintenance and more. The guide has been updated to include the new contact information for our community management agent, Beth Cousino, of Cardinal Management.

Please note that when you send an e-mail to Ricky Solares in the Maintenance Office at fairlingtonglen3m@verizon.net, you should also send a copy to Beth Cousino at b.cousino@cmgmt.com so that she is aware of what you have requested. It is best to use e-mail for routine maintenance requests, whether by individuals or court reps, to ensure that Ricky and his staff have a clear understanding of the problem, as well as the address and phone number of the affected resident. Ricky will acknowledge all requests, either by e-mail, a phone call, or a response hanger left on the door.

REMINDER



**March 10 (Sat)
Glen Landscape
Spring planting
and maintenance
review begins at
8:00am.**

**Meet at the
Stafford Circle.**

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I recently attended the February meeting of the Court Representatives Group. The Board wants to increase the use of court representatives as a means of fostering communication within the Glen. We want you to know what we are doing and why, which we do partly through this newsletter but also via court representatives. I also attended a meeting of Court 10 residents sponsored by the court rep. Individual Board members would welcome the opportunity to join other such meetings. We encourage the establishment of e-mail groups within your courts that may enhance communication both within your court and with the Board.

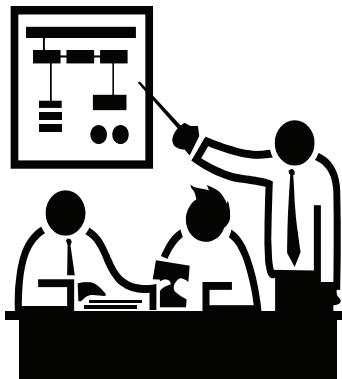
We want to hear from you individually as well. You can do this by talking to your court representative, via e-mail or phone to any Board member, or by attending a Board meeting the first Thursday of each month. The first half hour is open for residents to express concerns or raise topics for the Board to consider at future meetings. I'd appreciate hearing about your interest beforehand if possible (703-379-4379 or bob.patrician@verizon.net). (more...)

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)



Winter finally caught up with us in February. Day after day of cold, and then a typical wet Washington snow storm midday on a Tuesday. Despite a mixup that led to a late start, our plowing contractor was able to get to most parking lots before the end of the day. Unfortunately, that plowing was not everything for which we might have hoped. The real problem, however, came that night when frigid temperatures turned all the wet snow to thick white ice. At that point, there was nothing to do but wait for warmer air almost a week later. Then, of course, another storm hit this past Sunday morning. All the predictions called for freezing rain and sleet. Trying to get ahead of that kind of problem, our crew spread de-icer on all the sidewalks that morning. Late in the morning thick snow started falling, eventually leaving us with four or five inches of the stuff. Another case of best laid plans gone awry. I appreciate the efforts of all our Glen neighbors who cleared the walks in their courts that afternoon because by the time the snow came it was too late to recruit shovelers until Monday morning. We can hope to dodge more snow as we trudge toward spring. That would be great if it happens. But since we can't control the weather, all I can pledge is that the Glen will continue to do its best to meet the challenges as they come.

SEWER STUDY IN PROCESS



Planning is well underway for the various engineering studies that Restoration Engineering, Inc. (REI) will conduct this spring of sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and site drainage issues. Thanks to all of you in low units who are participating by providing access to the internal point in your basement from which the sewer lateral exits the building. We will be in touch with those of you who need to take steps to make access available. This will enable you to participate by having a videotape made of your line. Because the possibility of a sewage backup exists in such units, we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity offered by this study.

The sanitary sewer study, which will provide us with a more detailed map of the Glen's sewer lines than we have ever had before, will also enable us to integrate our landscaping plans with the need to keep roots out of our aging sewer lines.

Bob Patrician

CAN YOU LEND A HAND?



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE--We need a volunteer to help scan hard copy documents onto a disk in Word format so they can be edited--not an endless number but perhaps 60 pages. Please call John Fuller at 703-521-1835 or Margaret Windus at 703-379-1718 if you can help or can offer us the software to enable us to do so on our own.

ASSESSMENTS--Please bring your assessments up to date, as regular procedures for the collection of assessments, including fines, begin again in April.
