

# The Glen Echo

#### **Newsletter of Fairlington Glen**

April 2023

# Sadly, Fairlington 5K Has Been Cancelled

The 8th annual Fairlington 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run, previously scheduled for Saturday, April 29, has been cancelled by race organizers for safety and security concerns imposed by the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD).

We hate to see this community event, one of the best in Fairlington, stopped. There was something special about a spring Saturday morning where men, women, children, and dogs all came together for a great cause. And it was special for the non-participants who came out to cheer, clap, or even ring cow bells to encourage the runners and walkers of all ages.

Apparently, the ACPD notified organizers of races that did not have clear courses - those in which all parked cars were moved - that by 2023 they would no longer allow these events to occur with vehicles parked on the race route.

In case you didn't know, the Fairlington 5K was started to raise money to fund research for a cure for leukoencephalopathy (LBSL), a disease that affects Fairlington teenager Ellie McGinn. It was hosted in conjunction with the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA), A Cure for Ellie, and Abingdon Elementary. Money raised supported physical education programs at Abingdon as well as research into LBSL.

On the Fairlington 5K website, race organizers Beth and Michael McGinn said, "The county has informed us of a new policy requiring all cars to be moved out of the race course the day of the event. In our community that is simply not possible."

They added, "We want to thank everyone who supported this effort over the last seven years. You helped raise \$130K for our daughter's cure research. Two drugs are now in pre-clinical trial thanks to all of you! If you registered you should have already received a full refund to your credit card or Venmo account. You will receive an email soon as well."

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#### Latest News From the Board

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Here are some of the highlights.

#### **APPROVED**

Moved to approve a contract with Kolas Contracting in the amount of \$47,634 for exterior painting of Courts 9-10. The Treasurer noted that he was pleased that Kolas did not increase the unit cost over last year. He opined that the job may be getting easier because the Glen is soft washing the wood surfaces first and have done carpentry repairs that make the painting easier.

Moved to ratify the earlier email vote to approve a landscape variance for 3542 S. Stafford St. (Court 13).

Moved to ratify the earlier email vote to approve a variance for an attic conversion at 3537 S. Stafford Street, #B-2 (Court 2).

Moved to ratify the earlier email vote to approve a contract with F.H. Furr in the amount of \$13,172 for disconnected pipe repairs in Court 6.

Moved to ratify the earlier email vote to approve a contract with Atlantic Pools, Inc. in the amount of \$4000 for repairs to the wading pool and the main pool stairs.

#### **NOTES**

A motion was considered to establish a Security Committee, but more discussions will be required.

The Pool Committee is planning to have an opening season pool party in June - the exact date is still to be determined. Volunteers will be needed to set up for the event and grill food.

The Landscape Committee is planning a test program for the planting of new perimeter trees by purchasing young trees and having our landscape contractor plant them behind Court 6. Volunteers have already been lined up for watering. If this is successful, they will address the area behind Court 8 next.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:30pm. The Fairlington Community Center has reopened, but due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Details to access the meeting will be announced as we get closer to the date.

#### **CAUTION / Beware SPAM Email Messages**

We continue to see evidence of spam email messages that are trying to solicit gift cards and other valuables while pretending to be members of the Glen Board or management staff.

Board members or Glen volunteers will never ask you for such things. When in doubt, always check the email address of the sender or consult with a Board member or our onsite manager before taking any action. It's always best to delete such suspicious messages without clicking on any links or even responding at all.

# Professional Landscapers Beautify the Glen



Maintaining common areas in the Glen is one of the Board's most basic responsibilities. To fulfill that responsibility, the Board has contracted with Professional Grounds, Inc. to be our professional landscaping company. Professional Grounds has a contract with the Glen to help beautify our wonderful neighborhood.

Below, you will find a list that details the calendar of services offered by Professional Grounds to the Glen in 2023. We've all seen the landscape crews in our courts and heard the whirl of their mowers and leaf blowers, but if you'll spend a few moments glancing at the info below you'll have a better appreciation for what our contract provides to us on an annual basis.

It takes more than a green thumb to maintain attractive and functional landscaping. Our contractor employs a professional staff and trained labor crews to help keep the Glen and its curb appeal looking great. Landscaping is very important to the community's quality of life, its image, its value, and even its resale value. In fact, it's a long-term investment in our community. Maintaining it can be expensive, but it's well worth it.

**Mowing Services -** Every 7 to 10 Days from early April into November. During periods of extenuating weather conditions, mowing frequencies will be scheduled as conditions permit and may be extended in the summer if excessively hot/dry. Bed weeding will also be done throughout the mowing season.

**Spring Mulch** - Completed in early to mid-March. Beds are edged a few days beforehand.

#### **Pruning:**

- Perennial Cut Back Cutting back of grasses, liriope etc. Done in early January.
- Photinia-to be done by March 15<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> Done after the Spring flush of growth is over. Usually late May/early June.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Usually completed in mid-August.
- **3**<sup>rd</sup> Must be done after a hard frost to avoid regrowth of tender foliage which is subject to winter injury (late October/early November).

**Spring Pre and Post Emergent Weed Control with Fertilizer -** mid to late April.

Early Fall Weed Control/Fertilizer - early to mid-September.

**Late Fall Fertilizer -** late October/early November.

**Ornamental Program -** April dormant oil applications and inspections from March to November. Applications in June/July for lace bugs and spider mites with synthetic pyrethrums/miticides. Fertilization when need in early spring/fall.

**Leaf Collections -** We have flexibility here but usually perform one in mid-November to address early dropping species (maple/sycamores etc.), a second in early December and the final in late December once all the oaks have fallen. Furthermore, they really do a fourth as part of spring clean up in late February/early March.

## Gardening in Common Areas / Red Reflectors

Spring is here, and for those with green thumbs the thoughts of gardening have begun. If you have a red reflector in the front and/or side (if an end unit) plant bed, please rake the leaves and debris 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 also on the Glen's website. A member of the Glen's Landscape Committee will contact you about dropping off the reflector. The reflectors are not pretty, but be sure to place them in a prominent position in your plant bed so that the landscape contractor's staff can easily see them and know not to touch your bed.



See pages 30-32 in the Glen Handbook, found on our website at <a href="https://www.fairlingtonglen.com">https://www.fairlingtonglen.com</a>, 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 units 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 landscape contractor. Also, if you have a red reflector, but you no longer want to be responsible for gardening, please let the Landscape Committee know by emailing <a href="mailto:glenlandscaping@gmail.com">glenlandscaping@gmail.com</a> and including your name, address, and court number. A member of the committee will arrange to pick up that red reflector.

# Volunteers Needed for Spring Clean Up Day



Volunteers are needed to help the Landscape Committee for Spring Clean Up Day in the Glen on Saturday, April 22, which happens to be Earth Day.

The perimeter areas along the interior and exterior fence lines on King Street and Quaker Lane have trash that needs to be picked up, bagged, and disposed of properly. Also, help is needed to remove ivy from some of our common area trees inside the perimeter fences. It may not sound like much, but a little bit will make a huge difference.

Adults and children are welcome to join. Actually, this is a great opportunity to help your community and to meet your fellow neighbors & make new friends.

Clean Up Day volunteers are asked to meet at 9:00am at the entrance to the Glen Pool. Please bring your own gardening gloves and a hand pruner (if you have one). The Glen will provide trash bags and other needed tools.

Work for just an hour or stay until 11:00-11:30am if you can spare the time. After the "hard work" is complete, our volunteers will have a treat at the maintenance facility area.

Please RSVP to <u>susanhunchar.fairlingtonglen@gmail.com</u>. Note, in the event of rain on April 22, the event will be April 29.

### 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/or 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) clean up 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 Condo 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 April 15 to the Glen landscape email glenland-scaping@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

# Congratulations to María Castro

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, the Glen's onsite staff member María Castro officially became a U.S. citizen through naturalization when she officially took the Oath of Allegiance.

She received her diploma at a ceremony in Fairfax after passing the exam. María apparently studied for an hour at home every night for weeks in order to prepare for the exam. She was given 100 questions to study about U.S. history, government, and the Constitution.

María, who is originally from Michoacán, Mexico, has been living and working in the U.S. for 38 years. In fact, next month she will celebrate her 24th anniversary as a Fairlington Glen employee.

Maria said she is most looking forward to voting. "I am so happy now. I've been working so hard for this."

She added, "My children and my grandchildren are here, and I am so excited now to be a U.S. citizen like they are."



# **LIFEGUARDS**

#### Wanted for Summer Employment

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc. is looking for Lifeguards to work this summer in the Fairlington Glen community.

We are one of the highest paying pool companies in the

Northern Virginia Area.

For applications and information regarding discounted certification, please call

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc. (703) 941-1000

or email at atlanticpoolinc@aol.com

\*Lifeguard certifications are not required at time of hire\*

#### **Important Notes About Trash & Recycling**

Because we've been asked, here are the all-important answers about trash and recycling in the Glen.

What do we do with yard waste/debris? If it's a small amount that can be bagged, then you are allowed to put that out with your regular household trash. Large projects (such as tree limbs, patio shrubs, etc.) resulting in loose debris must be removed by the co-owner and never placed out next to the



trash for pick up. That is something that our contractor, Capitol Services of Virginia, will not take.

**Should I put out recycling on windy days?** Actually, we prefer that you hold off on putting out recycling on Tuesdays with intense wind. This will only cause your items to be blown all over Fairlington. Instead, please wait until Wednesday morning. Also, please flatten all cardboard boxes and secure all loose papers.

<u>Is it ok to put my recycling items in plastic bags?</u> No, it is not. Plastic tends to clog the recycling equipment. Therefore, place your items into the bins provided.

<u>Do I need to rinse out recyclable items?</u> Yes indeed! Food contamination can cause an entire batch of recyclables to be rejected by the recycling center.

For more information on recycling, please see the information on page 8 of this newsletter that's been provided to us by Capitol Services.

#### Farmers Market Set to Open May 7



The 2023 season of the Fairlington Farmers Market is set to begin next month on Sunday, May 7. Get ready for fresh fruits, veggies, and more at the 9th season of our neighborhood farmers market.

The market will be open every Sunday until November 19 from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the back patio of the Fairlington Community Center. As you can imagine, parking comes at a premium. So, Fairlington residents are encouraged to walk to the market.

Many of your favorite vendors will be back this season, along with some new ones and new product offerings. For more information, or to sign up for the weekly e-newsletter, visit <a href="https://www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org">www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org</a>. And remember that volunteers are always needed at the market.

As a local, producer-only market, everyone who sells at the market grows, raises, bakes, cooks or prepares the food themselves. And it is all done within 125 miles of Fairlington. Not only do you have access to fresh, high-quality food through the market, but you can also get to know people who grow and make your food. Buying locally produced foods means your money goes to growing the food versus transportation and packaging, helps keep pesticides out of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and supports the local, small business economy.

# GO GREEN WITH CAPITOL SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, INC.

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All other batteries should be treated as Household Hazardous Materials, disposed at the HHM Facility or bettery drop-off locations throughout the County.

Only ALKALINE betteries can go in TRASH

HAZARD

# Spring in Fairlington Glen!

Most Glen residents will agree that spring is such a beautiful time to be in Fairlington Glen. Here are some examples.



The spring flowers are in bloom and proclaim "welcome" at the entrance to the Glen from Quaker Lane.



The sun is shining and the trees are blooming in Court 15.



The always-decorative Court 4 as captured in this pic taken from Facebook.



With the longer days and the warmer temps, the Glen's tot lot will likely be busy this spring.

## Street Sweeping Season is Underway



Arlington County's street sweepers will be rolling out this month to clean the streets of Arlington County.

Arlington County's annual street sweeping season begins this month and continues through October. Street sweeping removes accumulated debris and pollutants, such as sand, salt, metals, petroleum products, and bacteria, before they wash into streams, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Streets are swept four times a year - April, June, August, and October. The County estimates that 814 lane miles are swept countywide each month. The County has divided Arlington's 59 civic associations into 14 street sweeping zones, and Fairlington falls into Zone 3. Our next two scheduled street sweeping dates are April 5 and June 7.

Street sweeping occurs between 7:30am and 3:00pm. Arlington County asks residents who have parked on County streets to move their cars from the streets on street sweeping days so that the street sweepers can provide more effective sweeping. And please remind your neighbors as well.

#### Time to File Your Taxes

It's income tax season, and if you haven't already filed your federal and/or state tax returns yet, please remember that the 2023 deadline to file federal returns is April 18 because April 15 falls on a Saturday and Emancipation Day (a holiday in Washington, DC) falls on Monday, April 17, 2023. The deadline for Virginia returns is May 1.

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 <a href="www.irs.gov">www.irs.gov</a>. 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.

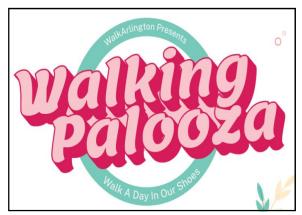
"Where's My Refund?" is updated no more than once every 24 hours, and usually that's overnight, so there's no need to check the status more than once per day.

Arlington County offers free tax assistance and resources to County residents and Arlington County Library patrons. You must call ahead or go online to schedule an appointment. For more information, visit https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/DHS/Public-Assistance/Tax.

# Get Ready for Walking Palooza

WalkArlington Program Manager Mary Dallao is happy to announce the 2nd annual Walking Palooza, a day-long spring walking celebration featuring free guided community walks in Arlington.

The event is set for Saturday, April 15, and this year's walks include a guided hike on Theodore Roosevelt Island with the National Park Service, a street design/safety educational walk with Arlington County's Vision Zero Program Manager Christine Baker, and a Black heritage walk with Black Heritage Museum of Arlington President Scott Taylor.



Learn more and register at <a href="https://www.walkarlington.com/national-walking-day">https://www.walkarlington.com/national-walking-day</a>.

# Arlington's Spring E-CARE is April 15



Arlington County will host its spring Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (E-CARE) on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 15 from 8:30am to 3:00pm</u> at Wakefield High School (this is a new location) at 1325 S. Dinwiddie Street. This event, which allows Arlington residents to quickly and safely dispose of household hazardous materials, will be held rain or shine.

This is a safe, quick disposal drive-thru event. If possible, please place materials for drop-off in the clean trunk or bed of your vehicle. Keep in mind that E-CARE is only available for personal use. Business and commercial waste will NOT be accepted.

Here's a list of materials that will be accepted:

Automotive fluids Household cleaners

Batteries Lawn & garden chemicals

Car care products Mercury

Compact fluorescent light bulbs Paint (25-can limit)

Corrosives (acids/caustics) Photographic chemicals

Fire extinguishers Poisons (pesticides)

Flammable solvents Printer ink/toner cartridges

Fluorescent tubes Propane gas cylinders (hand-held or larger)

Fuels/petroleum products

Swimming pool chemicals

Items that are unacceptable include: asbestos, explosives & ammunition, freon, medical wastes, prescription medicines, radioactive materials, and smoke detectors.

Small metal items and bicycles will NOT be collected at this event. For more information, call 703 -228-5000.

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#### EMERGENCY NUMBER (after business hours and on weekends and holidays) 703-569-5797

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

# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 APRIL FOOLS DAY Bulk Trash Pick Up
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 PASSOVELS	7	8
9 Happy Easter!	10	11 Board Meeting - 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 TAX DAY	19	20	21	Spring Clean Up Day @9am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 CINCO MAYO	6 Bulk Trash Pick Up
7	8	9 Board Meeting - 6:30pm	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	memorial DAY	30	31			