

NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen
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Spring 2011

Glen Allen Spring Inspections

Each spring, the Glen Allen HOA conducts a Maintenance Inspection of the community. Sherry Jones, our representative from ProCom, walks through the community and evaluates homes for any maintenance items that need to be corrected. Following the walk through, a report is sent to each homeowner either detailing the items that need to be addressed or advising them that they have passed the inspection.

Weather permitting, the following is the timeline for the Spring Inspection process:

April 4 – 7	Initial inspection
April 11	Maintenance reports sent to owners
May 31 – June 2	Re-inspections done
June 6	Re-inspection reports sent to owners

June 27 Fine hearing notices sent for non-compliance (you didn't fix what needed fixing)

August 9 Fine hearings held

Let's hope that the August 9 meeting will be unnecessary!

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Hospitality, Susan Curley

Neighborhood Watch, Vacant

Newsletter, Karen and Bob DeFazio

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News from the Hospitality Committee

My name is Susan Curley, and I am the new Chair of the Hospitality Committee. My husband Al and I have lived in Glen Allen for more than ten years. I have made a commitment to welcome our new neighbors with a visit and to share information about the local community. I will also, if there is interest shown by other homeowners, undertake the planning of community events. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this committee, please let me know of your interest by attending the upcoming annual HOA meeting or by email me at curleysa@gmail.com.

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A Notice to Parents

The Woodmore Highlands HOA passed the following message to the Glen Allen HOA. Woodmore Highlands is a community near Mt. Oak and Church Roads.

On Tuesday, March 8th, a third grader who lives in our community [Woodmore Highlands] was approached by an adult male. The man has a clean shaven head and drives a black car. The third grader was approached on the corner of Dunwood Valley Drive and Bold Ruler Court around 3:45 in the afternoon. The stranger told the third grader to get into his car to help him find his lost dog. Luckily, the third grader ran home and told her parents what had occurred.

This should serve as a reminder to tell your young children not to go anywhere with strangers.

Note from the Treasurer

Every January and February the Board braces itself for the impact of the large numbers of homeowners who do not pay their annual assessments on time. I am continually befuddled by the number of people who take the risk of having the Board turn their accounts over to the attorney for collections. I know this year was tough on many so the board does have compassion for those in financial difficulty. Unfortunately there isn't a whole lot for us to do once we've turned over accounts to the attorney which is typically two and a half months after the assessments are due.

Prior to last year the board never knew what the charges were by the lawyer, but we knew they were significant. Recently we noted that the attorney fees caused accounts to immediately jump to \$500 and a few accounts were in the \$1000-\$1500 range.

Therefore, please, if you are experiencing difficulty whether it's in paying the assessments or correcting spring inspection deficiencies, I encourage you to petition the board as soon as possible. Again this year we've given those delinquent the opportunity to make payment arrangements before we turn the accounts over to the attorney. After all we are all neighbors.

If you need to set up a payment plan for your assessment, contact Sherry Jones at ProCom on 301-261-0777, Extension 100 or at (sjones@procomgt.com).

Crime Statistics for Glen Allen and Surrounding Area

Crimes	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0
Commercial Robbery	0	1	0
Residential Robbery	0	0	0
Citizen Robbery	6	0	0
Carjackings	0	0	0
Assaults	5	3	2
Commercial Burglary	2	1	0
Residential Burglary	1	2	3
Theft	17	22	17
Theft from Auto	15	16	0
Stolen Autos	2	4	2

Includes both county PD and Bowie PD data. March data goes through March 22

Crime Statistics for Glen Allen Only

Reports Written	Jan.	Feb.
Accident	0	0
Assault	1	0
Break & Enter	0	1
Check Person, etc.	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
Domestic/Dispute	1	1
Missing Person	0	9
Residential Burglary	0	0
Stolen Vehicle	0	0
Theft & Theft f/ Auto	0	0
Vandalism	0	0
Miscellaneous	1	0

Cooking with Bob

Jalapeno Poppers

Ingredients:

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 15 jalapeno peppers, fresh
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ½ T milk
- 1 ½ cups corn flake crumbs
- flour

Using rubber gloves, cut peppers lengthwise but not completely through. Remove seeds, rinse peppers with cold water and pat dry. Lightly grease or spray a medium baking sheet. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, sharp cheese and mayonnaise. Stuff the jalapeno peppers with the cheese mixture. Whisk together eggs and milk in a small bowl. Place corn flake crumbs in a separate bowl and flour in a saucer. Roll each stuffed jalapeno in flour, dip into the egg mixture, then roll in corn flake crumbs to coat. Arrange in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes or until filling is bubbly. (Filling mixture will fill more peppers unless they are very large). Serve immediately.



Stream Clean-Up and Rain Barrel Workshop

On Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 AM to Noon, Bowie will hold its seventh Stream Cleanup. This year they are including the stream (Mill Branch) that runs through the common areas of Glen Allen. Those working on this team will meet at Atlantis Drive and Argentina Place. If you would like to help with this effort, contact Tiffany Wright at 301-809-3043 (twright@cityofbowie.org). This is a way for high school students to add to their community service hours (bring the completed form with you for signature).



Bowie will co-sponsor a rain barrel workshop with the Bowie Lions Club on Saturday, April 9 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. at the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce office at 1525 Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 302. There will be a brief presentation on how rain barrels work and the benefits they provide. The Lions Club will also be selling rain barrels as a fundraiser. Contact Tiffany Wright (see above) for more information.

New Bowie Police Chief

David Deutsch, Bowie's City Manager, has selected Acting Chief **John Nesky** to succeed Katherine Perez as Police Chief for the City of Bowie. There were 130 applicants for the position. He will be the second police chief in the history of the city. Chief Nesky helped establish the Bowie Police Department which now stands at 48 officers. He was the driving force behind such initiatives as the City's award winning National Night Out Against Crime and a self defense training program for women. In November 2010, he oversaw the establishment of a Criminal Investigation Unit, which has been responsible for closing several cases involving criminals who had committed multiple crimes.

Congratulations, Chief Nesky!

Drug Take-Back

The Bowie Police Department will be participating in a nationwide initiative offering a way to dispose of old medications. On Saturday, April 30 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Bowie Police Department along with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will be collecting expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction.

Bowie will have two collection points:

- City Hall at 2614 Kenhill Drive
- Senior Center at 14900 Health Center Drive (closest to Glen Allen)

Many people do not know how to properly dispose of unused medicines. Flushing these medications down the toilet or throwing them away pose potential health and safety hazards.

For more information, contact the Bowie Police Department at 301-575-2480.

New Bowie Code Changes Impact HOA Rules

During the last two Bowie City council meetings, several city code amendments have given an additional sense of importance to several HOA rules concerning exterior building maintenance, the storing of firewood, and environmental noise control, to name a few. In addition to the enforcement of rules by the HOA Board of Directors, the Bowie Code Compliance officers may now cite residents for violating rules through these codes, resulting in warnings, fines and court appearances.

Two of the changes to Bowie Code Chapter 5, Building and Property Maintenance, requires increased attention within our community. The first one declares that the exterior of all buildings shall be free of peeling, chipping and flaking paint, moss, mold and mildew. The second one declares that firewood stored on property in the city shall be stored above the ground at a minimum of six inches (6") above improved surfaces (concrete, asphalt, etc.) and eighteen inches (18") above unimproved ground surfaces (grass, bare ground). The area beneath the firewood rack shall be kept free of all debris and weeds. Other Chapter 5 changes declared that storage tents are not an accessory structure and cannot be used; the allowable height of house numbers is four inches (4") and must be plainly visible from the street; shutters must be installed in pairs; and gutters must be secured to the structure and free of obstructions including plant growth.

In Chapter 13, Environmental Noise Control, the most notable change is that the use of lawn care equipment, snow removal equipment, etc. on Saturday and Sunday is

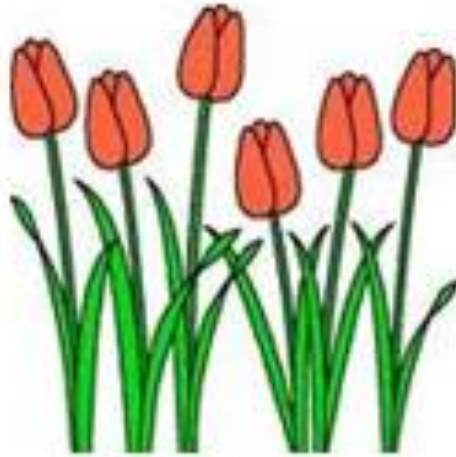
allowed from 9:00 AM to 10 PM, instead of 7 AM to 10 PM. The use of emergency generators is not restricted to the above times.

If you wish to have a copy any amendment, contact Charles Brown on cabmdbase@yahoo.com.

Tree Planting in Common Area

The Bowie City council approved a resolution involving four sites in Bowie totaling 41.6 acres that will be planted with trees by the State Highway Administration as part of a requirement that trees cut down during construction of the Inter-county Connector highway that connects Gaithersburg and Laurel be replaced somewhere else. The sites include land on Queen Anne Bridge Road and in Collington Manor south of state Route 214, as well as land off Atlantis Drive in Glen Allen and in Pope's Creek Park in High Bridge. The Board has met with Joe Meinert and Tiffany Wright of the City several times over the past year on this matter.





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