



The Glen Echo

Newsletter of Fairlington Glen

December 2024

Important Holiday Notes

The holiday season is officially in full gear now. We all have a lot on our plates, especially from now until New Year's. Here are a few important Glen notes regarding the holidays that should be helpful to you.

TRASH & RECYCLING - There will be no trash service on Christmas (12/25) or New Year's Day (1/1). Capitol Services of Virginia, our trash and recycling contractor, will resume regularly scheduled services the day after. Please do NOT leave trash out for pick up on either Christmas or New Year's mornings.

The holidays will affect our weekly recycling schedule as follows. There will be no recycling service on Christmas (12/25) or New Year's Day (1/1). Instead, recycling bins will go out on 12/26 and be collected on 12/27, and the following week's schedule will be recycling bins out on 1/2 and collected on 1/3.

STAFF / MANAGEMENT HOURS - Both Cardinal Management Group and the Glen's onsite manager & maintenance staff will be on a holiday schedule during Christmas and New Year's. Please make a note:

Tuesday, December 24 / Early closing at 12:00pm

Wednesday, December 25 / CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31 / Early closing at 12:00pm

Wednesday, January 1 / CLOSED

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH RECYCLING - After the holidays, Capitol Services of Virginia will offer four days to collect/recycle live Christmas trees and wreaths - your only chances to dispose of your live tree and/or wreath for recycling purposes.

Please remove all lights, decorations, tinsel, and the tree stand. Take your tree and/or wreath to the curb near the entrance of your court where recycling is normally collected. Pick ups will take place on the following four mornings:

Tuesday, January 7 / Thursday, January 9

Tuesday, January 14 / Thursday, January 16

If you choose not to recycle your live Christmas tree and/or wreath, you may put these items out with your regular household trash. In this case, trees and wreaths will be burned.

Jay Yianilos / Editor

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Latest News From the Board

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

APPROVED

Moved to approve the renewal of the healthcare insurance policy with CareFirst BlueChoice for the two onsite staff members in the amount of \$35,138.88. *See the explanation on page 6 of this newsletter.*

Moved to approve the amended contract with Professional Grounds, Inc. in the amount of \$8,709 for non-contract fall landscape improvements throughout the Glen. This replaces the previously-approved contract in the amount of \$6,551.

Moved to ratify the earlier unanimous email vote to approve the project oversight proposal for the patio fence replacement project in the amount of \$7,500, to be funded from reserves with an additional \$150 per hour as needed with Board approval, as provided by Cardinal Management Group, LLC. This position will commence January 1, 2025 starting with field work and behind-the-scenes activity.

NOTES

The Treasurer announced that a representative of Morgan Stanley will appear at the December 2024 Board meeting to discuss broadening our reserve investment options beyond laddered CD's.

The President noted that Court Representatives Group Chair Mike Wells wishes to step down as chair, but will remain the court rep for Court 7. The President will ask him to stay on just a bit longer until possible replacements have been identified and discussed.

The Vice President expressed his concerns with the Quaker Lane/King Street intersection with regard to pedestrian safety. *See the article on page 8 of this newsletter for more information.*

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Details to access the meeting will be announced closer to the date.

WARM WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is upon us, and the Fairlington Glen Board of Directors wishes you and yours a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year! May this be a safe and joyous time for you, your family, and your friends.



Reminder - holiday, seasonal, and special occasion decorations are permitted on unit window sills, on doors, or in close proximity to the unit. However, all decorations are to be removed within a reasonable period of time after the event has occurred.

Glen Elects New Board for 2025

At Fairlington Glen's Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024, a quorum (30.7% of the voting interest) was reached and the election results were announced.

Jeremy Wiedemann was elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years by a vote of 29.3% of the voting interest (98% of the votes cast).

TJ Doyle was elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years by a vote of 28.5% of the voting interest (95% of the votes cast).

In addition, the 2025 budget was approved by a vote of 26.7% of the voting interest (85.8% of the votes cast) and the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved by a vote of 30.5% of the voting interest (99.1% of the votes cast).

Congratulations to the four gift card winners of the Annual Meeting giveaway sponsored by Cardinal Management Group, LLC. Dianne Altuna, David Castro-Olmedo, Louis Reda, and Julia Blackburn each received \$25 Visa gift cards.

The new Board held an organizational vote at its next monthly meeting to choose its new officers for 2025. They are:



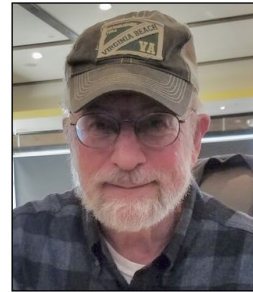
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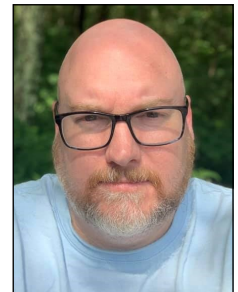
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Schedule of Monthly Fees for 2025

<u>UNIT TYPE</u>	<u>% OWNERSHIP</u>	<u>2025 MONTHLY FEE</u>
Arlington	.00379	\$653
Barcroft (I)	.00243	\$418
Barcroft (E)	.00250	\$430
Braddock (I)	.00195	\$336
Braddock (E)	.00202	\$348
Clarendon (I)	.00297	\$511
Clarendon (E)	.00304	\$523
Dominion	.00351	\$604
Edgewood (I)	.00263	\$453
Edgewood (E)	.00270	\$465

(I = inside unit / E = end unit)

How to Pay Your Monthly Fee

Cardinal Management will send out the 2025 payment coupon books to co-owners who are not signed up for direct debit of their accounts. If you do not receive your coupon booklet by 12/20/24, please contact Cardinal at 703-569-5797. Co-owners who choose this method simply mail their coupon & check to Cardinal each month.

Co-owners can also choose to authorize Cardinal to directly debit their bank accounts for the payment of monthly fees by filling out the form on page 5 of this newsletter and mailing it to Cardinal at the address noted on the form with a voided check. This free automatic debit seems to be the easiest method for most in the Glen. As noted on the form, the direct debit authorization will remain in effect, and will be adjusted automatically by Cardinal each year to reflect changed fee levels, until you provide written notification of its termination.

Some co-owners may have automatic bill arrangements with their banks (without directly debiting their account by Cardinal). In this case, you should update these arrangements with your bank to reflect the new fee levels.

Cardinal also allows you to pay each month online through their website, although there are service charges involved with each transaction. For more information, please go to <http://www.cardinalmanagementgroup.com/make-payments>.

AGREEMENT FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Association/Community Name _____

Unit Address _____

I, the owner of the unit address above, authorize Cardinal Management Group, Inc., on behalf of the Association, to initiate debit entries in the amount of my Association assessment from the account indicated below. I also authorize the Financial Institution named below to debit same to such account.

Financial Institution Name _____

Routing No. _____ Account No. _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the Association and the Financial Institution have received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford the Association and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act upon the request. I further understand that payments will be deducted from my account between the first and tenth of each month in which the assessment is due, and should my payment be returned for any reason, I understand that I can be terminated from the program and I will be charged a \$75.00 administrative fee. **A VOIDED CHECK (NOT DEPOSIT SLIP) MUST BE ATTACHED.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: VERIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT INTO THE DIRECT DEBIT PROGRAM WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.

Name(s) _____

Email Address (where verification will be sent) _____

Date _____ Signed (Owner) _____

*Please return this form **with a voided check** to:*

Cardinal Management Group, LLC, 4330 Prince William Parkway, Suite 201 Woodbridge, VA 22192.

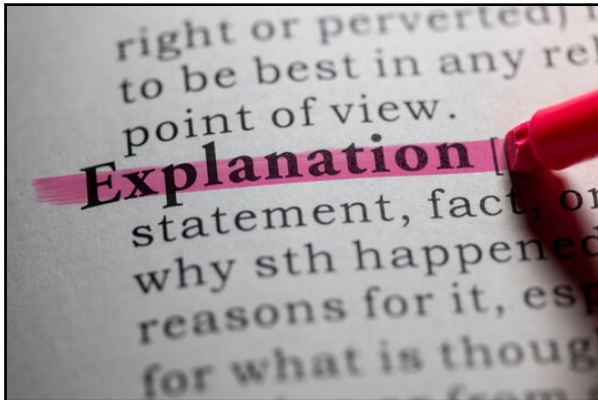
I prefer to receive my notification by mail. Please mail my notification to:

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Employee Health Insurance Cost Increases

-Maynard H. Dixon, Jr., Glen Treasurer



The Glen has two maintenance workers on its own payroll. We provide them with a generous CareFirst BlueChoice health insurance plan requiring no contributions from them.

In 2025, we are experiencing a large increase in the cost of this coverage. The total annual cost (basic policy + dental) will increase from \$32,269.24 to \$35,138.88, an increase of about 8.9%. This would exceed our 2025 budget of \$28,619 for this line item by about 23%.

The Glen is not alone. For example, federal employees are facing healthcare premium increases that will average 13.5% (source: *Google*).

I own the budget underestimate. One problem was my over-optimistic assumption that a recent flat historical trend would continue during 2025. Because of this, I projected no inflationary percentage increase over the level of the prior year. Adding to my underestimate of healthcare cost inflation, I mistakenly omitted from my projection the cost of our employee dental coverage. If I had merely added existing dental expense to the 2025 budget proposal, with no further projected inflationary cost increase, my budget estimate for 2025 would have increased to \$31,475.28.

Fully aware of the budget problem, the Board approved the \$35,138.88 CareFirst BlueChoice proposal. A few good reasons:

- The proposal would fully preserve our employees' current benefits. Our two employees are more than worth what we pay them; but the learning curve for their job is steep, and their skills are not readily transferrable to other employers. Glen employees need an incentive to stay on the job for a long time, rather than to leave to acquire more transferable and sometimes higher paying skills. Our generous and free healthcare package gives our employees a good reason to stay and learn how to get things done here. Healthcare benefits are a cost-effective way to keep employees because their cost is not taxable income to them. In fact, our two employees have often told us how grateful they were to have such a good healthcare benefit.
- While our insurance agent reported lower cost alternatives with the same \$0 contribution, there would be a higher out of pocket max, and our employees would be limited to the providers who are in their plan.
- Our contingency reserve Account 25620, with a balance of \$200,796 in October 2024, will be large enough to absorb going over budget for this added expense in 2025.

Seeking Higher Returns on Reserve Investments

-Maynard H. Dixon, Jr., Glen Treasurer



The Glen currently restricts its replacement reserve investments to “laddered” certificates of deposit (CD’s). The CD’s have varying maturity dates and returns. The “laddering” process organizes the CD’s by maturity dates, from earliest maturity date to latest maturity date, with each rung in the “ladder” representing a different maturity date. When CD’s at the bottom of the ladder mature and turn into cash, our

Morgan Stanley portfolio managers, after consulting with Glen management, reinvests the cash in what they consider to be a beneficial mix CD’s of varying maturity dates and available interest rates.

We are facing financial headwinds. We need to earn greater returns on our reserve investments so we can better afford to replace our property as it wears out. This is because laddered CD’s trade short term safety for lower growth long-term. CD interest rates are continually depressed by a Federal Reserve Board that is under political pressure to lower interest rates. This is good for politically potent borrowers and consumers but bad for savers and investors. The percentage returns on laddered CD’s have been far lower than the percentage inflationary cost increases in the assets that the Glen must replace at the end of their useful lives. While stock portfolios fluctuate short-term with the market, over the long term, their values will (if they are invested wisely), generally end-up significantly higher than those of laddered CD portfolios.

The Glen Board has come to recognize that our reserves may have grown enough to allow us to seek longer-term, but higher, returns on a portion of our reserves. Here is an outline of a plan for consideration by our community:

- The basic idea is to trade some more short-term volatility for higher long-term growth. We could start small by transferring say, \$300,000 - \$500,00, of our current reserves into a second (to be created) Morgan Stanley account that would be designed to produce long-term returns that exceed those of laddered CD portfolios. We would keep our current laddered CD account to fund replacement projects that are likely to take place in the nearer future. Keeping both accounts within Morgan Stanley would greatly simplify administration and evaluation of results.
- The initial transfer would take place gradually, as laddered CD’s expired and yield cash for alternative investment.

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- As the Glen adds to its reserves annually, it would be making additional contributions to the new investment account. The annual contributions would be split in pre-determined percentages between the laddered CD account and the new account for other investments. The larger contribution would go into the laddered CD account.
- The investments types that are appropriate for our risk tolerance would be determined in advance. Nothing speculative. No picking of individual stocks. No separate investments in gold, bitcoin, or real estate. Risk-spreading mutual funds would probably be the most common items in our portfolio. An example would be a fund like the C-Fund that is available under the Thrift Savings Plan for federal employees.
- Within these general guidelines, Morgan Stanley would be free to buy, to sell, and to re-invest as cash is accumulated, by earnings or contribution, in the new investment account.
- Once or twice/year, we would confer with Morgan Stanley to determine, as a Board. whether any changes are needed.

At our December 2024 Board meeting, a representative for Morgan Stanley will be available to comment, answer questions, and discuss our options. Any Glen co-owner is invited to attend. We are especially interested in hearing from co-owners who are investment professionals.

Glen VP's Safety Concerns Cause Improvement

Board Vice President Jeremy Wiedemann reported at the November 2024 Board meeting that he contacted the City of Alexandria multiple times regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of King Street & Quaker Lane, just outside the Glen.

With a green arrow, drivers heading on N. Quaker Lane can turn right onto King Street. But at the same time, pedestrians were given the "walk" light to cross King, in effect right into the turning cars. That was a disaster waiting to happen.

But the City of Alexandria heard Wiedemann's concerns and recently corrected their error. Thank you, Jeremy!



Mistake corrected! In this pic both the pedestrian walk signal and the green right turn arrow for cars is illuminated, causing a potential car/pedestrian accident.

Time to Winterize Outside Water Faucets



Don't let this happen!

HOSES/OUTSIDE FAUCETS - When water freezes and thaws in an outdoor faucet, it can burst pipes and cause thousands of dollars of water damage. Nobody wants or needs that!

During the fall and winter (especially), residents should shut off water to outside faucets (front & rear), remove hoses, and open outside spigots. Hoses should be brought inside for the winter months.

You may also consider purchasing an insulated cover for the spigot, as shown to the right.



In all but the B Building units, the front water spigot turnoff is typically located above the water heater and the back water spigot turnoff is under the kitchen sink. In B Buildings, the lower unit apartments' front and back water spigot turnoffs are in the laundry room above the water heater.

GUTTERS/DOWNSPOUTS - Be sure to clear out the ends of the downspout extenders in your front, rear, and side yards (if applicable), especially if snow is forecast. This will allow water to flow and help to prevent freezing in the gutters.

Glen Prepares for Winter

Winter doesn't officially begin until December 21, but preparations for wintry weather began in the early fall here in the Glen.

Our onsite staff has plenty of ice melt and sand on hand in the maintenance shop. Ice melt products are used on sidewalks and walkways to residences. Sand alone will be used on our brick stoops and new concrete because ice melt degrades these areas. Plus, our new tractor (2022) has three important snow-handling add-ons.



Last month, the Board approved a proposal from Professional Grounds, Inc. for snow plowing/sanding services on an as-needed basis for our courtyard parking lots.

The Association provides limited snow removal from parking areas and sidewalks. Contractors and onsite staff begin work as soon as is reasonably possible after significant snow accumulations. Keep in mind, though, the contractors and onsite staff do NOT live in the Glen. It has to be safe for them to travel here from their homes.

The Board encourages residents to contribute to snow removal in the areas around their units and parking lots AND to help elderly residents by shoveling snow from areas near their homes.

Board President Sounds the Alarm for Volunteers



In comments at the Glen's Annual Meeting on November 7, 2024, Board President Charlie Robbins stressed the need for more community volunteers moving forward.

"I've been here for a long time - well over 40 years. And I've watched how our community's evolved over that time. And one thing I've noticed, and it's come up before within some of our discussions, is that the participation of our membership

in the life of our Glen seems to have decreased over time," said Robbins.

"When I first came here, and when I first actually got on the board a long time ago, we had very robust committees. Large groups. You know there was landscape, the pool, and buildings & grounds. Every time we wanted to have a contract we put a committee together to examine the contract and rebid it, if needed. We relied significantly less on management for those things because we had volunteers within the community who are both skilled and willing to devote their time and effort to those things. But that, I can say, has certainly decreased over time. And we're starting to feel that," he added.

"Where are the next board members being trained and coming up to be prepared to serve on the board? Are they in the committees that we have now?" He wondered, "Where are they?"

Robbins went on to say, "We need more participation from our membership to both prepare for the years ahead and to reduce our reliance on our management contractor, Cardinal Management Group. They do an outstanding job, and we're happy to work with them. But I want to point out there is no free lunch. Every time we call upon Cardinal to do something for us, they will do that, and then we pay them for it. It has to be that way, and you know there's no other way to do it."

"Things that we used to have done by volunteers and the committees are now being done through Cardinal Management because we simply do not have the participation of our membership to do that. So, please consider this as we go forward. If you wish to reduce some of the expenditures that we have in the budget, then you need to put some equity into the effort going forward. Anything we can replace that Cardinal is doing we certainly can, if we have the qualified, energetic volunteers to do that," he said.

"I'm calling upon the membership as a whole to consider the way they wish the Glen to operate going forward and to consider more active participation on their part bringing us forward and helping us to do these things. We need committees to address things, for instance, the fence replacement coming up. We need to strengthen our landscape committee. We need to revitalize our maintenance committee. And eventually we're going to need to be replaced on the Board and in the committees. We need to start training up people to do that. So, please consider this looking at the life of the Glen going forward," stressed Robbins.



Reserve vs. Operating Expenditures Explained



A question that comes up often from co-owners in the Glen - what's the difference between reserve expenditures and operating expenditures? The answer is not at all complicated, but until you know it just seems to not make any sense.

Let's start by remembering that the Glen is a business that must run like any other business. We have an annual budget that the Board presents to the co-owners for approval at the Annual Meeting. That budget covers annual operating expenses such as insurance, payroll, pool operations, snow removal, landscaping, trash removal, pest control, water & sewer, electricity for common area lights, and even legal bills, if necessary.

In addition to these general budgeted operating expenses, the Glen Board is faced with major expenditure decisions regarding the community's aging physical plant. Equipment and major components, such as roofs and parking lots, must be replaced from time to time regardless of whether we plan for the expense. That's why we set aside or reserve the funds now to plan for the future. That is part of the Board's fiduciary responsibility to the community.

Reserve funds, unlike operating expenditures, are not an extra expense. They provide for major repairs and replacements that we know will be necessary at some point, and these funds must be shared by every co-owner. Reserve funds minimize the need for special assessments or borrowing. We are proud that in the Glen's 49 years as a condo association there has never been a special assessment.

Maintaining adequate reserves is an absolute necessity in Fairlington Glen or in any aging condominium or homeowners association. Plus, healthy reserve funds enhance resale values.

Therefore, money budgeted to pay our monthly bills is for operating expenses. Money set aside to pay for new patio fences, roof replacement, and/or equipment replacement is for reserve expenditures.

Money deposited in our reserve funds is collected from co-owners who pay a monthly condo association fee. That monthly assessment funds both the reserves and our general operating expenses.

As operating expenses rise and the need to contribute increased amounts to reserves rises, it becomes important to generate more income for the community. That explains why assessments must rise by a small percentage each year. It's important to have a budget that meets the community's annual needs and a reserve fund that meets our needs when those needs arise.

Donation Bin has Recently Moved



Photo courtesy of Glen co-owner Mary Bley.

This bright green box at the Bradlee Shopping Center is actually a donation bin for clothing and shoes. If you've been looking to make a donation but haven't been able to find the bin, it's because it has moved.

Now located in the rear parking lot off W. Braddock Road and Marlee Way, the bin belongs to Texima LLC, part of GreenTree, a worldwide environmental group. They collect unwanted or excess clothing in order to keep these items out of our landfills.

In the last 10 years, they've collected more than 176 million pounds of textiles across the U.S.

Pictured is Hristo Dzhendov, Regional Operations Manager East Coast, for Texima.

Emergency Mental Health Services Available

Arlington County has launched a rapid response mental health unit called the Mobile Outreach Support Team (MOST), which anyone living, working or visiting Arlington experiencing a mental health emergency is eligible to call for services.

The 24-hour emergency line is 703-228-5160.

The emergency services unit provides immediate assistance to individuals experiencing a health crisis such as: thoughts of suicide, threatening behaviors, hallucinations or delusional thinking, substance abuse, property destruction, extreme social isolation, loss of coping skills, dangerous decision making, or aggression/self harm.

The goals of the rapid response mental health unit are to:

- Prevent the crisis from worsening.
- Relieve immediate distress.
- Prevent individuals from harming themselves and/or others.

Services include assessment, crisis intervention and stabilization, short-term counseling, and critical stress management for individuals and families.

The MOST program is coordinated by the Department of Human Services, in partnership with the Arlington County Police Department, Arlington County Fire Department, and the Emergency Communications Center, which operates the County's 9-1-1 call center.

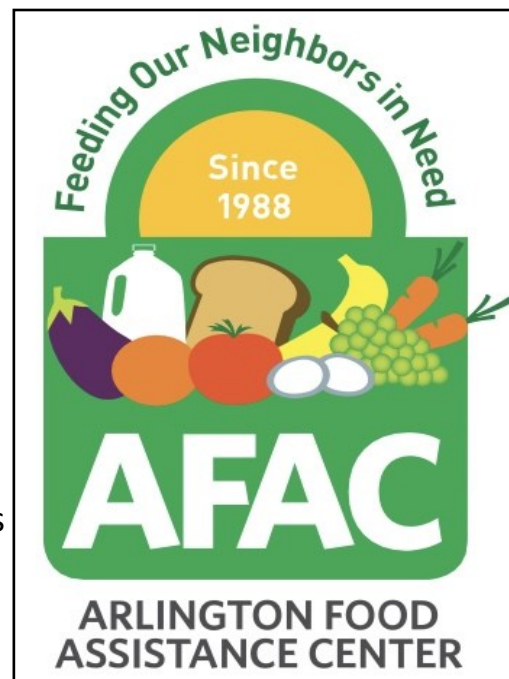
For more information, please visit <https://www.arlingtonva.us/mental-health>.



Help Feed Our Neighbors in Need

The holiday season is a time of thankfulness, celebration, and love. It's a time when family and friends come together to share in the joyous season of giving. However, there are many hungry Arlington families, children, and seniors who will not have enough food on their tables to celebrate the holidays. That's where you can help by making a donation to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) and bringing hope against hunger to your neighbors in need.

Providing dignified access to free groceries allows families to devote their limited financial resources to obligations such as housing, utilities, medication, and other basic needs.



More than 4,000 Arlington families weekly rely on AFAC groceries for their regular meals. Of that, 40% is food that is donated to AFAC from food drives and grocery store donations.

You can help this holiday season, and throughout the year, by dropping off food donations at the AFAC main warehouse at 2708 S. Nelson Street. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am to 1:00pm. AFAC is closed on Sunday.

AFAC is most in need of the following low sugar/low sodium items: canned tuna, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, peanut butter (in plastic jars), and cereal. Additional items needed during the holiday season include sugar, flour, cooking oil, and coffee.

When choosing items to donate, look for labels that read low sodium, no salt added, no sugar added, unsweetened, or 100% fruit juice. Please refrain from donating foods that are opened, expired, packaged in glass, or are prepared meals. They do not accept ice packs, Styrofoam coolers, or plastic bags as donations.

Food and monetary donations are tax deductible. For more information, or to donate funds, please visit www.afac.org.

Donate to the Holiday Giving Program



Make the holiday season a little happier for some of Arlington’s most vulnerable residents by taking part in the Department of Human Services’ Holiday Giving Program. County residents are asked once again this year to donate gift cards from area stores to help needy families, people with disabilities, seniors with low income, children in foster care, and teen parents to buy gifts or food this holiday season.

Arlington households most in need will receive gift cards for food and other necessities. Arlington has nearly 100 children in foster care, and most are teens. It’s nearly impossible to get the right gift for a teenager, so gift cards are the best option.

For families struggling to put food on the table, having the money to purchase even modest holiday gifts is difficult. Plus, many older Arlingtonians and members of the community with disabilities who are without family and on a fixed income find it difficult to make ends meet. Your gifts will help to bring smiles to the faces of the vulnerable members of the community.

Donate \$25 gift cards from area stores - grocery stores, drug stores, clothing stores and Target all work great - and the Department of Human Services will distribute them through their social workers and case managers to more than 1,000 needy individuals in the community this holiday season. You may also send multiple gift card donations if you like.

Checks are also welcome payable to “Arlington County Treasurer – HGP.” Your donation will be used to purchase gift cards. This year, through a partnership with Volunteer Arlington, they are also accepting donations via online credit card payments. To donate via secure credit card payment, click here: [Holiday Giving Program – Official Website of Arlington County Virginia Government](#).

Individuals, church groups, schools and neighborhoods have all taken part in the past. Making it a group effort is a great holiday project for kids, families, communities, sports teams, and offices.

All gifts should include the value of the card (if it’s not already printed on the card). And please be sure to include your return address so the County can send you a thank you note.

Make your donation by December 24

Send gift cards/checks to:

Holiday Giving Program c/o Kurt Larrick

Department of Human Services

2100 Washington Blvd., 4th floor - FMB

Arlington, VA 22204



Letters to Santa Program Underway



Two special mailboxes have been set up in Arlington County just for kids to send letters to Santa. You may put letters in the mailboxes located outside of:

- 1. Long Branch Nature Center - 625 S. Carlin Springs Road.**
- 2. Gulf Branch Nature Center - 3608 N. Military Road.**

Drop off letters by December 15 to ensure timely delivery to the North Pole AND a return postcard from Santa to your child. Please be sure to include your child's address so Santa knows where to send the postcard.

Also, in the spirit of giving, please also bring any canned food items for the Arlington Food Assistance Center and place them in the labeled box next to the mailbox.

A Fairlington Tradition Continues

Thanks once again to Arlington County Fire Station 9, Santa will return to Fairlington atop a fire truck to ride through the community in this annual event.

It all begins at the Park Shirlington apartments at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 14. Santa and his firefighter friends will greet families, hand out candy canes, and let children check out the fire truck.



Then, they will proceed through north and south Fairlington stopping at the Abingdon Elementary School bus loop (3035 S. Abingdon Street) and the Fairlington Community Center (3308 S. Stafford Street).

As always, if duty calls the firefighters will have to use their truck to help others in an emergency. If that's the case, Santa's journey will unfortunately be cut short.

Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive Returns

This holiday season, consider adding an Arlington child in need to your shopping list. The Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) is hosting its 10th annual *Fill the Cruiser Holiday Toy Drive* benefitting children in need in Arlington.

Bring joy to someone's holiday by donating new, unwrapped toys for children ages newborn to 17 on Saturday, December 7 from 2:00 to 6:00pm at the Lee Harrison Shopping Center. Toys may also be donated through December 13 at any of the stationary drop box locations throughout the County.



Drop boxes are located at:

- Compass Coffee, 4710 Langston Boulevard
- Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane
- Office Building, 200 N. Glebe Road
- Arlington Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Administrative Support Unit, 1425 N. Courthouse Road
- Ireland's Four Courts, 2051 Wilson Boulevard
- Celtic House Irish Pub, 2500 Columbia Pike
- Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Avenue
- Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center, 333 Long Bridge Drive
- Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd Street S.
- Courthouse Library, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard

Toys will be distributed by the Police Department throughout the Arlington community all month.

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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.).

December 2024

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

January 2025

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
26	27	28	29	30	31	