



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

October 2013

Take Precautions, Stay Safe

During the early morning hours of September 6, 2013, Fairlington suffered through a minor crime spree that seemed to begin in the Glen and spread to the Mews and the Meadows. Several cars were vandalized and broken into, and a rock was even thrown thru a window of a home. Arlington County Police have not offered any further information on possible suspects, but this is another opportunity for simple reminders on how to take precautions and stay safe.

According to the Alexandria Times, the entire Washington, DC region is experiencing a spike in thefts from automobiles. Shockingly, many of the vehicles that have been targeted by thieves and broken into were left unlocked. **Tip #1—Keep car doors locked at all times.**

Police have said that laptop computers, tablets, GPS units, smartphones, wallets, purses, car keys, and house keys are among the most sought after items. **Tip #2—If you must leave property in your car, be sure to keep all valuable items, especially electronics, out of view. Better yet, take anything of value out of your vehicle just to be safe.**

It's very important that all incidents get reported to the police. **Tip #3—If you witness a theft or break in, call 911 immediately. Do not try to intervene or scare the person away.**

Likewise, if you discover something or someone that appears to be suspicious, then you need to speak up. **Tip #4—Report all suspicious activity to the Arlington County Police non-emergency number, which is 703-558-2222. If you haven't done so already, program that number into your cell phone.** It's possible that something you see that appears to be out of place could be possible criminal activity.

We certainly don't want to live in fear, but a few simple reminders can go a long way to preventing further crime in our neighborhood.

Jay Yianilos / Board President

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HUGE PATIO TREES CAUSE HUGE PROBLEMS

Over the years, patio trees can get bigger and bigger, as sellers leave it to the next co-owners to deal with them. Trees can get big enough to encroach upon roofs, fences, gutters, building woodwork, and even neighboring patios.

If a street tree can get torn up in a storm, as happened in the Glen a few years ago, so can a patio tree. Serious tree damage from a storm will increase our insurance rates.

Proper maintenance of patio trees is a co-owner responsibility, and damage from overgrown patio trees can be assessed to a co-owner. Please pay attention to whether your patio tree may be getting overgrown. Some may have patio trees that do not yet need to be trimmed or removed, but if you wait until removal is necessary the cost will be greater. Remember, a stitch in time can save nine.



BOARD APPROVES FIRST PHASE OF BUFFER REPAIR

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the first phase of repair to the property's perimeter. This covers an area behind Court 8 bordering King Street.

This is the beginning of some long overdue improvements to our buffer. In fact, this Board identified this as a key issue for 2013 and decided to adopt a plan that will allocate funds on an annual basis for buffer repair. It is impossible to fix everything at once, but this is a step in the right direction.

Several cedar and cypress trees that were identified by our arborist to be in declining health were removed. It was better to remove those trees now before the winter storm season begins. Plus, adding new trees and shrubs in their place makes use of the best planting time of year so they can establish roots.

All work was completed by our landscape contractor, Environmental Enhancements. The Board approved the contract in the amount of \$10,091, and the approved work matches existing plantings of arborvitae and skip laurels.

GLEN ANNUAL MEETING



Fairlington Glen's Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center. All co-owners are encouraged to attend in order to discuss and approve a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and to elect one director to the Board. In addition, the minutes from last year's meeting will be up for approval.

A quorum consisting of over 25% of ownership interests is necessary to conduct business. All co-owners are strongly urged to attend in person, to appoint proxy holders to represent their interests at the meeting, or to participate by electronic voting.

Please check your mail for our Annual Meeting packet, which will contain voting information and documents pertinent to the meeting. See the agenda on page 4 on this newsletter.

POLITICAL SIGNS REMINDER

Between now and Election Day on Tuesday, November 5 we will see an influx of political signs dotting the landscapes everywhere throughout Northern Virginia. This year, among the items on the ballot is the election of a new governor in the Commonwealth.

Candidates of all parties running for office will use campaign signs to spread their messages and catch your eyes. But please note, in Fairlington Glen we have specific rules for the display of political signs, and we ask you to kindly pay strict attention to those rules.

In the Glen, political signs are not permitted in the common areas; however, a single political sign per unit may be displayed in a window for 31 days before an election and must be removed within five days after the election. Arlington County prohibits political signs in the county property between the street and the sidewalk.



PLEASE OBEY NO ALLEY PARKING



Just a reminder, there is no parking permitted in the Court 6/7 alley or the Court 12/13 alley. These areas are for authorized and emergency vehicles only.

In the past few weeks there have been two instances of cars being parked all day in an alley. Again, these areas must remain clear. Unauthorized vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Fairlington Glen Council of Co-Owners
ANNUAL MEETING
Fairlington Community Center at 3308 S. Stafford St.
November 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Introduction of the Board
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Proof of Notice of Meeting
- Selection of Inspectors of the Election
- President's Report – Jay Yianilos
- 2014 Budget – Maynard Dixon
- Presentation of Board Candidates – Jay Yianilos
- Vote on 2014 Budget, Candidates, and 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Committee Reports (during vote counting)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

PROPOSED MONTHLY ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

| Unit Type | % Ownership | 2013 | 2014 |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Arlington | .00379 | \$454 | \$464 |
| Barcroft (I) | .00243 | \$291 | \$297 |
| Barcroft (E) | .00250 | \$299 | \$306 |
| Braddock (I) | .00195 | \$233 | \$239 |
| Braddock (E) | .00202 | \$242 | \$247 |
| Clarendon (I) | .00297 | \$355 | \$363 |
| Clarendon (E) | .00304 | \$364 | \$372 |
| Dominion | .00351 | \$420 | \$429 |
| Edgewood (I) | .00263 | \$315 | \$322 |
| Edgewood (E) | .00270 | \$323 | \$330 |

THE GLEN 10 - 10 Q's & A's

WITH ED MCGONAGLE

This month, enjoy 10 questions and 10 answers from Ed McGonagle, long-time Glen resident and member of our Court Representatives Group.

1. Where are you originally from, and what brought you to Arlington? - "I am originally from Belmont, MA, just outside of Boston. I came to Arlington when I was in the Navy and was assigned to work at the Washington Navy Yard back in 1964."



2. You're not an original owner in the Glen, but you've lived here for a long time. What year did you buy in the Glen and what model do you own? - "I came to Fairlington back in 1976 and bought the Clarendon end unit where I still live. The prices were very good then, as you can imagine."

3. Do you and your wife have a big family? - "Big enough. I have two daughters, ages 24 and 30, and two sons, ages 26 and 38 (stepson). We've had a dog of one breed or another for most of this time. I should say we converted our attic to living space for our two daughters early on."

4. What attracted you and your family to Fairlington? - "I came to Fairlington when I was still single. I had a little money in the bank and decided that I should buy a place of my own instead of continuing to rent. I had no idea what kind of a place I wanted. My real estate person was showing me all kinds of places, and I still couldn't make up my mind. Before I ran him ragged, I eventually decided on Fairlington and where I'm living now. Looking back on it, it was the right decision! I've never had a single regret."

5. What was it like for your kids to grow up in this neighborhood? - "It's a great place to raise kids. This is a real close-knit neighborhood. You know a lot of the people from your court or from the playground or the swimming pool. The moms socialize. The layout is made to order for kids coming together and making friends. Most of them go to the same schools."

6. Can you share a story about one of your fondest Glen moments? - "It seems that extreme weather tends to bring us together. One memory I have goes back many winters when we had a lot of snow and especially cold weather (we have had many winters like that). But this particular winter we had a situation where the tennis court by the swimming pool froze over with the best sheet of ice you have ever seen. Of course we got our skates out and had a great skating party. There were probably 25 people out there, most of them skating. People brought hot chocolate and food. It was a special time, and one I fondly remember." *(continued on page 6)*

7. How do you think Fairlington has changed over the years? - “Physically, I don’t think Fairlington, or the Glen in particular, has changed much in the 38 years I’ve been here. The most striking change that I see is the number of babies and small children. With our swimming pools, playgrounds, safe walking areas, proximity to Washington, etc., we are an attractive location for young, new families which we seem to be attracting like never before. The coming of the Community Center around 1978 (it had been an elementary school) brought further changes. Now we had a central location for a gym, meeting rooms, fitness classes, lectures, etc., all of which further united the Fairlington community and was a significant change.”

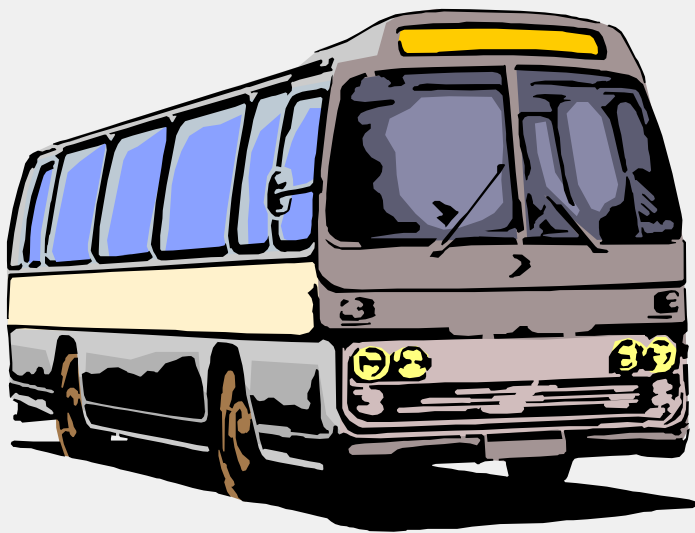
8. How do you think Fairlington has remained the same over the years? - “Certainly the buildings have stayed the same, although the grounds including the beautiful gardens, flowers and beds are always changing—something Fairlington is known for.”

9. What do you do for a living? - “I am retired from the Navy Department (civilian), where I worked for NAVSEA overseeing the staffing of ships and training of those personnel. My last several years I worked in Foreign Military Sales for NAVSEA. In my retirement, I have been known to walk dogs.”

10. You happen to serve as the Court Rep in Court 9. Thank you for your continued volunteer service to the Glen. What’s your favorite part of that job? - “As a Court Rep (Court 9) I help people in my court to resolve problems or complaints they may have with their units. Usually, our maintenance crew (Nelson & Maria) can fix the problem, but sometimes Cardinal Management may need to be consulted. If I can be part of the solution and help out, that’s great.”

(Editor’s Note: If you know someone we should feature in the Glen 10, please let us know!)

BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED



The Transit Bureau of the Arlington County Division of Transportation has notified us of upcoming improvements at three Fairlington bus stops located at:

S. 31st Street and S. Abingdon Street

S. Stafford Street and S. 32nd Street

S. Stafford Street and S. 35th Street (in Fairlington Glen)

First, the old shelters will be removed. Then a new pad will be installed, and once the concrete pad is set, the new shelter can be installed.

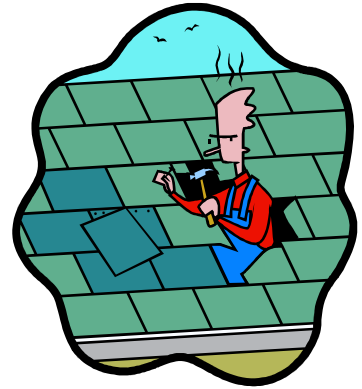
Work is expected to take place between now and the end of November; however, the schedule is subject to change.

Roofing Work To Begin

Roof replacement work for 2013 will begin this month in Court 2. Our contractor, James R. Walls Contracting Company, Inc., is on board once again this year in the Glen. Buildings affected are:

3535-3541 S. Stafford Street

3549-3555 S. Stafford Street



Keep Areas Outside Of Patios Clean

Just a reminder, the area outside of your patio fence is common area. Please do not use this area to place any items such as garbage bags, patio furniture, toys, bikes, or anything you wish to dispose of. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Let's all do our part to keep the Glen looking neat, clean, and spectacular.

October Is Fire Prevention Month



The Arlington County Fire Department invites you to its annual Open House on Saturday, October 12 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at all Arlington Fire Stations.

Plus, don't wait until it's too late. Please follow these important fire safety tips:

Install and maintain smoke alarms—Install them on each level of your home and outside each bedroom. Replace batteries twice a year, either when you change the clocks in the fall and spring OR when the alarm chirps. Remember to test them once a month.

Plan and practice your escape—Plan two ways out of every room. Choose a meeting place outside where everyone should gather. Once you are out, stay out.

Cook with caution—Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles, and don't leave cooking unattended. Remember to keep pot handles turned inward so that they cannot be knocked down or pulled over the edge of a stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and then turn the burner off.

Careful with candles—Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas. Extinguish all candles after use and before going to bed.

Stop, drop and roll—If your clothes catch fire, do NOT run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, and roll over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands to protect your face and lungs.

Arlington E-CARE Fall Recycling Event

Arlington County's fall Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) is set for Saturday, October 12 from 8:30am to 3:00pm—rain or shine.

Join the recycling efforts in the parking lot at Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 125 S. Old Glebe Road. That's just one block east of Glebe Road and one block south of Route 50. Bring your ID to verify county residency. Business and commercial wastes will not be accepted.



Dispose of old or expired household hazardous materials (HHM) such as small metal items, electronics, TV's, and computer monitors. There is a \$15 fee for each computer monitor and a \$20 fee for each TV containing cathode ray tubes. These fees are payable by cash or check only. Large wooden console TV's will not be accepted. Computers, printers, keyboards, scanners, copiers, and cell phones will also be accepted.

Household devices containing mercury, such as thermostats and thermometers, will be collected. Compact fluorescent lights (CFL's) will be collected on site as well.

Acceptable small metal items include pots, pans, tools, pipes, Venetian blinds, small appliances, and metal items fitting in an 11.5 inch by 46 inch opening.

Bikes For The World will accept serviceable and repairable bicycles to be sent to countries where they are needed for basic transportation. A \$10 donation per bike is requested to help with shipping costs.

Art For Humanity will collect gently-used but functional shoes, clothing, linens, microwaves, air conditioners, rugs, mattresses and bed frames. Winter clothing is most needed.

In addition you can donate eyeglasses and durable medical equipment like hearing aids, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, and strollers. They will be cleaned and sent to clinics overseas run by volunteers.

For more details, visit www.arlingtonva.us and search "E-CARE."

Annual 50+ Expo Coming To Ballston Mall

The area's annual 50+ Expo will return to Ballston Common Mall on Sunday, October 6 from 12:00 to 4:00pm. This free event will feature expert speakers, health screenings, entertainment, and information for older adults and their families.

For more information, call 301-949-9766 or visit www.thebeaconnewspapers.com.

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October 2013

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| 6 | 7 | 8 Board Meeting 7p @FCC | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Columbus Day  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween  | | |

November 2013

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| 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends  | 4 | 5 Election Day  | 6 Board Meeting - 6:30pm / Annual Meeting - 7pm at the FCC | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Veterans Day  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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