The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

September 2018

New Board President Appointed

At their August 14, 2018, monthly meeting, the Fairlington Glen Board of Directors voted to appoint Charlie Robbins to the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Thora Stanwood. Robbins, who is a 32-year Glen co-owner, will serve as Board President until the election in November. At that time, he will be a candidate on the ballot.

According to Glen Treasurer Maynard Dixon, Robbins has "hit the ground running and is a real pleasure to work with." Robbins is no stranger to volunteer service in the Glen. In the past he served two consecutive terms on the Board and as a member of the old Buildings & Grounds committee, and he continues to serve as the Court Rep in Court 13 where he lives.



Charlie Robbins

The Board also voted Stanwood to be its liaison for the ongoing environmental matter, which is something she has presided over from the beginning, and to be the Glen's representative to the Fairlington condo presidents' meetings. On May 14, 2018 a representative from each of the seven Fairlington condominium association boards (Glen, Arbor, Commons, Green, Meadows, Mews and Fairlington Villages) and the one homeowners' association board (Fairlington Court) met at the Fairlington Community Center to share ideas and experiences and open a line of communication among the many boards. Stanwood was responsible for getting the group together.

There will be three Board seats up for election in the Glen in November - the seat with a remaining oneyear term that needs to be filled due to the July 2018 resignation of Stanwood, the seat that is currently held by Secretary Bill Worsley, and the seat that is currently held by At-Large Member Lee Henry. Both Worsley and Henry have chosen not to seek another term.

Jay Yianilos, Editor

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Community Forum / Call For Candidates



Please join us at the Glen pool on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30pm for the annual Community Forum. The Board will discuss the proposed 2019 budget, which was posted in the August issue of the *Glen Echo*, and answer any questions regarding the budget. The Board will be together in your backyard, so this is a prime opportunity to get your budget questions answered. *Please note that the forum is for adults only, as the*

pool will be closed. If it rains that night, we'll move the meeting indoors to the maintenance facility.

This may 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 three openings on the Board for the positions currently held by: the remaining one-year term of former President Thora Stanwood, which is currently being filled by Charlie Robbins until the Annual Meeting; the current Secretary Bill Worsley; and the current At-Large Member Lee Henry.

As announced in the August 2018 newsletter, <u>Board candidate profiles are due by September 3, 2018</u>, so there is not much time remaining to do this. But 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 may make. Send that description by September 3, 2018, to Board Treasurer Maynard Dixon at <u>maynarddixon@verizon.net</u> or drop it off at 4316 S. 35th Street (Court 16). The candidate profiles will be included with the formal budget package mailed to co-owners for approval in early October with the Annual Meeting information. The Glen's Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center.

Board members must be "eligible co-owners" under Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws, but otherwise there are no specific prerequisites for the office. It does, however, 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. They can be reached at:

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We hope to see you on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:30pm for the Community Forum at the Glen pool to discuss the proposed budget and your community.

Pool Season Is Coming To A Close

POOL HOURS - The pool will remain open for the first three weekends in September as follows:

September 1 / 10:00am-9:00pm September 2-3 / 10:00am-8:00pm September 7 / 3:00-8:00pm September 8-9 / 10:00am-8:00pm September 14 / 3:00-8:00pm September 15-16 / 10:00am-8:00pm (final weekend)

Please remember that our updated pool rules are posted on the Glen's website at <u>www.fairlington.org/glenindex.htm</u>.

POOL PARTY - We will say goodbye to summer and the pool season with our annual season-ending pool party, scheduled for Saturday, September 15 from 4:00 to 7:00pm (Rain date will be Sunday, September 16). 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!



DOG SWIM - Then on Sunday, September 16 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!

BEER/WINE TASTING NIGHTS - Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend and socialize with your neighbors. Bring your own adult beverages (see list below) and a snack to share. Join one or both of the remaining get-togethers on the following nights at 7:30pm at the picnic table outside the pool's entrance.

- Thursday, September 13 Beer
- Tuesday, September 25 White wine

LOST & FOUND / REMINDERS - During the final days of the 2018 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 15 & 16 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!

Board Adopts New Handbook Regulations For Unassigned Parking Spaces

The Glen has 21 unassigned parking spaces. Unfortunately, some residents seem to view these slots as their private parking places for a second car. We need to set forth more clearly the permissible uses of these slots and how long visitors can use them.

The old rule was in the Handbook (2015), at page 31:

Unassigned spaces are marked "RESERVED", have a "U" after the space number, and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

On August 14, 2018, the Board repealed the old rule and substituted the following new rule:

Unassigned spaces are marked "RESERVED" and have a "-U" after the space number. Such spaces will be used only by: (a) persons visiting Glen residents for not more than 72 consecutive hours; (b) contractors retained by Glen residents or by Glen management; or (c) Glen residents for not more than 72 consecutive hours unless more time is approved by the board. All unassigned spaces are equally available to any Glen residents or their guests on a first-come, first-served basis, except that the Board may grant priority to its contractors, residents who are relocating, or residents having other special needs. Persistent violators may be towed at the request of the management agent, acting under the direction and supervision of the Board or one of its delegated members.

The "72 consecutive hours" rule for visitors would provide for long weekends but require persons visiting longer to park on the street. The "72 consecutive hours" rule for residents would allow them ample time to use these slots when they return late in evenings or for other special purposes, without stressing them out if they forget to move their cars back onto the street next morning. The rule has some teeth by giving residents fair warning that towing is allowed for persistent violators. Without such a warning in the Handbook, towing would cause legal problems.

Labor Day Hours/Reminders

The summer comes to an unofficial end this Labor Day Weekend. On Monday, September 3, please make note of the following:

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

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day Weekend!



Glen To Get Fully Current On Maintenance



The Glen is on a proactive four-year cycle for two important types of maintenance, exclusive of emergency spot work. Each year, four courts are inspected and maintained.

1. Every year, Restoration Engineering, Inc. (REI), our engineering firm, does a roof & gutter inspection of four courts and prepares detailed repair specs for bid.

2. Also, as the painters are painting the same four courts in the cycle, they inspect the woodwork and make a list of rotten wood to be replaced with PVC.

In the last few years, the bills for the cycled maintenance have been large because we have been trying to catch-up with deferred maintenance. To keep from running a deficit, we have been signing the contracts late in "Year 1" and deferring the work until early in "Year 2". This has delayed some needed but non-emergency maintenance by about seven months.

The Board has decided that this is unwise. Deferred maintenance defers dealing with problems that can only get worse and more costly to fix. It may even cause damage the property of residents. Moreover, it exposes the Glen to recently developing inflationary increases in the charges by contractors.

To get current this year (2018), we are going to do the work as soon as contracts are signed, even though we will also be paying for work that was contracted last year. This could, and probably will, cause us to incur a deficit when we are audited for the year 2018. But we have been building up a contingency reserve that can handle such a deficit — a reserve that was created for this type of situation. And remember, any deficit will result from the fact that we were getting needed work done, not because we had reduced revenue or were paying higher prices to contractors for the work.

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. Nelson & María's email address is <u>fairlingtonglenstaff@hotmail.com</u>.

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 represent-



atives. 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 communication 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. More than 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/Expenditures



At its August 14 meeting, the Board was busy voting to approve a number of contracts/expenditures. Here's a look at a few:

1. The Board approved the annual renewal of the Glen's insurance premium package by Traveler's Insurance at a cost of \$75,224.

2. The Board approved a contract with James R. Walls Contracting in the amount of \$24,290 to do spot repairs on roofs in Courts 5-8.

3. The Board approved a contract with Hercules Fence in the amount of \$7,538 to replace the paddle tennis court fence.

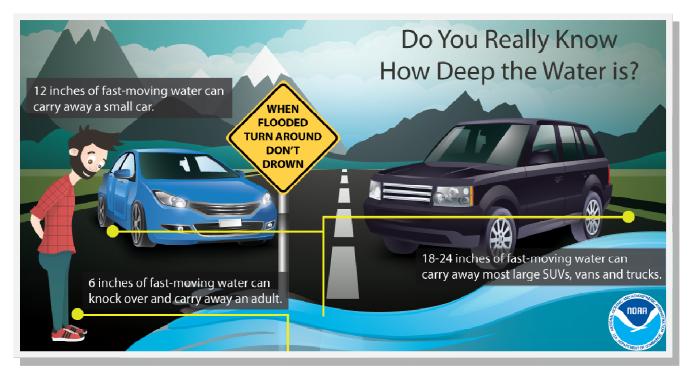
4. The Board approved a contract in the amount of \$2,750 with Dwyer Plumbing for the replacement of the hot water heater at the pool (serving the restrooms).

5. The Board approved a donation of \$250 to the Fairlington Historical Society for the celebration of Fairlington's 75th anniversary later this year.

6. The Board approved an expenditure with pickleballcentral.com in the amount of \$169.99 plus shipping and handling for the purchase of a portable pickleball net.

Turn Around, Don't Drown

Given the number of floods in our area, and around the country, this summer, we offer this great reminder to motorists and pedestrians:



Just Say No To Clutter

Do you have piles of clothes, papers, and general "stuff" collecting in your home? You're not alone. As summer ends and the school year begins, now is a great time to clean up that clutter and make your home a more enjoyable and relaxing place to live. Here are some ideas to follow:

<u>Create a Schedule</u> - Depending on how high those piles are, you may not be able to accomplish the task



in a single weekend. So, try tackling one room at a time. It may seem like a daunting project, but it will be less scary if you break it down into segments.

Practice a New Rule - Adopt the one item in, one item out rule. When you buy an item of clothing, for example, remove one item of clothing from your closet or dresser drawer. Not only will it keep down the clutter, but it will also make you rethink whether you really want to buy that new item in the first place. You can always donate your removed items to charity or sell them online.

Turn Your Bedroom Into a Stress-free Environment - This means no piles of toys and no mounds of clothes (on the floor or on your dresser). The bedroom should be a place where you can rest without worry.

<u>Make Cleaning Up Fun</u> - Kids are often the clutter culprits, so involve them in the process to make things neater and more organized. Turn this into a game for your kids and you'll all have fun tidying up.

<u>Know Your Vision For The Room</u> - What do you want from a room? Is it a place where you work, a space where you unwind, a playroom for the little ones, or something else? If you can answer that question truthfully, then you'll be able to decide what items stay and what items go.

Start a Routine - Make decluttering a part of your everyday life. If you do it at the same time every day, then the piles won't accumulate and you won't have to set aside a block of time to do major cleaning.

How To Get Rid Of Your Stuff

Now that you've spent the time to declutter your home, what do you do with the stuff? There are several smart options:



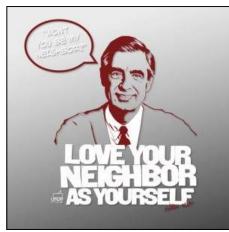
1. Sell it! Craigslist is still a great online option for selling things, but also consider Facebook Marketplace or an app for your smart phone such as OfferUp.

2. Host a yard sale. It may be old school, but it still works. Advertise your event and set reasonable prices. Remember, the goal is not to make a bundle, but rather to get rid of your junk.

3. Donate your items to the Salvation Army or Goodwill and get a receipt for a tax deduction.

4. The trash is always a last resort. After all, household trash is collected six days a week here in the Glen (Monday-Saturday) AND bulk trash is picked up on the first Saturday of every month.

How To Be a Good Neighbor



Living in a community association like Fairlington Glen has plenty of advantages, but some disadvantages (namely square footage) too. When you live so close to your neighbors like we do, please remember that a little consideration goes a long way.

We share the following tips from eHow.com on how to be a good neighbor beyond just a smile and a wave.

• Welcome any new neighbors with a personal note OR stop by for a personal introduction and welcome to the neighborhood.

- Make sure that the outside of your home is well kept and complies with our association's rules. Don't leave toys, strollers, or any other items on your front stoop, in the plant bed, or in the common area in front of your home.
- Be mindful of noise loud music, barking dogs, power tools that may disrupt the neighborhood beyond a reasonable hour.
- If you have a party, consider your neighbors. Invite them to join the fun or at the very least give them a heads up about the event. Direct your guests where to park/where not to park. End the party at a reasonable hour. Consider noise levels especially if the party extends to your patio area.
- Return anything you borrow from your neighbor promptly, in the same condition they lent it to you, and express your thanks.
- Replace anything of your neighbor's that you, your children, or your pets break or soil.
- Offer to take care of newspaper pick up, plants, or pets while your neighbor is on vacation.
- Be social! Inviting a neighbor over for coffee and conversation can promote open communication and a friendly neighborhood environment from which all neighbors can benefit.
- Respect your neighbor and their privacy!

We're fortunate to live in Fairlington Glen, a great neighborhood full of wonderful people. Whether you're a long-time resident or a newcomer, don't be afraid to be a great neighbor.



New Placement of County Vehicle Decals

Arlington County has mailed vehicle personal property bills to county residents, and the new 2019 yellow decal should be found on the back of your bill.

You'll recall that beginning on January 1, 2018, Virginia state inspection stickers moved to a new location on your vehicle's windshield - from the lower center portion of the windshield to the lower driver's side corner of the windshield (see example to the right)...although existing stickers can stay where they are until they expire. The new locations for these stickers is consistent with other states across the nation.



The new location on your windshield for state & county stickers.

The change was apparently implemented "due to innovations in the auto industry" such as crash avoidance systems that need a clear line of sight at the center of the dashboard.

The new location also applies to other stickers, such as Arlington County's vehicle property tax decal. The new 2019 yellow vehicle decals should be placed on the inside of your windshield in the lower left corner (driver's side) to the right of your Virginia State inspection sticker. If you haven't had your vehicle inspected by the state yet in 2018, please be aware that your new inspection sticker will be placed in a new location.

The requirements related to Arlington County decals as set forth in the County Code §14.2-71 "Display of License Tags" remain unaffected, requiring that Arlington County decals be affixed to the inside of the windshield of a motor vehicle and placed adjacent to the state inspection sticker and no higher than three (3) inches from the bottom of the windshield. However, during the transition period, January 2018 through December 2018, it is acceptable for an Arlington County decal to be located in the center of the windshield or adjacent to the Virginia state inspection sticker. Police officers and Public Service Aids will allow latitude in the position of the decal until January 1, 2019.



Out with the old.



In with the new!

Safety First During Back To School Season



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. If possible, 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 2018-19 school year. Drivers should pay extra caution as kids and buses become part of the daily commute.



S. 35th Street Is Finally Repaved

During the last two weeks of August, Arlington County crews and contractors milled and paved S. 35th Street in the Glen. Soon after, a striping crew will mark the lines and crosswalks on the road's surface.



S. 35th Street after it was milled...just waiting for the paving crews to arrive.



Crews arrive on August 29 and begin to get the street ready for new asphalt.



Hot asphalt is laid onto the street just in front of Court 14.



Then the road roller compacts the hot asphalt outside of Court 15 and creates a smooth surface.

Fairlington Glen Contact List (September 2018)

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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.).

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pool Open 10am-9pm Bulk Trash
2 Pool Open 10am-8pm	3 Pool Open 10am-8pm	4 Pool Closed	5 Pool Closed Community Forum 7:30pm	6 Pool Closed	7 Pool Open 3-8pm	8 Pool Open 10am-8pm
9 Pool Open 10am-8pm	10 Pool Closed	11 Pool Closed Board Meets - 6:30p/FCC	12 Pool Closed	13 Pool Closed Landscape Meeting - 7:15p/FCC	14 Pool Open 3-8pm	15 Pool Open 10am-8pm Pool Party 4- 7pm
16 Pool Open 10am-8pm Dog Swim 7p	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Fall	24	25	26	27	28	29
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October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Bulk Trash Pick Up
7	8 Columbus Day	9 Board Meets - 6:30p/FCC	10	11 Landscape Meeting - 7:15p/FCC	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Court Reps Group Meets - 7:00p/FCC	23	24	25	26	27
28 Glen's 43rd Birthday!!	29	30				