



# NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen  
[www.glenallen.org](http://www.glenallen.org)  
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## Message From the HOA President

As we embark on a new year in Glen Allen we look forward to another year where we can live with the hope that our neighbors are looking out for the safety and well-being of all our families. To help us stay vigilant and use the many resources that will add protection to Glen Allen, we are concentrating in this issue on public safety topics.

## Secure Your Property By Charlie Brown

- ✓ Always lock exterior residential doors using the highest grade of locks that you can.
- ✓ Use locks, pins and/or safety bars for securing all windows and sliding doors.
- ✓ Exterior lights should provide sufficient illumination of your home, while interior lighting should make it look occupied.

- ✓ Contact the Prince George's County District II Community Resources Team at 301-390-2195 for a **free Home Security Survey**.
- ✓ Keep vehicle windows and doors locked when parked.
- ✓ Valuables should be kept out of plain view.
- ✓ ***Never leave your vehicle idling unattended (it's also a ticketable offense).***
- ✓ Consider joining the Watch Your Car Program for vital security benefits.

[A few other things to keep in mind:

- ✓ If you use a GPS, don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.
- ✓ Do not disclose the relationship between you and others on your cell phone contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Hubby, Dad, Mom.
- ✓ Unless you know for sure who you're speaking with, when sensitive information is being asked for, call back and confirm that it is a legitimate request. – Ed]

# Domestic Violence Seminar: Education and Awareness

**February 19, 2009**  
**(Snow date: February 25)**  
**6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Community Policing Institute  
4380 Forbes Blvd  
Lanham, MD 20707

This seminar, sponsored by the Prince George’s County Police Department’s Community Services Division, is open to the public. It covers:

- The cycle of violence
- The role of the victim advocate
- Available resources
- Mental health

For more information or registration information call 301-772-4402. Light refreshments will be served.

**See Flyer at the End of the  
Newsletter**

## ! ? Decorations ? !

Did you notice the decorations on the signs at Glen Allen’s entrances this holiday season? If you didn’t, don’t feel bad, they were easily missed. The Board of Directors didn’t want anything elaborate – a substantial garland and a wreath at each entrance would have sufficed – something festive for the season. Instead we got a very, very scrawny pine garland.

We’ve learned our lesson. At the January Board meeting, the directors voted to do it ourselves next year. Procom, Glen Allen’s

management company, is also attempting to get a refund of the \$344(!) the contract allots Brickman for the decorations. It turns out the landscaping companies get big bucks for these decorations; one community in the area pays \$800 for theirs. The Board figures that we can get some mighty fine garlands and wreaths for way less than \$344.

## Crime Statistics for Glen Allen

(Number of Reports Written)

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Breaking &amp; Entering</b>	1	0	1
<b>Domestic Dispute</b>	0	0	0
<b>Stolen Vehicle</b>	0	0	0
<b>Theft &amp; Theft from Auto</b>	1	1	0
<b>Vandalism</b>	0	1	1
<b>Accident</b>	0	0	0
<b>Missing Person</b>	0	0	1
<b>Check Suspicious Person</b>	1	0	0
<b>Assault</b>	0	0	0
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	0	0	0
<b>Shooting</b>	0	0	0
<b>Property Damage</b>	0	0	0
<b>Threats</b>	0	0	0
<b>Trespassing</b>	0	0	0
<b>Sounds of Gunshot</b>	0	0	0
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	1	0	0

**Compiled by Charles Brown**

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## Treasurer's Plea By Cary Hithon

Hello from the treasurer. Each year about this time we are mulling over the steps we take to get the attention of fellow homeowners who are delinquent on their annual assessment payments. We are continually befuddled by our neighbors who ignore or are just plain obstinate about paying their assessments and late fees. This year, however, we have a very unusual number of people on the delinquent list. I think this is partially due to the fact we mailed them out so early. By the time you read this newsletter you should have received a late notice if Procom does not have a record of your payment. This inaction causes us to turn these accounts over to the attorney for collection and the delinquent homeowner will incur an additional cost of over \$500.

For those of you who think this unfair the process very simply is:

- 1) A notice about our annual assessment is mailed to each homeowner (a courtesy paid for by your previous assessments)
- 2) If the assessment is not paid, a late letter is sent advising of the overdue payment
- 3) Notification is sent that the account is being turned over to the attorney, and essentially out of the boards hands regarding your ability to negotiate or petition the board. At this point the attorney fees will be paid by the delinquent homeowner.

This process surely motivates me to pay on time and I'm sure it does for most of you. However my hope is these numbers decrease without having to pay the exorbitant attorney's fees. So, looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

### **EXPEDITE YOUR ARC APPLICATION**

**Deliver your application to  
3103 Alma Lane. You have a  
question? Call Charlie Brown  
on 301-351-1396**

# Cooking With Bob

## Bailey's Heavenly Pie

### Ingredients:

- 2 pre-made crushed Oreo  
Cookie pie crusts
- 1 \_ cups of Bailey's Irish Cream
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream
- 12-14 oz. chocolate (try Hershey's with  
almonds or Trader Joe's dark  
chocolate with almonds)

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler. While it melts, whip the cream in a large bowl until the peaks are stiff. Fold in the melted chocolate. Pour and fold in the Bailey's Irish Cream. Pour the mixture into the pie crusts. Freeze for 4 hours or preferably overnight. Serve frozen. The mixture makes two pies in the pre-made crusts. You can halve the recipe to make a single pie.

## Crime Statistics for Glen Allen and Surrounding Area

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.*
<b>Homicides</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Forcible Rape</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Assaults</b>	1	2	1	4
<b>Carjackings</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Citizen Robberies</b>	2	2	5	1
<b>Residential Robberies</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Commercial Robberies</b>	0	1	0	0
<b>Residential Burglaries</b>	3	10	4	4
<b>Commercial Burglaries</b>	0	2	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	35	16	19	18
<b>Theft from Auto</b>	16	2	8	6
<b>Stolen Autos</b>	4	4	9	7

\* Jan. 1 -26, 2009

Robbery = Crime against a person; forcibly taking something from someone

Burglary = Crime against property; going into a building and stealing

Theft = Crime against property; taking something without the person being there.

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Data Source: District II Crime Analysis Unit

# The Prince George's County Police Department

## Community Services Division

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