

NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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**Bowie, Maryland
Summer 2004**

Some of the information this issue of *News from the Glen* contains:

- Crime Briefs on page 2 show the amount of crime we have in the area and a comparison with last year at this time. (Did you know that radar enforcement was being used on Atlantis in response to speeding complaints by the community?)
- Changes on the Board of Directors can be found on pages 2 and 3.
- A new program to help reduce auto theft is laid out in Maryland's Watch Your Car Program on page 3.
- The list of those who have not paid their assessments (promised in the last issue) is on page 4.
- Cooking with Bob, a regular feature, is on page 4
- An announcement of Community Day is on page 5.

There's a lot of stuff you should be aware of and information you may want to use in this issue. However, except for Cooking with Bob, there's very little to lighten it up. We'd like to hear from you. If you have an interest or hobby (bird watching, oil painting, model trains, etc) tell us about it. If someone in your family was recently honored, tell us about it. If you experienced something and would like to warn the community about it, let us know. (I once wrote an article warning about brown recluse spider bites when one bit our dog; she pulled through with only a minimal scar – but it took aggressive treatment.) We publish about four times a year, so time-sensitive articles probably aren't your best bet. The editors will decide on the appropriateness of an article on a case-by-case basis. However, advertisements and political endorsements, diatribes or rants will not be accepted. The editors' decisions are final.

You may drop your articles off at 16117 Amethyst Lane (call first, 301-249-7463) or send as e-mail attachments to defazio@glenallen.org. Hope we hear from you.

Crime Briefs

By Charlie Brown

The crime report comparing the first five months of the year with the same period last year indicates a three percent reduction in total crime within District II. Total violent crime decreased almost ten percent and total property crime decreased two percent. District II had five homicides this year versus four last year. Nevertheless, all of the remaining violent crimes, forcible rape, carjacking, assaults, and robberies decreased this year. Property crime results are mixed for this time period. Larceny and thefts decreased this year but burglaries increased this year. Stolen autos, our number one property crime, also increased this year with seventeen more than last year (792 vs. 775). **No major crimes occurred within Glen Allen during this time period.** Please report unusual occurrences observed in your neighborhood to the police.

As a result of the many concerns on speeding within our community that were expressed to the Board, radar enforcement was performed on Atlantis Drive. The speed awareness trailer will continue to be deployed within our community as a reminder to slow down. Also, if the complaints continue, increased traffic enforcement will return.



The following are the crime statistics for the City of Bowie (population over 50,000) for April through June 2004 (as of June 20, 2004):

	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>
Homicides	1	0	0
Shootings	1	0	0
Assaults	18	11	10
Carjackings	0	0	0
Citizen Robberies	2	2	1
Residential Robberies	1	0	0
Commercial Robberies	1	1	3
Residential Burglaries	13	4	4
Commercial Burglaries	2	4	1
Stolen Autos	18	10	16
Recovered Autos	12	5	8

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

HOA Board Election Results

Cary Hithon's and Charlie Brown's terms were up in April; both decided to seek re-election. The election was held at the Annual Meeting on April 20. COMANCO had received no other nominations prior to the meeting and there were no nominations from the floor. Both Cary and Charlie were elected for three-year terms by unanimous consent.

Ed. Note: Thanks to Cary and Charlie for their service to the community

Other Changes On the HOA Board

The Board of Directors of Glen Allen's HOA has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Yvette White. As a lawyer, Yvette brought a much-needed point of view to the Board. The community owes her a debt of gratitude for her dedication and contributions to it. She will be missed.

Dorothy Morrison has been appointed to complete Yvette's term through April 2006. Dorothy, her husband Ricky, and sons Akin and Deji have lived in Glen Allen since 1993. She is Program Manager of Research and Development at the International City/County Management Association in Washington, DC, where she has worked for 8 years. She graduated from the University of Maryland with an MS in Environmental Management and a BS in Biological Sciences. In her spare time she enjoys gardening and learning about holistic approaches to health and well-being. Welcome to the Board, Dorothy.

Maryland's Watch Your Car Program By Karen DeFazio

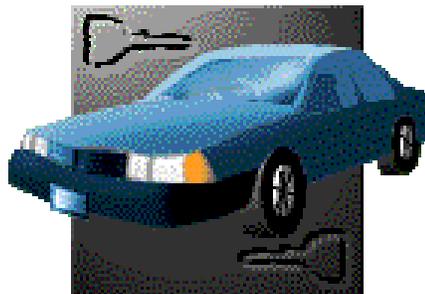
Maryland's Watch Your Car program is one of the methods that state and local authorities are using to combat car theft. To take part in this program, you must register your vehicle, place decals on your vehicle, and agree to allow the police to stop your vehicle if it is seen being driven between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM. If you or a person you have designated are behind the wheel, no problem. If, however, it has been stolen – gotcha! (Registration of the vehicle indicates that you have given permission to the police to stop it without probable cause, but only during those hours.)

You must do a separate registration for each vehicle you own. If you sell the vehicle or wish to opt-out of the program, notify the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council (1125 National Highway, LaVale, MD 21502-7531) in writing and your information will be removed from the database within 24 hours of the receipt of the letter.

To read more about the program or to register your vehicles, go to www.mdautotheft.org. Click on **Watch Your Car Program** on the listing on the left side of the screen. To register online, click on **OnLine Application** in the body of the narrative. If you prefer not to register online, a few forms are available from Karen DeFazio (301-249-7463). These applications may be mailed to the address on the form or dropped off at the District II Police Station on Trade Zone Avenue.

If you are generally up and about between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, this program is not for you. However, the majority of car thefts occur at night, while the rest of us are asleep.

The Watch Your Car Program is administered by the Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council as a public service, **free of charge**, to owners of vehicles registered in the state of Maryland.



Paying Your Share

In the Spring issue of *News from the Glen*, Cary Hithon, our Treasurer, announced that we had gotten the attorney's okay to publish the names of those who are delinquent in paying their annual assessments. The article resulted in a rush of payments. Although the list was significantly reduced there are still some who have not paid.

As of June 7th (the date of the most recent letter from the attorney) the following still have not paid their annual assessments:

Jayson Craddock
Vincent Earland
Oliver James
Frederick Moore
Sabrina Morgan
Steven Smith
Carl Talley
Delano White
Shelia Wiggins
Franklin Williamson
Vance Young

Hopefully, the list will be gone by our next issue.



Cooking With Bob

Chocolate Mayonnaise Cake

Ingredients:

2	cups unsifted all-purpose flour
2/3	cup unsweetened cocoa
1 1/4	teaspoons baking soda
1/4	teaspoon baking powder
1 2/3	cups sugar
3	eggs
1	teaspoon vanilla extract
1	cup real mayonnaise
1 1/3	cups water

Grease and flour a 9 x 13 inch cake pan. (Can also use two 9-inch round layer cake pans). In a medium bowl stir together flour, cocoa, baking soda and baking powder; set aside. In a large bowl with mixer at high speed beat sugar, eggs and vanilla, occasionally scraping bowl, for 3 minutes or until light and fluffy. Reduce speed to low; beat in mayonnaise. Add flour mixture in four additions alternating with water, beginning and ending with flour. Pour into prepared pan. Bake in 350 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean. Frost as desired.

Butter Cream Frosting

Ingredients:

2	cups confectioners sugar
1 1/2	teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/3	sticks butter or margarine

Cream butter and vanilla together. Add confectioners sugar one cup at a time at medium speed. Then, beat at high speed until smooth. Put on cool cake and garnish with chopped nuts or coconut if desired.

Mark you calendars now...

Glen Allen's Annual Community Day is coming!

When: September 18, 2004

Where: The common area near the intersection of Arden Forest Lane and Atlantis Drive (more central to the community). The location may be different but there will still be food and entertainment for all. A flier with more details will be coming soon.

Join your neighbors at Community Day!

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Gary Goldberg, Secretary: 301-249-2271

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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

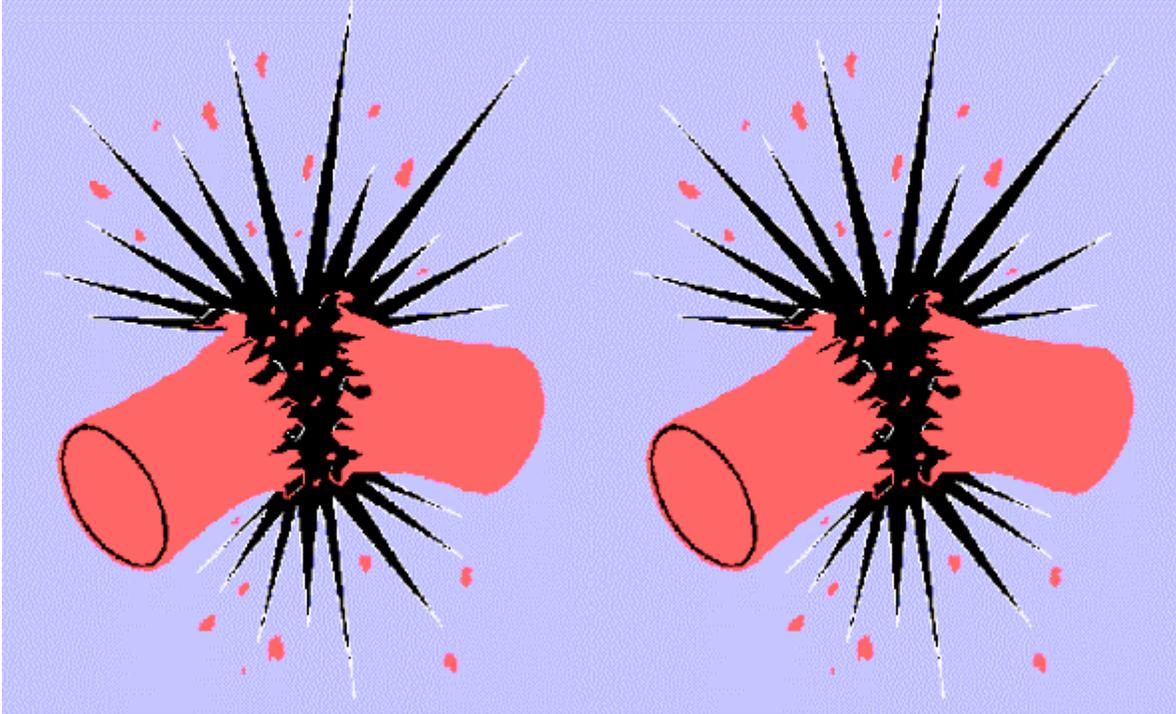
Hospitality, Marilyn Louis

Neighborhood Watch, vacant

Newsletter, Karen and Bob DeFazio

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