



NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen
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Bowie, Maryland
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Glen Allen Movie Night: September 29th

You've heard of drive-in movies, well Glen Allen has its own version – walk-in movies. Glen Allen's HOA is pleased to sponsor the community's first walk-in movie night on Sat., Sept. 29 in the common area at the corner of Atlantis Drive and Arden Forest Lane.

We'll be showing **Night at the Museum** starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Robin Williams on a HUGE 20' screen. The program will start with cartoons and classic drive-in movie trailers before the main event.

At dusk (approximately 7:30 PM) come to the commons area. Bring a blanket or chair

for each of you and enjoy a great movie under the stars. Free hot popcorn, sodas and water will be provided as well as FREEBIES for the kids.

E-mail Gary Goldberg at og@digimark.net if you have any questions.

Notices:

Community Survey

Please respond to the **Survey** on Amending the Glen Allen Architectural Guidelines later in the newsletter.

Parking Enforcement

The City of Bowie Police Department recently announced that they will be enforcing ALL parking violations along with the moving traffic violations. Among the violations they will be ticketing is having the driver's side to the curb. So, park your vehicle legally and stop paying fines!

Survey on Amending Architectural Guidelines on Fences

The Board of Directors has received several requests from residents for fences on their property. Nothing unusual about that, except that they want their fences to be white. As the documents read now, a white fence is not permitted.

One of the documents for Glen Allen can only be changed if 75% of the community (297 homes) is in favor of the change (that's 75% of the community, not respondents to a survey). This is a feat that is very difficult to achieve, if not impossible. Other parts of the documents are more easily changed, although they should not be changed arbitrarily. The Architectural Guidelines fall into the latter category. The Guidelines as written by the developers of Glen Allen allowed only fences made of wood. In 2002 they were amended to read, "Additionally, approved fencing may also be constructed of the current no-maintenance material (vinyl, fiberglass, etc.) that is tan or wood grain in color." This was done to keep up with new construction materials while maintaining the consistency of the wood coloring.

The survey below is to add the color white to the documents as amended in 2002. To change the documents, we will need to have 25% of the community (100 homes) respond. If a majority of the respondents vote to add white fences to the colors allowed, the Guidelines will be amended.

Please fill in the survey below, include your name and address, sign it and either send it to Sherry Jones, ProCom, 1111 Benfield Blvd, Suite 110, Millersville, MD 21108 or fax it to Sherry Jones at 410-721-4854. Please return the survey by October 31, 2007. Surveys received after that date may not be counted. Only one (1) survey per household, please. The results of the survey will be sent to you with your assessment coupon by early December.

___ I am FOR amending the Guidelines to read "Additionally, approved fencing may also be constructed of the current no-maintenance material (vinyl, fiberglass, etc.) that is WHITE, tan or wood grain in color."

___ I am OPPOSED TO amending the Guidelines to read "Additionally, approved fencing may also be constructed of the current no-maintenance material (vinyl, fiberglass, etc.) that is WHITE, tan or wood grain in color."

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Crime Statistics for Glen Allen and Surrounding Area

	July	Aug.
Homicides	1	0
Shootings	0	0
Assaults	2	3
Known	0	2
Stranger	2	1
Carjackings	0	0
Citizen Robberies	0	1
Residential Robberies	0	0
Commercial Robberies	1	0
Residential Burglaries	0	3
Commercial Burglaries	0	0
Auto Thefts	4	2
Auto Thefts w/ Engine Running	0	0
% w / Engine Running	0	0

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

Crime Stats for Glen Allen

During the months of July and August, Glen Allen continues to experience very few crimes. In August, a residential burglary report was taken and an arrest was made (the suspect was known to the victim). Also, a theft report was taken in August. Additionally, a dispute call in July and one in August were both resolved with no report. Continue to be aware of your neighborhood surroundings, report to the police anything that is out of place.

Our false residential burglar alarms were higher in August (5) than in July (2). One address had two false alarms in August. We want to eliminate this type of call in order to keep the officer in the street patrolling. A burglar alarm assignment requires two officers to respond. The false alarm means that two officers are unavailable to handle other calls for service or patrol the neighborhoods.

Dog Owners – Be Mindful of Your Neighbors

When you take your dog out for a stroll and the opportunity for “relief”, always obey the Bowie city code concerning where it is done and the removal of the droppings (city code chapter 4, section 4-17). Therefore, do not allow your dog to go onto a neighbor’s property for “relief”. Furthermore, not only do these acts violate Article VII, Section 6 of the Glen Allen Declaration of Covenants, entitled “Offensive Activity”, they are just un-neighborly!!!

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FOUND: Bicycle in the woods off the bike path. For more information, contact Cary Hithon on 301-218-1956.

Cooking With Bob

Sparkling Punch

Ingredients:

(2) 46 oz. cans pineapple juice

(1) 12 oz. frozen pink lemonade

(1) 10 oz. can frozen daiquiri mix

(1) 2 liter ginger ale

Mix the first three ingredients together. Then add the ginger ale. Makes ~1.5 gallons.

A Great Way to Look at Getting Older

Anonymous, from the Internet

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.

Old Age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror (who looks like my mother!), but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60&70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day. (If I feel like it)



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