



NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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**Bowie, Maryland
Spring 2004**

Annual HOA Meeting: Maj. Gay & Capt. San Felice, PGPD, to Speak

Major Vincent Gay, Commander of District II of the Prince George's Police Department, and Captain Russell San Felice will be attending Glen Allen's Annual Meeting to discuss the disbanding of the Community Oriented Policing program and the restructuring of the area into Community Service Areas (Bowie is CSA21-the 2 indicates District II). This restructuring will allow for better allocation of manpower and, hopefully, a quicker response time and reduction in crime. They will also address any concerns you may have concerning the safety and security of our community. Come hear what they have to say.

Glen Allen's Annual Meeting sets the tone for how the community is run for the next few years. Are the Guidelines rigorously enforced or eased a bit? Are signs and lights at the entrances maintained and in good repair? Are contracts let for legal representation, grounds

maintenance and community management? These issues affect all of us living in Glen Allen.

One of the most important aspects of the meeting is the election to fill vacated seats on the Board of Directors. There are two seats up for election, each for a term of three years. Charles Brown's and Cary Hithon's terms are up.

**Glen Allen's Annual
Meeting
April 20, 2004
7:00 PM
United Parish of Bowie**

See you on the 20th.

The United Parish of Bowie is the church on the corner of Mitchellville Road and Mt. Oak Road. Enter from Mt. Oak Road.

Our Sincere Thanks to Jude Davis

Regrettably, Jude Davis has had to resign from Glen Allen's Homeowners' Association's Board of Directors due to family health problems. Jude was a year into her second term on the Board, serving as its president. Her hard work, cheerfulness, and empathy towards her neighbors in the community will be missed. We wish her well through this difficult time.

The board asked Karen DeFazio to move up to president from her current post as vice president. Gary Goldberg was appointed to the Board of Directors to fill the remainder of Jude's term. Gary has been a resident of Glen Allen for over 7 years. Since 1994, he has operated his own internet system and network consulting firm, Digital Marketing. Glen Allen's website (<http://www.glenallen.org>) is hosted on one of Digital Marketing's servers, and several of Gary's articles have appeared in *News from the Glen*. Gary can be reached on 301-249-2271.

A New COMANCO Representative

Sheri Korink, Glen Allen's COMANCO representative for several years, has moved on to other projects. Jennifer Wright is our new representative. Jennifer resides in Anne Arundel County. She has been with COMANCO for over 10 years and has been in the property management field for almost 20 years. Although now expanding into Anne Arundel County, her current territory is predominately in Prince George's County including Newbridge at Lake Arbor, Ridgeview Estates, Allen Pond, and Bowie Forest. In the past, she has represented several of the Lake Arbor communities, Manor Knolls near Kettering, and Summerfield in Covington. Jennifer can be reached on 301-261-6400, ext. 135 or via e-mail (135@comancoinc.com).

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Committees and Chairs

Architectural Review, Charles Brown
Grounds and Maintenance, Joe Brust
Hospitality, vacant
Neighborhood Watch, vacant
Newsletter, Karen and Bob DeFazio

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Crime Stat Briefs By Charlie Brown

The Auto Theft Summit was held on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at Six Flags America. Kettering Civic Federation, Lake Arbor Civic Association, and District II, Prince Georges County Police Department hosted this county event. This event consisted of opening remarks by several county leaders, a presentation on auto theft statistics given by yours truly, a skit entitled "Please, Please Bring Back Grandpa's Car", and a panel discussion by two of our youth along with representatives from the County Attorney's office, Department of Corrections and the Prince George's County Police Department. Steering wheel antitheft devices were sold for \$10 and many were raffled. Several hundred citizens visited the exhibitions, enjoyed the program and the complimentary lunch.

The crime report comparing the first two months of this year with the same period last year indicates a ten percent reduction in total crime within District II. Total violent crime decreased one per cent and total property crime decreased eleven per cent. Stolen autos, our number one property crime, were three more than last year (263 vs. 260). Residential burglaries are increasing. No part one crimes occurred within Glen Allen during this time period. Report unusual occurrences observed in your neighborhoods.



Crime Stats January through March 2004

The following are the crime statistics for the City of Bowie (population: over 50,000) from January 1 – March 29, 2004:

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR..
Homicides	0	0	0
Shootings	0	0	0
Assaults	6	8	17
Carjackings	0	0	0
Citizen Robberies	3	1	1
Residential Robberies	0	0	0
Commercial Robberies	3	1	0
Residential Burglaries	15	7	12
Commercial Burglaries	5	6	5
Stolen Autos	32	18	19
Recovered Autos	9	10	6
Thefts from Autos	31	21	17

Statistics provided by Charles Brown, Crime Committee Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee of the Prince George's County Police Department, District II

Student Community Service Projects By Joe Brust

The high schools in Prince George's County require that students complete a certain number of service hours in order to graduate. High school students wishing to clean up portions of Glen Allen or do other service projects in the community for graduation service hours are welcome and encouraged to do so. However, please contact Joe Brust, Glen Allen's Grounds and Maintenance Committee chair, on 301-390-3247 **before** doing the work so that it can be verified. Service hours will not be signed off after the fact without prior communication and agreement.

Glen Allen Assessments

By Cary Hithon

The Glen Allen HOA Board of Directors has always tried very hard to keep our community's annual assessments low. I've mentioned at the last few annual meetings that we were in fairly good financial shape and that is why we were able to not increase our assessments. However, with the continuing trend of people paying their assessments late, I'm concerned about our future. Though we are fining as well as charging late fees, the process takes time. Thus far we've not gotten to the point of having to delve into our checking or savings accounts but I (and I hope you) don't want to see our expenses outpace our revenue (operate with a deficit). Rest assured, unlike our governments, we do not increase our spending to outpace our revenue, and we do scrutinize all of our budgeted items.

Though I'm reporting a somewhat pessimistic picture, we are a little ahead of last year's pace with respect to our delinquent accounts. The total amount owed to the association and attorney (which includes the late fees and fines) is \$10,985 as of 28 Feb 2004 compared to \$14,654 at the end of Feb 2003. Nonetheless, I again ask everyone to help us maintain a sound financial picture because we are not interested in raising assessments. **To help ourselves in this regard, we wanted to do something different this year with respect to those delinquent accounts. We've gotten the attorney's okay to publish the name, but not the amounts of the people that are delinquent. We expect this to be included in our next Glen Allen newsletter.** I hope this is a good indicator that we're looking out for the best interest of the entire community and truly hope everyone fundamentally understands that and supports us.

Cooking With Bob

Those late spring and early summer picnics are not far away. If you want an alternative to potato salad, try this recipe.

Kidney Bean Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 50 oz. can of light red kidney beans
- 4 hard boiled eggs (chopped)
- 4 ribs of celery (chopped)
- ½ cup diced sweet pickles
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 T chopped onion
- ¼ t dill
- Old Bay Seasoning (to taste)
- salt & pepper (to taste)

Rinse and drain the beans well. Mix the beans with the other ingredients and toss gently until they are coated with mayonnaise. Let season overnight.

Serves 12.





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