



# The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

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## Message from the President

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We're nearing the end of a very active time in the Glen. We have completed painting in several courts as well as inside painting and carpeting in the B-Buildings. We have repaired or replaced several front stoops. We've replaced a couple of roofs. Volunteers and the staff have upgraded the Tot Lot to make it safer for our kids. The Finance Committee developed our 2007 budget. We have a new committee working on Maintenance issues, new leadership for our Landscape Committee and the Court Representative Group to reinvigorate the mission of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. And we are finally on the verge of completed the process of collecting insurance reimbursements for several owners who filed with the Glen's flood insurance after the rains of late June.

In addition, as is mentioned elsewhere in this issue of the Echo, the management contract bidding process has just been completed. After some 18 years with Legum and Norman, beginning on January 1, 2007, we will work with the Cardinal Management Group. The transition from L & N to Cardinal will be handled largely by the companies themselves, but we will oversee that process to be sure that its impact on co-owners, employees and contractors will have as few bumps as possible.

Finally, the annual meeting of the Fairlington Glen Council of Co-Owners will take place on **November 14**. The most important thing to know about that meeting is that we need you to complete and mail (or deliver) your proxy. As always, we need a quorum to do business. **Please get your proxy in!** The other most important thing to know is that the meeting will take place at the **Abingdon Elementary School behind the community center in North Fairlington at 7:30 PM.**

See you there!

## Glen News and Notes.....

**Tot Lot Volunteer Day** was a great success thanks to *Paula Mathews* and her crew. Thirty tons of pea gravel were spread and on-site staff did a great job of replacing timbers and restoring grass areas damaged by the Bobcat.

B&G has a new name—the **Court Representatives' Group**—whose charge was approved by the Board at its October meeting, and a new chairman—*Maynard Dixon*. You will hear more about new approaches in the next GLEN ECHO.

*Fred and Linda Holhweg* are the new chairs of the **Landscaping Committee**; please welcome them!!

## NEW MANAGEMENT AGENT CHOSEN FOR GLEN

On April 4, 2006 a Management Company Task Group was established by the Board for the purpose of reviewing our options in management companies. A Request for Proposal was sent to seven management companies in July and four bids were received from Cardinal Management Group, Inc.; CFM Management Services; Community Management Corporation; and Legum & Norman, Inc. During August, the Task Group evaluated proposals and amplifying information requested from the four bidders and, at the September Board Meeting, recommended continued evaluation of two bidders, Cardinal Management Group, Inc. and Legum & Norman, Inc. Interviews were conducted with these finalists and the Board, at its October meeting, selected Cardinal Management Group as our management contractor for 2007 with options for two additional years. The start date of the contract with Cardinal is January 1, 2007 though there will be significant efforts by Cardinal before this date related to transition from Legum & Norman. It is expected that the overall costs for Cardinal will not exceed those recently provided to the community in the proposed budget.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to Legum & Norman for its valuable support for the past 18 years. The decision to change management companies was not taken lightly; however, the board felt it was time for a careful review of the management contractor community and Cardinal was determined to be the most cost-effective candidate to meet our near-term requirements, address evolving long-term issues, and provide comprehensive support to the Board and the community as a whole.



### Pool News!

Thanks for another terrific season at the Glen Pool!

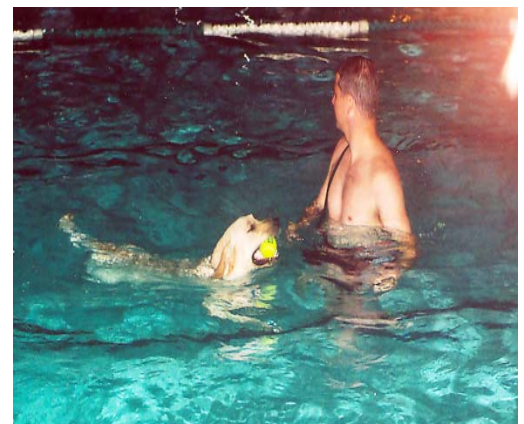
A special thanks to everyone who worked hard to make this season a success.

Fun was had from the opening party to the last dog out of the pool.

Have a great winter. We're looking forward to next summer, where we'll "see you at the pool!"

*The Pool Committee*

***P.S. Hang on to those recreation passes.....we'll want to see them again next year!***



**Dog Swim Highlights**

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