



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

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Here's The Scoop On Street Trees

If you were confused by signs recently posted in the Glen regarding street tree removal, you're not alone. After a few phone calls and emails, I think we have the situation sorted out. Before I clarify, though, it's important to remember that our beautiful trees that line the streets of Fairlington belong to Arlington County. While these trees provide us with shade, beauty, and happiness, the County is responsible for their maintenance, and in most cases the Board doesn't know about what's going on until the signs are posted.

We're told by Rachel Jackson, Arlington County Urban Forester, that the recent signs posted along S. Stafford and S. 35th Streets in the Glen were actually labeled incorrectly. The signs were posted to designate no parking areas during tree pruning; however, they inaccurately said tree removal. The trees in these areas are simply being pruned, not removed.

There is, however, one large oak tree located near 3548 S. Stafford Street at the entrance to Court 12 that is scheduled for removal in the coming days/weeks. Unfortunately, this particular tree suffers from hypoxylon canker, a disease that is killing the tree. It's always sad to say goodbye to any of our beautiful street trees, but like us they can't last forever.

In June, two large trees were removed by the County along S. 36th Street in front of Court 11. The two remaining stumps are on the County's list for stump grinding in the near future. These two willow oaks both suffered from hypoxylon canker. It was feared that the disease could spread to other nearby healthy trees.

Finally, the County always re-plants a tree near a spot where it has to remove a tree. Jackson tells us that the replacement locations are currently being compiled by the County and planting only occurs twice a year - in the spring and fall. Trees are not planted in the same exact locations where other trees were removed, but they are usually planted nearby to the right or left.

Hopefully this help to clarify the confusion.

Jay Yianilos / Board President

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COMMUNITY FORUM / CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Please join us at the Glen pool on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30pm for the annual Community Forum. The Board will discuss the proposed 2016 budget, which was posted in the August issue of the *Glen Echo*, and answer any questions you have regarding the budget. The Board will be together in your own backyard, so this is a prime time to get your budget questions answered.

This will also be an opportunity to hear from and talk with co-owners who are running for the Board of Directors this fall. There will be two openings on the Board - for the positions currently held by Board Vice President Susan Hunchar and Board At-Large Member Laura Chadwick. 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.



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If you are interested in contributing to your community as a Board member, please complete a one-page candidate profile of yourself, your views on the Glen, and the contributions you may make. The deadline to enter is September 15, 2015, and all profiles must be sent to the Board president (see email above). Candidate profiles will be included with the formal budget mailed to co-owners for approval in early October with the Annual Meeting information.

We hope to see you on September 9 for the Community Forum. Please note that the forum is for adults only, as the pool itself will be closed. If it rains that night, we'll move the meeting indoors into the nearby maintenance facility.

POOL PARTY & DOG SWIM HIGHLIGHT THE POOL'S FINAL WEEKEND

With summer drawing to a close (say it isn't so!), unfortunately our days at the pool are numbered for 2015.

After Labor Day, the pool will close for three days and re-open for Friday-Sunday, September 11-13. Then the pool will be closed for four days before re-opening for the final weekend of Friday-Sunday, September 18-20.

We will say goodbye to summer and the pool season with our annual season-ending pool party on Saturday, September 19 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and even snow cones for the kids. Please bring your own beverages (no glass containers allowed) and a side dish or dessert to share. The rain date will be Sunday, September 20.



Our pool parties are a great opportunity to mix and mingle with your neighbors. So whether you decide to go for a swim or not, please come and join the fun!

Then on Sunday, September 20 at 7:00pm (new time this year!) we let the dogs take over the pool. Our annual dog swim or doggie dip is a Glen tradition. It's all people out of the pool and all dogs in to conclude the pool season. Bring your dog or come to watch your neighbors' dogs enjoy the pool.

GLEN POOL REMINDERS

During the final days of the 2015 pool season, you are reminded to pick up your recreation passes from the box at the check-in table. These boxes are quite full, and it's important for all pass holders to retain their passes for the 2016 season and also in case you wish to access the tennis courts. Please do not leave your recreation pass at the pool during the winter.



Also, during the final weekend our pool committee will be displaying the many items that have been left behind at the pool this summer. Missing a towel? Perhaps you forgot it at the pool. Can't find your flip flops? Check the pool. Missing some kids toys? Maybe they're at the pool too. Please be sure to swing by the pool September 19 & 20 to claim your items.

We will not store anything that's been left behind. If you don't claim it, it will likely find a new home. THANKS!

And finally, be sure to thank the members of our pool committee and our lifeguards from Atlantic Pool Service for another summer of fun!



COURT REPS GROUP TO MEET

The members of the Court Representatives Group (CRG) will have a meeting on Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center. All Court Reps and alternates are encouraged to attend. Plus, the meeting is open to all Glen residents and especially those interested in becoming a Court Rep.

At this time, Court 11 is still in need of a rep. Court 11 residents have been without a Court Rep since Bill McShea retired more than a year ago. Certainly someone in Court 11 must be willing to volunteer. Please contact Carol Goodloe, the CRG Chair, at cagoodloe@comcast.net for more info.

Also, our thanks to Chris Robinson in Court 13 for his service as a Court Rep. Chris has stepped down, and the search is on for a new Court 13 volunteer. Again, those interested should contact Carol Goodloe.

GLEN LISTSERVE NEEDS YOU

The Fairlington Glen Yahoo Community Group serves as the Glen's listserve. This is our electronic bulletin board where neighbors share info about contractors and also post timely and important notices.



To sign up, go to <http://www.yahoo.com> and click "groups." In the search box, enter "Fairlington Glen," and this should bring up the Glen Yahoo Group. Simply click on the group name and it will send you directly to the group's home page. Then look for the "Join This Group" tab in the upper right corner, click it, and then enter your Yahoo ID or create one. Once you use or create an ID, a message will be sent to the moderator of the group in order to confirm membership.

The Glen group is only open to members of the Glen community. If for any reason you are unable to sign in or choose not to create a Yahoo ID, contact our moderator, Alison Trimble, by email at alison@comcast.net or by phone at 703-931-7096.

VALUABLE INFO FOUND ON WEBSITE

If you haven't done so already, bookmark <http://www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm>. Our site is where you'll find important announcements, minutes to Board meetings, past issues of the *Glen Echo*, links to important documents such as the Fairlington Glen Handbook & By-Laws, and much more.

Plus, if you scroll to the bottom of our home page, you can register for our Glen Alerts emails. The email alert system is used sparingly, but always delivers time-sensitive information to our co-owners and residents AND also is your link to receiving this monthly newsletter. The *Glen Echo* is no longer printed and hand delivered. Electronic delivery is your only option.

THE GLEN 10

10 Q's & A's

with

Paula Mathews

Get to know your neighbors in the Glen each month through this feature we call the Glen 10. Please email the editor if you'd like to nominate one of your neighbors for an upcoming Glen 10 interview.

1. You and your family have lived in Court 10 for a while. What model do you own and when did you move to the neighborhood? “We moved into Fairlington in November 1994, so we’ve lived here over 20 years. For roughly half of that time, we lived in a Clarendon in Court 11, and for the other half we’ve been in our Dominion around the corner in Court 10.”



Court 10's Paula Mathews (second from right) and her family - (left to right) daughter Jenna, son Geoff, and husband Bill.

2. Please tell us about your family. Have the kids loved growing up here in the Glen? “Yes, our kids loved Fairlington, especially the pool! My husband, Bill, and I loved being able to let the kids roam around the neighborhood and hang out at the playground and pool. Our son spent several years as a lifeguard at the Glen pool, which led him to become a volunteer EMT and firefighter on his college campus. Our daughter is in high school and she plays a lot of sports. She’s enjoyed the FINS swim team, the basketball & tennis courts, and - as she’s grown older - the fitness center at the Community Center.”

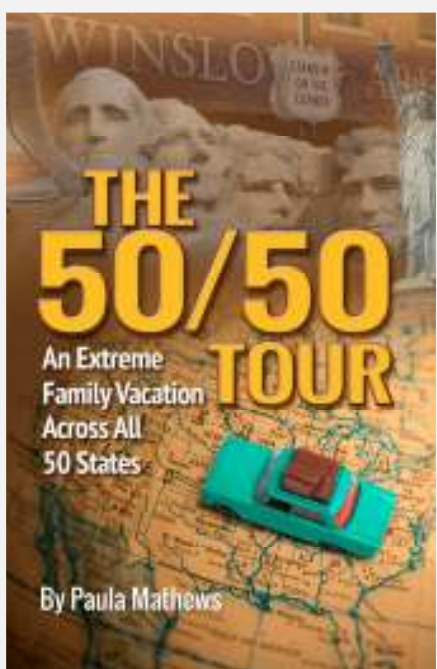
3. There are a lot of young families living in the Glen today. What advice can you share about raising kids in this community? “Be creative and enjoy the challenge of living in a small space. Our kids shared the smaller room in a Clarendon until they were ages 10 and 6; we had a ‘high bed’ from IKEA and a smaller bed that we pulled out from under it at bedtime, with a dresser in the closet. We’ve also had fun transforming our basement into a variety of play spaces over the years. We have a batting cage in it right now so our daughter can practice her swing!”

4. Are you originally from Virginia? And if not, what brought you to Arlington? “My husband and I are both from California. We left California to spend four years in Frankfurt, Germany, thanks to my job with the federal government. After Germany, we decided to move here because my husband wanted to work on Capitol Hill (which he did for 20 years!). We expected to spend only a few years here before moving back to California, but we’ve stayed a lot longer than that!”

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5. You have been a long-time volunteer on the Glen's pool committee and even chaired the committee for a time. Why do you think it is so important for residents to get involved in their community? "Well, of course it's a great way to meet neighbors and make new friends. But it's also very rewarding to help maintain and improve the neighborhood, like we did when we renovated the pool area and maintenance building a few years ago. Chairing the pool committee helped me understand the different perspectives people have within the neighborhood, and hopefully made me a better neighbor."

6. A milestone life moment has turned you into a published author. What was that moment and where did you get the idea that later became the book? "My husband and I both turned 50 a few years ago, and we wanted to take a memorable trip to mark the occasion. We love to travel and have visited lots of places, so we decided to really push ourselves and visit all 50 states in one year - the year we were 50. But we were both working and our kids were in school, so it was a tremendous logistical challenge!"



7. What's the name of your book? And where can someone order a copy? "The book is called *The 50/50 Tour: An Extreme Family Vacation*. It's an e-book that you can find on Amazon.com. If you don't have a Kindle, you can download Kindle Reader onto your computer to read the book. It's full of stories about the adventures we had, like seeing the Butter Cow, digging for diamonds, and feasting on pie milkshakes and steaks cooked on pitchforks!"

8. Visiting all 50 states had to be both fun and exciting. Which states rank among your favorites to visit and why? "That is always the first question people ask! We say that our kids' favorite state was Alaska because it was the last one we visited, so our crazy quest finally came to an end. Bill and I truly enjoyed each and every state, but we are both partial to the incredible beauty of the West. Maine is also spectacular, and we had great fun in North Dakota, and Iowa, and Oklahoma, and...every state we visited!"

9. It had to take a great deal of time not only to travel, but also to write about your adventures. Can you give us an idea of the time involved from start to finish? "The year that we traveled, we spent nearly every free moment on a trip or planning a trip. That year was exhausting! Once we'd visited all 50 states, I spent nearly a year finishing the blog I had started but had been unable to keep up with while we were traveling. Then, it was another two years to turn the blog into the book. So, it was one year of traveling followed by three years of writing, all while I was working and helping Bill raise our two kids. I'm still recovering from it all."

10. Perhaps you've given us all something to consider for our next big birthday. Is there a website where we can learn more about the book? "Yes, you can visit the blog that led to the book at www.thefiftyfiftytour.com. But you'll also find that the last chapter of the book offers lots of tips on trying something similar. That chapter is called 'Try This At Home,' and I hope you will! You can always just ask Bill and I for suggestions - we're often walking around the neighborhood."

PESTICIDE DISPOSAL OFFERED

Free and safe disposal of unwanted or outdated pesticides is available to homeowners on September 15 the Merrifield Garden Center, located at 12101 Lee Highway in Fairfax. This event happens only once every five years.

Landscape Committee member Carolyn Lathey has graciously volunteered to be the collection point for Glen residents. You may drop off containers of old pesticides for disposal in the plastic tub on Carolyn's front porch on Monday, September 14 between noon and 8pm. Her home is located at 4128 S. 36th Street (Court 5).

This program is sponsored Virginia Tech, VSU, the Virginia Department of Agriculture, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. The 2010 collection disposed of more than 13,500 pounds of pesticides, weed & feed products, and herbicides.

FREE BULBS AT LIGHT SWITCH EVENTS

The Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE) program is hosting a series of light bulb "swap" events in which County residents are invited to switch out one old, inefficient light bulb for a new, energy-efficient LED bulb.

Simply bring an old incandescent bulb to one of their light switch events and AIRE will provide one LED bulb - a \$7 value - for FREE! **One per household while supplies last.**

To learn more, visit <http://www.arlingtonenergy.us> OR visit the following events:

- Westover Farmers Market - Sunday, September 6 - 8am to noon
- Arlington Farmers Market - Saturday, September 19 - 8am to noon
- Central Library - each Saturday in October - 10am to noon
- E-CARE at TJ Middle School - Saturday, October 3 - 8:30am to 3pm

55+ GOLD PASSES ARE AVAILABLE

Arlington County is now offering a 55+ Gold Pass for residents 55-years and older that provides access to all County fitness equipment any time the fitness facility is open.

Cost of the Gold Pass is \$60 per year.

That pass will allow you to use any County fitness center, including the Fairlington Fitness Center. Hours for the facility at the Fairlington Community Center are Monday-Saturday from 8am to 5pm, but closed on Sunday.

For more information, please visit the following sites:

<http://parks.arlingtonva.us/programs/adults-55/seniors-activities/office-senior-adult-programs-55-pass-registration/>

<http://parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/fairlington-community-center-park/>

PLAN AHEAD IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

September is Emergency Preparedness month, and therefore it's a great time to offer some friendly reminders:

1. Make sure you have a battery-operated radio on hand AND batteries. Tune to 1700 AM, Arlington County's Emergency station, in the event of an emergency.
2. Make sure you have a family plan in place. You may need to take shelter at home together or separated. Will you have food and water? Have plenty of supplies to last several days.
3. Sign up for the Arlington Alert system to stay informed during emergencies. Find more information at <https://emergency.arlingtonva.us>.

We're in the middle of hurricane season. Although we don't anticipate a storm, you just never know. Plan ahead and be prepared...just in case!

MAKE NOTE OF NEW VIRGINIA TRAFFIC LAWS

Several new traffic laws took effect in Virginia on July 1. Are you aware? Here are some of the highlights:

- Vehicles that assist with the management of roadside traffic incidents or perform traffic management services along highways may be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating amber warning lights. That qualifies these vehicles for Virginia's new "Move Over" law. The "Move Over" law requires drivers to proceed with caution and, if reasonable, change lanes when approaching stationary emergency vehicles on highways.
- Drivers passing a stationary mail vehicle displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating amber light must proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for road conditions.
- Bicycles, mopeds, and other non-motorized vehicles are now included in the list of vehicles for which a motorist can be cited for following too closely.
- When passing stationary refuse-collection vehicles on roadways with less than four lanes, the driver must decrease his speed by 10 mph below the posted speed limit and pass at least two feet to the left of the vehicle. When passing a stationary refuse-collection vehicle on a roadway with at least four lanes - and at least two lanes intended for traffic proceeding in the same direction - the driver must pass in a lane not adjacent to the vehicle and yield the right of way.
- Motorists may cross double yellow lines to pass a pedestrian or a device moved by human power, including a bicycle, skateboard or foot scooter, if such movement can be made safely.



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September 2015

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6 Pool Open 10am-8pm	7  Pool Open 10am-8pm	8 Board Meeting - 7pm/FCC Pool Closed	9 Pool Closed Community Forum 7:30pm	10 Pool Closed	11 Pool Open 3-8pm	12 Pool Open 10am-8pm
13 Pool Open 10am-8pm	14 Pool Closed	15 Pool Closed	16 Pool Closed	17 Pool Closed	18 Pool Open 3-8pm	19 Pool Open 10am-8pm POOL PARTY 4-7pm
20 Pool Open 10am-8pm DOG SWIM - 7:00pm	21 Volunteer Appreciation Night - 7:30pm	22	23 	24	25	26
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11	12  Columbus Day	13 Board Meeting - 7pm/FCC	14	15	16	17
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