

# The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

September 2012

## Survey Says Residents Are Happy

We're confident that most residents in Fairlington Glen are happy living in our community. But how do more than 62 million Americans who live in homeowners associations and condominium communities feel about their associations? What about their association assessments? The Foundation for Community Association Research, an affiliate of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), sponsored a recent national public opinion survey to answer these and other questions. Here are some of the key findings:

- 70 percent of residents in common-interest communities say they are satisfied with their community association experience. Eight percent express dissatisfaction and 22 percent are neutral.
- 88 percent of residents believe their association board members strive to serve the best interests of the community, while 12 percent disagree or aren't sure.
- 73 percent say their professional managers provide value to their communities, while 21 percent say their managers aren't an asset to the association and 6 percent say they aren't sure.
- 76 percent believe their own community association rules "protect and enhance" property values. Only 3 percent say the rules harm property values, while the rest see no difference.
- 81 percent of residents say they get a "good" or "great" return for their association assessments, while 18 percent say the return is "not so good" or "bad." The rest were unsure.

In the Glen, we like to think we are even better than the national averages. We encourage you to get involved and help make our community an even better place to live. Volunteers are needed to run for the Board, sit on committees, and become court representatives. Ask a Board member for more info, and read more about running for the Board in this issue of the Glen Echo.

The *Glen Echo* is published monthly. Our editor is always looking for ideas or input. If you have something to put in the newsletter, please e-mail Jay Yianilos at [jasonyianilos@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonyianilos@yahoo.com).

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# Say Goodbye To Summer At The Glen Pool Party

It's been one of the hottest summers on record here in the Greater DC area. We sure hope you've enjoyed the summer sun and taken advantage of cooling off in the Glen pool.



Just a reminder, the pool remains open through Labor Day, but will be closed September 4-6. The pool will, however, reopen on Friday, September 7 for the final weekend of this season.

Our annual end-of-summer traditions continue this year at the pool, and you're invited to join the fun. Celebrate with us on Saturday, September 8 from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the pool party. In the event of rain, the party will be on Sunday, September 9. We provide margaritas for the grown ups and snow cones for the kids and ask you to please bring a main dish to share with your neighbors. Please be careful whenever eating at the pool. You are required to keep 10 feet between food and the pool (that includes the big pool and the baby pool). Food left on the ground will attract pests, so please remember to clean up after yourselves.

On Sunday, September 9 the pool will officially close for the season at 7:45pm. At 8pm we'll host our annual dog swim. Remember that dogs and other pets are never allowed in the pool at any other time. But our annual doggie dip is the finale for a summer of fun at the Glen pool.

Please join in thanking Paula Mathews and the entire pool committee for everything they've done to make the summer of 2012 a fun, memorable one at our pool. Also, thank our lifeguards for keeping the pool clean and keeping all of us safe.

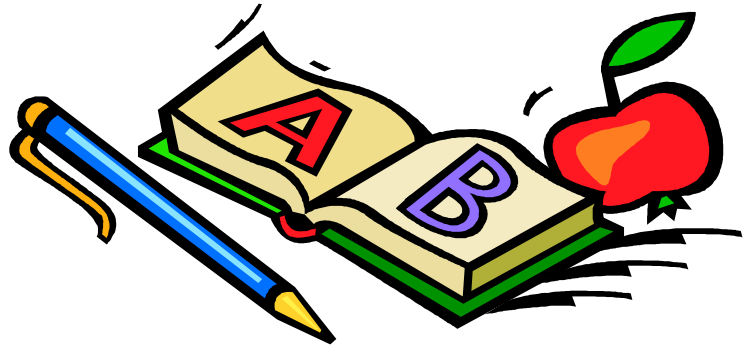
## Do's And Don'ts Of Political Signs

Between now and Election Day on Tuesday, November 6 we will see an influx of political signs dotting the landscapes everywhere throughout Northern Virginia. Candidates of all parties running for any number of offices 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 an election.

Arlington County prohibits political signs in the county property between the street and the sidewalk.

# It's Back To School Season, Safety Is Emphasized



As boys and girls throughout Fairlington sharpen their pencils and get ready to head back to class, it's very important to ensure that they have a safe school year. Here are some valuable tips on how your family can be proactive and avoid potentially harmful situations:

- Make sure your school has your child's updated emergency contact information. Write down any specific instructions that should be followed in case of an emergency, and have the school keep them in your child's file.
- Talk to your child's teachers before classes start and alert them to any medical issues your child may have. Also, explain to the teacher what he or she should do if the medical issues arise—such as an allergic reaction, an asthma attack, or a seizure. Be sure to provide school personnel with any necessary emergency medication.
- Help your children memorize important phone numbers so that they know how to get in touch with you and other trusted adults. Make sure those numbers are programmed into their cell phones, or provide them with a list of phone numbers that they can keep in their backpacks or wallets at all times.
- Let your children know who they can go home with after school if their regular ride can't pick them up, and make sure they know not to accept rides from strangers.
- If your children will be walking to school, walk the route with them before classes start to make sure they understand traffic laws and can walk it on their own. Plus, find a friend or sibling they can walk with, and make sure they always use the buddy system.
- Report reckless drivers to the Arlington County Police Department to help make sure the neighborhood remains safe, particularly during times when kids are going to and returning from school.

The school bell will soon be ringing in the start of the 2012-13 school year. Drivers should pay extra caution as kids and buses become part of the daily commute.



# Don't Miss The Glen's Community Forum Sept. 5

Please join us at the pool on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 7:30pm for the Glen's annual Community Forum to discuss the proposed 2013 budget, which was posted in the August newsletter on our website at [www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm](http://www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm), or any other matters that strike your fancy. This is the time to get your questions answered! The Board will be together in your own backyard. Come enjoy drinks and dessert with your neighbors. In case of rain, we'll move indoors to the Glen's nearby maintenance facility. **Adults only please at the Community Forum, as the pool itself will be closed.**

## Calling All Candidates

The Community Forum may also be an opportunity to hear from and talk with individuals considering running for the Board of Directors this fall. There will be three openings on the Board—3-year terms for members succeeding Ray Alexander and Amanda Deringer and the remaining year of Jonathan Rolbin's term. There are no specific prerequisites for the job, though it may help to have some familiarity with Glen fiscal and policy matters. It also helps to have an open mind, a penchant for conflict resolution, and a willingness to take responsibility for decisions. Talk to a current Board member if you'd like to know more about what is involved. We can be reached at:

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If you are interested in contributing to your community as a Board member, please complete a one-page description of yourself, your views on the Glen, and the contributions you might make. Sample forms will be available at the Community Forum. Send that description by to Jay Yianilos at [jasonyianilos@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonyianilos@yahoo.com) or drop it off at 3570 S. Stafford Street, #B1 in Court 12. The deadline to enter is Friday, September 28, and the candidate profiles will be included with the formal budget sent in early October to all co-owners for approval.

# Do You Have What It Takes?

If you're considering running for the Board, simply take a few moments to ask yourself these three important questions:

**1. Do I have the time?** As a Board member, you will need to devote several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly Board meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month, you will need to be active in e-mail discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some Board members may also spend a little more time than others if they work with a committee or contribute to this newsletter.

**2. Can I make tough decisions when it's required?** The primary role of the Board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean voting on a budget, but also includes developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors to make decisions based on the greater good of Fairlington Glen.

**3. Can I do all of this and have fun too?** It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is part of a Board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a Board member can be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. And for those new residents in Fairlington Glen, you are reminded that many of your long-time neighbors have already served the community in previous years. Check the plaque near the bulletin board at the Glen pool. It lists the names of our Board presidents through the years. But it doesn't include the numerous other volunteers who served on the Board, worked on committees, or became court representatives. On the following page, please find a special contribution from two former Board members who share their thoughts on the matter.

Fairlington Glen has a rich history of dedicated volunteers. Without them, our community's day-to-day work may come to a halt. Now that you've asked yourself the important questions, we ask you to step forward and run for the Board. We know you're committed to bettering our community, so why not put that passion to work on the Board.

Working on the Board can be an enriching experience and can help you make lasting, positive changes to the community. Start campaigning today for a chance to earn a seat on the Fairlington Glen Board of Directors.

## Fairlington Glen Is Run By Those Who Show Up!

Now that we have your attention, we hope you'll read the rest of this message about how the Glen functions and what we all need to do to keep it running well.

The Glen has 352 separate households, of which about 75% are occupied by their owners. While any owner can run for our board of directors, the most likely group is the 260 or so resident owners who live here. They are needed to manage everything from our finances to our parking lots, our flowers to our pool, and everything in between. (Our management company, Cardinal Management, actually takes care of most of the day to day things, but the Board is responsible for policy decisions and their implementation. And our employees, Nelson and Maria, are the ones who do most of the work!)

So, what are the issues that you care the most about?

The safety and reliability of the pool, the playground and the rest of our amenities?

Our financial stability and its impact on your monthly fees and the future of your investment in your home?

The look of our landscaping? Your bushes? Your neighbor's bushes?

Security? Parking? Traffic?

Dogs barking? Dogs pooping and whether their owners are paying attention?

Drainage? Sewer laterals (some people really know what those are)?

Decisions made by Arlington County and the City of Alexandria that will affect us?

The future look of Bradlee and the Safeway?

All of these topics, and more, have been addressed by your Board of Directors regularly over the more than 35-year history of Fairlington Glen.

Now it seems that we have a shortage of interested owners to run for one of the three positions that will come open in November. Please consider joining in to help keep making the Glen a great place to live. If you are interested in talking about joining the Board or participating in some other way in the operation of our community, please e-mail or call us.

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# September 2012

| Sun                                  | Mon                           | Tue  | Wed  | Thu              | Fri                             | Sat                                    |
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|                                      |                               |  |  |                  |                                 | 1<br>Pool<br>10am-9pm                  |
| 2<br>Pool<br>10am-9pm                | 3<br>Labor Day<br>Pool 10a-8p | 4<br>Pool closed                           | 5<br>Pool closed<br><b>Community<br/>Forum 7:30p</b> | 6<br>Pool closed | 7<br>Pool<br>3pm-9pm            | 8<br>Pool 10a-9p<br><b>Pool Party!</b> |
| 9<br>Pool 10a-8p<br><b>Dog Swim!</b> | 10                            | 11<br><b>Board<br/>Meeting<br/>7pm@FCC</b> | 12   | 13               | 14                              | 15                                     |
| 16                                   | 17                            | 18   | 19   | 20               | 21                              | 22                                     |
| 23                                   | 24                            | 25   | 26   | 27               | 28<br>Candidate<br>Profiles Due | 29                                     |
| 30                                   |                               |  |  |                  |                                 |  |



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| Sun | Mon | Tue                                   | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 7   | 8   | 9<br><b>Board Meeting<br/>7pm@FCC</b> | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16                                    | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23                                    | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30                                    | 31<br>Halloween<br> |     |     |     |