

## The Glen Echo

#### **Newsletter of Fairlington Glen**

March 2017

#### Bylaws Amendment Passed

On December 13, 2016 the Board voted unanimously to approve an amendment to our Bylaws regarding monetary charges for violations of Article VI, Section 6 of the Fairlington Glen Bylaws. Subsequently, the amendment was recorded in the Arlington County land title records on January 10, 2017 and notice of such was mailed to all co-owners on February 15, 2017.

As stated in Treasurer Maynard Dixon's letter to co-owners, the Glen had always assumed that it could assess monetary penalties, if necessary, to co-owners for violations of its governing documents, to the extent allowed, and observing due process procedures under Virginia law. However, about three years ago legal counsel advised, due to an adverse court decision not involving the Glen and related legislative developments, our ability to assess monetary penalties may be imposed only if specifically named in the association's governing documents.

Our Bylaws provide an opportunity for the Board to amend only Article VI, Section 6 Rules of Conduct. Counsel prepared the deed of amendment and recommended that we amend Section 6(r) to state that the Board may impose monetary penalties for violations of the rules prescribed in that section in accordance with the limits and procedures prescribed by Virginia law, and the Board followed suit.

A great majority of Glen residents readily observe and follow Glen rules. But on occasion that rules are violated a notice of such violation is sent to a co-owner. A great majority of those violators comply, and therefore no further action is needed. However, there have been a few cases where a co-owner refused to observe the same rules observed by everyone else. As Treasurer Dixon pointed out in his letter, unless the Glen's ability to assess monetary penalties against such scofflaws is reaffirmed, the Glen's only remedies would be to sue in court - which of course is a costly and time-consuming route to take. Therefore, this new amendment restores without question the community's full ability to remedy violations of rules of conduct if needed.

Jay Yianilos / Board President

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#### Glen Residents Briefed On Environmental Matter

On Thursday, February 16, 2017, attorneys Trent Zivkovich and Andrew Terrell of the firm Whiteford, Taylor & Preston L.L.P., hired to represent the Council of Co-owners, met with Glen co-owners, residents, and members of the Board at the Fairlington Community Center to update the community on the on-going environmental matter. During this two-hour meeting, Zivkovich and Terrell provided background on the situation, status updates, and a plan of action moving forward.



The meeting followed a detailed letter that was mailed to all Glen co-owners on February 6, 2017 from Board President Jay Yianilos discussing the issue.

At press time, the Board was still waiting for the approved indemnification agreement to be returned by ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC (ECS). The document, which was approved and signed at the Board's January 10, 2017 meeting, will grant ECS permission to continue collecting soil and groundwater samples in the common areas near Courts 1, 2, 14, and a portion of 15 closest to Court 14.

In the meantime, several units in Court 14 have had sub-slab vapor testing done by ECS. If you live in Court 14 and want to have this test performed, then please contact our property manager Candace Lewis at Cardinal Management Group by phone at 703-565-5244 or by email at <u>c.lewis@cardinalmanagementgroup.com</u>.

#### Stoop Repairs Will Continue

Last year, Board Secretary and Maintenance Chair Bill Worsley surveyed all 181 front stoops in the Glen and identified the worst ones for structural and foundation repairs. On September 13, 2016 the Board approved a contract with C.A. Lindman, Inc. in the amount of \$274,830 (a reserve expenditure) to repair the worst stoops at 26 addresses and complete brick facade repairs at 21 buildings. Stoop work in Court 9 was completed last fall, but subsequent repairs were halted when winter began. With spring coming, the work will begin again this month, with Courts 10 and 1 first on the list.

A complete list of the 26 stoops that will be renovated was printed in the December issue of the *Glen Echo*.



#### Replacement Of Rotten Wood Underway

At its meeting on February 14, 2017, the Board approved a contract with Kolas Contracting, Inc. of Alexandria for carpentry repairs of rotten wood in Court 9-11 and Courts 13-16, and that work has begun.

Notice of this work was provided to the Court Reps in the affected courts by the Glen's property manager.

#### **Arlington Crime Rates Decrease**



On February 7, 2017, Captain Adrienne Quigley, Third District Commander of the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), reported at the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) meeting that overall crime rates in the County are down and there's been a 12% decrease in neighborhood criminal incidents in 2016.

Capt. Quigley said that frauds, such as identity theft; skimming of credit/debit cards; breaches and scams, continue to be the number one crime in the County.

She added that there were 20 stolen cars in Arlington in 2015, but only 4 reported in 2016.

Larcenies from autos continue to be an issue, and Capt. Quigley pointed out that more than 80% of the larcenies from autos occurred in cars that were left unlocked. In addition, Hondas and Acuras remain targets for airbag thefts.

Capt. Quigley reminded Fairlington residents, "If you see anything suspicious, call the police."

Regarding traffic violations in Fairlington, Capt. Quigley said that the ACPD will continue to monitor our neighborhoods for speed and violations such as running of stop signs. She said, "I ask you to ask your neighbors to stop at stop signs."

## Fire Department Offers Operation Fire Safe

Captains Thomas Shamblin and Justin Tirelli of Arlington County Fire Station 7 in Fairlington also spoke at the February 7, 2017 FCA meeting, and both shared information on the Arlington County Fire Department's (ACFD) Operation Fire Safe.

Many did not know that the ACFD offers free smoke alarm inspections and free smoke alarm installations in County homes. In addition, firefighters are happy to review basic fire safety procedures with residents. To schedule a free inspection or installation from the ACFD, complete the form at <a href="https://www.fire.arlingtonva.us">www.fire.arlingtonva.us</a> or call 703-228-4644. If you rent your home, the County fire code requires your landlord to install and repair smoke alarms.



The ACFD points out that working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a fire in half!

Please ensure your smoke alarms are working and installed properly by following these tips:

- 1. Install smoke alarms on every floor and in every bedroom.
- 2. Test the alarms every month by pressing the "test" button on the unit.
- 3. Change the batteries in your smoke alarms twice a year, unless the alarm is equipped with a 10-year lithium battery.
- 4. Replace the alarms every 10 years.

## Landscape Committee - Spring Is Coming

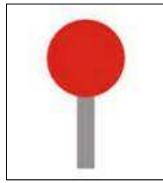
Soon, the landscape committee will be moving forward with a few projects in the Glen. The large Photinias that line Quaker Lane will be trimmed. Although these shrubs were planted by Arlington County, the Glen has an agreement with the County to maintain the Photinias. Also, a new Crepe Myrtle tree has already been planted in Court 15, and the committee will be working on flower beds that need revamping.



In preparation for exterior painting in Courts 1-4 later this year, the Glen will trim all common area shrubs and trees that interfere with the painting process. However, co-owners are responsible for necessary trimming within their patios. The landscape committee recommends that patio trimming be done by the end of March.

The Glen has contracted with Lancaster Landscapes for lawn maintenance and green needs. They bring decades of experience and knowledge, long-term employees, and a willingness to work with the Glen to get our landscape back to a much healthier and more vibrant look. In fact, the contractor will start with a spring clean up of all common areas in early March with mulch to follow.

#### **NOTICE TO ALL RED REFLECTOR CLUB MEMBERS**



To prepare for mulch and to maintain the general look of all Glen plant beds, the landscape committee asks that you rake all leaves out and weed and trim your beds. If you no longer want to participate in the Red Reflector Club, then please email the committee's Carolyn Lathey at <a href="mailto:lathey.ca@gmail.com">lathey.ca@gmail.com</a>. Red Reflector Club members who opt out will have their plant beds maintained by Lancaster Landscapes. To join the Red Reflector Club and maintain your own bed, please complete and submit the form on page 5 of this newsletter.

Gardening is fun and good exercise. Let's work together to make our little neck of the woods even more inviting. For general landscape questions or comments, please email <a href="mailto:glenlandscaping@qmail.com">glenlandscaping@qmail.com</a>.

Also, please note that the monthly meeting of the landscape committee will now start at 7:15pm on the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Fairlington Community Center, located at 3308 S. Stafford Street. The committee's next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7.

## FAIRLINGTON GLEN RED REFLECTOR CLUB

The mulched beds surrounding our homes are common property, maintained by the landscape contractor. Some residents prefer to maintain their common front/side beds themselves. A red reflector in a visible place in your bed alerts the contractors to leave this area alone.

#### This form should be completed each year and submitted by March 31st.

#### The resident:

- will install a red reflector (provided) in the bed in a visible location.
- will regularly maintain the beds including:
  - a) prune shrubs away from building.
  - b) weed, feed, and deadhead.
  - c) water.
  - d) spring & fall cleanup of annuals and perennials.
- will avoid planting anything invasive, including but not limited to English ivy.
- understands that the Glen Board of Directors reserves the right to assume responsibility for improperly maintained beds.

(mulching provided at least once a year by Glen contractors)

#### PLEASE PRINT

Name of Resident(s):		Co-owner/Tenant (circle one)		
Address:	Court #	_		
Phone Number:	Email:			

Please return your completed form to and pick up your reflector from Carolyn Lathey, 4128 36th St. (Court 5).

You may also email the form to <a href="mailto:lathey.ca@gmail.com">lathey.ca@gmail.com</a>

HAPPY GARDENING! Glen Landscape Committee

#### **FiOS Installation Continues**



The second phase of the Verizon FiOS installation has been completed. This phase involved burying optical fiber lines and installing handholes, which are the flush mount boxes in the ground that contain the connections for up to eight units. The handholes will be connected to one main box in the Glen; however, that main box has not yet been installed. The next phase of work will be the installation of this main box by Verizon.

The FiOS contractor restored the work areas upon completion of its work, and that contractor has even returned a time or two to make sure the damaged grounds have been covered with new dirt, seeded, and covered with hay. We recognize, though, that many areas will still need landscape attention during the spring.

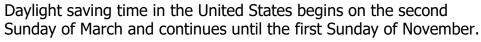
Once the main box is installed, Verizon will connect the buried optical fiber lines to its system. After the system is built, unit co-owners will be able to go to a Verizon website (which will be provided to all residents) that will indicate if the system is ready. Then the co-owner may contact Verizon to have a Verizon contractor come to the unit to identify an installation plan and provide a basic installation at an individual unit. Time frames for these additional steps have not yet been provided by Verizon, but will be shared with residents when the Board receives the information.

Remember, if you have any questions about the FiOS installation please email your questions and/ or comments to <a href="mailto:fglenfios@gmail.com">fglenfios@gmail.com</a>.

## **Daylight Saving Time Returns**

On Sunday, March 12, we return to Daylight Saving Time. That means at 2:00am please set your clocks forward one hour - or change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night. You'll lose an hour of sleep that night, but gain daylight in the afternoon.

Plus, this is always a great time to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detector.





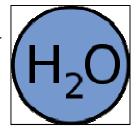
## Two Simple Recycling Reminders



- 1. Please do not put any Styrofoam products out for our weekly recycling in the Glen. Capitol Services of Virginia, our trash and recycling contractor, does not recycle Styrofoam.
- **2.** Please remember to put ONLY newspaper and mixed paper into the yellow cans. Glass, plastic, and aluminum recycling items are to be placed in the dark-colored bins. Cardboard items should be placed on the ground.

## **Indoor Water Conservation Tips**

Did you know that you can reduce your indoor water consumption by 20 to 40% without purchasing expensive equipment? It's true, and reducing water can mean substantial savings to the Glen. The following suggestions will help you get in the habit of saving water:



#### **KITCHEN**

- Run automatic dishwashers only with a full load.
- When washing dishes in the sink, keep a large bowl of water for rinsing rather than running the water continuously.
- Keep a container of water in the refrigerator for cold drinks. If you have to run your tap while waiting for cold water, then collect the running water in a pitcher for later use.

#### **BATHROOM**

- Conventional toilets use about five to seven gallons of water per flush. Water used for each flush can be reduced by placing two half-gallon plastic bottles filled with water in the tank.
- Install a low-flow aerator on your showerhead and sink. These devices can be purchased at a hardware store and are easy to install. They reduce flow to approximately three gallons per minute instead of the usual five to 10 in a shower. Also, take shorter showers.
- Turn off tap water while brushing your teeth or shaving.

Remember, when you use less water you are also using less energy. Monthly water bills continue to be a large part of the Glen's increasing monthly costs. If we all do our part, then we can save energy and money for our community.





It's tax season again, and if you haven't filed your federal and/or state income tax returns yet please be aware that the filing deadline to submit your 2016 federal tax returns is Tuesday, April 18 this year rather than the traditional April 15 deadline.

April 15 falls on a Saturday this year, and that normally means that the filing deadline is moved to the following Monday. However, Emancipation Day is observed on April 17 in

the District of Columbia which pushes the nation's filing deadline to Tuesday, April 18. Under the tax law, legal holidays in DC affect the filing deadline nationwide.

The deadline to file Virginia tax returns in Monday, May 1.

## FCA Hosts Home Improvement Seminar

Don't miss the Fairlington Home Improvement Seminar on Saturday, March 4 beginning at 9:00am at the Fairlington Community Center (FCC), 3308 S. Stafford Street.

Once again, this event will showcase the advice and expertise of remodeling and repair contractors who are quite experienced with work in Fairlington. Topics include kitchen remodeling, bathroom makeovers, window replacement, heating & cooling issues, overcoming plumbing challenges,

and also permits & inspections.



This day-long event will feature seven seminar sessions in Room 118 of the FCC. The number of participants will be limited based on classroom occupancy restrictions, so arrive early as seating is on a first come basis. Here is the seminar schedule:

9:00 - 9:45am	Frosty's (Heating & Cooling)
10:00 - 10:45am	DeLong Home Improvement
11:00 - 11:45am	Nova Installations (Windows & Doors)
12:00 - 12:45pm	Arlington County Building Permits
1:00 - 1:45pm	Liquid Plus (Plumbing)
2:00 - 2:45pm	Silva Construction
3:00 - 3:45pm	GH Contractors & Handyman Services

This seminar is free and is open to all Fairlington residents and visitors.

## Fairlington Farmers Market To Reopen In May



Opening day for the 2017 Fairlington Farmers Market will be Sunday, May 7. Mark your calendars now and get ready for the third season of our neighborhood farmers market offering great foods from both returning and new vendors.

The market will be open every Sunday through November 19 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the rear side of the Fairlington Community Center.

For more information, visit www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org.

## Register Now For The 4th Annual Fairlington 5K



Start training for the 4th Annual Fairlington 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, April 29.

This family-friendly event will be hosted by Abingdon Elementary School and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) to promote health & physical fitness AND to bring the community together for great causes - to raise money and awareness for Ellie McGinn, Abingdon's physical education program, and Abingdon's literacy program.

Eillie is a third-grade student at Abingdon and a Fairlington Arbor resident who was diagnosed in 2011 with a rare degenerative brain and spinal cord mitochondrial disease for which there is no known cure. Proceeds from previous races have helped the family's foundation, "A Cure For Ellie," kick-start research at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore that aims to cure Ellie's disease.

Plus, a silent auction on April 21 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon Street, will help to raise funds for "A Cure For Ellie" and the Abingdon Elementary School PTA.

Participants can take part in the 1-mile Fun Run or 5K (3.1 miles) through Fairlington. Part of the 5K course even comes through the Glen. If you can't participate, perhaps you can help cheer on the runners and walkers.

Registration rates for the 5K will be \$35 for adults, \$20 for kids 6-16, and FREE for children 5 and under.

Costs for the 1-mile fun are \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids 6-16, and FREE for children 5 and under.

Participants will receive t-shirts. And dogs and strollers are welcome. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.fairlington5K.com">www.fairlington5K.com</a>

## Fairlington Home & Garden Tour

The Fairlington Historical Society's (FHS) 2017 biennial Home & Garden Tour is set for Saturday, May 13 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. You'll get a chance to see recently-remodeled homes and patios in both North & South



Fairlington. Plus, you can get details about the work from the co-owner or contractor in the event you get the remodeling bug.

The FHS is currently seeking homes and patios of all styles and types to feature on the tour as well as additional volunteers. If you have any ideas, please contact Patty Clark of the FHS at <a href="mailto:pclark620@gmail.com">pclark620@gmail.com</a> or 703-820-7328.

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NOTE: The Glen does not retain contractors for, or allow staff to undertake, repairs that are a co-owner responsibility (such as sink back ups) under its Bylaws, absent emergency where the co-owner is unable to act (disabled, out-of-town, etc.).

# March 2017

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9	10	Board Meeting - 6:45p/FCC	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 PAY TAXES	19	20	21	22
23	24 Court Reps Group Meeting - 7:00pm/ FCC	25	26	27	28	29
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