



NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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**Bowie, Maryland
Spring 2005**

Glen Allen's Annual Meeting – Help Decide the Direction of the Community

**April 19, 2005, 7:00 PM
United Parish of Bowie
(Corner of Mitchellville & Mt. Oak)**

Glen Allen's Annual Meeting sets the tone for how the community is run for the next few years. This includes such issues as whether the guidelines are rigorously enforced or eased a bit; making sure signs and lights at the entrances are maintained and in good repair; letting contracts for legal representation, grounds maintenance and community management; and working with the city and county when necessary. These issues affect all of us living in Glen Allen. The Annual Meeting is the time to make your voice heard on what has gone on in the past year and what will happen in the coming year.

One of the items to be discussed deals with community events. In the past, Glen Allen's

Community Day has been a small event; picnic fare at Glen Allen Park or in the common area. Participation has been low but it is a relatively inexpensive event. This year the Hospitality Committee would like to significantly increase its budget to provide a more robust event that more of the community will attend. How important are community events to you? If Community Day's budget were increased, what kind of event would you like to see? Come to the Annual Meeting and let's talk about it.

We will also be conducting an election to fill vacated seats on the Board of Directors. This year there is only seat up for election for a term of three years. Gary Goldberg's term is up. He can be nominated for another term however. A handy, easy to use nomination form was sent out with the first announcement of the Annual Meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The seats occupied by Karen DeFazio, Charles Brown, Cary Hithon, and Dorothy Morrison are not up for election; they will remain on the Board of Directors.

See you on the 19th. **Pizza and beverages will be served.**

A Word From Your Treasurer by Cary Hithon

Hello from the treasurer. Each year about this time we are mulling over the steps we need to get the attention of fellow homeowners who are delinquent on their annual assessment payments. This causes us concern because we're concerned about our financial health and only want to entertain raising the assessment only if absolutely necessary. **As last year, we again will be publishing the names of the people who are delinquent. We will also indicate the number of years where applicable.**

This year we also wanted to do something a little different. We want to encourage more participation and interest in what's going on in Glen Allen. We feel this because we collectively have the opportunity to effect change where needed and necessary. We know many of you are not completely happy with elected political leaders but we all do little about it. Many of us sit back and complain about the lack of real contribution or change brought about by those leaders we select but we don't hold them accountable. Thus we're embarking on an effort for us to be more accountable to you and to each other. In order to do that we need more involvement by members in the community to help each other become accountable for the maintenance, care and financial condition of our Association and community.

This year we need your support probably more than any other. This year we're mulling over what to do about our Hospitality Committee's request for a much larger budget for the 2005 Glen Allen Community Day. This Committee has been working very hard to bring the Community together over the past few years but they've met with mixed reviews from the Board on the cost and benefit of the event. Thus when their 2005 request was essentially a threefold increase over what was approved in 2004; we decided to take a different approach to decide

whether we'd seriously consider approving such an increase. That new approach is to put it on the agenda for the annual meeting. As the treasurer, I wanted to be fair to the committee and to get a feel for how many in the community that were behind such an event. So, we determined this would be a good item to decide at the annual meeting.

I've written this note for the newsletter to encourage those for and against such ideas to come to the annual meeting so your voice can be heard. We take our fiduciary responsibilities seriously, but we also realize there are some worthwhile expenditures that could benefit the whole community. So we'd like to see what the general interest level is in having a more elaborate and fun filled Community Day.

Thus, if you want to make a difference, start by getting involved in your community and begin that effort with this years annual meeting. Your absence or lack of representation means you'll live with and, by default, support whatever is decided. Besides, isn't that what we (complainers) do when we elect folks for political office (sit back and let the politicians carry out their agenda irrespective of our interests).

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City Codes and Contact Info

Did you know that you must obtain a rental license from the City of Bowie before you rent a house to someone? Did you know that although both Glen Allen and Bowie allow sheds the City has restrictions on the size of the shed?

The City's Code Compliance Division handles these and other regulations. The entire City Code can be found on the City's website, www.cityofbowie.org. If you're planning to put up a shed, fence, etc., check Glen Allen's documents to be sure it's OK then check the City Code.

If you have a question or would like to report a violation, here are the numbers to call:

Days	Hours	Phone Number
Monday-Friday	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM	301-809-3008
Monday-Friday*	5:00-10:00 PM	301-262-6200 ext. 0 (may have to leave a message)
Saturday*	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	301-262-6200 ext. 0 (may have to leave a message)
Saturday*	After 5:00 PM	301-262-6200 ext. 5 (leave a message)
Sunday*	Anytime	301-262-6200 ext. 5 (leave a message)

If you would rather, you may email them at code@cityofbowie.org.

Remember, ignorance of the law is no excuse and it could even mean a lien on your property.

Crime Statistics for City of Bowie (Early 2005)

Category	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. 1-20
Homicides	0	0	0
Shootings	1	0	0
Assaults	20	11	5
Carjackings	1	0	1
Citizen Robberies	5	1	1
Residential Robberies	0	0	0
Commercial Robberies	2	0	0
Residential Burglaries	11	16	13
Commercial Burglaries	5	7	4
Auto Thefts	32	35	16
Auto Thefts w/ Engine Running	9	14	5
% w/ Engine Running	28%	40%	31%

Compiled by Charles Brown
Data Source: District II Crime Analysis Unit

How to Contact the Police

911 – Emergency situations
crimes in progress

301-333-4000 – Non-emergency situations (with caller identification)

301-390-2100 – Bowie Station of PGPD (no caller identification)

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What to Tell the Police When Reporting A Crime

- What happened?
- When did it happen?
- Where did it happen?
- Was anyone injured?
- Vehicle description and license number
- Direction of travel
- Description of person(s) including clothing. Notice age, race, sex, gender, height and weight. Compare your own height and weight with the person(s). Mention any unique characteristics such as scars, tattoos, jewelry that will help identify the person. In other words, provide as much detail as possible.

Yard Sale's A Comin' – May 14

Glen Allen's Community Yard Sale will take place on May 14th from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This annual event is your chance to clean out your closets and clear out your clutter – so your neighbors (and others) can buy it.

As in past years, the Hospitality Committee will advertise the Sale in several local publications and post signs in prominent places. All you have to do is decide what you can bear to give up and set up shop outside your home on May 14th. With all the advertising, customers will come. If you live in a court or an out of the way part of the community, you might want to join forces with a neighbor in a more visible location. Remember, the more stuff the better, plus you might make a new friend.

HOA Contact List

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HOA Board of Directors

Karen DeFazio, President: 301-249-7463

Charles Brown, Vice President: 301-351-1396

Cary Hithon, Treasurer: 301-218-1956

Gary Goldberg, Secretary: 301-249-2271

Dorothy Morrison, At-Large: 301-390-2841

City Council Members

Michael Lyles, District 4: 301-249-0521

Bill Aleshire, At-Large: 301-249-9490

Dennis Brady, At-Large: 301-249-2850

Committees and Chairs

Architectural Review, Charles Brown

Grounds and Maintenance, Joe Brust

Hospitality, Jackie Delgado

Neighborhood Watch, vacant

Newsletter, Karen and Bob DeFazio

Website:

www.glenallen.org



STOLEN AUTOS IN BOWIE/GLEN ALLEN

By Charles Brown

Auto theft is the number one crime in Prince Georges County and in the City of Bowie, of which Glen Allen is a part. This year's first quarter statistics as of March 20th show the following:

Month	Bowie			Glen Allen		
	# Stolen	# Running	% Running	# Stolen	# Running	% Running
January	32	9	28%	0	0	0%
February	35	14	40%	0	0	0%
March 20	16	5	31%	1	1	100%

Juveniles and young adults are taking many of the autos. Many of these thefts result in joy riding; yet, others aid in the commission of robberies and burglaries. However, analysis indicates that the car owner is an enabler by leaving their vehicle unattended with the engine running. I call it the "Great Car Give Away". Groups of youths steal vans and cruise the neighborhoods, at first looking for easy cars to steal; now looking for available cars to drive away. We are so generous. Well, enough with the sarcasm. Nevertheless, in addition to losing the use of your vehicle, a car owner in this situation may receive a citation for engine running unattended (traffic violation); and also may not be covered by their auto insurance policy because of this negligence.

We must take some reasonable steps to maintain control of our vehicles. Use anti-theft devices from the ten-dollar steering wheel devices to the more expensive anti-theft systems. Also, use my favorite strategy, which is to take your car key with you when you leave your vehicle, with no exception (even at the gas station). Also, if you don't usually drive during the midnight-early morning hours, enroll in the "Watch Your Car Program". Note that our community may now be a target by the young thieves. This month, a Glen Allen auto was taken while it was in the driveway with its engine running. Autos today heat up quickly, at most a couple of minutes. Those precious minutes which you should enjoy occupying your vehicle. Let's reduce auto theft; let's do that extra special something.

Glen Allen Community Day

September 17th

Common Area Between Atlantis Drive and

Arden Forest Lane

Watch for More Information in Future Newsletters



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