

The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

September 2017

When It Comes To Trash, Please Take Note

When our community was built in the 1940's as apartments for Defense Department personnel working at the Pentagon during WWII, the basements of the buildings were common area and therefore not part of the leased space. Basements were used for storage, laundry rooms, and trash collection. Since the condo conversion in the mid 1970's, the once common area basements were incorporated into the individual units creating more living space, but taking away a place for residents to dispose of trash before it gets picked up.

Thankfully we work with a terrific contractor, Capitol Services of Virginia, for trash collection. Capitol comes six days a week (Monday-Saturday) to pick up our bagged household garbage, once a week to collect recycling, and once a month for bulk trash pick up. It's a costly part of our operating budget, but trash collection of this magnitude is much-needed in Fairlington Last month, the Board approved a new five-year contract with Capitol to remain our trash contractor through 2022.

Please remember, in Fairlington Glen garbage is NOT allowed to be placed out the night before or the day before pick up. This includes boxes and bagged patio debris. Putting trash out the night before encourages rodents and other animals, plus it just makes our community look bad. Neighboring villages may have different rules regarding trash, but please abide by the Glen's rule, which is no trash of any kind out the day/night before pick up. Long-time residents are encouraged to remind our newest residents of this policy.

Also, please refrain from putting bagged household garbage into the community trash cans found alongside the Glen's sidewalks. Those canisters are to be used mainly for bagged dog poop disposal.

Many times throughout the year birds and squirrels will feast on our bagged trash in the mornings prior to pick up. They'll punch holes in the bags in search of food and often will leave behind a trail of debris strewn in the grass. To prevent this mess from happening, please consider using two plastic bags OR a brown bag surrounded by a plastic bag. You may also try putting a couple of moth balls in your trash bags to discourage birds and animals OR put a small amount of bleach on a paper towel and place the towel inside your trash bag.

Jay Yianilos / Board President

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Community Forum / Call For Candidates



Please join us at the Glen pool on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:30pm for the annual Community Forum. The Board will discuss the proposed 2018 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 backyard, so this is a prime opportunity to get your budget questions answered.

This will also give you a chance 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 position currently held by President Jay Yianilos and for the

position currently held by Treasurer Maynard Dixon. Maynard has already announced his intent to run for reelection; however, Jay has decided not to pursue a third term on the Board. There are no specific prerequisites for the job, though it may help to have some familiarity with Glen fiscal and policy matter. 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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Service on the Board can be demanding, especially for the Board's major officers. Board members prepare for and attend a two-hour meeting each month. They usually spend, at a minimum, several hours a week on Glen matters, such as studying reports from management, the Treasurer, and committee chairs. An effective Board member will become familiar with the Glen's By-Laws, its Handbook, and its physical plant.

If you are interested in contributing to your community as a Board member, please complete a one -page candidate profile of yourself with your views on the Glen and the contributions you may make. The deadline to enter is September 10, 2017, and all profiles must be sent to the Board President (see email address above). Candidate profiles will be included with the formal budget mailed to co-owners for approval in early October with the Annual Meeting information. **The Glen's Annual Meeting will be Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center.** Remember, volunteers are the lifeblood of any community, and now more than ever your community needs you!

We hope to see you on September 6 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.

Glen Pool Season Is Coming To A Close

With summer nearing its official end this month, our days at the pool for 2017 are getting numbered. Please note the remaining pool hours:

September 1-4 10am-8pm

Tuesday-Thursday, September 5-7 CLOSED

Friday, September 8 3-8pm

Sat., September 9 & Sun., September 10 10am-8pm

Mon., September 11 - Thur., September 14 CLOSED

Friday, September 15 3-8pm

Sat., September 16 & Sun., September 17 10am-8pm

The final summer beer/wine social, featuring rosé, will be Thursday, September 7. Meet your Glen neighbors at 7:30pm just outside the pool entrance. Bring a beverage to share - and a simple snack too, if possible. If nobody is there, swing by again a bit later as people do come and go. For more details, please email mary_hanson@comcast.net.

We will say goodbye to summer and the pool season with our annual season-ending pool party, scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 4:00 to 7:00pm (Rain date will be Sunday, September 17). Hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers will be provided...plus a margarita machine for the adults. Please bring your own beverages (no glass containers allowed) and a side dish or dessert to share. Our pool parties are a great opportunity to mix and mingle with your neighbors. Whether you decide to go for a swim or not, please come and join the fun!



Then on Sunday, September 17 at 7:00pm 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. Arlington County grants us a variance for the dog swim, and the County reminds us that once the dogs go into the water no human is allowed back in. Bring your dog on a leash OR simply come watch the fun!

Glen Pool Reminders



During the final days of the 2017 pool season, our pool committee will display the many items that have been left behind at the pool this summer. Missing a towel, a pair of flip flops, or a few toys? Chances are they may be at the pool. Please swing by during the final weekend on September 16 & 17 to claim your items. We will not store anything that's been left behind. If you don't claim it, it will find a new home.

Finally, be sure to thank Monica Wiedemann, pool committee chair, and the members of the pool committee for a job well done. And please join us in thanking our lifeguards from Atlantic Pool Service for another summer of fun!

Attention Renters: Welcome To The Glen

If you are renting a home in the Glen, you're a part of our community association, and we welcome you. We'd love to meet you and all of our co-owners at our community events (such as the upcoming Community Forum or the pool party), meetings, and/or social gatherings.

Sometimes we can't reach you to announce a party or a meeting, especially if you're leasing from an out-of-state co-owner OR if you're not connected to our various communication channels. If this is you, please



alert your Court Rep for information on getting connected in the Glen.

In case your landlord hasn't already passed along this information, here are a few tips to make living in our community enjoyable and stress-free:

- 1. All residents, both co-owners and renters, must comply with association rules and regulations. These reasonable rules protect property values, preserve the nature of our community, and make life more enjoyable for everyone. We encourage you to check out the Glen's By-Laws, Handbook, and other documents that are found on our website at www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm.
- 2. Renters are entitled to all of the privileges of association membership except voting and serving on the Board.
- 3. You don't have to be a co-owner in the Glen to have an interest in this great community. You can certainly volunteer for a committee or any other type of service to the association. Responsible, service-minded residents are the backbone of our association regardless of their ownership status.

We want you to enjoy your experience in Fairlington Glen - perhaps enough to become a co-owner someday soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Court Rep or any Board member.

Labor Day Hours/Reminders

The summer comes to an unofficial end this Labor Day Weekend. On Monday, September 4, please make note of the following:



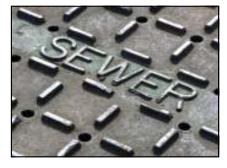
- 1. Cardinal Management's offices will be closed. They will reopen on Tuesday morning.
- 2. Our onsite staff, Nelson Ordoñez and María Castro, will be off. Nelson & María will return to the Glen on Tuesday morning.
- 3. Yes, there will be regular trash pick up.

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend!

What To Do After A Sewer Backup

If sewage begins to overflow your basement floor drains and toilet, the very first thing to do is to ask everyone in your building to stop using water, except for the outside faucets. This will keep water from draining into the sewer pipes and thereby worsening the backup.

Next, call a plumber. Dwyer Plumbing or McDaniel Service Inc. are both quite familiar with plumbing problems in the Fairlington area. Do not contact the Glen's onsite crew unless you cannot reach a plumber. After calling a plumber,



contact Cardinal Management - their contact info is at the back of each newsletter.

When the plumber arrives, ask for a written report detailing the location of the blockage, the composition of the blockage (paper towels, hair, etc.), and whether there is a defective or damaged pipe. If the plumber inspected the line with a camera, ask for a copy of the video disk.

If the cause of the problem is defective pipe (breaks, bends, tree roots, etc.) in sewer pipes that are under the building slab or outside of the building's footprint, the Glen will reimburse you for the plumbing bill, fix the pipes, and repair damage to your unit per the By-Laws.

If the cause of the problem is due to a blockage caused by items that should not be flushed down Glen toilets or put down Glen drains, then the co-owner is responsible.

Fats, Oils, and Grease - Oh My!

Fats, oils, and grease cannot only clog your arteries, but they can also clog sanitary sewer pipes.

When poured down a drain, butter, cooking oil, lard, and meat scraps can form large chunks of grease that ultimately block the sewer pipes and result in sewage backups. These items should never be put down a drain or toilet in Fairlington.

Instead, keep an empty metal can or glass jar and pour cooking grease into the container. Allow the grease to cool before throwing it into your household trash. Also, use paper towels to wipe out the remaining grease from a cooking pan prior to washing. Place liquid oils in a sealable container before disposing in your household trash.

Think Before Using Your Disposal



Given the fact that our water/sewer pipes throughout Fairlington are often old and fragile, the following items must never be put down a kitchen sink drain: celery, onions, pulpy fruits, grease, pasta, rice, coffee grounds, corn husks, potato peels, shrimp shells, bones, caulk, paint, or anything substantial.

Our units, of course, are equipped with disposals, which are defined as an electronically operated device fitted to the waste pipe of a kitchen sink for grinding up food waste. But food waste described above shouldn't be in the sink drain anyways. So if you need to use your disposal, please remember it's loud and can be heard in neighboring units. Be considerate and use it only during normal hours. Thank you!

Property Manager Is A Valuable Asset

The Glen's management company, Cardinal Management, serves the community in multiple capacities. The most important of these functions are to keep the Glen's financial books, to pay our monthly bills, to collect our monthly assessments, to prepare resale packages, to manage our maintenance staff, to put contracts out to bid, to advise the Board, and to perform other supportive administrative responsibilities.

Our property manager, Candace Lewis, carries out policies set by the Board and oversees management of the association's daily operations. Candace attends our monthly Board meetings and remains in constant communication with members of the Board in between meetings.

The manager is trained to deal with conflict, but she will not get involved in quarrels you may be having with your neighbor. However, if association rules are being violated, the manager is the right person to contact.

While the manager works closely with the Board, she is an advisor, not a member of the Board. Although the manager works for the Board, she is available to the residents too. She is always happy to answer questions, but is not the Glen's information officer. For routine inquiries, check our By- Candace Lewis of Cardinal Laws, our Handbook, our newsletter, and/or our website. In addition, check Management Group with your Court Rep.



The manager is responsible for monitoring contractors' performance, but not supervising them. Contractors are responsible for supervising their own personnel. If you have a problem with one of the Glen's contractors, please do not speak to the contractor. Instead, contact Candace.

The manager inspects the community regularly, but even an experienced manager won't catch everything. Your help is essential. If you know about a potential maintenance issue, email our maintenance staff and copy our manager.

The manager has a broad range of expertise, but she is not a consultant to the residents. Neither is she an engineer, an architect, an attorney, or an accountant. However, the expertise of the management company can easily connect the Glen to qualified experts.

The manager, even though she does not live on the property, is a valuable resource to the Board. There is simply no way that a condominium community of our size could function without the services of a company such as Cardinal Management. The Glen is fortunate to have a longstanding relationship with Cardinal Management and is thankful to be working with Canace as our property manager.

It is also worth noting that although Cardinal Management collects the monthly association dues, the money isn't being paid to Cardinal. When you pay your monthly assessment, you are paying Fairlington Glen. Your monthly assessments contribute to the community's operating expenses and reserve funds.



Maintenance 101



Onsite staff and contractors perform maintenance of common area elements in the Glen. Residents are encouraged to report maintenance needs for common area elements to the management agent or the onsite staff. Remember, Nelson & María have a new email address - fairlingtonglenstaff@hotmail.com.

The management agent oversees staff and contractors performing maintenance. A maintenance committee (at this time comprised of just Board Secretary Bill Worsley) advises the Board on maintenance policies, practices, and needs. Maintenance issues are also reported to the management agent and the Board by court representatives. Each court has a Court Rep and sometimes an alternate who are members of the Court Representatives Group (CRG), which serves as a forum for communication at the local court level and is also a com-

munication link between co-owners, residents, and the Board

Individual co-owners are responsible for unit repairs, for which they arrange their own contractors. There has occasionally been a misunderstanding of the allocation of maintenance responsibilities between the condominium association and the co-owners. Ten years ago, the Board developed a chart that was incorporated into the By-Laws showing which aspects of maintenance issues are handled by the association and which are the responsibility of the co-owner. This chart is found in the appendix of the Fairlington Glen Handbook as part of Policy Resolution 07-1. Please consult it for clarification of the mutual obligations of the Council and its co-owners.

Board Approves New Contracts

At its August 8 meeting, the Board was busy voting to approve a number of new contracts. Here's a look at a few:

1. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the Board approved a new five-year contract for trash collection with Capitol Services of Virginia. Our monthly cost for garbage collection will be a rate of \$5,623.51 for December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018, a 1% increase to apply from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019, a 1% increase to apply from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020, a 0% increase to apply from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021, and a 1% increase to apply from December 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022.



- 2. The Board approved a new three-year pool contract with Atlantic Pool Service in amount of \$38,350 for 2018, to be followed by a 2% increase in each of the years 2019 and 2020. Atlantic has been the Glen's pool contractor since 2015.
- 3. The Board approved a renewal of the Glen's insurance premium package at a cost of \$73,472.68.
- 4. A contract was approved with Precision Safe Sidewalks to remove some tripping hazards from sidewalks at a cost of \$675. Also approved was a contract in the amount of \$7,550 with NVM Paving & Concrete to replace 1,008 square feet of sidewalk in the Glen.

Important Parking Reminders



The Glen's parking policy was amended by the Board in 2013 to eliminate the use of code words for towing. The updated policy has since been added to our Handbook. Here are some (but not all) of the policy's important reminders regarding parking in the Glen.

- 1. A vehicle belonging to any resident or family member, guest, tenant, or employee shall not be parked such that it impedes or prevents ready access to another parking space, and all of the above individuals will obey posted parking regulations. New residents should contact the management agent regarding assignment of parking spaces.
- 2. Each unit is assigned one parking space and all assigned spaces are marked "RESERVED." A master list is kept by the management agent.
- 3. Unassigned spaces are marked "RESERVED," have a "U" after the space number, and are available on a first come-first serve basis.
- 4. Parking is restricted to lined spaces only. Parking is NOT allowed in court entrances, in fire lanes, or on lawns and sidewalks.
- 5. Double parking of one vehicle directly behind another is not allowed.
- 6. Only minor repairs may be performed on vehicles parked in courts. Repairs are not allowed if they leave an oily deposit, damage the paving, or result in the vehicle being left disassembled or on blocks overnight.
- 7. All residents must advise visitors, repair/delivery people, AND contractors of the parking policy.
- 8. Residents should maintain a spirit of cooperation and communication within the court to deal with infractions of the policy.
- 9. Each resident or co-owner has the authority to have a vehicle lawfully towed from only the unit's assigned parking space if the resident or co-owner is present with appropriate identification during the tow.
- 10. The Board and the management agent have the authority to have a vehicle towed from the court entrances, fire lanes, and other common areas of the Glen, or to have any vehicle towed that impedes the normal operations of the condominium.

Any questions or concerns about street parking should be addressed to the Arlington County Police Department. Call their non-emergency number at 703-558-2222.

Arlington E-CARE Fall Recycling Next Month

Arlington County's popular biannual Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) is scheduled for Saturday, October 14 from 8:30am to 1:00pm - rain or shine.

Join the efforts at Yorktown High School at 5201 28th Street N. Please note this is a new location for this event, and also the hours have been adjusted.

Be sure to bring your ID to verify County residency. Materials will only be accepted during the event's posted hours. Business & commercial wastes will not be accepted.



Safely dispose of old or expired household hazardous materials (HHM's) such as automotive fluids, household cleaners, paint products, lawn & garden chemicals, corrosives, flammable solvents, and propane gas cylinders. Recycle small metal items. Computers, printers, keyboards, scanners, copiers, cellphones, and TV's will be collected. There is a \$15 fee for each computer monitor and a \$20 fee for each TV containing cathode ray tubes - cash or checks only. LED or LCD monitors and TV's can be recycled free of charge. Large wooden console TV's will not 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, 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. They will also accept donations of baseball & soccer equipment AND bike parts & accessories.



Art For Humanity is an all volunteer non-profit humanitarian charity that helps poor families to help themselves. They will collect gently-used but functional clothing, shoes, linens (sheets, blankets, bed spreads, and towels), microwaves, rugs, and pots & pans and other kitchen items. Receipts for tax purposes will be available. Financial donations are appreciated as well to assist with shipping costs. For more information, visit www.artforhumanity.org.

Unaccepted materials at this event include smoke detectors, prescription medications, asbestos, Freon, and explosives & ammunition.



For more details about E-CARE, visit <u>www.arlingtonva.us</u> and search "E-CARE."

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Lap Lane Swim 8- 10am /Pool Open 10am- 8pm	Pool Open 10am-8pm
3 Pool Open 10am-8pm	Pool Open 10am-8pm	5 Pool Closed	6 Pool Closed Community Forum 7:30pm @pool	7 Pool Closed	8 Pool Open 3- 8pm	9 Pool Open 10am-8pm
10 Pool Open 10am-8pm	Pool Closed Volunteer Night 7pm @pool	Pool Closed Board Meeting - 6:45p/ FCC	13 Pool Closed	Pool Closed Landscape Meeting - 7:15pm/FCC	15 Pool Open 3- 8pm	16 Pool Open 10am-8pm / Pool Party 4- 7pm
Pool Open 10am-8pm / Dog Swim 7pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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8	9 Columbus Day	10 Board Meeting - 6:45p/FCC	11	12 Landscape Meeting - 7:15pm/ FCC	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Court Rep Group Meeting - 7pm/FCC	24	25	26	27	28 Fairlington Glen's 42nd Birthday!
29	30	31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2 Annual Meeting - 7pm/FCC		

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