



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

March 2019

Reminder - Always Lock Car Doors

Over the years, I have reported about cars in the Glen, parked on the street or in our lots, that have been broken into during the night, and in some cases items were stolen. These crimes of opportunity keep happening throughout Fairlington and across the country because, in most cases, cars are left unlocked. Once again, I urge you to protect your belongings by always locking your car doors AND never leaving personal items such as cell phones, computers, tablets, GPS units, purses, wallets, shopping bags, etc. in your car.

These crimes, deemed larcenies from autos by the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD), continue. In all cases, whether items are stolen from a car or not, it's important that you contact police if your car has been broken into. Please report such incidents to the ACPD non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. Follow these simple suggestions, and those on page 2 of this newsletter, to protect yourself and greatly reduce your chances of falling victim to this crime.

LOCK IT - Lock your car every time, plain and simple. Leaving your doors and windows unlocked is just what a thief wants, and it makes it easy for them to steal your property or even your car. Even if you are leaving your car, your house, your bike, or anything else just for a minute, lock it up. A minute is all a thief needs to walk away with your property.

HIDE IT - Hide your belongings. The old saying "out of sight, out of mind" is always great advice. Leaving valuables in plain sight only tempts a thief.

KEEP IT - No one wants to have their personal items stolen from their vehicle, so by following these suggestions you will reduce your chances of falling victim to theft AND increase your chances of keeping your property.

Jay Yianilos, Editor

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.

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LARCENY FROM AUTO PREVENTION TIPS

Larcenies occurring from automobiles are crimes of opportunity. Take a proactive step against theft by following our **DOs** and **DONTs** when leaving your vehicle unattended.

DO

REMOVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CRIME

- ✓ Park in well-lit and high-traffic areas
- ✓ Keep doors locked and windows up
- ✓ Move valuables to your trunk



DON'T

INVITE THEFT

- ✗ Leave your car running unattended at any time
- ✗ Leave electronic cords or GPS visible
- ✗ Leave items under your seat

DON'T

- ✗ Leave bags (gym, shopping, etc.) visible
- ✗ Leave electronics (cell phones, iPads, etc.) in your vehicle
- ✗ Leave a spare key in your vehicle



SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS?

Report to the Arlington County Police Department at 703.558.2222.

News From The Board

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Here are some of the notes from that meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

Thora Stanwood, the Board's liaison for the environmental issue, and Candace Lewis, property manager with Cardinal Management Group, gave an update on the ongoing situation regarding the chemical contamination matter.

Candace said that our environmental attorney will come to the March Board meeting to provide the latest update from legal. And a report was communicated that addressed specific concerns of odor in a Court 14 co-owner's unit, and the preliminary results were positive.

Thora reported the results of the email exchanges she's had with Trent Zivkovich from Whiteford Taylor & Preston (see Attachment A to the February 12, 2019 Board minutes). In addition, she plans to follow up with Trent to see how co-owners will be reimbursed for the electricity costs to run the in-unit SSDS systems.



APPROVED



The Board approved a contract with Kolas Contracting in the amount of \$28,500 for carpentry repairs in Courts 5-8.

The Board approved a contract with Restoration Engineering, Inc. (REI) in the amount of \$5,680 for spot roof and gutter inspections in Courts 9-12.

The Board approved a contract with Environmental Enhancements (EE) in the amount of \$5,336 for pruning and disease removal of the Quaker Lane Photinias.

The Board approved a contract with EE in the amount of \$1,499 for lime application to the turf.

The Board approved a 2.2% raise for the Glen's onsite staff retroactive to January 1, 2019.

The next monthly Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Fairlington Community Center, located at 3308 S. Stafford Street.

Gardening In Common Areas



Gardening in common areas requires a red reflector.

Spring is oh so near, and thoughts are turning to gardening. If you have a red reflector in the front and/or side (if an end unit) plant bed, please rake the leaves out and trim your bed so it is ready for our contractor to spread mulch.

If you are interested in gardening in the front and/or side (if an end unit) plant bed, please sign up for the Glen's annual red reflector program. You'll find the form on page 5 of this newsletter and online at www.fairlington.org/glenredreflectorform.pdf. A member of the Glen's landscape committee will contact you about dropping off the reflector. They are not pretty, but place them in a prominent position so the landscape contractor staff can easily see them and know not to touch your bed.

See pages 28-29 in the Glen Handbook, found online at www.fairlington.org/GlenHandbook2015.pdf, for a description of what can be planted. Gardening done by residents in the front and/or side (if an end unit) plant beds next to their houses adds a personal touch to the Glen.

IMPORTANT - If you already have a red reflector and want to continue gardening, you must fill out the red reflector form again each year so the landscape committee has an accurate record of which beds should not be touched by our contractor. Also, if you have a reflector, but you no longer want to be responsible for gardening please let the landscape committee know by emailing glenlandscaping@gmail.com. A member of the committee will arrange to pick up the red reflector.

Court 11 Parking Lot Reminder

The two office parking spaces located in the Court 11 parking lot are reserved at ALL hours and ALL days of the week for our maintenance staff and authorized office vehicles only. At no time shall these spaces be occupied by residents, their guests, or their contractors.

Contrary to opinion, no unit in Court 11 lost a space as a result of these two spaces being reserved for Glen staff. Each unit in the Glen is given one reserved space. Additional vehicles, plus those belonging to visitors and contractors, should park on the street.

Please do not park your vehicle in either of these Court 11 spaces at any time and please advise your guests and contractors. Violators are subject to towing at the expense of the car's owner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



FAIRLINGTON GLEN

RED REFLECTOR CLUB

The plant beds around our homes are common property, maintained by the Glen’s landscape contractor. Some residents prefer to maintain the front and side (if an end unit) plant beds themselves. A red reflector in a visible place in your bed alerts the Glen’s landscape contractor to leave this area alone.

The resident:

- will install a red reflector (provided) in the bed in a visible location.
- will regularly maintain the bed including:
 - a) pruning shrubs away from the building.
 - b) weeding, feeding, and deadheading the plants.
 - c) watering.
 - d) cleanup of annuals and perennials in the spring and fall.
- will avoid planting anything invasive including, but not limited to, English ivy.
- understands that the Glen Homeowners’ Association reserves the right to assume responsibility for improperly maintained beds.

The Glen’s landscape contractor:

- will mulch and edge all plant beds, including those with a red reflector.

This form is to be completed each year and submitted by March 31st to the Glen landscape email glenlandscaping@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Resident (s): _____

Co-owner: _____ or Tenant: _____

Will maintain front bed: _____ Will maintain side bed: _____

Address: _____ Court # _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

HAPPY GARDENING!
Glen Landscape Committee

Daylight Saving Time Returns



Get ready to change those clocks again!

In case you've been wondering when we change the clocks next, the answer is Sunday, March 10 when we officially return to Daylight Saving Time. That means at 2:00am please set your clocks forward one hour - or change your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night. You'll lose an hour of sleep that night, but gain daylight in the afternoon.

Plus, this is always a great time to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detector.

Daylight Saving Time in the United States begins on the second Sunday of March and continues until the first Sunday of November.

Income Tax Deadline Coming Soon

It's tax season...again. If you haven't already filed your federal and/or state tax returns yet, please remember that the deadline to file is April 15 for federal returns and May 1 for Virginia returns.

If you're due a federal refund, you can start checking on the status of your return using the "Where's My Refund?" online tool on www.irs.gov. You can check once per day about 24 hours after the IRS receives your e-filed return or four weeks after mailing a paper return. The tool has a tracker that displays progress through three phases: 1) Return Received, 2) Refund Approved, and 3) Refund Sent. All that is needed to use "Where's My Refund?" is the taxpayer's Social Security number, tax filing status (such as single, married, head of household), and the exact amount of the refund claimed on the return.



"Where's My Refund?" is updated no more than once every 24 hours, and usually that's overnight, so there's no need to check the status more than once per day.

Dogs Must Be On Leashes



Just a friendly reminder to all dog owners and dog walkers - ALL pet owners must abide by Glen policy and Arlington County regulations concerning pets.

When taken outdoors, dogs **MUST** be kept on a leash at all times. Dogs are not permitted to run at large except at designated "off-leash" dog exercise areas located in Arlington County. The closest dog park to the Glen is at Utah Field.

Please take this matter seriously; after all, it's the law. Thank you!

Bulk Trash Collected Monthly

Large or bulk trash items may be put out the first Saturday of each month for pick up by Capitol Services of Virginia, the Glen's trash and recycling contractor. However, please note that bulk trash is that which is generated through the normal occupancy of the unit by the resident as a result of normal maintenance. The following materials are **not** permitted for collection:

Dead animals	Stones or rocks
Oil	Concrete
Paint	Bricks
Batteries	Poisons
Construction materials	Dangerous acids
Manure	Caustics
Tree stumps	Explosives
Dirt	Other dangerous materials

Renovation/construction debris is the responsibility of the co-owner/resident and may not be left curbside. Such materials should be disposed of by the contractor or by the co-owner/resident if the work is not performed by a contractor.

Hazardous wastes, including paints, motor oil, household chemicals, and other toxics, are unacceptable for curbside disposal. Arlington County residents may call the Water Pollution Control Plant at 703-228-6820 for information on the disposal of hazardous/toxic materials.

How To Dispose of Boxes

Capitol Services of Virginia, our trash and recycling contractor, reports that countries such as China and India are no longer accepting America's recycling. As a result, recycling costs have skyrocketed. In order to save money, Capitol now takes the Glen's cardboard, which is extensive due to all of the online purchases we're all making these days, to the burn center with our regular household trash. Cardboard boxes are no longer being recycled.

Whether you still put your cardboard out with the weekly recycling or with your household garbage, please note that it's important to spend a moment breaking the boxes down before you put them outside.



Not like this!



But rather, like this!

NOTE: *If you are placing cardboard out on recycling day, please put these boxes, after you break them down, onto the ground. Do not put cardboard into the recycling bins. It just takes up too much room that is otherwise needed for glass, plastic, and aluminum items.*

Good Neighbor Policies & Rules

Life in a condominium community like Fairlington Glen requires cooperation and consideration. After all, there are a lot of people living very close to one another. Think about it - we have 352 units, 16 courts, and just over 24 acres of property in the Glen.

Our Good Neighbor Policy requires communication as a first step in resolving conflicts. Please be considerate of your neighbors and talk to them if they are not being respectful of you - they may not realize they're being inconsiderate.



The following policies and rules (found on Page 22 of the Glen's Handbook) are intended to delineate the overall responsibility of residents and protect the ability of residents to live in harmony with their neighbors. These policies and rules are derived from the association's governing documents as well as a common sense approach to harmonious community living. Any approvals given under these policies and rules by the Board are revocable, and these policies and rules may be amended or repealed by the Board.

Court representatives play an important role in encouraging adherence to good neighbor policies and rules discussed in the Handbook, chapter 4. Court Reps are often able to resolve problems without involving the Board. If an individual co-owner is unable to resolve a violation on his or her own and needs to take the matter to the next level, the recommendation approach includes:

Gather The Facts - Be specific as to dates, times, and places. If you did not witness the violation, get a written statement from the person who did. Photos can be helpful.

Cite The Handbook Rule or Blanket Variance Violated...unless the incident would be a clear violation. For example, "John Doe lets his dog run loose" or "Jane Doe planted an unauthorized tree" would be clear violations.

Investigate The Actions Taken To Resolve The Issue Without Board Involvement - If none were taken, say so, and explain why, if this would be helpful. For example: "I did not discuss with owner because he lives out of town, won't answer his phone, has proved unresponsive on other matters, etc." If you explain merely that you feel uncomfortable dealing with the alleged violator, you need not say more. NOTE: your court representative may be able to resolve the matter without Board involvement.

Write-up A Report...(email, hard-copy letter, etc.) on the above.

Give Your Report To The Board President for consideration. If a violation of a variance may be involved, give a copy to the variance coordinator. The management company will usually not become involved unless the Board asks it to do so.

Even in great communities like Fairlington Glen, problems can sometimes arise between neighbors. You are encouraged to do your best to resolve differences and respect one another. Not everyone will be your friend, but everyone should be a good neighbor to others and follow the rules of this community.

B Building Committee To Meet



The Glen's newly-formed B Building Hallway Redecoration Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00pm at the Fairlington Community Center, located at 3308 S. Stafford Street.

Committee chair Jay Yianilos reports that he's received interest from six other B Building residents who will volunteer on this committee.

The Board formed the committee in January 2019 and tasked the group with generating ideas for new paint, carpeting, and flooring for the common area spaces of the Glen's 23 B Buildings.

Help Wanted - Lifeguards Needed

Spring arrives this month - FINALLY! And plans have already begun for summer fun at the Glen pool. Atlantic Pool Service, Inc., the Glen's pool contractor, is now hiring lifeguards for summer employment.

They are looking for certified lifeguards and pool operators to work in the Fairlington area this summer. We haven't had a Glen teenager working at our pool in a few years. If your son or daughter, or perhaps someone you know in Fairlington or nearby, is qualified, please have them contact Atlantic.

For applications and more information, call 703-941-1000 or email atlanticpool-inc@aol.com. Or visit Atlantic online at www.atlanticpoolservice.net.

Trash, Trash, and More Trash

It's been said that we live in the "little oasis in South Arlington." But you have to wonder if the author of that statement envisioned seeing so many trash bags day (after trash has been picked up) and night (before trash is picked up the following morning) in the community. After all, it takes only one trash bag to spoil the beauty of a court.



Here in the Glen we are fortunate to have trash pick up six days a week (Monday-Saturday), and that includes most holidays.

The trash is picked up in the mornings. The rule is to put your bagged household trash out by 8:00am on weekdays and by 9:00am on Saturdays and holidays.

So why are we seeing trash bags the rest of the day? Laziness? Smelly garbage in the bag? Don't know the rules? Sorry, these excuses don't cut it. When trash bags, especially those filled with garbage, are left out, birds and other critters break into the bags and scatter garbage everywhere. Surely, one can keep their trash bag in the house until the next morning.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and respect the beauty of our "little oasis in South Arlington."

What You Should Know About Condo Fees

A unit owner's annual contribution (assessment) to the expenses of the condominium is in proportion to his/her undivided interest in the common elements. The condominium declaration establishes your unit's value, which is generally proportionate to its size. Your monthly fee is the total amount of dues revenue budgeted annually for the Glen, multiplied by your proportionate interest, divided by 12, and rounded to the nearest dollar.



In addition, special assessments may be levied by the Board if necessary. However, in the 43-year history of Fairlington Glen there has never been a special assessment.

Regular monthly assessments are due on or before the first day of each month. You may pay your monthly fee by automatic debit from your bank account, by bill pay, or by mailing your payment and coupon to the designated address. We encourage you to arrange for direct debit because this saves the association the expense of printing and mailing coupon books. It also saves you the need to remember to send in your monthly amount due. Check out the January 2019 issue of the *Glen Echo* for more information on assessments and paying your fees.

A late charge is assessed if the payment is received after the 10th of the month. If your fee is not paid by the 10th of the month you will receive a letter noting your lateness and stating that a late fee is also due. If your account is more than a month in arrears you will receive a notice requesting payment within 10 days. Beyond that, your account will be referred to our attorney for collection. The Board may authorize the attorney to require that you immediately pay all monthly installments for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Board Has A Fiduciary Responsibility

The mere mention of fiduciary responsibility may scare some co-owners away from Board service, but it shouldn't. Managing the association's finances is one of the Board's most important duties, but it doesn't have to be complicated.

Fiduciary duty means protecting assets, budgeting responsibly, planning for the future, investing wisely, and observing laws and regulations that affect association resources. Fiduciary duty requires the Board to ensure that the assessments you pay are used properly to maintain the community and cover insurance, contracted services, utilities, and other needed materials and services. The Board is obligated to make ethical and legal decisions that best serve the entire association.

Board members fulfill their fiduciary duty by:

1. Establishing and adhering to a budget.
2. Reviewing financial statements regularly.
3. Putting policies in place to reduce the risks of fraudulent activity.
4. Hiring an accounting firm to perform an annual audit.
5. Adopting an investment policy.
6. Conducting a reserve study and updating it regularly as required.

6th Annual Fairlington 5K - Register Now

The 6th Annual Fairlington 5K Run & Walk is coming on Saturday, April 27. Registration is now open, so get registered and start training!

This family-friendly event will again be hosted by Abingdon Elementary School and the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) to promote health & physical fitness AND to raise money and awareness for Ellie McGinn, a 10-year-old Fairlington Arbor resident who was diagnosed in 2011 with a rare degenerative brain and spinal cord mitochondrial disease for which there is no known cure. The disease slowly robs children of their ability to walk, then stand, and then to coordinate all motor skills.

Plus, a silent auction on Friday, April 5 from 6:00 to 8:00pm at the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon Street, will help to raise funds for "A Cure For Ellie" and the Abingdon Elementary School PTA.

Participants can take part in the 1K Walk & Fun Run OR 5K (3.1 miles) through Fairlington. Part of the 5K course even comes through the Glen.

Registration rates for the 5K will be \$35 for adults, \$20 for kids 6-16, and FREE for children 5 and under. Costs for the 1K Walk & Fun Run are \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids 6-16, and FREE for children 5 and under. Participants will receive t-shirts.

For more information, please visit www.fairlington5K.com.



Arlington County Offers Fitness Memberships



Now's the time for exercise in Arlington!

Having trouble keeping up with your New Year's resolution to get more exercise? Fear not with an Arlington County Fitness Membership.

Adult membership rates for County residents range from \$56.25 for three months to \$195 for a full year. And if you're 55+, then it costs even less.

Arlington operates seven fitness centers, including one at the Fairlington Community Center. Each location has different hours and equipment, but County fitness pass members may go to any of the seven facilities to work out.

Whether you want to walk/run on a treadmill, ride a stationary bike, or lift weights, Arlington County Fitness Memberships offer it all. Cardiovascular equipment, Selectorized strength training equipment, free weights, dumbbells, and other fitness equipment is available, but varies by location.

For more information, go to www.arlingtonva.us.

Fairlington Glen Contact List (March 2019)

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COURT REPRESENTATIVES GROUP (CRG): Meets as called

Chairperson	Thora Stanwood (Court 2)			
1 (27 units)	Melissa Woodson	3501 S. Stafford, #A1	202-631-0618	melissawoodson1@gmail.com
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EMERGENCY NUMBER (after business hours and on weekends and holidays) **866-370-2989**

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.).

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 B Bldg Hallway Redo Meeting - 7pm / FCC	7	8	9
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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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