



NEWS FROM THE GLEN

Newsletter of Glen Allen

www.glenallen.org

Bowie, Maryland

Fall 2005

Community Day Wrap-up

Glen Allen's annual Community Day took place from 1:00 – 5:00 on September 17 this year in the common area on Atlantis Drive. The common area, a central location in the community, appears to be the ideal location for the event. The committee estimates that over 300 attended the event. Festivities included music, dancing and food for all as well as a moon bounce, karaoke, a cake bake-off and a Glen Allen Idol contest. Three local vendors were also present: Creative Memories, Longaberger Baskets, and Bill Aleshire who was selling and autographing his second book (this one's on baseball). The Prince George's County Sheriff's office offered child fingerprinting and took cell phone donations for their Cell Phone for Seniors Program and the Prince George's County Health Department offered health information and items promoting health and wellness.

The community's thanks go to Jackie Delgado, Donna Young, and Marilyn Lewis for their hard work in organizing this event. They have already begun planning next year's Community Day, which will have a Caribbean theme.

Thanks also to Gary Goldberg who took lots of pictures. You can check them out on Glen Allen's website on www.glenallen.org.

Bike Path Etiquette

Glen Allen has a whole system of bike paths that in turn connect with bike paths in other communities throughout the City of Bowie. It is quite pleasant to walk the dog, bike or simply stroll along these paths. However, several residents have complained about some activities taking place on these paths that detract from that pleasant experience.

Please do not use the paths or the wooded areas on either side of the path to dispose of garbage, grass clippings or yard waste. Garbage certainly should NEVER be dumped on the paths! Although grass clippings and yard waste are biodegradable it takes quite awhile for them to do so. In the meantime, it looks and smells nasty. Please don't do it! Bowie provides pickup service for such waste every Wednesday. (Continue on Page 2)

Recently, it's been noticed that kids are using the bike paths to ride motor bikes. The bike in "bike path" refers to bicycles, not motor bikes. Motor bikes are noisy and way too fast to be riding on the bike paths. Strollers, dog-walkers and bicyclers don't stand a chance against them!

Treasurer's Corner



Hello from the treasurer. Each year I seem to write a note in the newsletter about fellow homeowners who are delinquent on their annual assessment payments. We have published the names of the people who are delinquent and afterwards turned their names over to the attorney for collection of assessments and late fees. While we've received a few spirited calls from homeowners who want to dispute the charges that accrue on these delinquent accounts, I assure all homeowners we handle these situations in a fair and reasonable manner.

As starters we provide a courtesy coupon as a reminder of upcoming assessments and we notify homeowners when they are late before the cases are ever turned over to the attorney. We do this because we do not want to be insensitive to possible financial difficulties a fellow homeowner may be having. However we all must understand collectively that it's the individual homeowner's responsibility to ensure his or her assessment account is current. We take our fiduciary responsibilities seriously and as such we must look out for the interest of the entire community by establishing guidelines and enforcing the by-laws that may affect the financial health of the community. So let's make a concerted effort to have less than 5% delinquencies as opposed to the 10%⁺ we seem to get each year.

News From Around the City

by Bill Aleshire, Councilman at Large

- Bowie Post 8065 will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00 am, Friday, November 11, 2005 at the Bowie Memorial Park, Route 564 in Old Bowie. In case of rain, the event will be held across the street at Ascension Church. A reception will follow at the American Legion Post 66. For more information, contact James Pritchett at 301-390-6436.
- There will be public hearings concerning the building of 39 single family detached homes on Mill Branch Road (Plan 4-05065). Hearings are scheduled with the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on November 9 at 7:00 pm and with the City Council on November 21 at 8:00 pm. Both events will be at City Hall on Kenhill Drive. For more information, contact Elizabeth Chaisson, City Planning Staff, on 301-809-3051.
- There will be public hearings concerning the building of 16 homes on 18.44 acres on the north side of Mt. Oak Road near Church Road (Plan 4-05081). Hearings are scheduled with the Bowie Advisory Planning Board on November 9 at 7:00 pm and with the City Council on November 21 at 8:00 pm. Both events will be at City Hall on Kenhill Drive. For more information, contact Frank Stevens, City Planning Staff, on 301-809-3047.
- The Emergency Preparedness Plan for the City will be discussed at a work session on November 28. If you have any suggestions, please call Bill on 301-249-9490 or e-mail him on cab2@erols.com.

Crime Statistics for City of Bowie

	July	August	September	October
Homicides	0	0	0	1
Shootings	0	0	1	0
Assaults	18	12	10	16
Carjackings	0	0	1	2
Citizen Robberies	4	6	5	3
Residential Robberies	0	0	0	0
Commercial Robberies	6	3	0	3
Residential Burglaries	23	14	17	14
Commercial Burglaries	10	10	10	6
Auto Thefts	11	16	18	16
Auto Thefts w/ Engine Running	0	0	0	0
% w/ Engine Running	0%	0%	0%	0%

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

- 911** – Emergency situations and crimes in progress
- 301-333-4000** – Non-emergency situations (with caller identification)
- 301-390-2100** – Bowie Station of PGPD (no caller identification)

Bogus Phone Calls on Jury Service



The FBI is warning the public about an ongoing scheme involving jury service. Individuals identifying themselves as U.S. Court employees have been contacting people by phone and advising them that they have been selected for jury duty. They ask to verify names and Social Security numbers then ask for credit card numbers. If the request is refused, citizens are threatened with fines.

The judicial system does not contact people by phone and ask for personal information such as Social Security numbers, date of birth or credit card numbers. If you receive one of these phone calls, do not provide any personal or confidential information. This is an attempt to steal your identity and potentially use it to apply for credit cards or other loans in your name. It is an attempt to defraud you.

If you have been contacted and have given out your personal information, monitor your account statements and credit reports closely, and contact our local FBI office in Baltimore on 410-265-8080.

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Michael Lyles, District 4: 301-249-0521

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Committees and Chairs

Architectural Review, Charles Brown

Grounds and Maintenance, Joe Brust

Hospitality, Jackie Delgado

Neighborhood Watch, vacant

Newsletter: Karen and Bob DeFazio

Website

www.glenallen.org

Vote on November 8

City of Bowie elections will be held on November 8. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Glen Allen's polling place is once again at the South Bowie Community Center, 1717 Pittsfield Lane.

Although traditionally local elections have much smaller turnouts than state or national ones, this one is particularly important. Besides electing council people to represent you on the City Council, you also get to vote for or against the establishment of a police force in the City of Bowie.

Here are your choices:

Mayor:

G. Frederick Robinson

Councilman At-Large:

William A. Aleshire

Dennis Brady

Kevin W. Conroy

Councilman District 4:

D. Michael Lyles

Troy S. Stewart

Advisory Question:

Should the City of Bowie establish a local police department with a net approximate annual cost of \$46 per \$100,000 assessed home value? Agree/Disagree

See you at the polls!

**COLD WEATHER IS APPROACHING
DON'T GIVE YOUR VEHICLE AWAY!!**



**HAVE YOUR KEYS IN YOUR HAND
EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE.**

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