



# The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

April 2024

## Annual Tap Water Spring Cleaning is Underway

Arlington County's safe and dependable drinking water may taste and smell differently as the regional supply system undergoes its annual spring cleaning, which began on March 25 and runs through May 6.



Crews at the Washington Aqueduct, which is the source of Arlington County's water as well as surrounding jurisdictions, continue the temporary disinfectant switch from year-round chloramine to chlorine to ensure water mains remain clean and clear of any flow issues. The annual switch is part of a routine program to clean the pipes and maintain the safe drinking water system.

During the cleaning, Arlington's Water, Sewer, and Streets Bureau continually monitors the output for safe chlorine levels and conducts system-wide flushing to enhance water quality. This temporary cleaning often adds a new smell or taste to the tap water. If you prefer, just run the cold tap water for about five minutes, then use a water filter to allow water to sit in a container in the refrigerator to remove chlorine taste and odor.

***Please note that water service will continue uninterrupted during this process. It may just smell or taste differently.***

Also during this time, water utility crews will systematically flush fire hydrants by opening them up to release stagnant water and allow fresh water to flow through the system. Crews operating hydrants in this manner are a normal part of this routine, a process repeated nearly every spring in Arlington and in communities across the nation.

Arlington's water distribution network is made up of more than 500 miles of pipes linked to homes, businesses, and schools.

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# Latest News From the Board

The Fairlington Glen Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Here are some of the highlights.

## APPROVED

Motion to accept the Landscape Committee's recommendation not to proceed with the \$3,360 proposal for improving the walkway between Courts 15 & 16. During the meeting, the onsite manager agreed to meet with Landscape Committee members to explore less costly ways to improve this area.

Moved to ratify the earlier unanimous email vote to approve a landscape variance at 3565-A S. Stafford Street (Court 3).

## NOTES

The Treasurer noted that the first draft of the 2023 audit of Glen finances was received from the Glen's auditor. The second draft may be ready for a vote at the next Board meeting.

The Pool Committee reported that opening day for the 2024 season is set for Saturday, May 25. A tentative date for the Glen Pool Party is Saturday, June 8, but please keep an eye out for an official announcement. The committee is closely looking at all of the pool equipment to see what needs to be replaced.

The Board will review the Community Association Equity Pledge and will be prepared to vote on the matter at the next Board meeting.

## NEXT MEETING

***The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Details to access the meeting will be announced closer to the date.***

## **CAUTION!**

*Crooks just won't give up sending spam email messages 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.*

# Another Reason for Fully Funded Reserves



The Glen is responsible for repairing/replacing the sewer pipes running under basement slabs. This requires that the concrete slabs be jack-hammered up and repaired during the replacement. An added cost is repair of any structural damage to the condition that it was in after the renovation of the units in the 1970's. For example, the Glen would give an owner an allowance equal to the cost of (1) replacing the slab covering with the type of asphalt tiles that were installed after the 1970's conversion but not (2) the cost of porcelain tiles that were installed by a subsequent owner.

The lines under the slabs are aging cast iron pipes that will, sooner or later, have to be replaced. Until now, we have had to dig-out only the easier-to-replace laterals that connect with the County lines. These laterals connect perpendicularly with the two cast iron sewer pipes that run under the slab along the back side of a building. From this connection point, the lateral runs out from under the building and joins with a line that connects to the County line. The cost of replacing even these shorter lateral segments can be considerable. For example, we recently contracted to replace only 18 feet of one lateral running under a slab at a cost of \$10,039, which does not include an allowance for covering the repaired slab.

So far, we have not had to replace any of the longer cast iron pipes running under a slab along the back of each building. But it's a matter of "when," not "if." The cost of which could be considerable. For cost economies, we may have to dig-up and replace the entire length of each line running under the back of the basement slab, a repair that would involve every unit in the building. The cost would be reduced if we could re-line these pipes rather than dig-out their entire length; but, re-lining does not always work and would be more difficult for these harder-to-reach pipes.

To prepare for this type of expense, we need to build-up our reserves, rather than resort to borrowing and special assessments at high interest rates during uncertain economic times. If we do not fully fund our reserves, the Glen's latter-day residents will find themselves to be in a situation where transient, earlier residents who did not contribute to the full cost of replacing old assets moved on, leaving the latter-day residents to get stuck with the entire replacement cost. This has, in fact, been happening in neighboring associations, which have had to resort to special assessments to replace aging assets.

# 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 2024. 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, liriopé 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 Fertilizer** - mid to late April.

**Early Fall 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 pyrethrum/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 6 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.

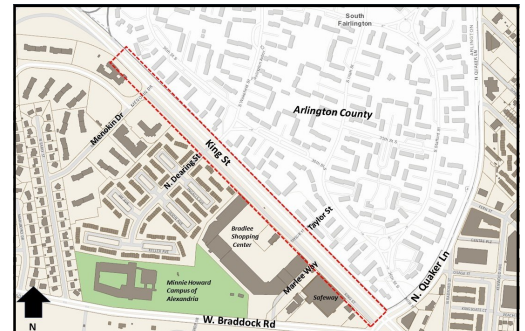
See pages 33-34 in the Glen Handbook (September 2023), found on our website at <https://www.fairlingtonglen.com>, for a description of what can be planted. Gardening done by residents in the front and/or side (if an end unit) plant beds next to their units adds a personal touch to the Glen.

**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 [glenlandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:glenlandscaping@gmail.com) and including your name, address, and court number. A member of the committee will arrange to pick up that red reflector.**

## Alexandria's Plans for King-Bradlee Safety

At the March 12, 2024 meeting of the Fairlington Glen Board of Directors, the topic of the proposed improvements the City of Alexandria has for improving King Street (between N. Quaker Lane and Menokin Drive) was raised.

As residents of Fairlington Glen, we are impacted by these changes, but have somewhat limited input beyond replying to public surveys presented, as we are Arlington County residents. The City of Alexandria has created the following website that brings together the results of their recent survey conducted and also starts to lay out potential proposals for addressing some of the safety and usability concerns raised: <https://www.alexandria.gov/transportation-planning/project/king-street-bradlee-safety-mobility-enhancements>.



In addition to the Glen Board discussing the King Street-Bradlee Safety & Mobility Enhancements Project, the Fairlington Citizens Association (FCA) has also discussed the options that the City of Alexandria has presented on March 13, 2024 at their monthly meeting.

Residents are encouraged to continue following this matter and taking opportunities to participate in the process as they see fit.

# 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 [glenlandscaping@gmail.com](mailto: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**

The Pool Cover is Off; Opening Day is May 25



# 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.**

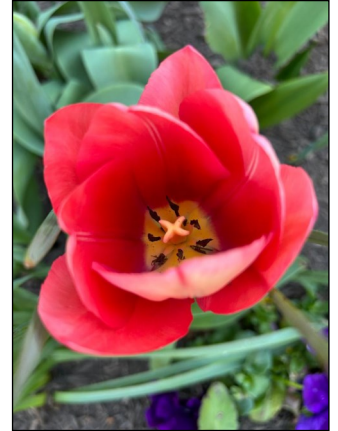
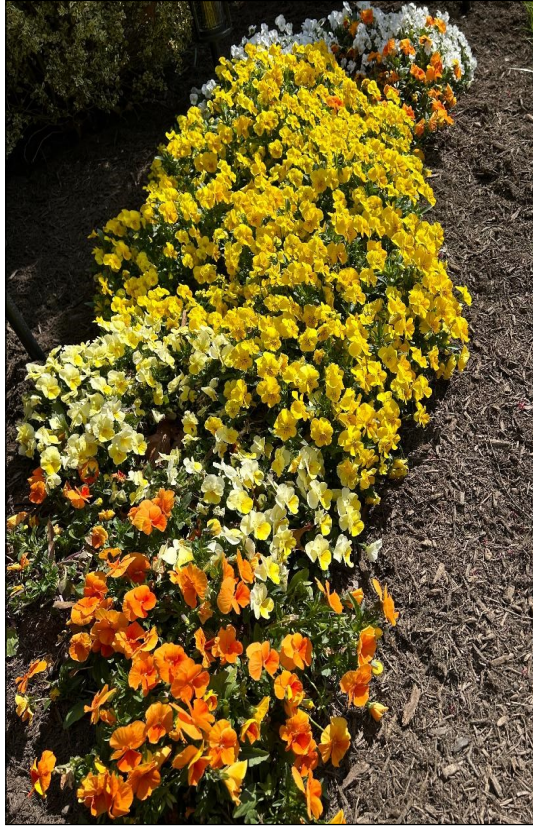
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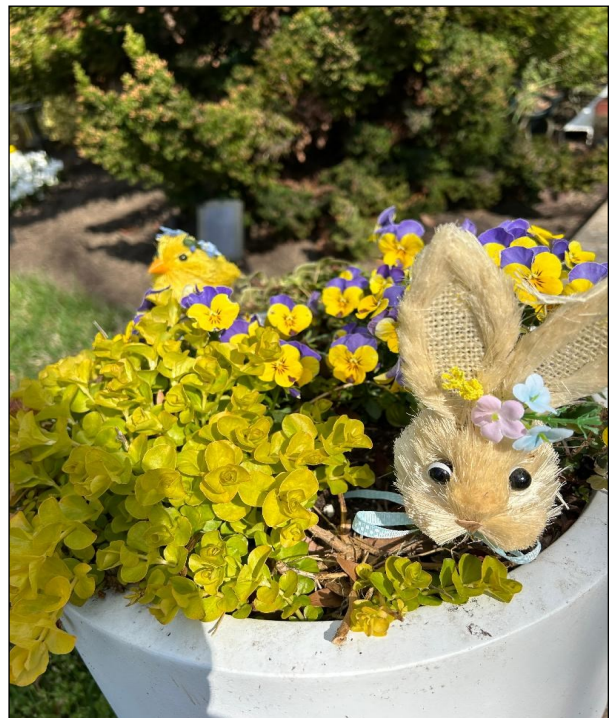
\*Lifeguard certifications are not required at time of hire\*



# Spring is Always So Beautiful in Fairlington



***Thanks to Mary Bley for these  
gorgeous spring pics!***





# Paper Yard Waste Bags are Available



Now thru April 26, while supplies last, free biodegradable paper bags for spring and fall cleanup seasons are available for pickup at the following locations.

- Courthouse Plaza / Bozman Government Center - 2100 Clarendon Blvd. - Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm.
- Langston-Brown Community Center - 2121 N. Culpeper Street - Monday-Friday 9am to 9pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm.
- Solid Waste Bureau - 4300 29th Street S. - Monday-Friday 7am to 4pm.
- Thomas Jefferson Community Center - 3501 2nd Street S. - Monday-Friday 7am to 9pm and Saturday 8am to 5pm.

Limit 15 bags per residence. **Available during leaf and spring cleanup seasons only.** For more information, call 703-228-5000. Paper yard waste bags are also sold at most hardware stores.

## Spring Cleaning Reminders

Now that spring is here, it's time to begin our annual rite of spring cleaning.

If you have piles of papers that need to be shredded, please remember that Arlington County offers free paper shredding to County residents on the first Saturday of every month from 8:00am to 4:30pm. If the first Saturday falls on a holiday weekend, then shredding will shift to the following Saturday.



You may bring up to two boxes or two paper bags of paper to shred at the Solid Waste Bureau's Earth Products Yard, located at 4300 29th Street S. To learn what types of paper are accepted, visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search "paper shredding."

You may also want to conduct a spring clean on your social media accounts. Double check your privacy settings on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and Linked-In. Consider deleting photos and updates that you wish to no longer represent you.

And perhaps this is a good time to change ALL of your online passwords.

# Like It or Not, It's Tax Time



It's income tax season, and if you haven't already filed your federal and/or state tax returns yet, please remember that the 2024 deadlines are quickly approaching. The deadline to file 2023 federal returns is April 15 and the deadline for 2023 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 [www.irs.gov](http://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.

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>.

## Street Sweeping Season Has Begun

Arlington County's annual street sweeping season is underway 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 - during March, May, August, and October. The County estimates that 814 lane miles are swept county-wide each month. The County has divided Arlington's 59 civic associations into 14 street sweeping zones, and Fairlington falls into Zone 3. Our streets were swept on March 20 and are scheduled again on May 8.

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.



*Neighborhood streets in Arlington are swept four times a year.*

# Cicadas Again? Say It isn't So

Nearly every year in Virginia and other parts of the country, some type of periodical cicadas emerge. Although cicadas spend most of their lives underground, each brood surfaces every 13 or 17 years. In 2021, Virginia saw a large emergence of the Brood X or Great Southern Brood cicada.



This spring, prepare for periodical cicadas from Brood XIX, and lots of them.

Unlike the groundhog, who appears on February 2 to “forecast” six more weeks of winter or an early spring and then goes away for a year, the cicadas will definitely make their presence known typically from late April through June.

Their mating calls can be deafening. Their carcasses littering the ground can be a nuisance. But it's important to note that cicadas are harmless. They don't bite humans and they don't spread disease.

## Home & Garden Tour Tickets are On Sale

The Fairlington Home & Garden Tour is set to return on Saturday, May 11 - the first tour since 2019. And tickets are now on sale.

This year's tour will feature 13 homes in North and South Fairlington that showcase some incredible renovations, great decorating ideas, and a variety of unit models. Plus, there will be some lovely early gardens included too.

Tickets are \$15 each and benefit the Fairlington Historical Society. Tickets can be purchased by mail using the form found in the *All Fairlington Bulletin*. To purchase tickets in person:

- Saturday, May 4 - at the Fairlington Yard Sale at the Fairlington Village Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon Street, from 8:00 to 11:00am
- Sunday, May 5 - at the Fairlington Farmers Market, 3308 S. Stafford Street, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
- Saturday, May 11 - Tour Day! At the Fairlington Village Community Center from 10:30am to 2:00pm.

Only cash and checks, payable to the Fairlington Historical Society, will be accepted.

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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 2024

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

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Bulk Trash Pick Up
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 	13	14 Board Meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17	18 
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Glen Pool Opening Day!
26	27 	28	29	30	31	