



NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

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Are You Wasting Your Tax Dollars?

The City of Bowie offers many services to its residents. Some are so mundane that they can be taken for granted. Recyclables are collected every Tuesday. Trash is collected twice a week on Tuesday and Friday in Glen Allen. Christmas trees are picked up every Wednesday for several weeks after the holidays. At other times of the year, yard waste is collected every Wednesday. Although some of these may appear as services done at no charge, you have already paid for them through your city taxes.

So, why are so many of us wasting our tax dollars by not using these services? Some residents seem to think that the proper disposal of yard waste is on the bike paths. Piles of grass clippings and long-dead Christmas trees can be seen just off the path throughout Glen Allen. Worse yet, someone recently dumped a sofa on a bike path.

Grass clippings must be bagged and small branches should be bagged, boxed or put in trashcans and left at the curb each Wednesday for pick up. Larger branches should be cut into

4' sections and tied in bunches and left at the curb for Wednesday's pick up. All yard waste is composted by the city. Old tires and metal appliances such as washers, driers, stoves, and refrigerators are also picked up by appointment on Wednesday. Just call City Hall on 301-809-2344 to schedule it. Sofas, chairs, and other furniture will be picked up at the curb with the rest of the trash on Tuesdays and Fridays. It's a lot less trouble to drag things to the curb than it is to drag them to the bike path (especially sofas!).

Keep Glen Allen's bike paths clean of trash. Get the most out of your city tax dollar and use the services provided by the City of Bowie.

Jackie Delgado has moved to Athens, GA. For several years Jackie has chaired the Hospitality Committee. We will miss her enthusiasm and commitment to Glen Allen. Thanks, Jackie, we wish you well!

Auto Theft Alert!

The area all around Glen Allen is experiencing an increase in the thefts of Chrysler/Dodge vehicles. According to Sgt. Susan Smith of the Prince George's Police Department, the police in District II are providing vehicle security devices to residents at no charge. Adriane Merkel, our representative at ProCom, is taking the names, addresses, and phone numbers of any who wish to get one of these "club" locking devices. She will give the list to the District II police station at Trade Zone Avenue. Adriane can be reached at 301-261-0777 or amerkel@procomgt.com.

There is also a growing trend in the entire Washington, DC area for thefts of Global Positioning Systems (G.P.S.). If you have a portable G.P.S., Sgt. Smith strongly encourages you to remove the unit when your vehicle is parked. If possible, keep a record of the make, model and serial number so that if your unit is stolen, the police may be able to recover it. They need the serial numbers for convictions and to track it if pawned.

Left Wheel to the Curb By Charles Brown

The Bowie police district returned to using basic policing tactics, such as enforcing the traffic regulations by performing traffic stops. Parking regulations are also being enforced more vigorously. One of those regs is parking on the wrong side of the street. Back when I used to patrol, the violation was called "left wheel to the curb". Citizens in other communities were surprised after being cited for this violation; however, I wanted you to be aware that all of the parking regulations are now being enforced and many of us have been violating this particular one.

Delinquent Accounts By Cary Hithon, Treasurer

As stated last year we're publishing the names of those who are not current with their HOA assessments. The following accounts are listed as delinquent as of 9 June 2006 according to the records held by the management company:

Darryl and Rena Pugh
Shelly Miles
Charanette Duckworth
Robert and Meshella Johnson
Sabrina Morgan
Daniel Harris
Gary and Susan Eaton
Tahira Murphy
Delano White and Barbara Taylor
Akinyele Akinyelu
Jeffrey and Dorena Lee
Myra Murphy
Melinda Nichols

New Chair for Hospitality Committee By Gary Goldberg

The Glen Allen community has a Hospitality Committee -- residents who have volunteered to plan and accomplish (under the authority and direction of the HOA Board) primarily these tasks:

- Distributing a small package to new homeowners containing information, coupons and possibly a gift to welcome new residents to our community. These packages are a great way to inform newcomers of local opportunities they might not be aware of, introduce the HOA and its activities, and generally present our community to them with a bright and cheery first impression.

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- Planning and advertising the annual yard sale.
- Planning, advertising and administering the annual Community Day event.

Until this month, Jackie Delgado from Arden Forest Lane has led the Hospitality Committee. Jackie and her family will have moved from Glen Allen to Atlanta, GA in July and I'm confident I speak for the HOA Board in offering her our thanks for her efforts. I have volunteered to take up her responsibilities.

The Hospitality Group needs three or four members to plan and execute the welcome packages and the Yard Sale and Community Day events. It doesn't take a lot of time, and while we will meet irregularly, much of our work can be completed through phone and email. I urge you, if you have the time and interest, to join the Hospitality Committee. You'll get to meet and interact with many of your neighbors and help plan a great party each September!

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this committee or just want to express your opinions and feedback on these events, give me a call or an email. I'll be glad to talk about it with you and to find you a role you'll be comfortable with. I can be reached on og@digimark.net or on 301-249-2271.

Community E-mail List By Gary Goldberg

Have you added your e-mail address to the Glen Allen community mailing list? It's a low volume, moderated (and thus hopefully spam-free) list of only Glen Allen residents. It's a great way to hear about things happening here and to be alerted quickly in the event of a problem. Send me your e-mail address and I'll add it immediately. Don't have an appropriate email address? I'd be glad to set up a glenallen.org address for you.

My e-mail address is og@digimark.net if you want to help, offer advice or just throw some verbal rocks. All constructive feedback is encouraged.

No Quorum – Again



Not enough homeowners attended Glen Allen's Annual Meeting on April 27 to satisfy a quorum – 40 households or 10% of the homes in the community. This is not unusual in communities where there is little controversy. A second attempt was made on June 13 and, since the quorum rule applies only to the first attempt, the meeting was held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. With the proxies filled out by those who attended on April 27, Karen DeFazio and Dorothy Morrison were re-elected to the Board for another term. A complete list of officers appears elsewhere in *News from the Glen.*)

Tree maintenance on the homeowner's property is the responsibility of the homeowner, with one exception. Trees planted between the curb and the sidewalk are maintained by the City of Bowie.

HOA Contact List

ProCom, Inc.

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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 Member, District 4

Michael Lyles: 301-249-0521

Committees and Chairs

Architectural Review, Charles Brown

Grounds and Maintenance, Joe Brust

Hospitality, Gary Goldberg

Neighborhood Watch, vacant

Newsletter: Karen and Bob DeFazio

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Community Day 2006 Postponed By Gary Goldberg

Because of the uncertainty in leadership with Jackie Delgado's resignation and the short time left remaining between now and September, I have asked the Board to suspend Community Day 2006 and to begin planning for an exciting Community Day in 2007.

To that end, I would like to start a dialog discussing your expectations for Community Day, your experiences with previous events and your thoughts on what we can do to improve it. We use a budget granted to us by the HOA Board to pay for the event; this budget comes directly from your annual HOA assessments. It is especially important that we spend the money granted to us wisely and in accordance with your wishes. Anything else and we're wasting your money.

From years past we want to ask you -- What worked? What didn't? If you weren't able to attend, what can we do to increase the likelihood you'll want to attend? I believe we can address these problems and set an example for the coming years on how a community party should be produced.

Speaking only for myself, I expect the Hospitality Committee to put on a great party. It helps to unite our community by offering up good food and drink, providing some fun activities for the kids and enabling you and your family to mingle with other families -- good people who'd otherwise be just a hand-wave from behind the car window as you drive by.

If you'd like to give me your input or if you'd like to help out, I can be reached on og@digimark.net or on 301-249-2271.

Crime Statistics for Glen Allen and Surrounding Area

	March	April	May	June
Homicides	0	0	0	0
Shootings	0	0	0	1
Assaults	4	7	5	6
Known	3	4	3	1
Stranger	1	3	2	5
Carjackings	0	0	0	0
Citizen Robberies	3	3	2	2
Residential Robberies	0	0	0	0
Commercial Robberies	0	2	0	1
Residential Burglaries	0	4	6	4
Commercial Burglaries	1	2	0	0
Auto Thefts	5	6	4	7
Auto Thefts w/ Engine Running	0	0	0	0
% w/ Engine Running	0	0	0	0

The above are the statistics for Beat E1 in District II of the Prince George’s Police Dept. Glen Allen is among the communities that make up E1. This encompasses the area south of Laurel and Greenbelt, east of the beltway, west of the Arundel County line and north of Pennsylvania Avenue. Glen Allen lies within two police beats, E1 and E6. Mt Oak Road divides beats E1 and E6; therefore the majority of Glen Allen is in E1. Fortunately, the crimes that have been reported in the past did not happen within our community. The more frequent calls for service within Glen Allen are residential burglar alarms and traffic citations. Here is a summary of Glen Allen’s calls for May:

- 2 burglar alarms – police officers checked premises, nothing found (NF)
- 1 missing person – report made
- 1 juvenile complaint – check person report made
- 2 domestic complaints – resolved/advised
- 3 check person complaints– resolved/advised
- 3 check auto complaints – resolved/advised
- 1 theft complaint - NF
- 1 check premise – NF
- 1 traffic complaint – NF
- 2 music complaints – 1 NF, 1 premise checked
- 1 party complaint – premise checked
- 1 disorderly complaint – NF
- 1 dispute complaint – resolved/advised

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



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