



# The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

February 2024

## Board Responsibility is Taken Seriously

Our community is more than just a neighborhood. In many ways, it's a lot like a business. Collectively, our regular monthly assessments amount to tens of thousands of dollars that need to be budgeted carefully and spent wisely. And our neighbors who have volunteered and been elected to serve on the Board are responsible for making critical decisions, on behalf of all co-owners and residents, about managing the community and our money.

The Board also develops long-range plans about the parts of the community that are shared property, such as when the parking lots need to be replaced and/or repaved, when the roofs and front stoops need to be replaced, and when to replace our fences. The Board must set aside and build adequate reserve funds so that these kinds of projects can be accomplished on schedule or even ahead of schedule in the event there's an unexpected breakdown.

The Board also sends out requests for bids and contracts with vendors to do the work necessary to maintain our shared amenities. For example, Board members decide who will do the best job of managing the pool each summer at the best price. They also decide what company is the most reliable to hire to mow the grass and maintain our common area landscape.

The Board's decisions can have a significant impact on the community's appearance and, consequently, on our property values. Regardless of our professional property manager and onsite manager, the Board is ultimately responsible for overseeing association operations.

Be sure to communicate with the Board regularly, observe Board meetings, and attend Annual Meetings to elect responsible Board members and to participate in the conversations about significant community issues. Better yet, consider running for the Board at the next election in the fall.

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# Latest News From the Board

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Here are some of the highlights.

## APPROVED

Motion to approve the revised Welcome Packet for new co-owners and post it to the Glen's website. The Treasurer noted that he will have a revised Welcome Packet for renters posted to the website without a Board vote because it will just be a truncated version of the one for co-owners. The Welcome Packet contains the most useful Glen information for newcomers in one short read and includes contact information, recycling guidelines, parking rules, and other valuable information about our community.

Moved to ratify the earlier unanimous email vote to approve a damage claim reimbursement allocation of funds in the amount of \$15,249.76 for 3536 S. Stafford Street, #A-1 (Court 13).

Moved to ratify the earlier unanimous email vote to approve a damage claim reimbursement in the amount of \$8,805.69 for 4122 36th Street S. (Court 5).

## NOTES

The Treasurer noted that he had circulated draft bid specifications for the 2024 painting work, which covers Courts 11 & 12. This will be part of next month's meeting agenda.

The Treasurer asked Onsite Manager Amy Steliga to contact her supervisor, Property Manager Candace Lewis, about consulting with USI, our insurance agent, to search for lower cost insurance. The search is already underway. This important effort will be added to our Task List so that its progress can be closely monitored.

## NEXT MEETING

***The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Details to access the meeting will be announced closer to the date.***

## PRESIDENTS DAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19



Just a reminder...

Cardinal Management Group and the Glen's onsite manager & onsite staff will be off.

Regular hours resume on Tuesday, February 20.

***However, there will be NORMAL trash service!***

# Planning a Renovation? Notify Neighbors



Work contracted for improvements and repairs is a necessary part of Glen homeownership, but Glen residents are reminded to have renovation/repair work done at reasonable times and after proper notice has been given to neighbors in their courtyard.

The Glen's Handbook is clear on this matter:

*Residents shall not make or permit any noises that will disturb or annoy the occupants of any units or do or permit anything to be done that will interfere with the rights, comfort, or convenience of other residents, particularly during nighttime hours, 10:00pm to 8:00am.*

*Construction renovation is prohibited generally from 6:00pm to 8:00am. Residents shall also avoid excessive noise during activities in the common areas (e.g., recreational activities) so as not to inconvenience their neighbors.*

*To give their neighbors time to take steps to minimize their exposure to noise from construction or renovation projects, residents shall, before beginning such projects: (1) notify their neighbors five days before beginning work; and (2) give them their best estimate of how long the work will take.*

## Board Seeks Your Input

Perhaps you've noticed the new light fixtures that have been installed in each of our 16 courts and throughout the common areas of the Glen.

This massive lighting project replaced the existing light fixtures, which have been around for years and experienced many issues and repairs.

The Board is experimenting with three of the light fixtures located around the pool, such as the one pictured to the right. Three slightly different colored lenses have replaced the existing clear lenses to help defer some of the brightest lights from shining too brightly into the homes of nearby residents. The lens color options include a dark gray, light gray, and white.

Board Secretary Seth Theuerkauf is asking for your input, positive or negative, on these different lenses. Share your thoughts in an email to Seth at [seth.fairlington.glen@gmail.com](mailto:seth.fairlington.glen@gmail.com).

The trial period runs until the end of February, after which the Board may elect to replace all lenses surrounding the pool with one of these lens options.



# January was Rather Cold & Snowy

Last month's weather offered a bit of everything from rain and wind to snow and freezing temps. Luckily the record-setting high temperatures at the end of the month melted all of our snow and ice. But not before cameras captured these pretty pics.

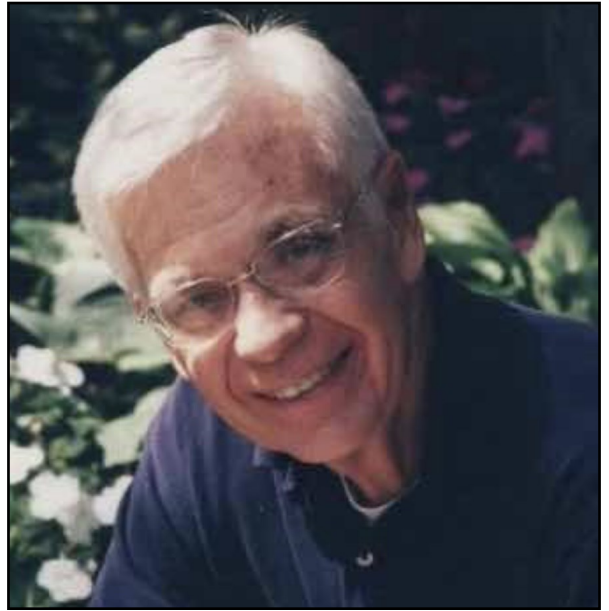


*January's snow was the first measurable snow here in two years! Some of these pics were captured from Facebook.*

# The Glen Remembers

This month, the Glen mourns the loss of a long-time co-owner and volunteer.

**Robert J. Wilson** - Bob served for many years as the Court Rep in Court 12, and he so enjoyed providing help to others to solve problems. His volunteer work also went beyond our neighborhood borders to Patrick Henry Elementary School where he acted as a classroom volunteer for 17 years. As Bob told the *Glen Echo* in 2013, "I always wanted to do something in a school since I am fascinated by how children learn starting from their youngest years."



*Bob Wilson*

*October 9, 1932 - January 3, 2024*

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Bob was a native of Washington, D.C. He graduated from St. John College High School in 1950 and entered Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Ordained a priest in 1959, he spent 12 years serving in the United States and 3 years in the Philippines.

In 1975, he married Kathleen (Kate) Doran and returned to the D.C. area to begin a career of civil service that lasted until his retirement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2002. Before his 17-year tenure at USDA, Bob worked for the Peace Corps, Bread for the World, and Farmers Home Administration.

Bob and Kate became original owners in Fairlington Villages in 1976 of a Clarendon II, where they raised their three children. "In our search for more space for the family," Bob said in 2013, "we were fortunate in 1989 to locate a Dominion for sale in the Glen (Court 12) with a plus: a large unfinished attic." Bob went on to say that "...it was the warmth of the neighbors in Court 12 and in the Glen that made us welcome. That has been part of our good fortune."

Bob was an avid gardener. He not only loved people, but people deeply loved him. For more info, please read his "Glen 10" interview in the December 2013 *Glen Echo* posted on the Glen's website.

He is survived by Kate and their children Mary (Erica), Maura (Matt), and James (Tamara Lyn), his grandchildren Henry and Nora Wilson-Winter, Arden and Ingrid Schneider, and Vera Lyn and Malisa Lyn Wilson.

# When It Comes to Kitchen Grease, Can It!



Long-time co-owners and residents are always quick to tell the newbies that we must care for our aging sewer system here in Fairlington. This is so important. And one way to do that is to always prevent FOG - Fats, Oils, & Grease - from entering the pipes. Instead, pour those items into an aluminum can and discard with your household trash.

FOG 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.

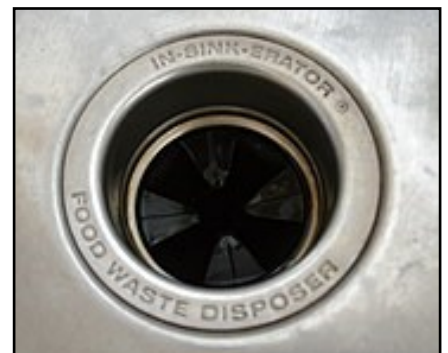
FOG in your pipes can lead to raw sewage overflowing into your home, expensive repairs, health risks from exposure to contaminants found in sewage, and odor problems. Save your cash and put the FOG in the trash!

In the kitchen keep an empty metal can or glass jar and pour cooking grease into the container when you're making bacon, browning ground beef, or getting ready to dispose of salad dressings made from oil. Place liquid oils in a sealable container and allow to cool before disposing in your regular 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, such as described above, shouldn't be in the sink drain anyways.



Also, 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.

# Early Voting is Underway for Primary

Early Voting for the March 5, 2024 Dual Presidential Primary Election began Friday, January 19 at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 320.

The Democratic and Republican Parties have requested a Primary Election for the purpose of selecting delegates for the office of President of the United States. Virginia is an open primary state meaning that voters do not register by political party. Any registered voter is eligible to vote in any primary election. If both the Democratic and Republican parties hold primaries on the same day, voters must choose which party ballot they wish to vote - one or the other, but not both.

Early Voting will be open Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

For more information, visit <https://vote.arlingtonva.gov/Elections>.

## KEY VOTING DATES

Last day to register to vote or update an existing registration is February 12.

Same day registration begins February 13.

Last day to apply for a mail ballot is 5:00pm on February 23.

Last day of early voting is Saturday, March 2.

In-person voting for the Presidential Primary in Virginia is Tuesday, March 5. Polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm.

## 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 visit our website at [www.atlanticpoolservice.net](http://www.atlanticpoolservice.net)

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



## Named County Board Chair; Will Retire in 2024



*Glen co-owner and Arlington County Board  
Chair Libby Garvey*

January was a busy month for Glen co-owner and Arlington County Board member Libby Garvey.

On January 2 at the County Board's organizational meeting, Garvey was elected Board Chair for 2024. This will mark her third stint as chair after previously handling that role in 2016 and 2020. As Board chair, she will be the official County head and preside over Board meetings. Fellow Board member Takis Karantonis will serve as Vice-Chair.

"I'm excited about this year. I'm looking forward to working with our great staff, this new multi-generational Board team, and our residents to make Arlington better and more resilient than ever," said Garvey.

As if that wasn't big enough news, three weeks later on January 23 Garvey announced her decision to retire at the end of her term in 2024.

She was first elected to the County Board in 2012 after previously serving multiple terms on the Arlington School Board.

It will be 28 years of elected public service and about 17 primaries and general election campaigns when her term ends in December. "I still love my work," she said in an email to constituents, "but both my head and my heart are telling me it is time that I pass the baton."

The Arlington County Democratic Committee said in a statement posted on social media, "We would like to thank Libby Garvey for her years of service on the County Board. We know she'll keep working for Arlington the rest of her term and beyond."

## Daylight Saving Time Returns Next Month

Get ready to change clocks again on Sunday, March 10, 2024, 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.



# Fraud Alert - Beware of Check Washing

If you still write checks to pay your bills, and don't laugh - a lot of people still do, then you need to be especially aware of something called check washing. Unfortunately, this fraudulent practice is on the rise. Here's what you need to know.



Check washing is the process of erasing details from checks to allow them to be rewritten, usually for criminal purposes such as fraudulent withdrawal from the victim's bank account. That's according to the "check washing" Wikipedia page.

The process is simple. Crooks steal checks left in residential mailboxes or from outdoor U.S. Postal Service collection boxes by using keys stolen from mail carriers or by fishing them out with string and something sticky. Then, using cheap chemicals like bleach or acetone (nail polish remover), they erase or wash the payee name and amount. After the check dries, the crooks rewrite the checks, payable to themselves and for a larger amount. Then it's off to the bank to cash the check.

There are precautions that you can take to help prevent check washing:

1. **Pay your bills online** - Paying bills online is much safer than a check through the mail these days. But never use public Wi-Fi connections to do this.
2. **Use secure ink dispensed from a gel, roller ball, or fountain pen** - Ink from these pens soaks into the paper and is far more difficult to remove than ballpoint pen ink.
3. **Don't let delivered mail sit in your mailbox** - Grab your mail every day, and if you have to be away make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to get your mail.
4. **Deliver outgoing mail to a post office** - Don't leave envelopes with checks in your own mailbox or in outdoor U.S. Postal Service collection boxes. Instead, take your letters to the post office and either hand them to a clerk or deposit them in the outgoing mail slot inside the building.
5. **Monitor your bank account daily** - Don't wait for your monthly statement to check your account. Rather, log on daily to check your account balance, review the account, and look at checks drawn against the account.
6. **Report incidents quickly** - Contact your bank as soon as possible after suspicious activity.

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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 By-laws (such as sink backups), absent emergency where the co-owner is unable to act (disabled, out-of-town, etc.).***

# February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 	3 <b>Bulk Trash Pick Up</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <b>Board Meeting 6:30pm</b>	14 	15	16	17
18	19  <b>Cardinal/Glen offices closed</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 		

# March 2024

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